



CHINA *Maine*

— THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE —

*Annual Report for
fiscal year ended
June 30, 2021*

The Annual Town Business Meeting will be held through an election, via ballot format!

**Election date is
Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

Please be sure to cast your **straw ballot** to vote for either an open town meeting **or** written vote. There will be a table set up, after you vote, on Election Day.

Town office will be closed on Election Day.

Transfer Station hours of business:

(hours effective May 17, 2022)

Sunday, Monday, and Thursday closed.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday.....7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m



Town Office hours of business:

Monday through Friday.....7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m

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Town Manager

Greetings,

As we maneuvered through another fiscal year, mostly in pandemic mode, we continued to provide the municipal services taxpayers expect. Boards and committees met; sometimes in person, while other times via Zoom. The town continued to encourage participation by all taxpayers through Livestream meetings and zoom, allowing residents to directly interact and ask questions during the public comment period of meetings.

We had another adjustment in assessed values in 2021. These were based on an in-depth sales analysis based on the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 real estate market. The assessing agent has continued to study the market in anticipation of another possible upward adjustment for the current year. The Select Board members always ask, "What happens if the real estate market goes back down? Will properties be adjusted downward?" The assessing agent agrees that could be a possibility. Those of us reviewing the data are not seeing any downward turn in the real estate market just yet.

The proposed municipal budget for 2022/2023 contains a 2.27% increase. The greatest increase is in the cemetery line. The cost to mow and maintain our cemeteries has increased tremendously. We also will have a summer intern who will make updates to older cemetery records, convert the files into a digital format and enhance research capabilities. She will photograph and catalog graves, create a searchable database of plots within each cemetery, scan old records and visit each of our 30 plus cemeteries to notate where maintenance is needed.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. The U.S. Treasury has provided the rules covering expenditures. Some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects are included in this year's budget. All ARPA expenditures require voter approval before money can be expended. The town will receive a total of \$454,887.06 in ARPA funds. We received the first tranche in September 2021 and expect the second payment in 2022. The Select Board has proposed using up to \$132,200 for six proposed projects. Projects included are emergency generators, Emergency 911 signs for every residence, a digital sign to be located at the South China Fire Department and used by the town and fire departments, premium pay to eligible municipal workers who worked in-person during a narrow timeframe during the pandemic, additional senior events and activities and a digital portable sign for speed control and community announcements. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and fully expended by December 31, 2026.

I enjoy serving as your town manager and am very thankful for the opportunity to work for the community which I love. We have great residents. The Select Board strives to make the best decisions for the community. Many partners like the State of Maine, neighboring towns and various agencies help assist the municipality in providing the best service we can to our residents. If you have a chance to meet any of our employees, please take the opportunity.

These individuals are thoughtful, dedicated, and mindful of your tax dollars and many are taxpayers themselves. I am proud to call each of my coworker a member of my work family. If you get a chance to stop by the office, please say, "Hello". I appreciate your questions, comments, and advice.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky (Rebecca) Hapgood
Town Manager



Always willing to do whatever is needed to get the job done,
with a smile!

Directory of Officials

Select Board- *Three members are elected in November of even numbered years while two are elected in the odd numbered years. Nomination papers are available in July. The five members can reside anywhere in China.*

Ronald Breton (2022)

Blane Casey (2022)

Wayne Chadwick (2023)

Jeanne Marquis (2023)

Janet Preston (2022)

Planning Board- *Six members are elected to serve a two-year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.*

District 1- Michael Brown (2023)

District 2- Toni Wall (2022)

District 3- Walter Bennett (2023)

District 4- Scott Rollins (2022)

At-Large- James Wilkens (2022)

Alternate At-Large-
Natale Tripodi (2023)

Budget Committee- *Seven members are elected to serve a two-year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.*

Chairman- Thomas Rumpf (2023)

Secretary- Trishea Story (2022)

District 1- Kevin Maroon (2023)

District 2- vacant (2022)

District 3- Michael Sullivan (2023)

District 4- Timothy Basham (2022)

At-Large- Elizabeth Curtis (2022)

China's Regional School Unit (RSU) Directors- *Two members serve for three-year terms. Members can reside anywhere in China. Nomination papers are available in July of the applicable year.*

Dawn Castner (2022)

T. James Bachinski (2024)

Appeals Board- *Members are appointed and serve a five-year term.*

Spencer Aitel (2024)

Stephen Greene (2026)

Robert Fischer (2023)

Michael Gee (2022)

Lisa Kane (2025)

Brent Chesley (2025)

Vacant (2023)

Board of Assessment Review- *Members are appointed to serve a three-year term.*

Harold Charles (2023)

Dale Peabody (2024)

Sheri Wilkens (2022)

Alternate- Dwaine Drummond (2024)

Alternate- vacant (2022)



The following committees are appointed through June 30, 2022:

Broadband Committee

Tod Detre
Neil Farrington
Robert O'Connor
Jamie Pitney
Janet Preston (advisory only)

Cemetery Committee

Harold Charles
Adam Ellis
Elwood Ellis
Julie Finley
H. Richard Norton
Elizabeth Curtis
Jean Dempster

China for a Lifetime Committee

Eric Austin
Joann Austin
Irene Belanger
Barry Blackinton
Jodi Blackinton

Sheldon Goodine
Christopher Hann
Karen Hatch
Sandra Isaac
Laurie Lizotte
Jeanne Marquis

Transfer Station Committee

Larry Sikora
Mark Davis
Karen Hatch
Paul Lucas

Irene Belanger
Bob Kurek- Palermo
Chris Diesch- Palermo

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Sara Batteese
Harold Charles
Ronald Morrell
Shawn Reed
Stephen Nichols
William Rancourt

Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee

Kelly Grotton
Richard Morse
Joel Nelson
William VanWickler

Forestry Committee

Timothy Basham
Irene Belanger
Elaine Philbrook
Anita Smith

Historical Preservation Committee

Irene Belanger
Carlaine Bovio
Dwayne Drummond
Neil Farrington
Kelly Grotton

KRDA- Kennebec Regional Development Authority (FirstPark)

Janet Preston

Recreation Committee

Edward Brownell

Todd Dunn

Scott McCormac

Raigan York

Thadius Barber

Dave Ross

Martha Wentworth- chair

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Robert Batteese

Janet Lully

Thomas Rumpf

Road Committee

Frederick Anderson

Jennifer Chamberlain

Dale Peabody

Shawn Reed

Wayne Chadwick-
advisory only

Recycling Coordinators

Irene Belanger

Neil Farrington

Tax Increment Financing Committee (TIF)

Lucas Adams

Danny Joe Boivin

Brent Chesley

Thomas Michaud

Karen Morin

James Pitney

James (JJ) Wentworth

Trishea Story

Michael Wing

Thurston Park Committee

Irene Belanger

Trevy Bumps

Philip DeMaynadier

Bonny Hersey

Robert Jackson

Ronald Maxwell

Steve & Sonia Nelson

Jeanette Smith

Christian Wilkens

Sheri Wilkens

Municipal Building Committee

Sheldon Goodine- chair

Terry Demerchant-
secretary

Scott Pierz

Tiffany Glidden

Jaime Hanson

Angela Nelson



Rebecca Hapgood- Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Deputy Civil Emergency Preparedness Director, Agent to the Overseers of the Poor, Public Access Officer, General Assistance Administrator, Human Resource Director and Building Official

Angela Nelson- Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Certified Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy General Assistance Administrator

Jaime Hanson- Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector and Local Health Officer

Shawn Reed- Public Works & Transfer Station manager

Joel Nelson- China Village Fire Chief

Richard Morse- South China Fire Chief

William VanWickler- Weeks Mills Fire Chief

Danny McKinnis- China Rescue Chief

Stephen Nichols- Civil Emergency Preparedness Director



Town Office Deputy Clerks

Tammy Bailey

Jennifer Chamberlain

Julie Finley

Kelly Grotton

Bonnie Lawson

Transfer Station Attendants

Timothy Grotton

Gary McCarty

Thomas Miraggio

Joshua Watson

Public Works Crew

Marty Britten

Joshua Ross

Rick Stimson



China Broadband Committee

<https://www.chinabroadband.org>

The China Broadband Committee had a busy year working to bring the best broadband internet solution to China to serve the poorly served, the underserved, and the unserved local customers. We chose Axiom to build that system. The select board and townspeople voted down our proposal in November 2021.

As a committee, we went back to the drawing board to look at all possible solutions again. We are in the process of reviewing proposals from Consolidated Communications, Spectrum Charter, and a new player, Direct Communications, who recently acquired Unitel of Unity, Maine.

There are government ARPA funds, Treasury monies, Infrastructure monies (NTIA) that can help, yet the rules for distribution through the Feds, State and County have not been written.

Our goals are to bring all residents of China up to speed with broadband that is fast, reliable, competitively priced, and future-proof, without increasing town taxes and using grants and TIF funds to help make this work.

Bob O'Connor,
Chair
Jamie Pitney
Neil
Farrington
Tod Dedre
Janet Preston, ex officio



Dear Friends,

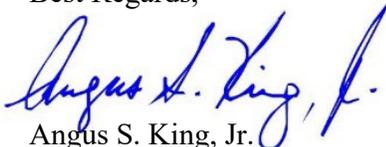
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an honor to represent you and your family during these challenging times, and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause challenges for people in Maine and across the country. Please know that the health and safety of you and your loved ones, as well as the economic recovery of our communities, remains the driving force behind legislation I have pushed for in Congress.

In early 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, historic legislation that makes investments to crush the virus, create millions of jobs, provide direct relief to working families, and help schools remain safely open. Not only did this legislation give 90 percent of American households a stimulus check, but it also helped local and state governments better respond to the pandemic, put food on families' tables, got more vaccine shots into arms, cut child poverty in half through the expanded Child Tax Credit, and so much more. The American Rescue Plan is one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress will ever pass, and I'm so proud to have supported it from the beginning. You can read more about this piece of legislation here: <https://pingree.house.gov/covid>.

Our economic recovery from the pandemic will be accelerated even more thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed in November. This legislation marks the most expansive infrastructure investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. From funding to repair our aging roads, bridges, and ports to high-speed broadband expansion and legacy pollution clean-up, this law is a once-in-a-generation investment in our future.

In addition to working on COVID-19 relief legislation, my Congressional colleagues and I are also collaborating on legislation that addresses the climate crisis, supports voting rights, and—through my role on the House Appropriations Committee—supports programs important to Maine.

After seven years on the House Appropriations Committee, I took the gavel and lead the subcommittee that oversees discretionary spending for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, and several agencies related to the arts and humanities. In my new role as Chair, I have fought to secure significant funding for Maine's tribes, environmental preservation programs, our cultural economy, and our forests.

I will keep pushing legislation to support America's long-term care needs, lower prescription drug costs, expand Medicare benefits, cut taxes for working people, make our workforce competitive with the world, and fight climate change.

