



ANNUAL REPORT

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Hello friends and neighbors,

We have had some significant changes in the City Council this year.

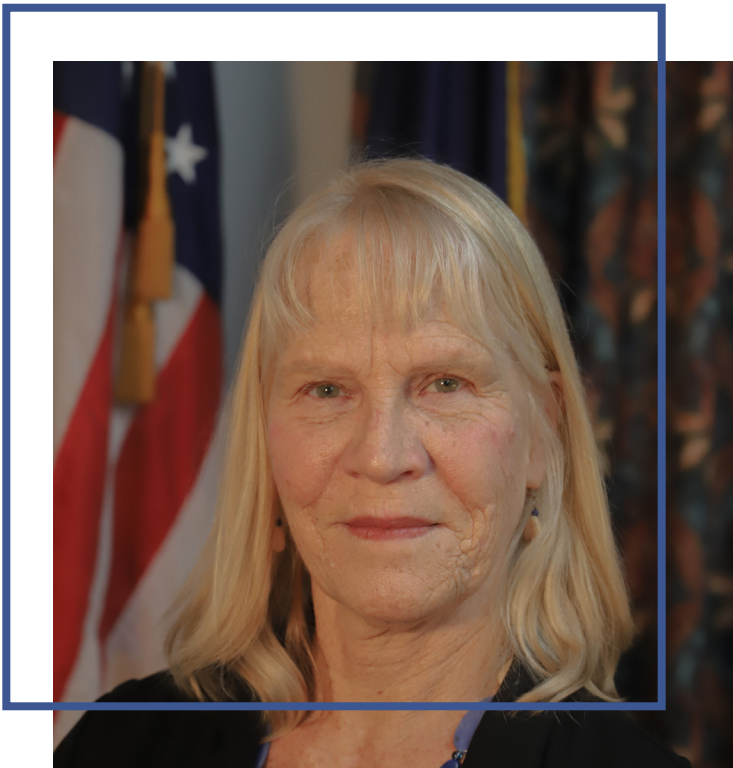
In December, we swore in three new members, which is unusual in that it represents the largest change at any one time to the body of the whole that is allowed by term and Charter. Over two thirds of our current Council members have full-time jobs, and five of our members have preschool and school age children at home. We bring a variety of skills and experience to our 'seats' and are fully invested in the work of representing our constituents and serving the residents of Bath. I thank my colleagues for their earnest willingness to learn, question, and agree/disagree, as we seek out the best answers and navigate the vast ins and outs of municipal government and the demands of the future.

There have been several helpful changes to how Council conducts business. Along with our newly re-freshed and outfitted Council Chambers, we now work with laptops and complete audio-visual and IT capabilities. We have streamlined our monthly Council Agendas and revisited our Working Rules for better transparency and efficiency.

Lastly, I would like to note the positive culture of participation that we are seeing city-wide. It is a pleasure to walk into city buildings and see staff enjoying and celebrating each other as they do the never-ending work of the City. It is equally exciting to see the excellent work taking place on many of our volunteer- seated city committees. None of this happens without good leadership and passionate commitment to our great City of Bath!

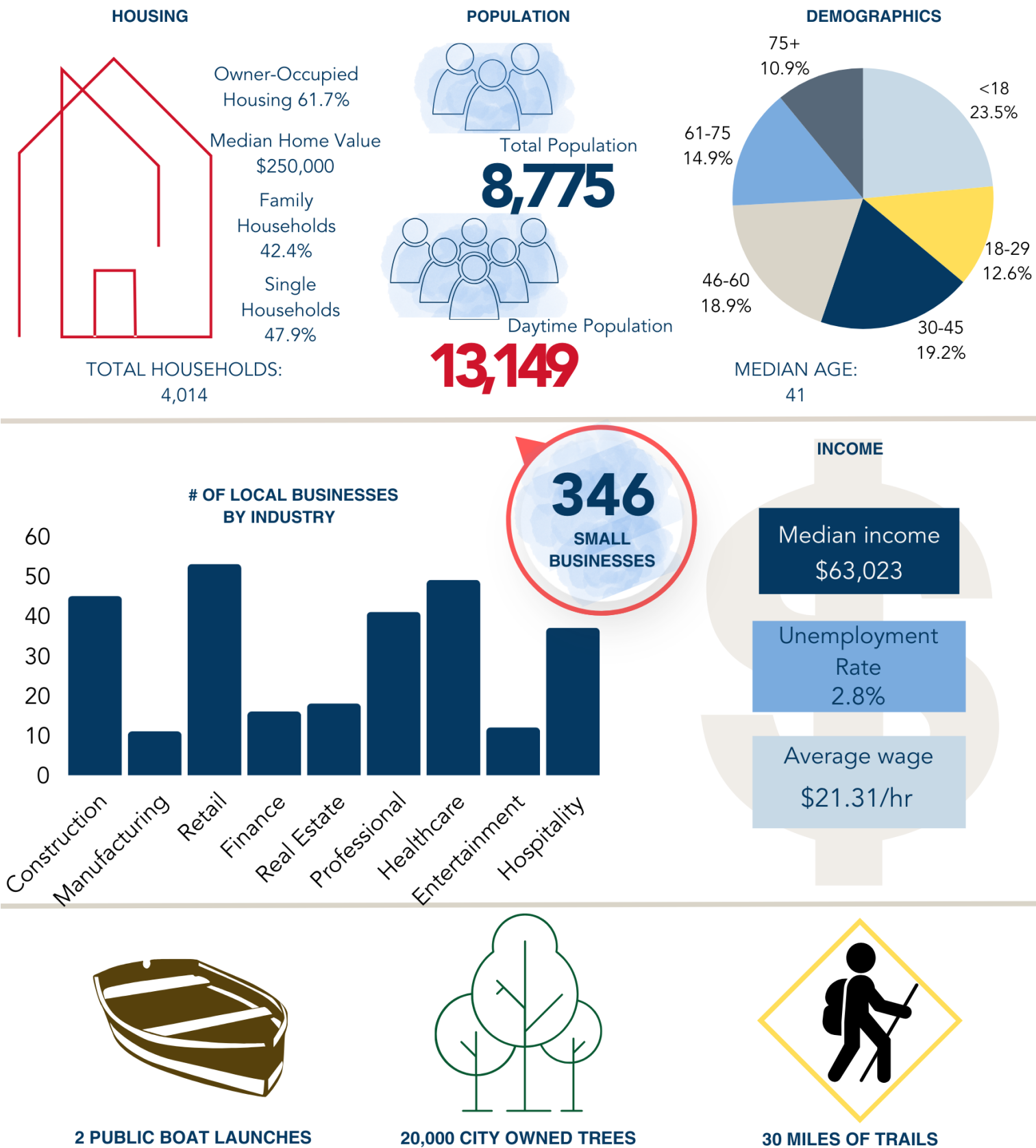
Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Bell,
Council Chair



Pictured: City Council Char, Mary Ellen Bell

City of Bath Snapshot



**Data Source: American Community Survey, 5 Year Estimates 2023*

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I'm happy to share this report about what the City of Bath has been working on from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. We call this period of time "Fiscal Year 2022-2023," or "FY 23." In this report, you'll find updates from different city departments, local leaders, and community groups. You'll also see how the City spent money during this time.

I want to thank our city employees for everything they do to help the people of Bath. Their hard work helps keep the City running smoothly and makes it a better place to live. I also want to thank the City Council and committee members who

We have a great team that cares about our community. We're proud of our river, our history, and we're working hard to deal with big issues like climate change and fixing old buildings and systems.

To help advance our 2019 Climate Action Plan, the City hired a Director of Sustainability and Environment. In FY 23, we added two new hybrid cars to the Police and Fire Departments, switched more streetlights to energy-saving LED lights, and added solar lights to pump stations. We also prepared for the future with a sea-level rise vulnerability assessment and wastewater and facility reviews for our infrastructure to be more resilient to ageing and environmental

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and learn about what your local government is doing. You can find more news and updates by visiting our website (cityofbath.com) or following us on Facebook and Instagram.

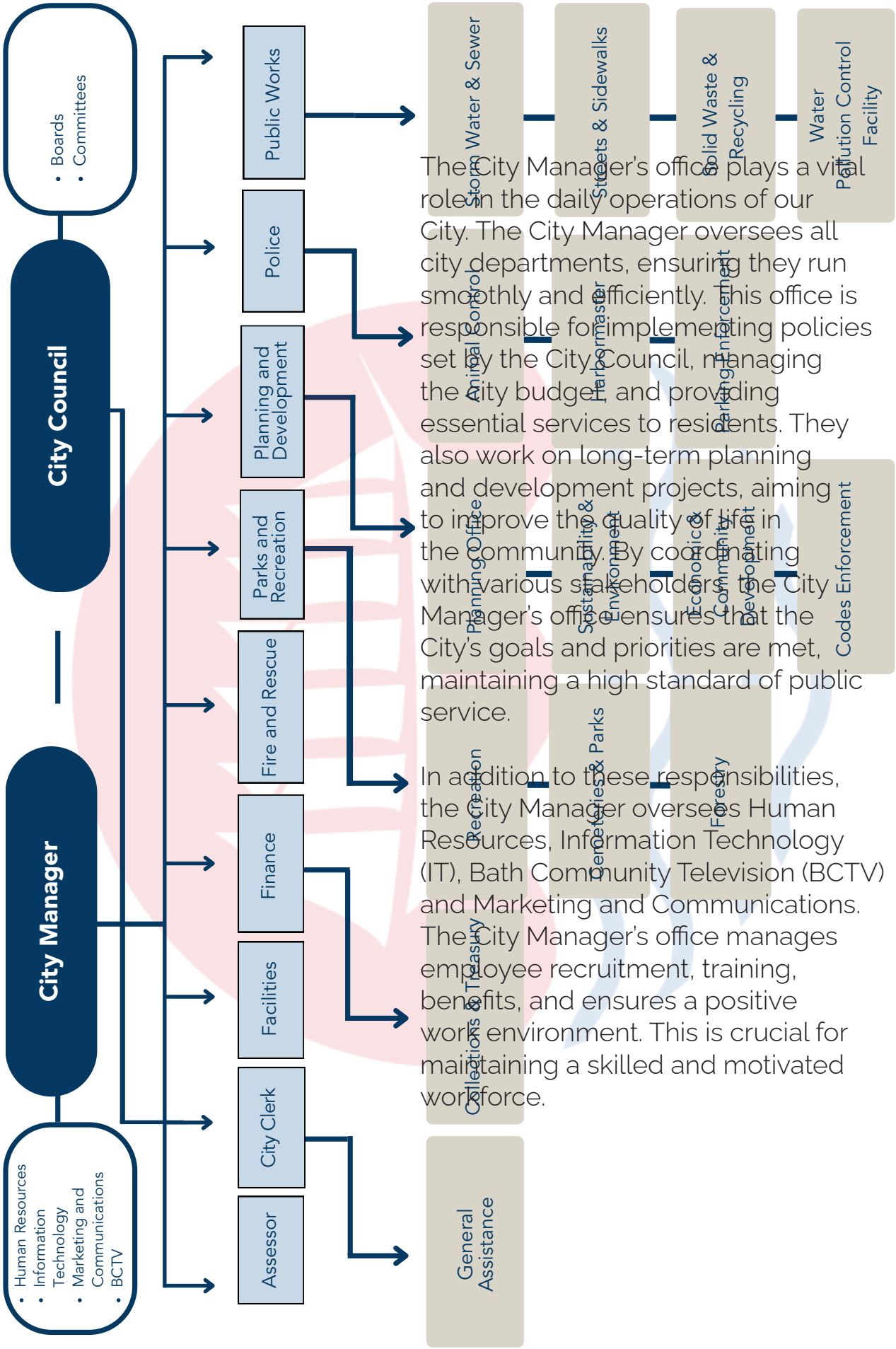
Best,



Marc Meyers, City Manager



Pictured: City Manager, Marc Meyers



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WARD 5

WARD 4

WARD 3

WARD 2

WARD 1

Spring View Ln
Cedar Ln
Trank Farm Ln
Kolar Rd
Gullies Ln
North Bath Rd
Oak Grove Av
Whiskeag Rd
Derritus Dr
Mast Landing
Ancona Av
Harvard St
Prospect St
Winship St
Park St
Curtis Pl
E. Milan St
Prospect St
Meadow Way
Oliver St
Beacon St
Somerset St
Cummins St
Rowney St
Holly St
Wright Dr
Crescent St
York St
Pearl St
Congress Ave
North St
Bedford St
Oak St
Phobon St
Chen St
Winter St
Andrews St
Cobb Rd
Academy St
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Ward 2
Mary Ellen Bell
Community Development
Committee, Facilities Committee,
Climate Action Commission,
Recognition Committee

Community Development
Committee, Facilities Committee,
Climate Action Commission,
Recognition Committee

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a receding hairline and a grey beard. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a maroon sweater and a light blue collared shirt with a dark tie. He is smiling slightly. In the background, an American flag is visible on the left, and a portion of a blue flag with yellow stars is on the right. A small, rectangular, multi-colored pin is visible on his left lapel.A color portrait photograph of John F. Kennedy, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. In the background, the American flag is visible.

Boards & Committees

*As of June 30, 2023

Assessment Review Board

Steve Zelinka, Chair
Jake Derector

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Amanda Reynolds
Eugene L. Wiemers
William R. Braman
Jamison Pacheco
Mary Ellen Bell, Council Rep., Chair
Julie Ambrosino, Council Rep.
James Hopkinson, Planning Board Rep.

Ex Officio:

Director of Economic and Community Development
City Manager
City Planner

Bath Housing Authority Board of Directors

Marsha Munsey Knowles
Pia Bundgaard Neilson
Catherine Powers, Chair
George Sprague
Barbara Gaul
Karen Robbins
Phyllis Bailey, Council Rep.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

Tim Blair, Chair
Kevin Shute
VACANT
Anne Dunham
John Swenson
Travis Wolfel
Connor English
Lawrence Kovacs, RSU1 Rep.
Juile Ambrosino, Council Rep.
Ex Officio:
Director of Parks and Recreation
Director of Public Works
City Planner
Police Department Rep.

Civil Emergency Preparedness Analysis Team

Mary Ellen, Council Chair
Julie Ambrosino, Council Vice-Chair
City Manager
Chief of Police
Fire Chief
City Planner
Sagadahoc County Rep.

Climate Action Commission

Mary Ellen Bell, Council Rep.
Julie Ambrosino, Council Rep.
John Zittel, Chair At Large
Laura Walters At Large
Paul Perkins, SWAC
Tim Blair, Bike/Ped
KELT

Community Development Committee

Karl Albrecht, Chair At Large
Mara Pennell Banking Rep
Rick Bisson, Real Estate Rep.
Debora Keller Bath Housing Authority
VACANT Non-profit Rep..
Gretchen Jaeger, Main Street Bath Rep.
Ex Officio:
Assistant City Manager
Director of Planning & Development
Director of Economic & Community Development
Mary Ellen Bell, Council Rep.
Phyllis Bailey, Council Rep.

Community Forestry Committee

Leiha Lynn
Julie Ambrosino, Council Rep., Chair
Bruce Brennan
Aaron Park
VACANT
VACANT
James Hummer
Nate Hassett
Nancy Sferra
Ex Officio:
City Arborist
Parks and Recreation Director

Economic Development Committee

Amanda McDaniel, Main Street Bath
Michael Walton Business Rep.
VACANT, Development Rep.
Jon Fitzgerald, Bath Iron Works
Chris Timm, Maine Maritime Museum
Michael Mason
VACANT
Ex Officio:
City Manager
City Planner
Director of Economic & Community Development, Chair
Jennifer DeChant, Council Rep.
Elizabeth Dingley, Council Rep.
VACANT

Finance Committee

Julie Ambrosino, Council Rep., Chair
Terry Nordmann, Council Rep.
Roo Dunn, Council Rep.
Ex Officio:
Finance Director

Municipal Facilities Committee

Roo Dunn, Council Rep.
Susan Bauer, Council Rep.
Mary Ellen Bell, Council Rep. Chair
Ex Officio:
City Manager
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Public Works Director
Parks and Recreation Director
Facilities Director
Director of Planning

Old Bath Customs House

Andrew Perry
Pamela Allen, Chair
Herman Nichols
David Hudson
Anne Dunham

Personnel Service Commission

Timothy Pratt
Brian Hatch
Karla Gagnon, Chair

Planning Board

Robert Oxton, Chair
James Hopkinson, Vice Chair
Clarence Stilphen
Gregory Johnson
Mark Hranicky
Haley Blanco
Andrew Omo
Ex Officio:
City Planner

Recreation Commission

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William Gilson
William McKellar
VACANT
VACANT
VACANT, Student Rep..
Parks and Recreation Director
Asst. Parks and Rec. Director
Elizabeth Dingley, Council Rep..

Recognition Committee

Elena Vandervoort, Citizen-At-Large, Chair
Phyllis Bailey, Council Rep.
Susan Bauer Council Rep.
Mary Ellen Bell, Council Rep.
City Manager
Superintendent of Schools, RSU1
Brian Hatch, Citizen-At-Large
Ex Officio:
Asst. City Manager
Parks and Recreation Director
City Planner

Sidewalk Vending License Committee

Jonathan Rice, Downtown Food Operator
Courtney McDonald, Downtown Retailer
Bruce Goodwin, At Large
Amanda McDaniel, Main Street Bath
Elizabeth Dingley, Council Rep.
Codes Enforcement Officer
City Planner

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Dingley, Council Rep., Chair
Susan Bauer, Council Rep.
Paul Perkins
Louis Anthony Ricciardone
George Sprague, Public Rep.
Megan Mansfield-Pryor, Public Rep.
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City Manager
Asst. City Manager
Public Works Director

Transportation Committee

Phyllis Bailey, Council Rep., Chair
Terry Nordmann, Council Rep.
Miriam Johnson, Council Rep.
Rick Kessler
Kevin Shute
Ex Officio:
Police Chief
Parking Enforcement Officer
Public Works Director
City Planner
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Water District Board of Directors

Cal Stilphen, Chair
Terry Nordmann, Council Rep.
Michael Sinton
Dr. Dana McCurdy
Kenneth Desmond
John Marsh

Winnegance River Herring Commission

Lori Benson
Terry Nordmann, Council Rep..

Zoning Board of Appeals

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Joel P. Austin
James Michael Princiotta
Pamela Murray
William Truesdell
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Ex Officio:
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine’s Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

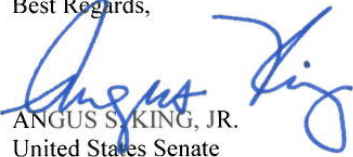
Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – Dirigo – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans’ suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. It is my honor to serve the people of Maine’s First District, and I’m pleased to share some ways that I can support you and your community this year.

I know that navigating many federal agencies and programs can be frustrating. One of my most important roles as a Member of Congress is to assist you if you’re having trouble. My office can help to resolve challenges with a wide range of programs, including Social Security, veterans’ benefits, passport renewals, and more. If you need help, please reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or visit my website at pingree.house.gov/contact.

As you know, communities around Maine have experienced major damage as a result of winter storms and widespread flooding in recent months. These storms have underscored the importance of disaster preparation, particularly as we face the growing impact of climate change. I am working closely with Governor Mills and her administration to ensure that federal assistance is available for both short-term recovery needs and long-term resiliency planning. My staff and I are continually updating my website with new resources and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

My office can also provide more information about the annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Each year, Congress enacts appropriations bills that provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. CPFs are a critical tool to directly support local governments and nonprofit organizations through federal appropriations. If you know of a project that might be a good fit, I encourage you to keep in touch as more details about the Fiscal Year 2025 funding process become available, as eligibility requirements and limitations can differ from year to year.

It is always a privilege to hear from you, so don’t hesitate to reach out to my office any time that I can be helpful. Please rest assured that I do not take the responsibility of representing you lightly, and as we move into this new year, I will continue fighting for Mainers on the issues that impact us most. Thank you, and I hope to see you in Maine soon.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
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Dear Bath Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to advocate for you in Augusta, and I am looking forward to working alongside my new 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 Nov. 9 and, as I write this, we have recently begun the second regular session of the 131st Legislature. Over the next few months, we will consider hundreds of bills before we adjourn, which will likely be in mid-April.

This session, I am proud to have been appointed to serve on the on the State and Local Government Committee, where we work on legislation relating to municipal, county and regional government systems, state agencies, memorials and more.

In the first session of the 131st Legislature, the Legislature invested in the well-being of Maine workers and families by establishing a comprehensive paid family and medical leave program, increasing funding for Pre-K and child care support and taking significant steps to address Maine’s shortage of affordable and available housing. I am looking forward to supporting legislation that will continue to help Bath thrive, including more housing initiatives to address shortages and affordability, combatting climate change, ensuring reproductive freedom and more.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family, please feel welcome to reach out. I always enjoy connecting with constituents – whether you have concerns about local matters, questions about state programs or would like to discuss thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at David.Sinclair@legislature.maine.gov and (207) 807-1610.

Sincerely,

David Sinclair
State Representative

District 50: Bath

Sagadahoc County
Board of Commissioners' 2023 Annual Report



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Dear Residents of District 2,

It is my honor to serve the taxpayers of Sagadahoc County on the Board of Commissioners. I am committed to making sure that services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost-effective and professional way possible. The Board watches financial constraints closely and the challenges faced by each community.

FY23 saw major changes in the labor market and unprecedented increases in the cost-of-living. It has been a challenge facing small government across the state to maintain adequate staffing levels and to navigate the changing landscape of employment. In FY23 the Courthouse Roof Project was completed, and Capital funds were dedicated to the Brick Repointing and Sealing that needs to be done to protect the Courthouse masonry. One ARPA funded project has progressed, namely the Communications Upgrade with new Radio Towers, which will greatly improve public safety communications.

Looking forward, the FY24 budget, combining operating, capital, and debt service is \$10,312,285, which is an increase of 7.42% over FY23 at \$9,555,077. Salaries accounted for the majority of FY24's budgetary increase. The County still benefits from employing a self-funded health insurance model, which has given the County more control over increases to the annual health insurance premiums. Finally, it is important to note that costs associated with Two Bridges Regional Jail, including debt service, constitute approximately 35% of the County's total budget. The Bond for Two Bridges Regional Jail will be paid off in FY26 (December 31, 2025), currently there is a balance of \$1,291,500.