So, as we reflect on 2021, let us welcome 2022 with a renewed sense of optimism. There is a lot to fight for, and I assure you I will continue to fight for Maine in Congress. I want you to know that my staff and I are doing all we can to support Mainers through this public health crisis and all the challenges that come with it. If you are unsure of the resources available to you, are having difficulty accessing resources, or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely, Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress





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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Janet T. Mills
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

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January 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I near the end of my 4th term, I wanted to express my appreciation that you have once again entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative. I am finishing my term as the Lead Republican on the Joint Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome. With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Tim.Theriault@legislature.maine.gov and we will gladly add you to our list.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy S. Theriault".

Timothy S. Theriault
State Representative

"First to Serve ~ 1799"

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January 26, 2022

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2021. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including two K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49.

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

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

One type of call has increased dramatically: overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. As the problem continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

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

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

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

My agency has been receiving federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. To date, the effort of Kennebec County Deputies

in those federally funded programs excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2021, the three civil deputies received over 7,124 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2020. Some of the services include, civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1738 inmate intakes. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

China Rescue

China Rescue had 431 calls for service last year. These calls consisted primarily of medical emergencies, many of which were COVID related. This is a high volume of calls for us which made it quite challenging for our members. Assisting patients with their requests for service along with trying to keep ourselves protected, proved to be difficult.

Among our many challenging calls, we responded to one of our member's homes, George Weber. Upon arrival, after having slipped us a note under the garage door giving us warning that both he and his daughter had COVID, it allowed us the additional time to put on the necessary protective gear. This was the last we saw of George, as he lost his battle and passed a few months later in hospital. George touched many lives; he was not just a team member, but a dear friend, who we miss very much. We will never forget the impact he made and how much he contributed to this town and our Country. We thank you, George, for your dedication and selfless service.



Rescue meets the third Tuesday of every month at the China Village Fire station. Our members train for one hour prior. Maine EMS has made many changes over the years and our members have to keep up with new protocols and skills in this ever-changing world. Working full time jobs, volunteering for Rescue, and maintaining a somewhat normal home life can be extremely difficult. EMS in general is finding it difficult to recruit and retain new members. Full time services are looking into different ways to manage this issue so we will see lots of changes in the way we do things in the near future.

I would like to thank our members for the time and dedication they give to China Rescue and the town. The crew that we have are on call 24 hours a day as availability allows them. They are out on the streets when you are tucked in bed, rushing to the aid of someone in need.

Thank you, Paramedic Webb Shaw, Advanced EMT Erika Thayer, EMT Tom Alfieri, EMT Jeanna Varney, EMT Tim Dow and EMR Norman Black for all you do.

Thank you to China Village Fire, South China Fire, Weeks Mills Fire, State Police, Kennebec Sheriff, Life Flight, Warden Service, Delta Ambulance, and all surrounding mutual aid towns for your assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to the citizens of China for your continued support.

Anyone interested in joining our service can contact me or any of our members for information.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny McKinnis (Rescue Chief)



China Village Volunteer Fire Department

First, we would like to thank the citizens of China for their continued support of the town's emergency services.

The China Village Volunteer Fire Department has answered 118 calls for service in 2021 that included 9 structure fires in town, 3 chimney fires, 7 wildland/brush fire/illegal burns, 6 vehicle fires, 34 vehicle accidents, 13 downed wires or trees, 11 fire or carbon monoxide alarms, and 8 miscellaneous service calls. In addition, the Department provided 8 assists to China Rescue, 2 assists to stranded boats, 1 search for a missing boater, 1 fireworks complaint and responded to 15 mutual aid requests in neighboring towns. Our calls are continuing to increase each year. We responded to 17 more calls for service in 2021 than 2020.

Our members continue to support the town in many other ways than emergency calls. We are participating with South China and Weeks Mills Fire Department at China Primary School's Fire Prevention Day Drive by Parade. China Community Days made a re-appearance this year, and we stood by for the fireworks event in August. Again, this year we participated in celebrating Halloween with a drive through trick or treat event at the station, which was a great success to see our friends and neighbors come out and support us. We again teamed up with the China Four Seasons Club on our 2nd annual fishing derby. It was an enjoyable event with much support from the community. The event ended with spectacular fireworks display over the North end of the lake! We also tried our hand at a Gun Raffle in the fall. With the support of China Redemption and Variety we were able to raffle off 8 guns which resulted in another successful fundraiser.

We currently have 24 active members, and we recently added 1 new member this past fall. If you have any interest in possibly becoming a firefighter or volunteer, I encourage you to visit with us at any of our meetings that are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Station at 30 Causeway Road. You can also learn more about us by visiting our China Village Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

We continue to have joint quarterly meetings with the 3 fire departments and rescue service in China. We continue to support having three stations as our town is a rectangle with some extended travel times to the further boundaries of the town during emergencies.

Update on our equipment. We are currently looking to obtain funding to replace Tank 34, a 1990 4 Guys/Ford Pumper/Tanker. The truck was bought used 7-8 years ago from a department in New York state that had bought it brand new in 1990. It's the second most used truck in our fleet and now the oldest. We did receive a \$58,000 regional Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant this past fall to replace the vast majority of our communications equipment which includes the mobile and portable radios plus our pagers. Our local match is 10%. We have received the pagers but expect to receive the radios during the summer of 2022. We were able to purchase a new Carbon Monoxide/4 gas meter in the spring of 2021 with a generous grant from Sappi Fine Paper. As you may have noted above, we respond to several fire/carbon monoxide alarms throughout the year. We encourage anyone who is unsure of why their smoke or combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm is sounding to call 911 and have the fire department come out and check your home or business.

We will still be conducting our major fundraising activity which is our annual chicken barbecue that is usually held the first Saturday of July. We especially want to thank everyone who turned out this past year when we sold over 500 meals. We continue to up the total number of meals each year and continue to sell out! We look forward to being as successful again this coming year and hope you will keep this exceptional noon-time meal in mind as we continue to replenish our department fund that is used for special projects and unexpected expenses not covered by our Town Operating Account.

I want to close by offering my sincere thanks to all our members and families for their dedicated service to the Town; and to the members of China Rescue, South China Fire Department, Weeks Mills Fire Departments, and many other public safety agencies who work so closely with us on emergency responses and fire prevention activities. I also want to acknowledge that we greatly appreciate our neighboring departments who provide mutual aid whenever we call them to assist us.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy S. Theriault
Fire Chief

Current list of members:

Matthew	Adams
Scott	Adams
Matt	Allen
Sarah	Batteese
Robert	Batteese
Nivek	Boostedt
Edward	Brownell
Joel	Cloutier
Carl	Coombs
Dan	Constanzer
Erasmo	Gonzalez
Sandra	Isaac
Kaitlin	Joy
Michael	Littlefield
Benjamin	Loubier
Kevin	Maroon
Kerry	Martin
Danny	McKinnis
Ronald	Morrell
Joel	Nelson
Richard	Prescott
William	Rancourt
Christopher	Sylvester
Timothy	Theriault





South China Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Citizens of the Town of China,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the following report on behalf of the South China Volunteer Fire Department.

From July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, the South China Volunteer Fire Department responded to 87 alarms. This is down a bit from last year. They break down by type as follows: 14 Structure, 17 downed wires/trees in road, 4 vehicle fire, 20 auto accidents, 8 assist to rescue, 11 unfounded/false alarms, 2 set up Landing Zone for Lifeflight helicopter, 7 forest/brush/grass, 15 hazardous conditions, and 1 search. 15 of the above were mutual aid to neighboring towns for structure fires and other incidents.

We currently have 28 active members. We continue to attract new members and as of this writing we have 5 new probationary members. I do believe that the support by the townspeople of the Stipends program has had a positive influence on recruitment and retention of members. Training and equipping new members is an expensive but absolutely necessary process. The cost per new firefighter can be as much as \$6000. All such increasing costs of operations are reflected in our annual appropriations requests from the Townspeople.

I am pleased to report that as a result of a federal grant we have a new primary alerting and operational radio repeater and frequency for China Fire and China Rescue. We very much appreciate the support and cooperation of the Town Manager and the Public Works Department for their help with this important project. Our previous repeater frequency, which we share with Vassalboro, is still in place and remains their primary system. It continues to serve us as a completely separate backup alerting and operational system should our system fail for any reason.

China is a large town geographically and we are very fortunate that we have 3 separate volunteer fire departments that can cover this far-flung territory. In addition, and even more importantly, it gives us a much larger personnel and apparatus resource to draw from when needed. To use a sports analogy, we have a much deeper bench than most towns. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, volunteer firefighters are saving localities across the nation \$140 billion each year, over the paid, full time, municipal, alternative.

Somerset County's PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) answers our 911 calls, and the Waterville Communications Center provides dispatching services. This partnership continues to run very smoothly, and we continue to be happy with the service we receive. As a small town, it is not practical nor cost efficient to have our own dispatch services. On this issue, I believe it would be to the benefit of all the Towns in Kennebec County if the County would set up a dispatch center, supported by the County tax that would replace the hodgepodge of dispatch centers that currently operate. Such a center would much more efficiently serve the emergency dispatching needs of the whole County. Most other counties in Maine have such a system.

Our monthly in-house training program continues to be well attended and is working well. Many thanks to our volunteer instructors. We held several hands-on training sessions and participated in joint training with China Village, and Weeks Mills.

We again conducted a very successful fire prevention program at the China school(s) during Fire Prevention Week (our 33rd annual). Due to the Covid it was modified substantially, but in spite of the restrictions it was a success. Thanks to Cindy Sienkbiel for her leadership and to all the volunteers from the Town's three fire departments and China Rescue who helped make this a success. Thanks also to the staff at the school for their support of this program. We feel it helps to prevent fires and save lives.

We continue our close relationship with and the joint meetings with the China Village, Weeks Mills, and China Rescue departments. At our meetings we discuss current issues, joint operations, training, and equipment purchases. In addition, the Chief's communicate frequently to discuss relevant issues. These activities help us to provide better and more coordinated fire protection services to the town.

We held our 41st annual Fireman's Auction in July and we thank the townspeople for their donations of goods and money and their bids at this fun event and fund raiser. It would have been the 42nd but for the fact that we had to take a year off due to Covid19 issues. We save up and use these funds for projects such as our recent purchase of the standby generator at the station, and to support unexpected expenses that are not covered in our regular operational budget. Again, this year instead of hand delivery of our auction flyers, we did a direct mail campaign. It was very successful, and we will be doing it again next year. It saved our volunteers many miles and hours and it provided more thorough coverage.

I am also the Town Forest Fire Warden for China. Fire permits are required for **all open burning year-round**. In 2016, we instituted a free online burning permit issuing system. To obtain a permit simply type "**www.wardensreport.com**" into your browser and follow the simple instructions. It will let you get a permit after 9:00 AM (that is the time that the fire danger class is first available from the Maine Forest Service) on any day that the fire danger is less than Class 3 (HIGH). If you have a "smartphone" you can use it to get a permit. Don't worry that you can't get a printed copy this way. As long as you can produce the permit on your phone or other device you will be fine. If you do not have a computer or a

“smartphone” you can go to the Town office, and the staff will use the system for you. You can still contact me as well.

Any member of the community that would like to join us should contact any department member concerning sponsorship. If you are unable to give your time as an active member you may be able to help us in other ways with your particular skill set, and you can still help a great deal by bidding at our auction or simply making a cash donation at any time.

I would like to close by expressing my thanks to and pride in all the members of the Department for their dedication, the countless hours they volunteer every year to help their neighbors and keep our community safe.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. E. Morse". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Richard E. Morse
Fire Chief

Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department

Department members:

Bill Van Wickler

Webb Shaw

Norman Black

Greg Altham

Marlo Chavarie

Kevin Freeman

Justin Quimby

Chuck Stephenson

Ray Chavarie

Tom Michaud

Tom Stephenson

Kevin Freeman

Chris Booher

The members of the Weeks Mills Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the town China for their continued support of the Fire Departments and China Rescue. As volunteer's all share the same goal, working together for public safety. Your continued support helps ensure we have the necessary equipment and proper training needed to make us efficient, keep us safe and allow us to make a difference.

All three Fire Departments and Rescue continue to meet in a joint meeting to discuss equipment needs, training as well as what's coming up in the future of Fire and Rescue. These meetings allow us to discuss tactics and procedures to better serve the town as well as coordinate with surrounding communities with which we provide and receive mutual aid.

Last year Weeks Mills Station responded to 44 various calls categorized as structure fires, brush fires, Chimney fires, car accidents, mutual aid and miscellaneous calls consisting of false alarms, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, trees and wires in the roadway etc. I personally wish to thank all the members of W.M.V.F.D for their commitment to our department as well as all the members of China Fire and Rescue for their dedication to our town. I would also like to thank the families of all the Firefighters and Rescue members for your understanding and support.

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year, the best way to remember this is to change the batteries when you set your clocks ahead in the spring and back in the fall. If you have a fire remember get out, stay out, have a meeting place, make sure everyone is accounted for and dial 911.

Weeks Mills V.F.D. meets on the first Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm. Our door is always open for, and we desperately need, new members.

Respectfully submitted by Chief Bill Van Wickler.



DELTA AMBULANCE

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DeltaAmbulance.org

24-HOUR DISPATCH

Augusta Area: 207.623.4900 | Waterville Area: 207.861.4244

Service Report – China 2021

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

We are pleased to be able to provide emergency Paramedic care to the people of China and to continue supporting your First Response Rescue at no cost to your community. As a regional, community-based organization, we continue to fund our operations solely by reimbursement directly from the patient and the patient’s insurance. This is currently possible due to our economy of scale. A significant portion of our patient charges, annually, are written off as charitable giving to the uninsured and underinsured. Additionally, we continue to support community events throughout our coverage area.

According to state data, in 2021 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 17,000 calls, 413 911-calls were in China. Additionally, we serve your community by regularly providing non-emergency care and transfer services for patients as well as standby for fire calls.

Our average response times, the time between our receipt of the call and our arrival, for delivery of paramedic care was 14.9 minutes for emergencies.

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

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

During the current COVID-19 health crisis and beyond, Delta Ambulance is committed providing the highest quality emergency medical services to the communities we serve - safely and effectively. This is Delta’s number one priority and we are prepared and proud to serve you as your trusted emergency medical service provider.

As always, if we can assist you with a project or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of China.

We remain committed.

Respectfully,
Timothy A Beals, Executive Director

Bill McKenna
Director of Community Relations 207.861.4251

B.McKenna@DeltaAmbulance.org

Clerk's Office

China's Town Clerk Angela Nelson and Deputy Clerks Kelly Grotton, Julie Finley, Jennifer Chamberlain, Tammy Bailey, and Bonnie Lawson are responsible for the care and preservation of municipal records. The clerks record the births, deaths, and marriages for the town. Most of these records are kept electronically via the state DAVE system. Older records are stored in our vault for perpetuity. If one of the parties looking to get married reside in China, you may obtain a marriage license through the town office. Please call ahead to make an appointment as this process takes about 30 minutes. Other duties include the issuance of dog licenses, hunting and fishing and other recreational licenses, registration of ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, motor vehicles and trailers, genealogy requests, conducting elections, voter registration, administering and recording oaths, notary services and numerous other roles as they arise. The following pages contain the records of deaths and marriages from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Since State Law does not allow for the printing of names of children born during this time period, I can only report that thirty-five babies were born.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Nelson
Town Clerk/Registrar



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Snowmobile & ATV registrations expire June 30th
- ❖ Boat registrations, Hunting & Fishing licenses expire December 31st
- ❖ Dog Licenses are due every year, by December 31st
- ❖ Property taxes are assessed each year to the owner of record as of April 1st
- ❖ All municipal offices are closed for all State holidays.

What to bring when registering a vehicle:

New Registration (Dealer Sale)- Purchase & sales agreement, blue title application, window sticker (if brand new vehicle), current insurance, and mileage. Whoever is on the registration needs to sign.

New Registration (Private Sale)- Bill of sale, title for any vehicle 1995 and newer, current insurance, and mileage. Whoever in on registration and title needs to sign.

Re-Registration- Old registration (if possible), current insurance, and mileage. Anyone may re-register a vehicle.

Boat/ATV/Snowmobile- Bill of sale, Prior registration from seller (if possible). For boats we need ME-assigned registration #, horsepower, length of boat.

DEATHS

Name:	Date:
John Russell DeSantis, Sr.	July 28, 2020
Lorraine D. Casey	July 30, 2020
Shirley M. Shaw	August 8, 2020
Margaret E. Glowa	August 16, 2020
Susan Lori Carroll	August 22, 2020
Harold Charles Winters	September 2, 2020
Grover B. Bragg, Sr.	September 18, 2020
Paul D. Whitney	September 20, 2020
Bonnie Jean DeSantis	October 27, 2020
Joyce Carolyn Goodine	November 1, 2020
Terry Lee Dunagan	November 9, 2020
Genevieve M. Carter	November 14, 2020
Pauline W. Glidden	November 26, 2020
Richard E. Willette	December 2, 2020
Silvano Delmissier	December 4, 2020
Deloris Ann McCaslin	December 16, 2020
Vivan Alton French	January 1, 2021
Harold James Whitaker	January 9, 2021
Richard Raymond Kane	January 21, 2021
Carl John Stenholm	January 21, 2021
Bartholomew A. Furmanik	January 28, 2021
George S. Seybolt	February 8, 2021
Anne Trilby Fortin	February 11, 2021
Dorothy Constance Greene	February 20, 2021
Jean Ann Coston	February 20, 2021
Clarence W. Hannan, Jr.	February 22, 2021
Gail Marie Noble	February 28, 2021
Charles Francis Clark	March 8, 2021
Nicholas S. Dudley	April 1, 2021
Clinton Ross Hayward, Jr.	May 2, 2021



Name:	Date:
Helen A. Grotton	May 18, 2021
Gail Anne Brown	May 22, 2021
Christine Lillian Frigon	May 22, 2021
George Henry Weber	June 7, 2021
Betsynell H. Esancy	June 21, 2021



MARRIAGES

Party A:	Party B:	Date:
Danielle Marie Flanagan	Damon Michael Lefferts	July 2, 2020
William David Jr Rice	Rebecca M. Thibodeau	July 25, 2020
Sara Katelyn Perkins	Aaron C. Studholme	August 1, 2020
Richard A. Gamache	Anne T. LaFontaine	August 1, 2020
Thomas Henry Callahan	Leslie Ann Smith	August 2, 2020
Timothy James Ahearn	Melissa Dawn Couture	August 22, 2020
Tina Lee Roy	Edwin Agustas Graham	August 29, 2020
Thomas J. Bachinski	Amy J. Desmond	September 4, 2020
Alyssa Danielle Whitlock	Cody Michael Bentley	September 5, 2020
Samuel C. Jandreau	Chelsea L. Crawford	September 5, 2020
Kari Kay Glazier	Michael Phillips	September 26, 2020
Kristen Amy Murphy	Jeffrey Richard Morin	October 3, 2020
Kaitlyn Amanda Polk	Lucas Wayne Potts	October 10, 2020
Ursula Anne Godin	Dana Joe Buswell	October 17, 2020
Alton Roy Hawk II	Danielle Marie Morin	October 24, 2020
Cassie Jo Pillsbury	Noah Erick Whitt	October 25, 2020

Party A:	Party B:	Date:
Jordan Danise Cochran	Benjamin Richard Small	December 4, 2020
Stephen Charles Galen	Darlene Mealey Dow	December 19, 2020
Sarah Beth St. Jarre	Quincy Duke Bailey	January 29, 2021
Devin Wayne Beals	Lindsey Marie Michaud	April 3, 2021
Genevieve Siobhan Gray	Dakotah Lee Labreck	May 3, 2021
Alyshia Marie Pooler	Zachary A. Wentworth	June 5, 2021
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Roy	Kendall Joseph Boudreau	June 6, 2021
Jasmine Rose Garceau	Katherine Araminta Jones	June 12, 2021
Malcolm W. Coulter Jr	Erin Eileen Luck	June 21, 2021



Animal Control

State Law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months be registered. You must provide a current rabies certificate when licensing your dog. If your pet has been spayed or neutered, a copy of the certificate must be provided to the clerk when registering. The fee for altered animals is \$6.00 and unaltered is \$11.00.

Proper ID can prevent your pet from going to the shelter! The Town of China has a contract with Kennebec Valley Humane Society in Augusta to take our stray animals. Numerous dogs are taken to the Humane Society because of lack of identification. If a dog is at large and is wearing their tag, the clerk at the town office can look up the tag number and the Animal Control Officer will be able to return the dog directly to its owner. If your pet is lost, please notify the town office or ACO.

Our ACO also will provide Have-a-Heart traps to our residents if needed.

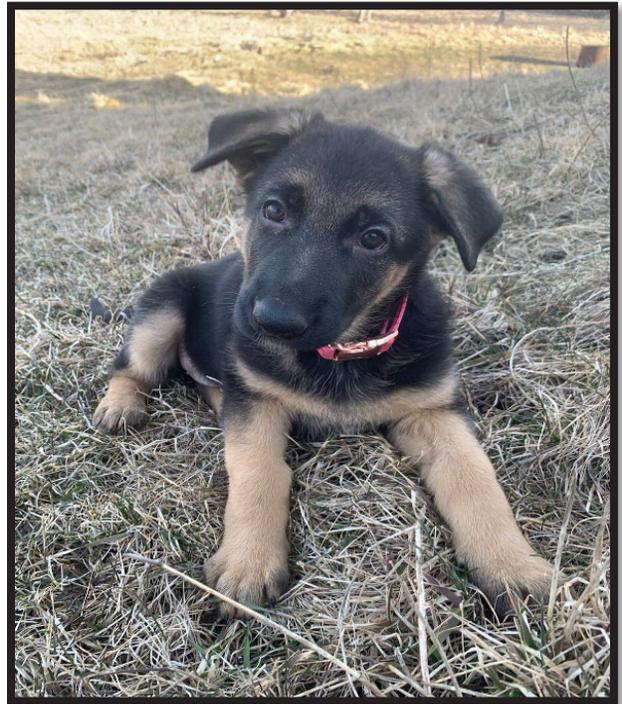
To report a lost or found animal in China, please call the ACO or the Town Office at 445-2014 option 3.