Administration has been busy with several projects including the following:

- Migrating to a new HRIS & Payroll system: ADP, which will go live January 2024.
- The Midcoast Corrections Collaborative is working towards the regionalization of Two Bridges Regional Jail (co-owned and operated by Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties) to include Knox and Waldo Counties, and thus all counties of Prosecutorial District 6. An MOU has been drafted as well as bylaws, and three sub-committees have been formed: Operations, Finance, and Programming.
- The FY25 budget template will follow the FY24 budget. Again, each department head will evaluate what capital accounts they need and develop long-term targeted capital improvement plans (CIP's). The audit for the year ending June 30, 2023, had no material or significant deficiencies, and we anticipate the same will be true of the audit for FY24.
- The County created three new positions: a new Sheriff's Deputy position, a 911 Dispatcher and Legal Secretary.
- The HR Director completed the rewrite of the Personnel Policy Handbook, which increased vacation leave while stopping carryover of vacation time, included a new DEI (diversity equity and inclusion) policy, as others were revised to increase transparency and accountability. The Short-term Disability benefit was increased, and a Flexible Savings Account for medical expenses was added, and two IT policies were added: Social Media, and Minimum Access.
- Administration continues to work with the County's economic development entity, MCOG (Midcoast Council of Governments) which serves all Sagadahoc communities. Strategic Planning sessions are being held publicly at the municipal level, and participating municipalities are focusing on opportunities for regionalization.
- Administration continues to work with MCCA (Maine County Commissioners' Association) to track and lobby for positive legislative changes.
- Administration established the Sagadahoc County Managers & Administrator's group, which is set to meet quarterly.
- Both Unions: (Sheriff's Deputies and Transport Deputies) negotiated three-year Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Stephen M. August

Commissioners' meetings held second Tuesday each month - 3:00 p.m. Commissioners' meeting room, County Courthouse



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Dear Neighbors,

We at the Sagadahoc County Probate Court are proud to serve the citizens of this county with all the needs that bring them to the Probate Court.

The Sagadahoc County Probate Court processes and holds records for Adoptions, Guardianships, Conservatorships, Name Changes, and Estates, as well as provides information about resources to support each person that reaches for help, hope, or direction. The Probate Court holds its hearing on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays of each month at the Sagadahoc County courthouse in Bath and all other times as deemed necessary.

At the Probate Court, we have seen several changes occur over the last year of 2023, the first being that the Honorable Sean Paulhus became our new Register of Probate back in July. We are now a passport application acceptance facility to serve the community on a by appointment basis. We saw a record number of cases this past calendar year. A new seal was created and developed for official use. Most recently, a new court appointed Visitor application process was created and is now available for anyone interested in becoming a Visitor to the Court; please reach out to our office for an application.

We welcome you to call or visit us to learn about what we do and how we serve your community.

Thank you for the honor to represent and serve you at the Sagadahoc County Probate Court.

Best Regards,

Judge of Probate
David Paris

Register of Probate
Sean C. Paulhus

Community Involvement Day

Community Involvement Day is a community-building event that brings awareness about service organizations to the public and honors individuals and groups that work to benefit the City of Bath and its residents. 2023 marked the 25th anniversary of the event.



Lifetime Service Award

Bill and Sally Haggett



For decades, the Haggett's have dedicated their time, energy, and personal resources to numerous projects that have significantly enriched the community of Bath. Together, Bill and Sally Haggett have been ardent supporters of the Maine Maritime Museum, Patten Free Library, United Way, local schools, Oasis Free Clinics, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick, and the Bath YMCA. They recently led the expansion of the YMCA's childcare program. In honor of the 25th anniversary of Community Involvement Day, Bill and Sally were honored with a Lifetime of Service Award for their years of unwavering commitment and generosity to the community.



Volunteer of the Year

Bob Oxtan

The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a Bath volunteer who participates in numerous community organizations, reflecting outstanding service to the Bath community.

Bob has served on the City of Bath Planning Board since 1993. For the past 30 years, he has guided decisions that have shaped the look and feel of Bath. He has helped balance our municipality's need for new development while still preserving the architectural features, dark skies, and landscaping that makes Bath special. Bob has also been an integral part of multiple comprehensive City planning efforts, including the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

2023 Award Recipients

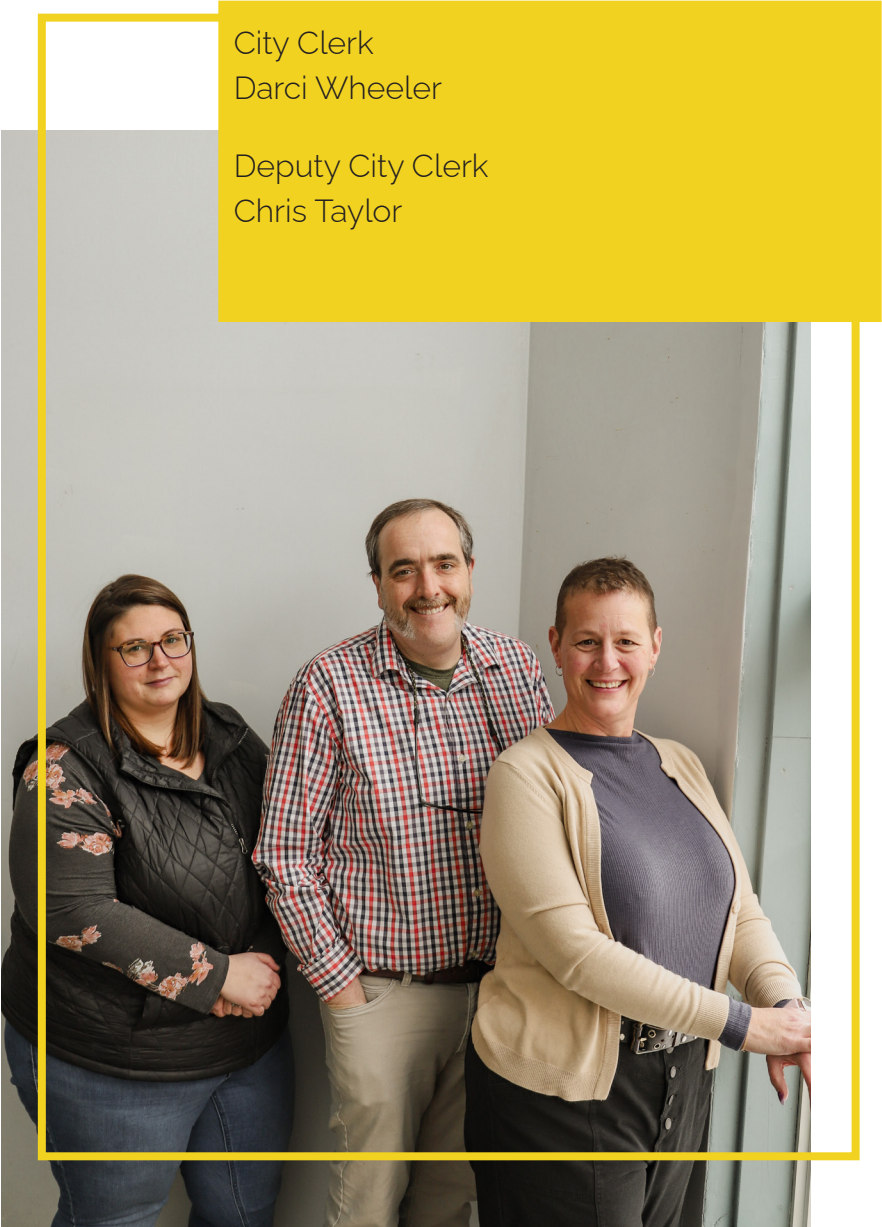
Bill & Sally Haggett	Lifetime Service Award
Bob Oxtan	Volunteer of the Year
Josiah Keller	Youth Award
Bath Pride	Community Project Award
Lori and Chris Emerson	Al Smith Community Spirit Award

City Clerk

The mission of the City Clerk is to accurately maintain all City records, to conduct elections and voter registration processes, and provide information to City officials and the general public with professionalism and efficiency, meeting all statutory obligations of the State of Maine and the City of Bath.

Issued Licenses & Certificates 2022-2023

City of Bath Licenses	
DBA	100
Disposal	45
Concealed Weapons	22
Gaming Machines	2
Gasoline	7
Pool Rooms	3
Second Hand Dealer	6
Special Amusement	7
Special Event	15
Taxi Owner	0
Taxi Operator	0
Victualer	58
State of Maine Licenses	
Hunting Licenses & Permits	128
Fishing Licenses	101
Dog Licenses	508
Vital Statistics	
Birth Certificates	110
Death Certificates	98
Marriage Certificates	100



From left: Assistant City Clerk Amanda Yenco, Deputy City Clerk Chris Taylor, City Clerk Darci Wheeler

State Elections

November 8, 2022

Governor	
HUNKLER, SAM	85
LEPAGE, PAUL R	1132
MILLS, JANET T.	3061
BLANKS	31
State Senator, District 24	
BRACKLEY, MATTHEW R.	1258
VITELLI, ELOISE A.	2984
BLANKS	67
Representative to Legislature, District 50	
DESJARDINS, JASON E.	1243
PAULHUS, SEAN C.	2968
BLANKS	98
Register of Probate	
GUZZETTI, JEAN M.	3026
HICKMAN, CHRISTOPHER C.	1136
BLANKS	147
County Treasurer	
EATON, GAIL	3612
BLANKS	697
Register of Deeds	
MOORE, LYNN C.	2846
BLANKS	1463
District Attorney	
IRVING, NATASHA C.	3548
BLANKS	761
County Commissioner - District 2	
LENNA, ROBERT O.	3575
BLANKS	734
Representative to Congress - District 1	
PINGREE, CHELLIE M.	3000
THELANDER, EDWIN	1164
Declared write-in MACDONALD, ALAN H.	6
BLANKS	139

RSU1 Budget Referendum

June 13, 2023

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit #1 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest regional school unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?		
YES		121
NO		25
BLANKS		0



Assessor



Assessor
Brenda Cummings

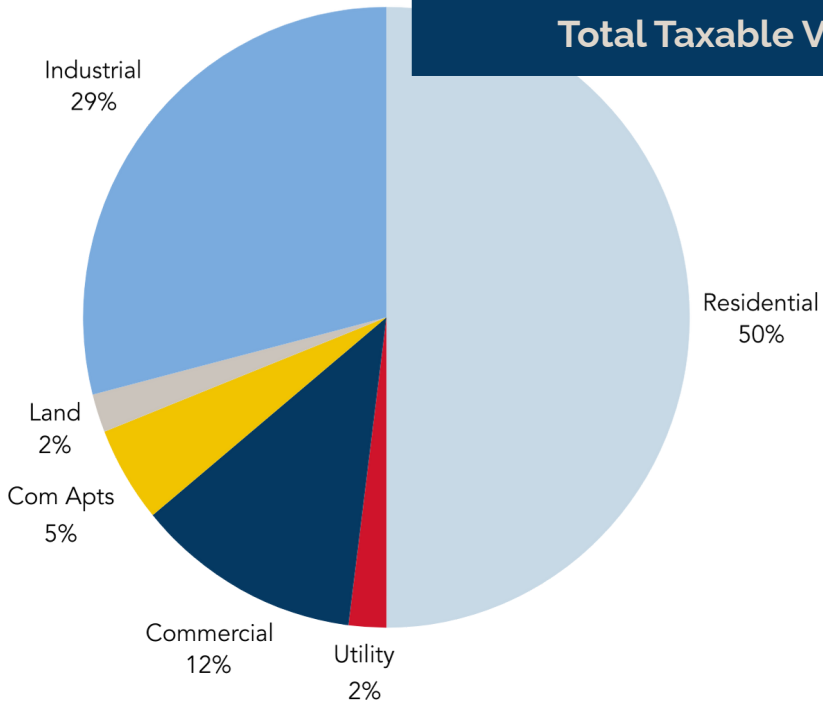
Assistant Assessor
Jason Marshall

Changes in property valuations also result in changes to the tax rate. When property values increase, the tax rate can be lower, and when property values go down, a higher tax rate is needed to raise the same amount of money. Bath's total taxable valuation increased by 2.2% in the 2022-23 tax year. Although the overall budget grew by 7%, the increase in taxable valuation, along with increases in State of Maine reimbursements for homesteads, municipal revenue sharing, and other changes in exempt property value allowed the City to keep the property tax rate stable. The 2022 tax rate was \$20.40 for each \$1,000 of property valuation, an increase of just 10 cents per \$1,000.

Property Tax Distribution



Total Taxable Value



The Assessor's Office is responsible for valuing all real estate and business personal property located in Bath. The process of finalizing these values is known as "commitment." Once the list of properties and their values is finalized (the "tax roll"), tax bills are created and mailed and the City is able to collect the necessary income to pay the City's operating costs.

Ongoing duties in the Assessor's Office also include processing property transfers, reviewing requests for property tax exemptions, inspecting properties under construction, and performing valuation reviews.

Finance

Finance Director
Juli Millett

Assistant Finance Director
Linda McCourt

Deputy Tax Collector
Emily Maillet

The Finance Department is responsible for all cash reconciliation and investing the City's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the City Manager on the budget process and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. Several important financial statements are located at the end of this annual report. The full financial statements from FY2022 are available on the City's website.

Collections & Treasurer

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for all property and excise tax collection for approximately 3,800 real property and 300 personal property accounts, federal and state grants, parking tickets, various permit & license fee collection, and processing vehicle registrations. Other functions of the department include the weekly payroll processing for the City's full-time and part-time employees.



From left: Administrative Assistant, Susie Hunt, Treasurer's Clerk Michelle Coffin, Deputy Tax Collector Emily Maillet, Assistant Finance Director Linda McCourt, Treasurer's Clerk Brittany Karkos, Director of Finance, Juli Millett

2022-2023
General Fund Revenue
12,015,260

2022-2023
Operating Budget
\$17,924,585

2022-2023
Capital Projects
\$835,596

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Real Estate Taxes | Tax Year: 1994-1 to 2022-3
As of: 06/30/2023

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
1512	945 WASHINGTON, LLC	2022	13,502.76	0.00	13,502.76	*
33	ALEXANDER, JOAN E	2022	1,666.68	1,388.90	277.78	*
73	ANDERSON, WILLIS S & BUOTTE, CATHERINE A	2022	3,121.20	2,601.00	520.20	*
77	ANDREWS, MARTHA E	2022	4,745.04	4,000.00	745.04	*
3749	ANNAETAL LLC	2022	48.96	0.00	48.96	*
85	ARENA, PETER & DIANE	2021	4,648.54	2,113.46	2,535.08	*
85	ARENA, PETER & DIANE	2022	4,359.48	0.00	4,359.48	
86	ARENA, PETER & DIANE	2021	5,735.30	0.00	5,735.30	*
86	ARENA, PETER & DIANE	2022	5,391.72	0.00	5,391.72	
88	ARENA, PETER & DIANE	2022	2,323.56	0.00	2,323.56	
536	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2021	2,671.85	0.00	2,671.85	**
536	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	2,474.52	0.00	2,474.52	
1048	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2021	2,096.25	0.00	2,096.25	
1048	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	1,927.80	0.00	1,927.80	
2702	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	2,668.32	0.00	2,668.32	
2705	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2021	2,504.32	0.00	2,504.32	*
2705	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	2,315.40	0.00	2,315.40	
3738	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	24.48	0.00	24.48	
3740	ATIENZA COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC	2022	24.48	0.00	24.48	
2020	B & R PROPERTY VENTURES LLC	2022	8,549.64	0.00	8,549.64	*
131	BAILEY, MICHAEL A	2021	561.39	0.00	561.39	*
131	BAILEY, MICHAEL A	2022	477.36	0.00	477.36	*
133	BAILEY, RAYMOND L JR & CATHY L	2020	4,353.73	2,696.15	1,657.58	*
133	BAILEY, RAYMOND L JR & CATHY L	2021	4,347.86	0.00	4,347.86	*
133	BAILEY, RAYMOND L JR & CATHY L	2022	3,563.88	0.00	3,563.88	*
791	BARRETT, DANIELLE S & JOSHUA F	2021	1,893.41	0.00	1,893.41	*

* Paid as of 12/31/2023

**Partially paid as of 12/31/2023

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
791	BARRETT, DANIELLE S & JOSHUA F	2022	2,072.64	0.00	2,072.64	*
524	BILOKONSKY MID COAST PROPERTIES,LLC	2022	6,281.16	0.00	6,281.16	
396	BRILLANT, TIMOTHY A	2021	3,007.67	0.00	3,007.67	**
396	BRILLANT, TIMOTHY A	2022	2,800.92	0.00	2,800.92	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2016	1,575.78	-16.60	1,592.38	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2017	1,479.59	-16.60	1,496.19	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2018	1,523.01	-16.80	1,539.81	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2019	1,792.98	-17.66	1,810.64	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2020	1,702.29	-19.20	1,721.49	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2021	1,701.07	0.00	1,701.07	
403	BROWN, BONNIE C	2022	2,062.44	0.00	2,062.44	
411	BROWN, SYLVIA	2022	648.72	0.00	648.72	
499	BUTTERWORTH, NANCY	2022	3,800.52	0.00	3,800.52	*
3253	CANDLAND, BREEANNE DUGAY	2022	2,317.44	1,931.20	386.24	*
3068	CARROLTON, JAMES R & LISA M	2022	7,199.16	0.00	7,199.16	*
498	CASH, CLARENCE H	2022	7,845.84	0.00	7,845.84	*
534	CHRYSSAVGIS, SOPHIE	2022	5,920.08	0.00	5,920.08	
646	COFFILL, THOMAS G JR & THOMAS G III	2020	1,142.22	-11.10	1,153.32	
646	COFFILL, THOMAS G JR & THOMAS G III	2021	1,865.07	0.00	1,865.07	
646	COFFILL, THOMAS G JR & THOMAS G III	2022	1,715.64	0.00	1,715.64	
650	COFFIN, KERN A	2022	2,248.08	111.01	2,137.07	*
690	CONWAY, PAUL TIMOTHY	2022	7,223.64	7,255.65	-32.01	*
692	COOK, SUSAN	2022	2,996.76	0.00	2,996.76	*
766	CUNHA, JACQUELINE M	2021	8,374.10	0.00	8,374.10	
766	CUNHA, JACQUELINE M	2022	7,890.72	0.00	7,890.72	
882	DOAK, SABRINA P	2021	4,081.54	0.00	4,081.54	*
882	DOAK, SABRINA P	2022	3,820.92	0.00	3,820.92	*
883	DOAK, SABRINA P	2022	267.24	0.00	267.24	*
884	DOAK, SABRINA P	2022	6,075.12	0.00	6,075.12	*

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Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
906	DORR, JAYE E	2022	3,060.00	418.40	2,641.60	*
916	DOWNS, CANDY E	2021	2,513.69	26.12	2,487.57	*
916	DOWNS, CANDY E	2022	2,331.72	0.00	2,331.72	
1226	FREEMAN, HERBERT W	2022	3,757.68	1,757.68	2,000.00	*
1229	FREEMAN, RICHARD G & SANDRA L	2022	1,776.84	1,077.99	698.85	*
1280	GALLANT, CATHY A & CALLAN, TIMOTHY N	2022	4,243.20	2,187.08	2,056.12	*
3741	GARCIA, ROBERT	2022	3,459.84	0.00	3,459.84	*
1691	GARDNER, KIMBERLY HOWE	2022	6,105.72	4,946.67	1,159.05	*
2931	GEARY-SIEGARS, CAITLYN	2022	2,144.04	347.78	1,796.26	
2513	GEROW, SANDRA U & THEODORE K,JR	2022	2,649.96	646.04	2,003.92	*
2207	GF INVESTMENTS LLC	2021	7,793.44	0.00	7,793.44	*
2207	GF INVESTMENTS LLC	2022	7,331.76	0.00	7,331.76	*
1335	GILLIAM, RICHARD A	2022	3,257.88	0.00	3,257.88	*
1422	GREENLAW, JOANNE	2022	2,384.76	0.00	2,384.76	*
1431	GRONDIN, DANA A	2022	2,209.32	0.00	2,209.32	
1346	GUIDI, TRACEY GINN & GINN-MARVIN, JEAN	2022	5,306.04	0.00	5,306.04	*
1459	HAHNEL, JANE E	2020	4,790.40	4,274.32	516.08	
1459	HAHNEL, JANE E	2021	4,783.85	0.00	4,783.85	
1459	HAHNEL, JANE E	2022	4,488.00	0.00	4,488.00	
2192	HASENFUS, RICHARD C & CHRISTINA M	2022	3,751.56	0.00	3,751.56	*
3590	HILL, WILLIAM	2022	2,609.16	0.00	2,609.16	*
28	HILLHOUSE INC	2022	3,829.08	0.00	3,829.08	*
1629	HILLHOUSE INC	2022	85,879.92	0.00	85,879.92	*
3504	HILLHOUSE INC	2022	8,798.52	0.00	8,798.52	
1673	HORTON, NANCY K	2021	3,551.05	876.77	2,674.28	*
1673	HORTON, NANCY K	2022	3,317.04	0.00	3,317.04	*
1674	HORTON, NANCY K	2021	3,035.59	894.96	2,140.63	*
1674	HORTON, NANCY K	2022	2,827.44	0.00	2,827.44	*
1814	JOHNSTON, JOHN R & SHARON E	2022	4,171.80	0.00	4,171.80	

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Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
2015	LAROSA, JOHN M & JULIE A	2022	2,782.56	0.00	2,782.56	*
2034	LEAVITT, PERRY	2022	6,627.96	0.00	6,627.96	*
2035	LEAVITT, PERRY J	2022	4,439.04	0.00	4,439.04	*
2036	LEAVITT, PERRY J	2022	6,452.52	0.00	6,452.52	*
2037	LEAVITT, PERRY J	2022	4,710.36	28.48	4,681.88	*
2038	LEAVITT, PERRY J	2022	342.72	0.00	342.72	*
1386	LEFEBVRE, WENDY J	2022	1,485.12	0.00	1,485.12	*
2084	LIBBY, MATTHEW A & KIMBERLY A	2021	2,921.76	0.00	2,921.76	
2084	LIBBY, MATTHEW A & KIMBERLY A	2022	2,719.32	0.00	2,719.32	
1232	LIBBY, MATTHEW A JR	2022	2,564.28	92.87	2,471.41	
2209	MAMOLI, MARIA ROSA & CERVAI,GIOVANNI	2022	897.60	0.00	897.60	*
1189	MARTIN, JARED	2022	1,960.44	0.00	1,960.44	*
2337	MCKENNA, SHANE & KARI R	2021	9,979.23	8,196.04	1,783.19	*
2337	MCKENNA, SHANE & KARI R	2022	9,422.76	0.00	9,422.76	
3762	MELLOR, RYAN & MISTY	2022	185.64	0.00	185.64	*
2382	MILLER, KEVIN P	2022	2,137.92	453.20	1,684.72	*
1300	MINARD, DAVID M & ANGELA M	2021	2,648.99	0.00	2,648.99	*
1300	MINARD, DAVID M & ANGELA M	2022	2,460.24	0.00	2,460.24	
2401	MITCHELL, FRANK R & BETTY A	2020	3,082.42	-11.10	3,093.52	*
2401	MITCHELL, FRANK R & BETTY A	2021	3,078.54	0.00	3,078.54	*
2401	MITCHELL, FRANK R & BETTY A	2022	2,868.24	0.00	2,868.24	*
2585	NINETY-TWO FRONT RDC, LLC	2022	4,732.80	0.00	4,732.80	*
1356	OLD CANAL FARM LLC	2022	991.44	0.00	991.44	*
2641	PAGE, HEATHER E	2021	1,937.32	53.48	1,883.84	
2641	PAGE, HEATHER E	2022	1,776.84	0.00	1,776.84	
2671	PAUL, DOROTHY M	2022	2,951.88	0.00	2,951.88	
2732	PILCHER, MEGGAN R & STEVEN B	2021	3,524.50	0.00	3,524.50	
2732	PILCHER, MEGGAN R & STEVEN B	2022	3,284.40	0.00	3,284.40	
2760	PLANT, IRENE MARION	2022	1,782.96	0.00	1,782.96	*
3598	PRESERVATION BATH, LLC	2021	51,535.08	0.00	51,535.08	*
3598	PRESERVATION BATH, LLC	2022	48,886.56	0.00	48,886.56	*