ACO Contact Number:

Kimberly Bolduc-Bartlett 242-2346

2021 ACO Survey

Dogs at Large - 20
Unlicensed Dogs - 43
Dog Bites - 3
Dogs to the shelter - 15
Cats to the shelter - 58
General Cat Complaints - 6
Welfare Check - 2
Animal Trespass - 1



Miss Zoey

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chamberlain
Deputy Clerk

Cemetery Committee

There are 31 Cemeteries in the town of China. Although there are a few private cemeteries, most are maintained by the town. Cemetery lots are for sale in the China Village Extension, Branch Mills, Dirigo Friends, Deer Hill, and Pleasant View Ridge Cemeteries. All purchases must be made through the Town Office. Contact Julie Finley, julie@chinamaine.org, for information.

Chadwick Hill Cemetery is not a Town Cemetery.
For information on this cemetery please call Richard Grimshaw at 441-5019.

All individuals who wish to bury cremated remains in a public cemetery must obtain authorization from the town office prior to the burial or removal of cremated remains.

If you have any question or concerns about the cemeteries in China, please contact one of the members of the Cemetery committee or the town office.

China Cemetery Committee Members:

Richard Norton
Julie Finley
Elwood Ellis
Harold Charles
Adam Ellis- Superintendent

If you are interested in genealogy please contact Kelly Grotton at kelly@chinamaine.org.

Visit our website to find a copy of the **Cemetery Ordinance** and **A Map of Cemetery Locations** at www.china.govoffice.com

The Mighty Trees

**We say farewell to the mighty trees that shaded those who passed.
A job well done for many years from the first day to the last.**



**As you take a stroll on Lakeview Drive, you may notice the trees are gone
But like the graves that remain without their shade,
the memories will carry on!**

Cemetery Information

All cemetery lots in China are priced at \$500 per lot.

Price per foot for China Village Extension Cemetery, or any other cemetery with off size lots, are \$150 per foot.

Regular size lots in China Village Extension Cemetery are 9 X 20 and will hold 6 (\$3000). Cremain lots are now available.

Branch Mills Cemetery lots are 4 X 10 (\$500).

Deer Hill Cemetery lots are 10 X 10 and hold 3 per lot (\$1500).

Pleasant View Ridge Cemetery lots are 4 X 10 and hold 1 per lot (\$500), or 10 X 10 and hold 2 per lot (\$1000). These lots have a 1-foot easement on all sides. Cremation lots will be sold at a later date.

Dirigo Cemetery lots are 10 X 10 and hold 2 per lot (\$1000). These lots have a 1-foot easement on all sides.

There are no lots available in Weeks Mills or China Village Cemetery.

Chadwick Hill is not a town cemetery.

Contact for this cemetery is Richard Grimshaw at 207-441-5019.

Contact the China Town Office at 207- 445-2014 option 3, or email julie@chinamaine.org



Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 6/30/2021

Acct	Name	Year	Amount Due
367	Adams, James Matthew	2020	\$559.92
2843	Bard, John	2019	\$430.64
2843	Bard, John	2020	\$374.04
3101	Beale, James P Jr	2020	\$371.00
2573	Boivin, Ferne, Heirs of	2020	\$52.01
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr.	2019	\$514.05
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr	2020	\$310.46
3744	Bragg, Dave B	2020	\$454.18
2154	Bragg, Grover B, Sr - Life Estate	2019	\$1,707.49
2154	Bragg, Grover B, Sr - Life Estate	2020	\$1,631.25
2731	Bragg, Steven	2019	\$534.39
2731	Bragg, Steven	2020	\$588.80
769	Camelio, Nancy	2019	\$1,147.49
769	Camelio, Nancy	2020	\$1,383.06
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2019	\$1,756.92
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2020	\$1,741.70
2912	Conary, Craig D	2019	\$561.70
2912	Conary, Craig D	2020	\$505.22
1546	Coombs, Stephen H	2019	\$95.23
1546	Coombs, Stephen H	2020	\$94.03
1568	Coombs, Stephen H	2019	\$2,121.24
1568	Coombs, Stephen H	2020	\$1,935.81
1020	Coston, Russell L, Heirs of	2020	\$559.56
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2019	\$573.65
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2020	\$469.13
446	Crockett, Kenneth E	2020	\$1,994.04
1011	Crommett, Clayton H	2019	\$326.78
1011	Crommett, Clayton H	2020	\$216.88
1012	Crommett, Clayton H	2019	\$1,528.73
1012	Crommett, Clayton H	2020	\$1,347.47
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J	2019	\$680.92
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J	2020	\$536.63
2857	Cunningham, Shawn D	2020	\$1,596.78
2520	Danforth, William W	2020	\$487.93
3488	Danforth, William W	2020	\$443.48
215	Derosier, Freeman	2020	\$885.51
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2019	\$2,773.32
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2020	\$2,487.18
646	DSV SPV3 LLC	2019	\$1,653.38
646	DSV SPV3 LLC	2020	\$1,691.55
454	Estes, Duane C	2020	\$1,246.54
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2019	\$1,782.59
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2020	\$1,685.71
777	Estes, Stephanie - Personal Rep	2020	\$1,366.31

3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2019	\$556.81
3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2020	\$528.40
2882	Fletcher, John L Sr	2019	\$1,065.69
2882	Fletcher, John L Sr	2020	\$940.86
3057	Fortin, Dylan J	2020	\$919.73
588	French, Leslie H	2019	\$5,008.23
588	French, Leslie H	2020	\$670.36
2689	Gallant, Heather	2020	\$1,705.84
690	GLINJAN LLC	2020	\$961.81
1322	Gower, Kevin E	2020	\$2,045.40
1801	Greene, Nancianne K	2020	\$129.38
1802	Greene, Nancianne K	2020	\$1,018.11
289	Haldar, Alta Maher, Heirs of	2019	\$98.65
289	Haldar, Alta Maher, Heirs of	2020	\$88.36
1275	Haldeman, Charles E	2020	\$2,981.69
1368	Harris, Shad	2019	\$1,596.86
1368	Harris, Shad	2020	\$1,111.29
3500	Hersey, Joyce	2020	\$405.95
873	Higgins, Sheila	2020	\$368.78
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2019	\$2,916.34
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2020	\$2,681.69
3072	Holyoke, James A	2019	\$1,336.39
3072	Holyoke, James A	2020	\$1,194.63
349	Kimball, Kimberly L	2020	\$132.29
319	LaBelle, Russell W Jr	2020	\$1,892.53
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2019	\$1,314.26
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2020	\$1,235.03
2887	Lemar, Peter	2020	\$1,844.39
1085	Letourneau, A Lorraine	2020	\$1,325.17
1118	LMW Enterprises, LLC	2019	\$4,260.15
1118	LMW Enterprises, LLC	2020	\$8,014.90
2270	Longley, Glennys E	2020	\$2,627.63
1567	ME Council of the Atlantic Salmon Fed	2020	\$249.53
3425	Mayo, Jeramy J	2019	\$633.97
3425	Mayo, Jeramy J	2020	\$699.23
2641	McPhee, Vicki J	2020	\$1,097.29
40	Moore, Daniel L	2019	\$551.51
40	Moore, Daniel L	2020	\$552.08
2335	Morton, Amy Life Estate	2019	\$2,102.52
2335	Morton, Amy Life Estate	2020	\$1,916.69
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A	2019	\$103.46
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A	2020	\$1,010.76
104	O'Connor, Stacy A	2020	\$689.08
1002	Page, Keith A	2019	\$481.72
1002	Page, Keith A	2020	\$355.80
638	Parisien, Karen	2020	\$703.25
2301	Parisien, Karen A	2019	\$238.26
2301	Parisien, Karen A	2020	\$212.96

1357	Parsons, Marcus	2019	\$544.70
1357	Parsons, Marcus	2020	\$488.26
2767	Paul, Wayne	2020	\$1,838.95
2785	Paul, Wayne Jr	2019	\$10,307.56
2785	Paul, Wayne Jr	2020	\$608.06
2807	Peebles, William R III	2020	\$348.21
2709	Pellerin, Daniel B	2020	\$334.94
473	Pelletier, Glenn J	2020	\$492.75
1732	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2019	\$263.79
1732	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2020	\$235.75
2668	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2019	\$277.42
2668	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2020	\$247.91
959	Proctor, Peter A	2020	\$1,287.32
1330	Rhoades, Dean E	1997	\$0.00
1330	Rhoades, Dean E	1998	\$0.00
1353	Rhoades, Dean E	1997	\$0.00
1353	Rhoades, Dean E	1998	\$0.00
1276	Rice, Donald Kevin	2020	\$1,808.99
3400	Saucier, Scott G	2020	\$573.99
3608	Sawlivich, Jessica L	2020	\$340.61
3526	Sears, David	2020	\$1,582.13
3517	Seigars, Andrew	2019	\$297.85
3517	Seigars, Andrew	2020	\$280.07
2780	Strout, Trevor D	2020	\$378.60
2692	Therault, Norma J	2019	\$197.94
2692	Therault, Norma J	2020	\$1,216.79
2728	Tyler, John	2018	\$159.90
2728	Tyler, John	2019	\$153.12
2718	W W Properties, Inc	2019	\$5,902.57
2718	W W Properties, Inc	2020	\$5,604.80
3762	W W Properties, Inc	2019	\$321.68
3762	W W Properties, Inc	2020	\$288.30
558	Wheelock, Joyce E	2020	\$538.16
592	Willey, Marion	2020	\$1,276.30
952	Winslow Car Wash, LLC	2020	\$376.68
3312	York, Chris	2019	\$406.80

Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of 6/30/2021

Acct	Name	Year	Amount Due
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2019	\$1,520.79
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2020	\$2,948.71
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2018	\$1,523.12
236	Blinds by Design	2019	\$0.83
236	Blinds by Design	2020	\$126.65
591	Brown, Michael	2019	\$407.50
591	Brown, Michael	2020	\$298.00
244	Buckshot Powersports	2019	\$81.50
244	Buckshot Powersports	2020	\$74.50
224	Central Machine Inc	2018	\$510.97
224	Central Machine Inc	2019	\$3,277.93
224	Central Machine Inc	2020	\$2,994.90
90	China Lake Auto Sales	2018	\$395.00
717	China Variety and Redemption	2020	\$7.36
649	Coastal Floor Techs	2020	\$14.90
253	Danforth Lawncare and Plowing	2020	\$55.87
620	Davidson Construction	2020	\$111.75
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2017	\$604.20
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2018	\$600.40
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2019	\$1,222.50
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2020	\$1,117.50
412	Dick Willette	2014	\$151.00
499	Dollar Deals	2014	\$188.75
499	Dollar Deals	2015	\$390.00
181	Fieldstone Quick Stop	2020	\$5.48
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2016	\$116.25
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2017	\$119.25
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2018	\$118.50
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2019	\$122.25
532	Fredette, Jessica	2020	\$11.17
708	French, Johnathan - Electrician	2020	\$372.50
709	French, Johnathan - Electrician	2020	\$37.25
526	Hamilton, George	2018	\$83.74
526	Hamilton, George	2019	\$86.39
526	Hamilton, George	2020	\$78.97
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2018	\$474.00
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2019	\$489.00
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2020	\$447.00
536	Howe, Linda / Bio Renewable Fuels	2015	\$390.00
536	Howe, Linda / Bio Renewable Fuels	2016	\$179.80
536	Howe, Linda / Bio Renewable Fuels	2017	\$190.80
294	Innovative Workspace Solutions	2018	\$23.70
593	JB Builders	2016	\$60.45
593	JB Builders	2017	\$63.60
593	JB Builders	2018	\$64.78
593	JB Builders	2019	\$70.09

593	JB Builders	2020	\$64.07
541	Jeff LaVerdiere Enterprises	2019	\$566.42
669	JFRED Electric	2020	\$22.35
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2019	\$293.40
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2020	\$268.20
403	LaVerdiere's General Store	2019	\$203.75
563	Mannke, Edward - business services	2016	\$15.50
567	Marlett, Gregory - Voc Rehab Svcs	2017	\$15.90
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2017	\$1,303.44
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2018	\$1,352.48
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc	2019	\$1,297.48
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel, Inc	2020	\$1,186.04
505	Precision Labs, Inc	2020	\$8.71
713	Rebel Off-Road Fabrication and Auto	2020	\$74.50
348	Rocnet Data Designs	2018	\$25.28
348	Rocnet Data Designs	2019	\$26.08
348	Rocnet Data Designs	2020	\$23.84
418	Ron Bumps Builder	2019	\$40.75
686	Seedlings Preschool & Child Care, LLC	2020	\$31.47
282	Shear Techniques	2018	\$79.00
282	Shear Techniques	2019	\$81.50
282	Shear Techniques	2020	\$74.50
234	South China Auto Detailing	2017	\$14.31
332	The China Dine-Ah	2019	\$434.39
332	The China Dine-Ah	2020	\$794.17
588	The Voice Guy	2020	\$55.87
422	Top of the Line Drywall	2020	\$14.90
662	ViaSat, Inc	2020	\$8.77

Abatements granted July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Name	Account	Tax Year	Amount
Real Estate			
Rowland, Stuart	812	2020	\$202.64
Lucas, Arthur & Joanne	2314	2020	\$222.01
Thopson, Judd & Melanie	168	2020	\$55.13
Elkins, Tim	2842	2020	\$113.99
Plummer, Jeffrey	2712	2020	\$405.28
Kennebec Water District	1421	2020	\$3,472.60
Gagnon, Eleanor	577	2020	\$178.80
Watts, Benjamin	2829	2017	\$92.22
Watts, Benjamin	2829	2018	\$91.64
Watts, Benjamin	2829	2019	\$94.54
Watts, Benjamin	2829	2020	\$86.42
Gower, Kevin E	1322	2020	\$1,656.88
Personal Property			
China Lake Properties	306	2018	\$39.50
Larrabee, James	542	2020	\$267.43
Air Valet	493	2020	\$19.37



Information from our Assessors' Agent

For most of the following programs, the application must be submitted to the Assessors' Agent **by April 1st**. Applications and additional information are available at the town office or at www.china.govoffice.com in *Assessing* under the *Town Departments* section of the website.

2022 Homestead Exemption – If you did not file for the Homestead Exemption in 2021 or prior years, you must apply prior to April 1, 2022 to be eligible in 2022. If you have been receiving the homestead application in the past, you **do not** need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

Veteran Exemption for Real Estate Taxes – If you are aged 62 or older, or an unremarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2021; you or your deceased spouse served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives federal funds for total disability, and you have a primary residence in China, you may be eligible for the veteran's exemption.

Landowner Tax Relief Programs – There are three programs for which you might be eligible. The programs are: The Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, Farm Classification Law, and The Open Space Tax Law. As the laws for these programs are quite detailed, please contact the assessors' agent at 445-2014 option 6, or email Kelly Grotton at kelly@chinamaine.org for more information.



Ownership and Address Updates Requested – To avoid errors in tax billing, please notify the Town Office when selling or transferring any property. Also, please notify the office staff of any change in your mailing address.



Code Enforcement Officer

Greetings, China residents!

We have seen a great deal of change in China over the last year. For one thing, the local real estate market has been very active. One result is an increase in the frequency of new homes being permitted:

- 2020: 19 conventional / 4 mobile homes
- 2021: 10/15
- 2022: 8/0 as of 4/29/22

Also, this March, the town office hosted a training event for interested contractors and code enforcement officers from all around the area. The Subsurface Wastewater and Internal Plumbing Workshop brought thirteen registrants for an 8-hour training, presented by Mike Day, the State of Maine Local Plumbing Inspector and by our own China resident Brent Lawson, the State of Maine Site Evaluator. The training was attended by me and by two other local Code Enforcement Officers: Ryan Page for Vassalboro, and Jeff Cucci for Albion. Local tradespersons and contractors were in attendance, as well as the two manufactured housing inspectors for the State of Maine (HUD). The event was very well received by all attendees, and I want to thank Deputy Clerk Tammy Bailey for her organization and set-up of this event!

The Town of China Planning Board has spent the last year reviewing Conditional Use Permits for businesses, as well as a lot of time reviewing the ordinances for changes. Your ordinances are organized under the Land Development Code, as follows:

- Chapter 1: General Provisions
- Chapter 2: Land Use (*changes are being prepared for Nov. 2022 vote*)
- Chapter 3: Subdivision Ordinance
- Chapter 4: Phosphorus Control Ordinance
- Chapter 5: Floodplain Management Ordinance
- Chapter 6: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Siting Ordinance
- Chapter 7: Kennel Ordinance
- Chapter 8: Reserved (*a Solar Energy Systems Ordinance to be proposed for Nov. 2022 vote*)
- Chapter 9: Appeals
- Chapter 10: Enforcement
- Chapter 11: Definitions (*changes are being prepared for Nov. 2022 vote*)

I am employed to enforce the town's ordinances. This means that you should contact me if you are considering construction, modification, or installation of structures or HVAC equipment; earth moving; tree harvesting or removal of hazard trees. I also want to remind property owners that are building any new structure that requires a septic system or internal plumbing, that those permit applications must accompany the building permit application before the building permit can be issued. Please check out my page (under *Departments•Administration•Code Enforcement*) and feel free to contact me during the office hours of 8:30-4:00, Monday-Friday.

My email is ceo@chinamaine.org
and my work cellphone is 207-660-5865.



28 February 2022



Dear community members and friends:

The mission of Midcoast Conservancy is to protect and restore vital lands and waters on a scale that matters, in partnership with the communities we serve, throughout the Midcoast Maine region through conservation, restoration, outdoor recreation and learning. Our service area comprises 24 towns, three watersheds and over 14,000 acres of conserved land which include 55 preserves and over 95 miles of trails.

In 2021, as Midcoast Conservancy's new Executive Director, I announced our 30x30 initiative, which aspires to conserve 30,000 acres of the midcoast area by 2030. Doubling our current conservation efforts will contribute significantly to protecting and restoring the vital lands and waters of the midcoast, act to mitigate the impacts of climate change, and ensure the quality of life our residents and communities deserve.

In China this year, Midcoast Conservancy continued its **water quality work**.

- This is the 28th year of sampling water quality on the Sheepscot River below Branch Pond. We test for dissolved oxygen, bacteria, and temperature. Monitoring goals include evaluating suitability for Atlantic salmon and other sea-run fish, identifying pollution sources, and monitoring overall river health.
- The Branch Pond fish passage project has been started.

China is a vital partner for all the work we do. Many of our members and volunteers come from China and we invite more of you to join us. Learn more at www.midcoastconservancy.org. Feel free to call or email me or our staff anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Nichols
Executive Director

Clean Water. Thriving Communities. Land for All.

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China Lake Association

<https://www.chinalakeassociation.org>

The Mission of China Lake Association:

Preserving China Lake for Future Generations Through Environmental Stewardship and Community Action

It was a year of major change, growth, and achievement at the China Lake Association (CLA).

It is a personal privilege as the new CLA president to present this annual report to residents and friends of the Town of China; I was elected by CLA members at the July 31, 2021 annual meeting.

I succeeded Scott Pierz, who stepped down after serving as president with distinction since 2014; Scott continues to serve on CLA's board of directors, while he also provides ongoing leadership as Executive Director of CLA's sister organization, the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA).

In other leadership news, CLA board of directors appointed Eric Lind to the position of Vice President to support the growth of our organization. CLA membership elected Elaine Philbrook as Treasurer, and re-elected David Preston as Secretary. It is also a pleasure to acknowledge board directors Robbie Bickford, Wayne Clark, Ginger Davis, Marie Michaud, Bob O'Connor, Jaime Pitney, and Bill Powell, all of whom serve with the officers as volunteers managing the business and conducting the affairs of CLA.

CLA officers and directors have convened monthly meetings to drive growth and development of the organization. Please contact me (stephencraiggreene@gmail.com) if you want to attend board meetings, become more involved, or discuss your thoughts about CLA.

In a major administrative change, management of CLA's lake protection programs - China LakeSmart and the Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP) - have been transferred to the CRLA. Please see the CRLA Annual Report to the Town of China for more details about the future of these programs, along with the CRLA's Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program and its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

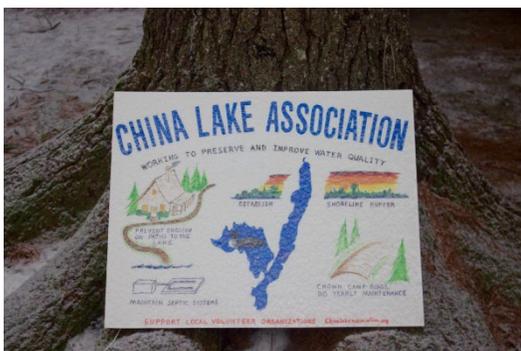
Coinciding with the shift of program responsibility, CLA will focus its attention and shall undertake leadership of the 2022-2031 China Lake Watershed-Based Management Plan (WBMP). The plan outlines management strategies and a 10-year schedule of action steps to (1) increase efforts to reduce the external phosphorus load by addressing existing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution throughout the watershed and limit new sources of phosphorous from future development and climate change, (2) significantly reduce the internal phosphorus load through inactivation of phosphorus in lake bottom sediments, and (3) monitor and assess improvements in China Lake's water quality over time. A full copy of the final plan will soon be posted on our website.

The 2022 launch of the WBMP is the culmination of a two-year comprehensive watershed survey with help from CLA volunteers in partnership with Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and technical leaders to assess the condition of roads and developed properties in the watershed that updated China Lake's ten-year watershed management plan; the update is needed to qualify for federal funding grants under the Clean Water Act. The anticipated receipt of federal grants to CLA with administrative assistance of the Maine DEP will allow us to execute the WBMP and address lake water quality and lake watershed sources of sediment erosion.

For more information, please see the December 2021 webinar we conducted on the WBMP: <https://youtu.be/K1RCFIWOsFw>

As always, we look forward to our next annual meeting scheduled on July 30, 2022. Please save the date; check out our website for additional information on membership and look for our summer newsletter with details about our annual meeting.

Thank you.
Stephen Greene, President
China Lake Association



China Region Lake Alliance

The China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) is a non-profit organization comprised of lake associations within the CRLA's service area, including the China Lake and Three Mile Pond Associations, and the Weber Pond Association. Also, the Towns of China and Vassalboro are represented, along with the interests of the Three-Cornered Pond Owner's Association in Augusta.

The CRLA operates a set of "core programs" that include the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program, a LakeSmart Program and a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and a Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP).

CBI staff inspect boats entering and exiting the region's waterbodies looking for invasive aquatic plants like Hydrilla and Milfoil that can easily infest a lake or pond when introduced from another waterbody. The CRLA has had success operating the CBI Program as an essential service to the boaters of Maine as well as visitors to our State, even during the pandemic. Kudos to the young men and women who have worked for the program as this is such an important service providing protection for our resources. To date there is no known or documented evidence of any "invasives" in our region's waterbodies.

Four boat launches within the region are monitored, two on China Lake and others on Three Mile Pond and Webber Pond. In 2021 CBI staff inspected 1,090 boats between the four boat launches. On China Lake 702 boats were inspected, 287 at China Lake's East Vassalboro boat launch, and 415 along the Causeway at the Head of Lake. Combined, these two boat launches represent nearly 65% of all boats accessing the waterbodies within the region. Also, numbers for Three Mile Pond totaled 184 inspections. Finally, the CRLA is grateful for the funding to staff these public boat launches which is received from the following: the Towns of China and Vassalboro, the Kennebec Water District, and grant monies from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information about how to help protect our waters from invasive aquatic plants, please go to: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/reporting-aquatic-species-6/>

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a labor force of young lake stewards responsible for conducting environmental projects. Most of the YCC's work concentrates on the China LakeSmart Program. The LakeSmart Program evaluates shorefront properties and designs vegetated buffers to install along the shoreline. These buffers help reduce the impact of non-point source pollutants in stormwater before entering the lake. A nutrient called "phosphorus" is especially accountable for forming algae blooms. In 2020 the YCC was inactive, and in 2021 a slow start and limited staff meant only being able to complete a handful of projects, so there is plenty of work ahead for the YCC.

People are encouraged to contact the CRLA for a free LakeSmart evaluation. For more information please email: chinalakesmart@gmail.com or info@crlamaine.org

In the fall of 2020, with the onset of updating the China Lake Watershed-Based Management Plan (WBMP), a Steering Committee and a group of volunteers (some from the China Lake Association) collaborated with the consulting firm of Ecological Instincts to conduct a China Lake watershed survey. Results of the WBMP survey identified problematic sites, as well as a number of “high impact areas” that are considered detrimental to China Lake’s water quality. Along with the robust number of projects ahead for the YCC, the CRLA will work at resolving this high impact list in 2022. Together with the LakeSmart Program, the CRLA plans to deploy the YCC to address many of these issues. Competitive labor costs and the potential shortage of workers remain challenges for 2022, but the CRLA will do what it can do in the effort to help protect and preserve China Lake’s water quality.

To contribute to CRLA’s LakeSmart Program, or to support any of the core programs mentioned in this report, please mail your tax-deductible donation to: CRLA, P.O. Box 6339, China Village, Maine 04926.

Finally, the Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP) was initiated through the China Lake Association in 2019 and has been focused on stormwater problems resulting from gravel camp roads around China Lake. Gravel camp roads can create stormwater runoff issues causing non-point source pollution and phosphorus loading into the lake. In 2021 the CRLA worked in partnership with camp road owners at the following Fire Roads: #36, #37, and #41, with work being completed at #36 and #41 last fall. Design plans are ready to be put out to bid for work at #37 this construction season. On Three Mile Pond, the Sunrise Drive Association received GRRP funding to help rehabilitate poor road conditions along Sunrise Drive. Funding for the GRRP comes from the Town of China’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account, with a financial cost share borne by local road associations or individual groups of private citizens living along the gravel camp road.

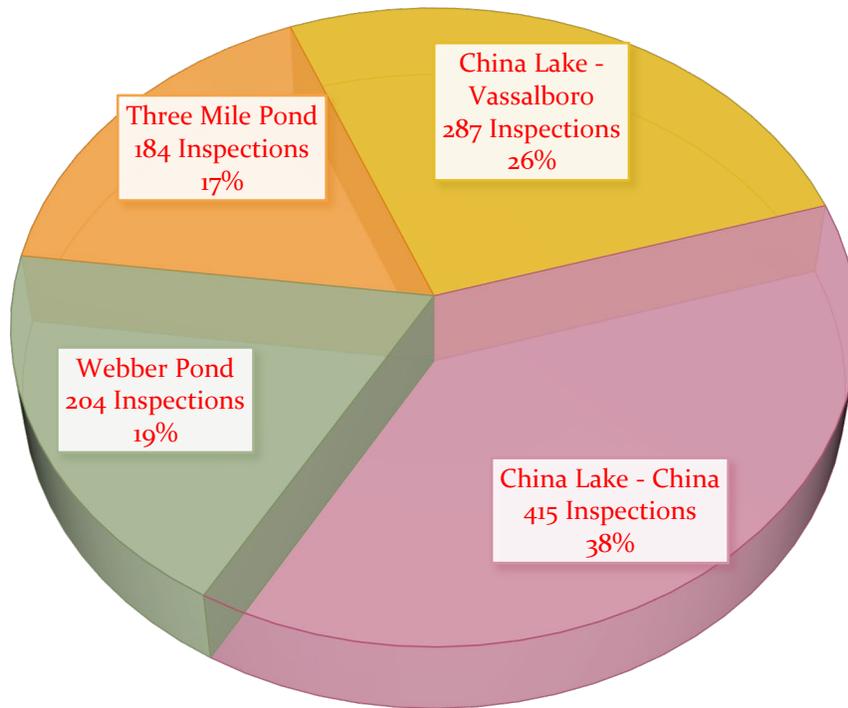
The Mission of the China Region Lakes Alliance is to operate its core programs to enhance and preserve our region’s water quality. The CRLA recognizes the intrinsic value of our environment and our natural resources that provide recreational opportunities and offer us the aesthetic beauty that we appreciate so much living here in Maine. The CRLA will continue to promote the environmental health of the region’s waterbodies by protecting our resources from invasive aquatic plants, installing lakeside buffers through the work of the YCC, and rehabilitating gravel camp roads to help maintain and improve the water quality of our lake resources.

For further information about the China Region Lakes Alliance, please visit our website at <https://www.crlamaine.org> or email info@crlamaine.org

Respectfully submitted,
Scott A. Pierz, Executive Director
China Region Lakes Alliance

Waterbody	No. Inspections
Webber Pond	204
Three Mile Pond	184
China Lake - Vassalboro	287
China Lake - China	415

2021 COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION PROGRAM INSPECTIONS BY BOAT LAUNCH



*Data collected by the China Region Lakes Alliance (2021)

Thurston Park

Thurston Park has become a popular destination for outdoor recreation here in China. The park has seen a significant increase in visitors, especially since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. Ratings on various review sites such as Google and AllTrails have shown that visitors' impressions of the park have improved significantly over the years. Visitors to the park are not just from the town of China but come from all over the state of Maine. Aislinn Sarnacki's book "Dog-Friendly Hikes in Maine" included a chapter on Thurston Park. This has brought many people and their dogs to Thurston Park to check it out.

The addition of two dehydrating toilets in the park has been well received. They seem to be functioning well utilizing solar energy and most importantly, there is no smell! These toilets are located at the north end parking area and at the junction of Yorktown Road and the Rufus Jones Trail. We are also pleased that there has been no vandalism or graffiti so far. We will be adding a third dehydrating toilet at the South entrance sometime this summer.

Work on the trails continues. All the trails have been brought into good shape allowing safe use. We do still have future work planned such as ditching in some areas and completion of the Waterfall trail. We have been very fortunate to receive TIF (tax increment financing) money to make improvements in the park. Using TIF monies for improvements does not increase taxes to the townspeople and goes along with our goal of improving the park without burdening the town or its people.

Unfortunately, there have been several storms come through with strong winds and one possible microburst as well. These storms have caused a lot of blow downs requiring frequent clearing of the trails. We are fortunate to have Steve Nelson on the Thurston Park Committee in charge of security and physical management of the park. Steve has been able to coordinate getting the trails cleared quickly after these storms. There are still a lot of blow downs along the sides of the trails that will need to be cleaned up to improve the aesthetics of the park.

Extensive work along the Yorktown Brook has been done in an effort to control the flooding related to beaver activity. These projects have brought the flooding under control and the beaver seem to have moved along for the time being.

We plan a Trail Workday every year in late May or early June. These workdays are important to the park. As many of you know, winter can be rough on the landscape. These workdays allow us to bring the park trails into good condition for all to enjoy every summer. Many hands make for light work, and we hope for a good turn out to trim trees, clear blow

downs, and make the trails safe. Look for signs on our Facebook page, the town website, and in the Town Line for the date for 2022.

Finally, we are looking for more members to serve on the Thurston Park committee. You will join a great bunch of people who enjoy the outdoors and see the many possibilities for the park in the future. We could use some more residents on the committee to help us explore more opportunities for the park's development. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the South China Community Church. Our committee has been meeting in person and required a location to meet the capacity and social distancing requirements. We hope to move back to the portable building in the coming months. Come help us make the park a great destination!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette "Jen" Smith
Chair, Thurston Park Committee





Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

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chinalibrary.org / @chinalibrary
Tues. & Thur. 2-6 & Sat. 10-2

Established in 1941, the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library strives to provide a place for personal enjoyment, to promote a lifelong love of reading and learning, and to encourage the use of its facility, collection, and services to meet a variety of community needs. We are committed to contributing to and advancing our small-town culture.