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Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
1638	RELF, MICHAEL	2021	2,771.42	0.00	2,771.42
1638	RELF, MICHAEL	2022	2,576.52	0.00	2,576.52
2145	RELF, MICHAEL J	2021	2,215.15	0.00	2,215.15
2145	RELF, MICHAEL J	2022	2,048.16	0.00	2,048.16
3194	RELF, MICHAEL JOHN	2021	2,876.65	0.00	2,876.65
3194	RELF, MICHAEL JOHN	2022	2,676.48	0.00	2,676.48
1376	RICCI, HEIDI & LARSON, BRIAN	2022	2,454.12	2,373.07	81.05 *
1446	RICKENBACH, LORI A	2022	628.32	0.00	628.32 *
2670	ROBINSON, JEFFREY A	2022	3,437.40	0.00	3,437.40 *
2972	ROSS, CHERYL A	2021	1,843.59	0.00	1,843.59
2972	ROSS, CHERYL A	2022	2,205.24	0.00	2,205.24
2983	ROWELL, NORMAN E	2021	1,457.88	190.22	1,267.66 *
2983	ROWELL, NORMAN E	2022	1,423.92	0.00	1,423.92 *
2397	SEVERT, ROXANNE M	2021	2,580.27	0.00	2,580.27
2397	SEVERT, ROXANNE M	2022	2,394.96	0.00	2,394.96
3184	SMALL, MATTHEW M & SHANNON R	2022	3,549.60	0.00	3,549.60 *
3535	SMITH, JAMAAL	2021	160.87	0.00	160.87 *
3535	SMITH, JAMAAL	2022	2,054.28	0.00	2,054.28 *
3297	STINSON, CARL W & MAIER, WILLIAM H JR	2022	4,408.44	2,204.22	2,204.22
3135	STIRES, SUSAN E & A MCKINNE	2022	2,596.92	393.31	2,203.61 *
3331	SULLIVAN, DEBORAH L	2021	2,596.68	0.00	2,596.68
3331	SULLIVAN, DEBORAH L	2022	2,403.12	0.00	2,403.12
1124	TRADEMARK PROPERTIES CORP	2022	4,545.12	0.00	4,545.12 *
3425	TRASK, KENNETH L & SUSAN E	2021	2,192.90	0.00	2,192.90
3425	TRASK, KENNETH L & SUSAN E	2022	2,019.60	0.00	2,019.60
3479	VALENTINE, RICHARD J JR & KAREN C	2022	3,488.40	1,304.26	2,184.14 *
992	WELCH, MICHAEL T	2022	4,467.60	0.00	4,467.60
3660	WINGFARM ASSOC	2022	128.52	64.26	64.26
3792	WIRICK, WENONAH	2022	4,728.72	0.00	4,728.72 *
1408	WOODS, HEATHER	2022	3,531.24	1,121.92	2,409.32 *

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Codes Enforcement

The Codes Enforcement Office administers local, State, and Federal laws that deal with land use and development. These codes include the building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and fire codes, the Land Use Code (zoning ordinance), blasting laws, and assorted other City ordinances (signs, refuse, vacant buildings, sidewalk snow removal, and others). The Codes Enforcement Officer also serves as the City's Health Officer, and the ADA Coordinator for City facilities.

The office consists of the Codes Enforcement Officer, an Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer, and an Administrative Assistant who is shared with the Planning and Development Department.



Codes Enforcement Officer
Scott Davis

Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer
Shane Kindlimann

From left: Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer Shane Kindlimann

Issued Permits & Inspections 2022-2023

Permits Issued

Building Permits	91
Plumbing Permits	71
Electrical Permits	220
Sign Permits	13
Heating Permits	2
Blasting Permits	1
Certificate of Occupancy	14
Flood	2
Fill	0
Mining	0
Home Occupation	2
Sidewalk Vending	3
Chickens	0

Completed Inspections

Building Inspections	93
On-Site Inspections	103
Electrical Inspections	219
Plumbing Inspections	95
Heating Plant Inspections	4
Health Inspections	1
Complaints	46
Certificate of Occupancies	59
Signs	10

Planning & Development

- Director of Planning
Jennifer Curtis
- Director of Economic & Community Development
Misty Parker
- Director of Sustainability and Environment
Rod Melanson



From left: Jennifer Curtis, Misty Parker, Rod Melanson

The Planning & Development Office consists of the Planning Director, the Director of Sustainability & Environment and the Director of Economic & Community Development. The department is responsible for the administration of all planning, development and environmental projects in the City. Department staff work closely with the City Manager, other Department Heads, members of the Bath Community, and third parties such as non-profits, businesses, and developer. The City Planner is the staff support position for the Planning Board.

The Planning Board reviews applications for site plan approval, site plan amendments, subdivision approval, subdivision amendment, and historic district review. In addition, the Planning Board also makes recommendations for changes to the Land Use Code and Zoning Maps to City Council.

Comprehensive Plan- The Comprehensive Plan was diligently worked on by staff, committees, and the public over the course of 2023. This is a complete update to the 2009 adopted Comprehensive Plan. The City hired Northstar Planning to undertake community engagement, visioning and future land use planning for the updated Comprehensive Plan. It was submitted for State Approval in summer of 2023

Micro-Capital Loan Program- The Bath Development Corporation created a new loan product in April 2023, the Micro-Capital Loan. The loan is for Bath-based businesses and has a two-year repayment schedule with low interest rates. Loans can be used for capital expenses such as equipment, furniture, and machinery.

Applications Reviewed

Historic District Approval	14
Historic District Amendment	2
Site Plan	8
Site Plan Amendment	2
Site Plan Approval Extension	7
Subdivision Approval	2
Subdivision Amendment	3
Zoning Map Change	2
Land Use Code Amendment	3
Contract Rezoning	0



Pictured: The Kennebec River floods Waterfront Park after heavy rainstorm

Vulnerability Assessment- In 2023, the City assessed the vulnerability of public infrastructure and open spaces (such as wetlands and conserved land) to flooding from storm surge, sea level rise, and extreme weather events along Bath's coastline. The purpose of the work was to evaluate present-day flood risk, and predicted flood risk in 2050, and 2100, and recommend next steps towards adaptation.

Facilities Management Plan-The goal of the Municipal Facilities Plan is to provide, maintain, and model, high-performing facilities for staff and the public. Projects include upgrades to buildings, using smart technology in both heating and ventilation and strategic electric conversions in order to reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing environmental impacts of department operations.

Police Department



Chief of Police
Andrew Booth

Deputy Chief
Michelle Small

Bath Police Department officers serve the people of Bath in a variety of public safety roles. There are 19 sworn-officer positions and 5 civilian support staff positions. The department is led by the Chief and Deputy Chief. The Patrol Division consists of 3 Patrol Sergeants, 3 Patrol corporals, and 7 Patrol Officers. The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) consists of 1 Detective Sergeant, 2 Detectives, and 1 School Resource Officer (Morse High School). Support positions include Parking Enforcement, Animal Control, Administrative Assistant, Records Personnel, and a part-time school crossing guard. Harbormaster duties are performed by a sworn officer. The department is active in the community both on the job and off, participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run, visiting local elementary schools, and hosting events like the Bike Safety Rodeo.



From left: ACO Jim McKnight, Detective Jason Aucoin, Officer Arthur Tringalli, Corporal Ryan Kaake, Deputy Chief Michelle Small, Chief Andrew Booth, Corporal Michael Jones, Sergeant Devin Hook

The Bath Police Department works hard to keep crime at a minimum and address problems using Community Policing principles. Officers utilize community involvement proactive education, mental health supports, and modern training and de-escalation techniques to prevent and resolve issues before they become serious.



From left: Sergeant Ted Raedel and Officer Hunter Raedel

A 2023 traffic enforcement initiative, utilized grants from the Bureau of Highway Safety to deter speeding, and distracted driving and increase pedestrian safety,

Tickets (VSAC) issued	610
Law Details	729
Traffic Warnings	2134
Hit and Run	61
Property Damage Accident	233
Personal Injury Accident	23
Operating Under Influence	26
Parking Tickets Issued	1409

In 2023, no formal complaints were filed against any officers or staff, including complaints alleging excessive use of force. The department accepts and investigates every complaint against officers or staff. Investigations are conducted by trained supervisory staff and submitted to the Chief of Police for review and final decision making.

Crime & Traffic Statistics



Aggravated Assault	1
Simple Assault	43
Domestic Violence Assault	14
Burglary	4
Fraud	20
Harassment	39
Threatening	14
Vandalism	16
Criminal Mischief	35
Theft, bicycle	3
Theft, shoplifting	21
Theft from building	8
Theft from vehicle	6
Theft, other	34

In 2023, the City of Bath had zero reported cases of homicide, rape or arson.

Fire & Rescue

Fire Chief
Lawrence Renaud

Deputy Fire Chief
Chris Cummings



From left: Deputy Chief Chris Cummings, Executive Assistant to the Chief Karen Madden, Fire Chief Lawrence Renaud

Bath Fire & Rescue Department consists of 26 members including the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, four Captains, 20 Firefighters and an Executive Assistant to the Chief. The department is organized into four shifts, working a 24-hour schedule. Each shift consists of a Captain and four Firefighters. On average, the department responds to 2,000 emergency medical service calls and 400 fire calls annually.