The Albert Church Brown Memorial Library, also known as the China Village Library, welcomes area residents, year-round and seasonal, to our library to enjoy our resources and programs, free of charge. The library is open to the public twelve hours weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Library cards are free to the community. We offer guest WIFI service available indoors and roadside (from 6 am to 10 pm), and complementary patron computer/printer use. Events and programs of varied interest are also provided free to the community.

In 2021, the China Library Association Board of Trustees elected the following officers at the annual meeting: Dr. Louisa Barnhart/President, Kerri McGlew/Vice-President, Thomas Parent/Treasurer, Mary Boyle/Secretary. Additional Trustees who serve in various capacities are Gerry Boyle, Mary Grow, Jim Hart, Lisa Jones, and Justine Kznizeski. The Board governs the operation of the library with dedication, meeting bi-monthly and intermittently, as do its committees. The Building Committee oversaw the initial phase of exterior restoration of the building and continues to facilitate its progress. The Trustees awarded a plaque to our retired Librarian, Mary Grow, to acknowledge her decades of service to the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library. Mary continues to serve the library in a volunteer capacity by serving on the Board's Book and Program Committees.

We appreciate our patrons for continuing to frequent the library during 2021, showing their love of reading especially during trying times. We were able to remain open throughout the year while adhering to the pandemic guidelines recommended to us from the Maine State Library and Maine CDC. Current guidelines remain available on our website at chinalibrary.org.

The library enjoys a long history of bringing special events to the residents of China. Although our in-house events and clubs (Book and Knitting) were inhibited from meeting due to constrictions of the pandemic, the Programming Committee chose alternative

avenues for keeping the community engaged. We have instituted some creative passive programming, and in doing so have found the making of new traditions due to their success. Among them is *Valentine's for Shut-ins*, a well-attended *Book Fair* (during China Community Days), and *Booksgiving* (community donated books for Christmas, distributed by the China Food Pantry). We again participated in the ME Reads, a summer reading program for adults. We were proud that this Maine State Library initiative chose Board member, author Gerry Boyle, as the 2021 Recommending Author. We were invited to participate with the Vassalboro Public Library's *Alewives Community Read*.

Free access to Ancestry.com was available during this Covid year, and our website was updated to include many resources for the public regarding Covid safety and other useful resource links. Several ZOOM events, including Tim Caverly's *So You Think You Know Maine*, a book discussion, and a China Community Broadband Committee forum. We look forward to resuming the use of our facilities again for public programs and non-profit meetings or activities during non-pandemic times. Our ground floor Schoonover Community Room seats 50 and is fully equipped with audio-visual equipment for this purpose, with other spaces available for smaller meetings. All in all, we maintained an active year.



Fall Storywalk, story time & craft at the China School Forest

For the children, we created a *Spring Scavenger Hunt*, sponsored a month-long *StoryWalk®* at the China School Forest and a *Fall Story & Craft Time* held under the pavilion. Tom Bona provided ice cream at The Landing as a reward for participation in the *Children's Summer Reading* program. We resumed hosting *Halloween* at the library with a festive outdoor setup and librarians in costume, welcoming 180 trick or treaters. It was wonderful seeing families out and about as they strolled down Main Street in their festive attire. We also provided a few *Grab and*

Go activities for the children and presented a pencil box filled with school supplies to our young patrons at the start of the school year.

We saw an increase of children and homeschool families visiting our Children's Room to access fun and educational books and use the space for remote schoolwork.

We reinvigorated our book collection, adding hundreds of books by popular and favorite authors to our collection for all genres and age/reading levels. This supplements the thousands of curated books and periodicals in our collection, old and new, that cater to the needs and requests of our patrons. Suggestions for books of interest are always welcome so that we might acquire them or borrow them for our patrons through the state inter-library loan system. We added a DVD collection for patrons to borrow. They feature a

variety of topics, entertaining and educational, and many book to movie DVDs. We hope this will be especially useful for those who are unable to stream movies online.

During some reimagining of our library spaces, we made a few updates, with respect to our building's history. Our patrons are now welcomed at a custom-built double circulation desk that accommodates our librarians and volunteers. We designated a lower-level room in the heart of the library for our Classics collection of adult and children's books. Non-fiction books now have a room of their own with a double desk for research and study. Our non-fiction books include a diverse collection of history, memoir, hobby, reference, etc. that are inclusive of various cultures, philosophies, and interests that address historic and current issues. This relocation enabled us to expand our Mystery Room to include fantasy and sci-fi. The Children's Room has been decorated with a cheerful hot air balloon motif with the theme, "Reading Takes You Places." A half-wall bookcase was installed to divide the large space to accommodate areas for the younger and older youth. A reorganization of books for the younger children displays books by topic in bins for easy access. The Children's Room contains picture books, chapter books, novels, and graphic novels in all genres for all juvenile reading levels. Our young adult fiction is also located in this room. The Fiction Room remains the host for many novels penned by new and favorite authors. The upstairs Maine room has been spruced up and contains many books by and about our great state of Maine, with a special emphasis on Maine culture and history, both state and local. Genealogical and local records are available for patrons to peruse.

Patrons are encouraged to sit in a hearthside rocking chair or at the antique reading table while they visit. Our librarians and much appreciated volunteers hauled books and rearranged furniture to help make these changes possible.

The Board of Trustees is grateful to the voters of China who support our request for town funds at the annual town business meeting to help us bring these services to the community without charge. We also appreciate area residents who donate money, services, materials, time, and books. We also appreciate the regular Volunteers who we have enjoyed helping in the library, including two students who were earning volunteer credits.

We invite the China community to visit the library at 37 Main Street in China Village on Tues. & Thurs. from 2 - 6 p.m. and on Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. To keep up to date on our events and programs please visit our website at chinalibrary.org, where patrons can also view our online catalog and resources. We encourage all to sign up for our newsletter and follow us on Facebook @chinalibrary. We look forward to resuming regular events. Until then, please come in and browse our bookshelves.

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures anyone can have."

~ Lloyd Alexander

Respectfully yours,
Carla Gade, Head Librarian
Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

Transfer Station Committee

Transfer Station Committee members include Mark Davis, Karen Hatch, Paul Lucas, Ron Marois, Larry Sikora, Bob Kurek (Palermo), and Chris Diesch (Palermo)

Members The Transfer Station Committee met monthly and discussed several topics but three dominated the meetings. The topics include the reopening of the Hampden facility, bag fee adjustments for Palermo residents and capital and facility improvements.

The Hampden facility originally run by the Fiberright company and later named Coastal Resources stopped operation in December 2020 for lack of funds. The Municipal Review Committee which represents 115 Maine towns that contracted to send their municipal trash to Hampden attempted along with the bond holders to find a new buyer/operator for the facility. After several months of screening potential buyers, MRC and bond holders focused on Delta Thermal Energy as best buyer for the facility. Several weeks of meetings and discussions with DTE resulted in DTE falling out of favor mainly as a result of not acquiring the necessary funds to purchase and run the facility. Another round of interviews was conducted in the Spring of 2021 with none being acceptable to the bond holders. The MRC then made a bold move to acquire the facility themselves. They made a unique baseline bid for the facility of \$1.5 million (original cost was greater than \$50 million) which allowed them to dictate terms of purchase by anyone out-bidding their baseline bid. Those terms are that the facility would be run as designed and following the protocols that awarded the facility the DEP permits currently in place. Also, the purchase would have to be completed by June 30, 2022. No progress on bidding has been reported as of April of 2022.

China municipal trash currently goes to the landfill in Norridgewock as per MRC directive until the Hampden facility issue is settled. China however never stopped in-house recycling even when Fiberright was designed to handle all waste and to sort out the recyclables at the facility. Recyclables such as newspaper, cardboard, tin, glass and #2 plastics have sufficient value to warrant China collecting, handling, and storing until sufficient volume is available for trucking. Processing these selected recyclables generate revenue that help defray the total cost of municipal trash handling and disposal for China.

China has a contract with the town of Palermo signed in 2016, with effective date being January 1, 2017, to handle their municipal trash. Palermo residents purchase specific trash bags for disposal of household wastes and are charged for disposing other wastes such as demolition the same as China residents. Palermo residents are encouraged and welcome to recycle and use the Free-for-the-Taking center. The contract allows for adjustment to the initial bag price of \$2 according to increases or decreases in Consumer Price Index, transportation cost, tipping fees and bag costs. These adjustments were not made over the first five years of the contract and therefore the Transfer Station Committee worked on the necessary adjustments for 2022 and going forward. Two of the committee members are Palermo residents which allowed for consensus discussion and final resolution.

Three capital improvements were recommended to the Select Board. A new pad with bunkers is being built to handle freon-containing appliances, ceramic materials such as toilets and tires. A second recommendation to the Select Board is purchase on a new 3-yard loader the cost of which would be split with Roads and Grounds. The current loader is over 25 years old and thus far has avoided major repairs and down time. Current trade-in value would be around 20% of the new purchase. A cover for the pre-crusher machine was recommended. The pre-crusher obtained 2 years ago is functioning as designed. It compacts materials such as demolition and non-recyclable plastics to nearly half its volume resulting on fewer trips to the landfill. Trucking of these materials is charged per trip and not weight. Experience has shown that the pre-crusher exposure to the weather results in snow, ice and rainfall interfering with efficient compacting as well as loads containing liquid. Estimates for a cover are being sought to forward to the Select Board.

The Select Board voted to stop free drop-off of hazardous materials at the Transfer Station. Hazardous waste drop-off locations can be found in nearby locations but likely have fees for the disposal service. Drug take-back day and free shredding day are still provided at no cost.

Recycling of additional materials at the Transfer Station is highly dependent on the recycling market. Recycling cost includes collection, often compacting, storing, and shipping to the buyer. If these costs greatly exceed the return, the decision is to not recycle until the market improves. The Transfer Station Committee often review recycling prices in hope that additional markets for materials arise.

Free-for-the Taking Building

The "Free for the Taking" building was constructed at the China Transfer Station in 2018. The "Free for the Taking" building (FFT) is called many names including "The China Mall", "Swap Shop", and "China Boutique". The goal of the "Free for the Taking" building is to save the towns of China and Palermo municipal waste disposal costs by diverting recyclable items out of the trash stream. Clothing is especially popular but only accepted at the FFT if is clean and still wearable.



Volunteers have done a tremendous job in keeping the building organized throughout the year. Even in the heart of winter, without heat, volunteers were diligently working sorting the donations. Volunteers work closely with the Transfer Station staff to know what items are acceptable for recycling and what are not, or need to be disposed of and, in some cases, a fee paid. Computers, TVs, or electronics should NOT be dropped off at the Free for the Taking Building. Due to limited space in the winter months and because donations can't be put outside of the building, folks are asked to limit donations and not bring in large items like furniture.