FF/Paramedic Shawn Latulippe, FF/AEMT Shaun Riley, Captain Kip Newell, FF/AEMT Madison Lavoie, FF/Paramedic Monica Johnson

Shift 1
Captain Kip Newell



FF/Paramedic Ben Huebler, FF/AEMT James Richardson, FF/AEMT Kevin Hinds, FF/AEMT Michael Brochu, FF/EMT Liam Love

Shift 2
Captain Rick Davis



FF/Paramedic Aaron Smeltzer, FF/Paramedic Joe Lemont, FF/Paramedic Caleb Stahl, FF/AEMT Nick Craney, Captain Marc Wood

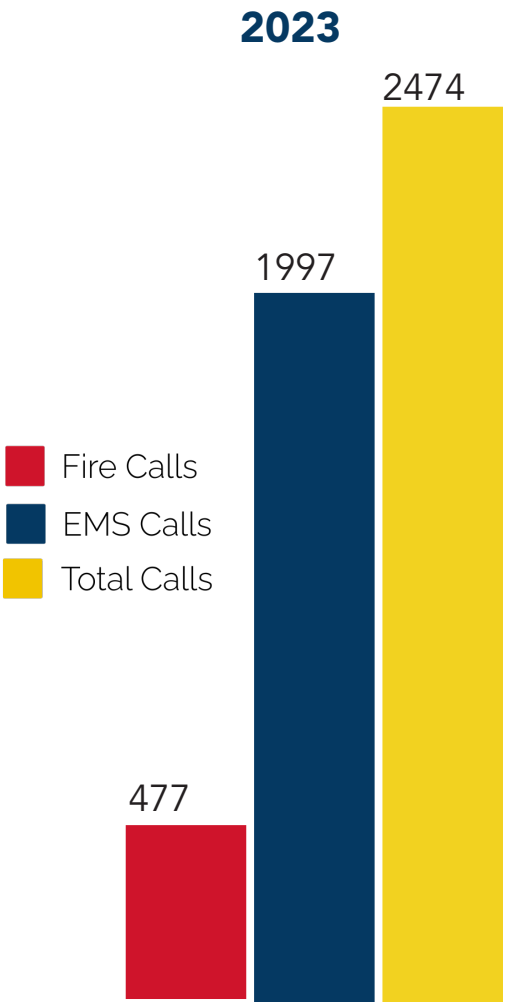
Shift 3
Captain Marc Wood



FF/Paramedic Brian Whalen, FF/AEMT Stephen Piper, FF/Paramedic Nate Reed, FF/AEMT William Grimes, FF/AEMT Logan Farr, Captain Ashley Moody

Shift 4
Captain Ashley Moody

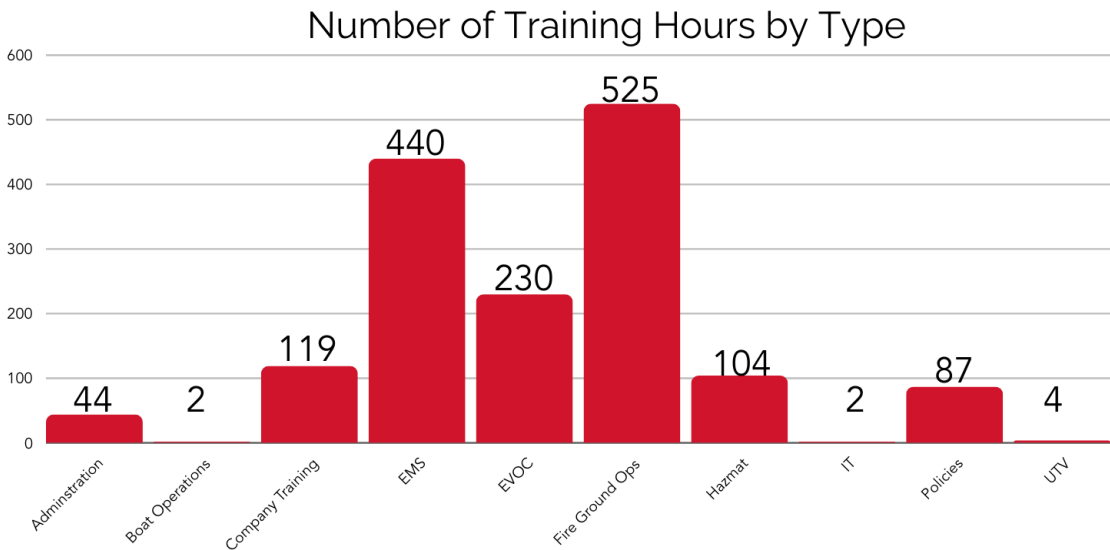
Call Volume by Type



The Fire & Rescue Department fleet is comprised of 10 specialized vehicles. Each vehicle carries an abundance of portable equipment that is required to save lives and protect property. This includes three fire suppression units, three rescue ambulances, and three additional support vehicles.

An UTV unit provides access to the remote areas of Bath such as hiking trails, wooded roads and fields. The Fire & Rescue Department also shares a rescue boat with the Police Department for water rescue operations.

Training Hours



Training is crucial the Fire & Rescue Department. Regular drills and courses ensures the latest techniques in firefighting, rescue operations, and medical aid are being provided. In 2023, the Department completed 1,556 hours of training.

Public Works

Director
Lee Leiner
Deputy Director
Chris Wallace



From left: Operator William Davis, Operator Tom Collins, Public Works Director Lee Liener, Public Works Administrative Assistant Michael Tucker, Operator Sonny Hamilton, Operator Radu Moldovan, Foreman Jacob Dodge, Laborer Adam Bailey, Mechanic John Koebeling, Truck Driver Sam Palicte, Truck Driver Mike Harvey, Laborer Albert Temple, Mechanic Luke Gilliam, Operator Kyle Talbot, Mechanic Ken Pillsbury Assistant Public Works Director Chris Wallace

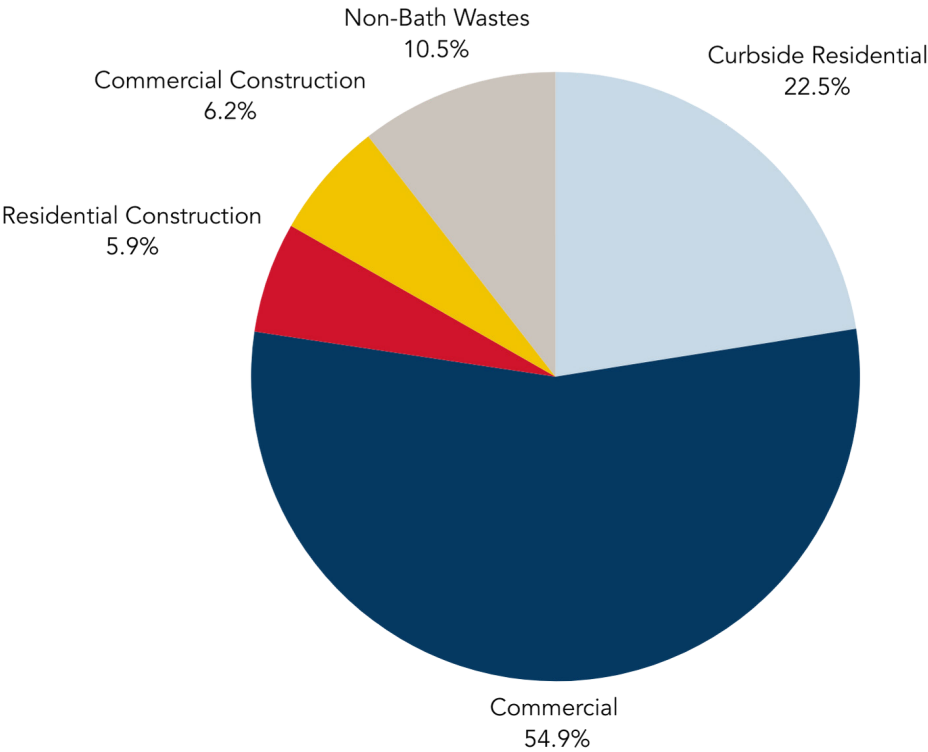
The Public Works Department includes five management staff, three mechanics, seven heavy equipment operators, and four truck drivers. The department constructs, maintains, operates, and reconstructs the infrastructure of Bath. In addition, the department performs all snow plowing and road and sidewalk treatment in winter. It consists of the Division of Streets & Sidewalks, the Division of Sewers & Storm water, the Division of Solid Waste & Recycling, and the Water Pollution Control Facility.

Division of Storm Water & Sewers

The Sewers & Storm Water Division is responsible for constructing, maintaining, and improving the City's sewer system and drainage. This includes all sewer pipes, catch basins, main lines, and the storm water drainage system to ensure adequate drainage on all streets and sidewalk.

Division of Solid Waste & Recycling

The Division of Solid Waste & Recycling manages the operation of the Landfill and associated recycling activities. It oversees the contract for curbside collection of trash and recyclables with a private contractor, and the operation of the pay-as-you-throw program.



Municipal Waste By Type

Approximately 5,407 tons of solid waste was placed at the landfill in FY 2023. Of this total, approximately 4,504 tons was municipal solid waste, and 903 tons was construction/demolition debris.

Division of Streets & Sidewalks



Gallons of Brine



Tons of Salt



Tons of Sand

Public Works responded to 34 events requiring treatment and/or plowing of roads and sidewalks. Bath received approximately 65 inches of snow for the season.

Water Pollution Control Facility

The Bath Water Pollution Control Facility operates and maintains 13 pumping stations around the City as well as the treatment plant. Wastewater coming into the facility from the pump stations goes through different screening systems to remove coarse materials.

The staff is responsible for being continuously on-call and a staff member is required to be at the plant 365 days of the year. They are tasked with responding to more than 250 automated alarms that indicate problems with the process or equipment.

The staff consists of a Superintendent, Chief Operator, four Operators and one Mechanic.

Superintendent
Bryan Levitt



From left: Operator Jeremiah Steward, Chief Operator Zac Perkins, Operator Wade Hunt, Mechanic Tristam Dodge, Superintendent Bryan Levitt, Laborer Albert Temple, Operator Robert Gonzalez

Gallons of
Wastewater Treated
775,982,572

Operating Budget
\$1,065,138

Revenue from
Septage Acceptance
\$44,430

Pounds of Bio solids
to the Landfill
2,525,300

Facilities

Director
Jonathan Carpenter



From left: Custodian Cheyanna Johnson, Custodian Adam Wright, Maintenance Aron Croxford, Director of Facilities Jonathan Carpenter

The Facilities Department is dedicated to maintaining, managing, and enhancing municipal buildings. Key responsibilities include regular maintenance, energy management, capital improvement projects, and ensuring health and safety compliance. The department emphasizes sustainability through energy-efficient upgrades and renewable energy investments and fiscal responsibility.

In 2023, the Facilities Department was integral in the beginning stages of demolition of the 1968 wing of the former Morse High School to make way for the new Fire station.

Parks & Recreation

Director
Steve Balboni

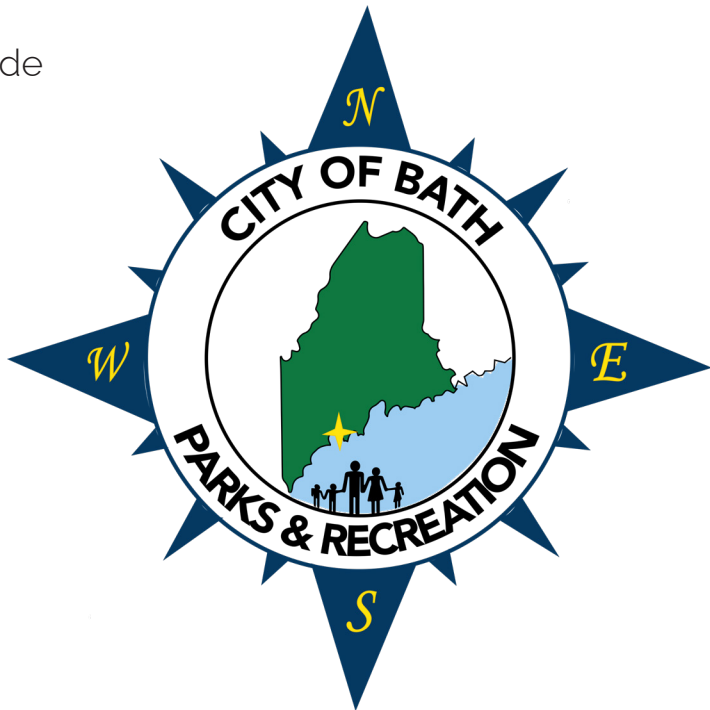
Assistant Recreation Director
Dana Delehanty



From left: Cemeteries and Parks Work Leader Walter Kimball, Laborer Dillon Rogers, City Aborist Jack Hernandez, Cemetery & Parks Administrative Assistant Theresa (Terry) Hanna, Director of Parks & Recreation Steve Balboni, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Ann London, Laborer Dennis Barrett, Custodian Adam Wright, Assistant Director of Recreation Dana Delahanty.

The Bath Parks & Recreation Department is made up of three divisions: Recreation, Cemeteries & Parks, and Forestry.

The Recreation Division consists of six full-time and multiple seasonal employees. The division is responsible for recreational programming, maintaining athletic facilities, and building maintenance for the Donald Small School, which houses a full size basketball court and the Parks & Recreation Offices.



Recreation

The Recreation Division manages Lambert Park Community Center, ice skating at Goddard's Pond, cross-country ski trails, two public playgrounds and a community garden. In 2023 they expanded programing to include pickle ball, field hockey and coding classes and hosted its first sports card show at Donald Small School.

Number of Registrations
2,340

Programs & Special Events
45

Hours of Facility Usage
6,000

Pairs of Ice Skates Rented
140



Pictured: Work on the scoreboard at McMann Field.



Pictured: The Cemeteries Office building with new roof replacement

Forestry

The Bath Forestry Division has one full-time arborist and one seasonal employee. The City Arborist plays a crucial role in maintaining roughly 20,000 City-owned trees and providing technical assistance to residents. They promote forest stewardship and manage special forestry projects, collaborating closely with the Bath Community Forestry Committee. Bath, ranked second in Maine for “Champion” trees, is home to ten state champions, and has a rich history of significant trees and responsible forestry.

Foreman
Walter Kimball
Arborist
Jack Hernandez

Cemeteries & Parks

The Cemeteries & Parks Division has three full-time employees: a Foreman, Heavy Equipment Operator, and an Administrative Assistant. A crew of 12 seasonal employees are hired in the spring to maintain cemeteries throughout summer and fall. Cemeteries & Parks is responsible for all burials; and preservation of 58 acres of City cemeteries and inactive cemeteries, such as Sewall Cemetery on Dummer and Beacon Streets and Fairview Cemetery in Winnegance.

The division manages 23 acres of other City-owned properties including monument parks and Butler Head. They provide year-round maintenance of City (Library) Park, Waterfront Park, North End and South End Boat Launch facilities and the South End Park. The crew also assists the City Arborist with tree work throughout the City.



Regional School Unit 1

34 Wing Farm Parkway, Bath, ME 04530

Patrick Manuel, Superintendent
Debra Clark, Business Manager

Katie Joseph, Assist. Superintendent
Sarah Rent, Director Special Education

Think - Care - Act

February 3, 2023

Dear Citizens,

The mission of RSU 1 is to support and challenge students to develop and apply the skills, knowledge, and character to be responsible and productive participants in a global society. The District Educational Plan is focused on employing and retaining high-quality staff, implementing an engaging curriculum and sound instructional practices, providing a safe and respectful learning environment, and collaboratively improving community relations.

COVID-19 relief funding has been instrumental in improving facilities, providing academic intervention support, offering smaller class sizes when needed, and employing additional social work services to provide social and emotional support to students. This funding continues to be critical to the district; however, all relief monies end after the 2023-2024 school year.

RSU 1 has been fortunate to be the recipient of several educational grants bringing innovative programming and support services to our students. At the high school level, Morse received a grant to offer Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), which are hands-on, credit-bearing learning experiences outside the traditional classroom. ELOs are highly personalized, relevant opportunities for students to connect their learning to everyday life. These experiences can be in the form of internships, job shadowing, practicums, and other career exploration activities. Bath Tech was also awarded grant funding through Jobs for Maine's Graduates to promote ELOs for students, specifically internship opportunities for second-year CTE students.

The district continues to explore options with the State for the unfortunate fire that destroyed much of the Dike Newell School. We certainly appreciated the community generosity that was displayed during this challenging time. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to provide a high-quality education for RSU 1 students.

Sincerely,

Patrick Manuel
Superintendent

34 Wing Farm Parkway, Bath, ME 04530

Telephone: (207) 443-6601

Facsimile: (207) 442-8295

<http://www.rsu1.org/>



Regional School Unit 1

Serving the Communities of Arrowsic – Bath – Phippsburg – Woolwich

Patrick M. Manuel, Superintendent
Debra J. Clark, Business Manager

Katie Joseph, Assistant Superintendent
Sarah Rent, Director of Special Education

Think – Care – Act

February 15, 2024

Dear Citizens,

RSU1 continues to have another dynamic year. As is stated in the Superintendent’s report, Morse’s graduation rate is at 95% and the AP courses being offered are some of the best in the State. The students taking the courses are scoring well. We are still working on funding for the new Dike-Newell School even though the State Board of Education refused to fund us through their emergency protocol. We are supporting legislation by State Senator Vitelli to address the emergency issue.

Federal funds and other grants have helped us to address many issues raised during the pandemic. A few examples of this are as follows. We added nurses and nursing hours to the schools. We added social workers to assist with counseling. We were able to hire teachers for a program addressing students in danger of dropping out of school. Funding allowed Bath Middle School to revisit a unique student driven approach to an outdoor playground.

Funding and grants are ending this fiscal year and we have a difficult task ahead of us. We must decide what is still essential for our students and what we must let go. This decision making happens during budget season this spring. Go to rsu1.org as we will be posting dates for the budget and you can find school board information there. Monday, April 1 will be a public forum on the budget and an opportunity to weigh in with your thoughts. Thank you for supporting the district and its students. We will see you in the spring.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Ensels
RSU1 School Board Chair

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BATH HOUSING 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Bath Housing focuses on the accessibility of stable housing in Bath. This community is vibrant and growing, and while the housing crisis challenge is daunting, we feel energized and positive about changes ahead. Bath Housing is working collaboratively to weave together needed solutions. Here is a look at what has been accomplished in 2022.

NEW PROJECTS

Bath Housing announced a new, 18-unit apartment building to be built in 2023. It will be energy efficient and walkable to downtown and will support families with modest incomes.

After three years of visioning and hard work, we celebrated the construction start at The Uptown with the Szanton Company. The Uptown preserves the Moses and Columbia blocks and adds 50 new apartments to the ten existing – and is the first new housing in Bath since 2017.

ADVOCACY

Bath Housing Executive Director Debora Keller shared suggestions and testimony to the Maine legislature several times in 2022, including testimony in support of LD 2003 on behalf of zoning changes and ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units).

Bath Housing and Patten Free Library presented the history of housing in Bath, from WWI forward – including a robust discussion about challenges we face as a community regarding housing issues.

Bath Housing has been convening regionally with towns, housing organizations, and employers to talk about ways to work together, with an eye towards the 14-mile corridor between Freeport and Bath.

Bath Housing is represented on the City of Bath’s Community Development Committee, which spearheaded a zoning update in Bath and the new ADU legislation in Bath.

RESIDENT SERVICES

Notable services benefitting our residents include:

- On-site tax prep assistance with AARP, enabling Bath Housing residents to receive \$41,785 in COVID state relief checks, and/or tax refunds from the last two years.
- The second year of on-site food services with Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, bringing fresh produce and pantry staples – and weekly meals -- to each Bath Housing property.
- The Patten Free Library and Bath Housing launched a new service to help residents master their smartphones, computers, and tablets with a free assistance program. Clients are also assisted with signing up for the FCC’s Affordable Connectivity Program, which gives residents access to low-cost Internet service.

COMFORTABLY HOME

Bath Housing’s Comfortably Home is one of 10 programs statewide funded by MaineHousing that provide low-cost, high-impact home safety modifications to support ease of living for older Mainers and people with disabilities. In 2022, Bath Housing – the first to launch the program and a blueprint for others – served its 300th Comfortably Home client.

We are proud of all that Bath Housing has done over the last 50+ years to ensure that our community is healthy and resilient – with stable housing at the core. And we are fortunate to work with some of the most extraordinary people in this community – our staff, our board, our residents, the City of Bath, and our community partners.

The Old Bath Customs House, Inc.

Annual Report

January, 2023

The Board of Directors of The Old Bath Customs House, Inc. reports that the building remains at full tenancy with only one tenant behind in her rent at this time. We are in communication with this tenant who has experienced many medical issues this past year and expect she will be current very shortly.

We are pleased to report that our Board of Directors remains the same as last year: Chairman Andrew Perry, Secty./Treas. Pamela Allen, Facilities Managers Herman Nichols and David Hudson and Director Anne Dunham.

We continue to employ a part-time custodian (20 hours per week) and rely on Jorgensen Landscaping to do the snow removal work at a cost of just under \$7,500. We aspire to work with City officials in the future to find ways to reduce this cost. We remain members of Maine Municipal to provide our insurance coverage, both Property and Worker’s Compensation. Under the umbrella of utility bills, we contract with Maine Natural Gas to fuel our boiler system which is annually inspected for safety and efficiency. As we include heat in addition to parking, electricity, water/sewer and common area custodial services as part of our leases, we are constantly monitoring those costs and ways to lower them. This year, after experiencing an increase in water/sewer bills, we contracted to have all the toilets in the building replaced which has resulted in immediate savings. The elevator must be serviced bi-monthly and inspected annually and we see that fire extinguishers and other safety standards are met in the building.

There is much to be done to maintain the building as one of the great architectural gems of Bath. The roof awaits replacement and we are working with City officials to get that project underway as soon as possible. Several trees on the property need to be pruned or removed and we are working with the City Arborist to get this done.

Again, this year, we were pleased to host many events from petting zoos to spots for vendors to promote their wares during city-wide festivals on the Customs House lawn as well as a monthly Art Hop during June, July and August. The maintenance of the grounds is a priority for the Board to keep this very special building looking its best.

The Bath Historical Society, with the authorship of Nathan Lipfert, published a book this year on the building’s history and we were pleased to make a \$500 donation to help fund the printing of this special book. Copies will be distributed by the Society to places where people researching history can use them such as the History Room of the Patten Free Library and the Maine State Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Allen, Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member

Andrew C. Perry, Chairman

Directors: Herman Nichols, David Hudson and Anne Dunham



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the City of Bath for making the Patten Free Library *your* library. Your support of the library in 2021-2022 has enabled:

- 123,630 people to visit the Library
- 113,170 total physical items to be borrowed
- 27,463 items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan
- 13,066 eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed
- 1,799 films viewed through an online streaming service
- 8,080 people to use the public computers
- 5,774 reference questions to be answered
- 4,699 items to be added to the collection
- 7,403 people to attend 190 children’s programs
- 1,118 people to attend 71 adult programs
- 553 young adults to attend 40 programs
- 34 adults to participate in the Summer Reading Program
- 188 children to participate in the Summer Reading Program
- 41 teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program
- 2,183 Grab & Go Kits given out
- 599 parks and museum passes distributed

Our mission is to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue for the citizens of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Woolwich, and West Bath.

Some highlights of the Library's service to Bath in 2021-22 include:

- ❖ The 18th Annual Town History Series, featuring Bath: “The Reconstruction of Maine’s First Ship” presented by Jim Parmentier
- ❖ Homebound Delivery Service to Bath residents
- ❖ Participants from Bath in PFL’s Poetry and Writing Contests
- ❖ *Oceans of Possibilities* children’s summer reading program with 261 participants; 129 of them from Bath
- ❖ 464 new library cards issues to Bath residents; 365 adult, 86 children, 13 young adult
- ❖ 4,358 Bath library cardholders who borrowed 59,690 physical items

Respectfully submitted,
Lesley Dolinger
Director

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The following schedules have been extracted from the 2023 financial statements of the City of Bath, Maine, Annual Financial Report, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
The schedules included herein are:

Independent Auditors' Report

Basic Financial Statements:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

- Statement 1:** Statement of Net Position
- Statement 2:** Statement of Activities

Fund Financial Statements:

- Statement 3:** Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
- Statement 4:** Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
- Statement 5:** Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
- Statement 6:** Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
- Statement 7:** Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual –
Budgetary Basis – All Budgeted Governmental Funds



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City Council
City of Bath
Bath, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bath, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Bath, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying 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 City of Bath, Maine as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices for Community Agencies. 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 City of Bath, Maine and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control

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relevant to the 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 the City of Bath, 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 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 GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements 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 controls 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 the City of Bath, 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 doubt about the City of Bath, 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 funding progress retiree healthcare plan and pension related information on pages 5 through 12 and 60 through 67 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 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 City of Bath, Maine’s basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of department agreements are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by *Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices for Community Agencies* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund

statements and schedules, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of department agreements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the statistical section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2024, on our consideration of the City of Bath, Maine’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bath, Maine’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Bath, Maine’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
January 11, 2024

CITY OF BATH, MAINE Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023	
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,094,790
Investments	18,654,966
Receivables:	
Taxes receivable	594,336
Tax liens	170,592
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$60,270	1,204,507
Notes receivable	486,156
Due from other governments	507,117
Inventory	39,876
Prepaid	33,813
Capital assets, not being depreciated	2,862,300
Capital assets, net of depreciation	42,386,431
Total assets	89,034,884
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,896,235
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	426,798
Total deferred outflows of resources	2,323,033
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	1,116,928
Accrued expenses	400,916
Accrued Tax Abatement	921,797
Accrued interest	187,491
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	2,205,509
Due in more than one year	27,752,127
Total liabilities	32,584,768
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	1,225,519
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	605,793
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,831,312
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	24,419,961
Restricted for:	
Permanent funds:	
Nonexpendable	4,382,366
Community development	453,656
Grants	414,134
TIF Districts	4,434,273
Unrestricted	22,837,447
Total net position	\$ 56,941,837

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Statement 2

CITY OF BATH, MAINE						
Statement of Activities						
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023						
Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position	
		Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Primary Government	
					Governmental activities	
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 3,288,167	\$ 175,693	\$ 388,834	\$ -	\$	(2,723,640)
Public works and wastewater treatment	5,075,261	3,429,315	-	61,498		(1,584,448)
Public safety	4,981,936	949,753	156,300	-		(3,875,883)
Parks and recreation	725,307	516,278	-	-		(209,029)
Health, welfare, and transportation	297,499	42,579	164,712	-		(90,208)
Education	11,416,679	-	-	-		(11,416,679)
Intergovernmental	1,952,613	-	-	-		(1,952,613)
Unclassified	6,628,270	-	22,696	-		(6,605,574)
Interest on debt	535,033	-	-	-		(535,033)
Capital outlay	500,126	-	-	58,684		(441,442)
Total governmental activities	35,400,891	5,113,618	732,542	120,182		(29,434,549)
Total primary government	\$ 35,400,891	\$ 5,113,618	\$ 732,542	\$ 120,182		(29,434,549)
General revenues:						
Property taxes, levied for general purposes						25,611,354
Contributions in lieu of taxes						35,000
Motor vehicle excise taxes						1,385,274
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:						
Homestead and BETE exemption						3,091,165
Other State/Federal aid						886,812
State Revenue Sharing						2,417,729
Unrestricted investment earnings (loss), net						2,566,764
Other						273,374
Total general revenues and special items						36,267,472
Change in net position						6,832,923
Net position - beginning						50,108,914
Net position - ending						\$ 56,941,837

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Statement 3

CITY OF BATH, MAINE									
Balance Sheet									
Governmental Funds									
June 30, 2023									
	Sewer			TIF	Funds	Landfill	Capital	Other	Total
	General	Utility	Fund						
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,834,887	\$ 437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 76,145	\$ 182,921	\$ 22,094,790	
Investments	12,709,281	-	-	-	1,139,594	-	4,806,091	18,654,966	
Receivables:									
Taxes receivable	594,336	-	-	-	-	-	-	594,336	
Tax liens	170,592	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,592	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$60,270	526,982	568,194	-	-	77,369	-	31,962	1,204,507	
Notes receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	486,156	486,156	
Due from other governments	-	507,117	-	-	-	-	-	507,117	
Interfund loans receivable	-	1,742,639	4,434,969	-	1,149,889	2,688,523	1,035,324	11,051,344	
Inventory	39,876	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,876	
Prepaid items	33,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,813	
Total assets	\$ 35,909,767	\$ 2,818,387	\$ 4,434,969	\$ 2,367,252	\$ 2,764,668	\$ 6,542,454	\$ 54,837,497		
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$ 1,116,928	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,116,928	
Accrued expenditures	359,722	14,160	696	-	6,375	-	19,963	400,916	
Accrued Tax Abatement	921,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	921,797	
Interfund loans payable	11,051,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,051,344	
Total liabilities	13,449,791	14,160	696	-	6,375	-	19,963	13,490,985	
Deferred Inflows of Resources:									
Deferred tax revenue	480,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	480,000	
Total deferred inflows of resources	480,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	480,000	
Fund Balances:									
Nonspendable	73,689	-	-	-	-	-	4,836,022	4,909,711	
Restricted	-	-	4,434,273	-	-	-	414,134	4,848,407	
Committed	14,168,776	2,804,227	-	-	2,360,877	2,764,669	288,581	22,387,130	
Assigned	899,539	-	-	-	-	-	1,302,798	2,202,337	
Unassigned	6,837,972	-	-	-	-	-	(319,045)	6,518,927	
Total fund balances	21,979,976	2,804,227	4,434,273	-	2,360,877	2,764,669	6,522,490	40,866,512	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 35,909,767	\$ 2,818,387	\$ 4,434,969	\$ 2,367,252	\$ 2,764,669	\$ 6,542,453	\$ 54,837,497		

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Statement 4

CITY OF BATH, MAINE	
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position	
June 30, 2023	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 40,866,512
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital position used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
More specifically, non-depreciable & depreciable capital position as reported on Statement 1	45,248,731
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
	480,000
Noncurrent liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	(426,766)
Other post-employment benefits	(1,702,671)
Net pension liability, including related deferred outflows and inflows	(2,047,708)
Accrued interest	(187,491)
Landfill closure	(4,460,000)
Bonds payable	(20,828,770)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 56,941,837

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Statement 5

CITY OF BATH, MAINE									
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances									
Governmental Funds									
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023									
	General	Sewer Utility Fund	TIF Funds	Landfill	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds	Other		Total
Revenues:									
Taxes	\$ 18,496,707	\$ -	\$ 6,829,530	\$ 1,076,537	\$ 1,156,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,558,808	
Licenses and permits	175,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	175,693	
Intergovernmental	5,561,434	684,079	-	61,498	58,684	882,735		7,248,430	
Charges for services	996,526	2,571,721	-	810,821	-	558,857		4,937,925	
Investment income (loss), net	1,873,771	-	-	140,320	-	552,673		2,566,764	
Other revenues	205,626	-	-	-	18,642	49,105		273,373	
Total revenues	27,309,757	3,255,800	6,829,530	2,089,176	1,233,360	2,043,370		42,760,993	
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	1,513,980	-	515,876	1,090,616	-	169,618		3,290,090	
Public works and wastewater treatment	1,721,040	1,540,487	-	-	-	-		3,261,527	
Public safety	4,509,164	-	-	-	-	185,198		4,694,362	
Parks and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	651,994		651,994	
Health, welfare and transportation	61,262	-	-	-	-	236,237		297,499	
Education	11,416,679	-	-	-	-	-		11,416,679	
Intergovernmental	1,952,613	-	-	-	-	-		1,952,613	
Unclassified	2,850,329	-	3,282,763	-	-	495,178		6,628,270	
Debt service	595,542	756,693	670,584	577,866	602,912	-		3,203,597	
Capital outlays	-	1,202,196	729,213	33,643	1,807,057	-		3,772,109	
Total expenditures	24,620,609	3,499,376	5,198,436	1,702,125	2,409,969	1,738,225		39,168,740	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,689,148	(243,576)	1,631,094	387,051	(1,176,609)	305,145		3,592,253	
Other financing sources (uses):									
Transfers in	129,788	-	-	-	99,653	321,245		550,686	
Transfers out	(274,898)	-	(211,000)	-	-	(64,788)		(550,686)	
Sale of City property	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
Proceeds from bonds and notes	-	-	-	-	601,000	-		601,000	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(145,110)	-	(211,000)	-	700,653	256,457		601,000	
Net change in fund balances	2,544,038	(243,576)	1,420,094	387,051	(475,956)	561,602		4,193,253	
Fund balances, beginning of year	19,435,938	3,047,803	3,014,179	1,973,826	3,240,625	5,960,887		36,673,258	
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 21,979,976	\$ 2,804,227	\$ 4,434,273	\$ 2,360,877	\$ 2,764,669	\$ 6,522,489	\$ 40,866,511		

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Statement 6

CITY OF BATH, 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, 2023		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 5)	\$	4,193,253
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those position is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which net capital outlays (\$3,271,983) were more than depreciation expense (\$2,232,154) and capital asset disposals (\$0).		1,039,829
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the change in deferred revenue.		(527,180)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This is the decrease in accrued interest (\$15,241), a decrease in net pension liability with related deferred inflows and outflows (\$179,987) combined with an increase in other post-employment benefits (\$8,245) and an increase in accrued compensated absences (\$48,776).		154,697
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayments (\$2,653,323) were more than debt proceeds (\$601,000).		2,052,323
Noncurrent liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. This represents the increase in landfill liability.		(80,000)
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	6,832,922

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Statement 7

	General Fund				Sewer Utility Fund			
	Budget		Actual		Budget		Actual	
	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final
Revenues:								
Taxes	\$ 17,558,197	\$ 17,558,197	\$ 18,496,707	\$ 938,510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	119,205	119,205	175,693	56,488	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	4,751,880	4,751,880	5,561,434	809,554	-	-	684,079	684,079
Charges for services	947,000	947,000	996,526	49,526	2,586,600	2,586,600	2,571,721	(14,879)
Investment income (loss), net	620,000	620,000	1,873,771	1,253,771	-	-	-	-
Other revenues	168,000	168,000	179,130	11,130	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	24,164,282	24,164,282	27,283,261	3,118,979	2,586,600	2,586,600	3,255,800	669,200
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	1,608,866	1,608,866	1,513,980	94,886	-	-	-	-
Public works	1,730,068	1,730,068	1,721,040	9,028	-	-	-	-
Public safety	4,544,947	4,544,947	4,509,164	35,783	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	71,300	71,300	61,262	10,038	-	-	-	-
Education	11,416,679	11,416,679	11,416,679	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,952,613	1,952,613	1,952,613	-	-	-	-	-
Administration	-	-	-	-	110,000	110,000	111,631	(1,631)
Treatment plant	-	-	-	-	1,053,638	1,053,638	1,016,927	36,711
Maintenance	3,191,063	3,191,063	2,850,329	340,734	425,613	425,613	411,929	13,684
Unclassified	595,118	595,118	595,542	(424)	756,448	756,448	756,693	(245)
Debt service	-	-	-	-	224,837	224,837	1,202,196	(977,359)
Capital	-	-	-	-	2,570,536	2,570,536	3,499,376	(928,840)
Total expenditures	25,110,654	25,110,654	24,620,609	490,045	2,570,536	2,570,536	3,499,376	(928,840)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(946,372)	(946,372)	2,662,652	3,609,024	16,064	16,064	(243,576)	(259,640)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	90,000	90,000	129,788	39,788	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(299,898)	(299,898)	(274,898)	25,000	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(209,898)	(209,898)	(145,110)	64,788	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances - budgetary basis	(1,156,270)	(1,156,270)	2,517,542	3,673,812	16,064	16,064	(243,576)	(259,640)
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:								
Fuel revenues for fuel tank reserve			26,496	-				
Net change in fund balances			2,544,038				(243,576)	
Fund balances, beginning of year			19,435,938				3,047,803	
Fund balances, end of year			\$ 21,979,976				\$ 2,804,227	

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