Call the Transfer Station at 207-445-2014 - press #2 with any questions concerning items that may be recycled via the Free for the Taking building.

The RFID access permit allowing registered citizens from China and Palermo to use the facility continues to provide important information on when citizens use the Transfer Station. Below is a table of number of visits each month over the past year. At first glance, the numbers appear high, but when taking into consideration option to dispose of plant debris, food and vegetable wastes, tree trimmings, appliances, tires, and access to FFT building help explain multiple visits per week to the Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sikora

Month	Visits by China residents	Visits by Palermo residents
April 2021	3934	443
May 2021	4082	551
June 2021	3961	546
July 2021	5095	963
August 2021	4737	763
September 2021	4251	581
October 2021	4245	496
November 2021	3543	425
December 2021	2739	329
January 2022	2565	255
February 2022	2561	255
March 2022	3464	409
Grand Total	45179	6029

Table 1. Total visits to the Transfer Station per month by China and Palermo residents from April 2021 to March 2022.

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

The Transfer Station is located at 191 Alder Park Road. The facility is run by Transfer Station Manager

Ronald Marois and is staffed by Andy Cowing, Tim Grotton, Gary McCarty, and Joshua Watson.

We would like to remind all of our residents that RFID placards are mandatory. They do not expire and can be obtained at the Town Office. The owner of the property is entitled to ONE free placard; additional placards are available with a \$10.00 deposit. When entering the Transfer Station, you **MUST** have your placard visible with the colored side facing out. Additional information on placards can be obtained through a Transfer Station Attendant or a member of the Town Office Staff.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic a lot of things have changed at the Transfer Station over the past year. Currently, recycling remains limited and free for the taking is open. We would like to thank all of our residents for their cooperation during this challenging time.

Recycling markets are constantly changing. We do all that we can to find the best market value for all materials. We want to extend our gratitude to those of you who continue to support our recycling efforts in China.

We are currently accepting the following materials for recycling:

- CLEAN waste oil (no antifreeze, gas, water, etc.).
- Food waste, manure, lawn clippings and leaves in our compost pile. Please keep in mind that leaves left in PAPER bags are fine, plastic bags are not acceptable. Compost is ready every spring and is free for the taking.
- Trees and brush up to 14” in diameter.
- HDPE Plastics, also known as #2 plastics. These include but are not limited to milk jugs, juice jugs, laundry detergent jugs, etc.
- Tin & aluminum cans. All of these are acceptable but must be clean and empty with labels removed.
- All types of metal are accepted.
- Corrugated cardboard not paperboard

To avoid contamination and keep our recycling center successful, it is vital that we are receiving CLEAN recyclables. If recyclables are not clean and empty, they may be rejected by an attendant.

Although some resources are limited, we still have our Apparel Impact and PaintCare programs. Please refer to the recycling tab on our website at www.china.govoffice.com

Please remember that recycling clean corrugated cardboard is mandatory. Staff are always available to help assist you and answer any questions you may have. Metal is free to drop off, but **please consult with an attendant before dumping in any other bays.**

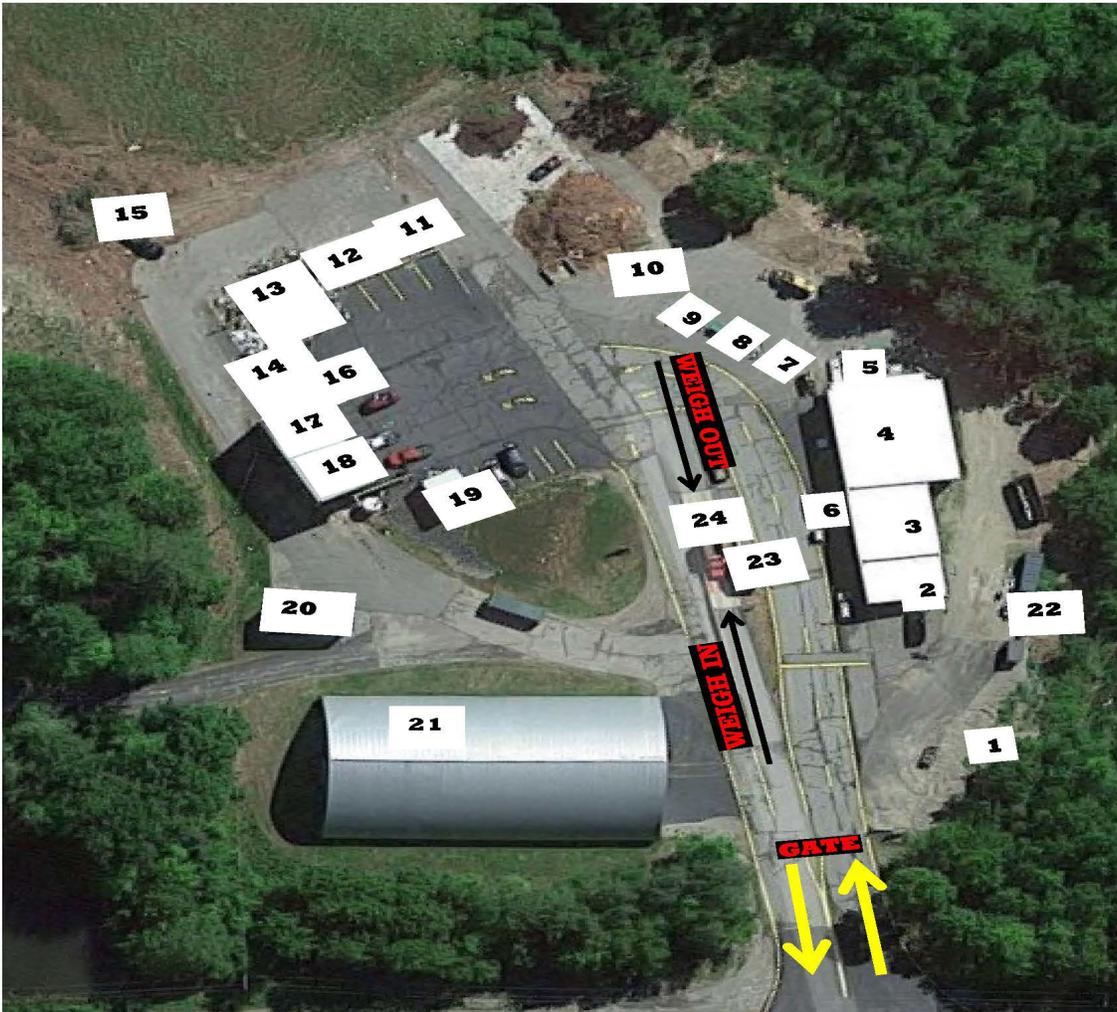
We want to remind you that we have four express cans for your convenience; these are for two bags or less. For those using the hopper, we would like to remind you **not to block the hopper area.** **Due to the current pandemic one resident is allowed at the hopper at a time, please try to get in and out of this area as quickly as possible to keep the traffic flowing.**

In conclusion, we would like to thank the various volunteers that have provided their services in our free for the taking building as well as the Transfer Station Committee: Mark Davis, Irene Belanger, Robert Kurek, Lawrence Sikora, Karen Hatch, Chris Deisch, and Paul Lucas for their hard work and dedication to our Transfer Station. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our residents for wearing their masks and social distancing.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ronald Marois
 Transfer Station Manager

RECYCLING TOTALS	
PAINT	1628 gallons
METAL	170.5 tons
CARDBOARD	67 tons
NEWSPAPER	56 gaylords
#2 PLASTIC	6.32 tons
WASTE OIL	1,300gallons
COMPOST	93 tons
FREON UNITS	312 units
BRUSH	526.12 tons
CRUSHED & RECYCLED GLASS, ASPHALT, CEMENT, AND PORCELAIN	15.10 tons
APPAREL IMPACT BIN (TEXTILES)	5.0 tons
DRUG TAKE BACK	
DRUGS RETURNED	265 pounds
UNIVERSAL WASTE ELECTRONICS	
TVS & MONITORS	8.76 tons
PCB BALLASTS	0.02 ton
NON-PCB BALLASTS	0.0075 ton
COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS	0.27 ton
PRINTERS	1.21 ton
MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS	0.30 ton
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW) TRANSFERRED OUT	
MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE	1,291 tons
COMMERCIALY HAULED TRASH	176.5 tons
MIXED CDD (CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION DEBRIS) TRANSFERRED OUT	
PERC	75.4 tons
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1008.86 tons

**China Transfer Station
191 Alder Park Rd**



To Lakeview Drive



To Route 3

- 1. Residents Sand Box
- 2. Universal Waste (computers, televisions, keyboards, etc.)
- 3. Plastics, tin & aluminum
- 4. Cardboard compactor
- 5. Paint drop-off
- 6. Cardboard can
- 7. Porcelain, bricks, cement
- 8. Express cans (4)
- 9. Wood stove ash & tires
- 10. Compost

- 11. Metal can
- 12. Metal
- 13. Demo 2
- 14. Compactor (demo 1)
- 15. Brush
- 16. Cardboard cans (2)
- 17. Hopper (household trash)
- 18. Waste oil
- 19. Free for the taking
- 20. Loader building

- 21. Sand/salt shed
- 22. Freon units
- 23. Scale house
- 24. Scales

China Public Works

The Public Works Department is located at 211 Alder Park Road, adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Public Works Department has four full-time employees. Public Works Director Shawn Reed, plow and equipment operator Joshua Ross, plow operator Marty Britten. I would like to thank Joshua Ross, and Marty Britten for their hard work and devoted service they provide to the Town of China. Together, we take care of the roads during the summer and winter months. From November until April, we are on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to plow snow and maintain safe roads for the residents of China.

It was a challenging winter with several ice events, equipment being down due to supply shortages of parts for repairs, and all the other COVID related obstacles.

The Town of China's road structure consists of 46.48 miles of town owned roads and 8.85 miles of state aid roads, in which we maintain in the winter months.

During the 2021 paving year, we completed routine overlays on Deer Hill Road, Wing Road, Back Deer Hill Road, Dirigo Road, Village Street, Arnold Road, Meadow Wood Drive, Jones Road, Legion Memorial Drive, and Old Windsor Road.

The tentative schedule for the 2022 paving season is 5.92 miles of roads. The roads being paved this year are in quadrant 2 and are as follows: 1 mile of Neck Road, Morrill Road, Peking Street, Canton Street, Causeway Road, Danforth Road, Dutton Road, McCaslin Road, and 1.5 miles of Pleasant View Ridge starting at Lakeview Drive. The predicted increase in hot mix asphalts this year is between 10 and 20 dollars a ton. The final bid price that is awarded may affect our decision on the amount of paving we can provide.

I would like to thank our Road Committee Members for their dedication and service, in particular Fred Anderson, Dale Peabody, and Jen Chamberlain. The Town of China's Road Committee is actively working on an overlay program to get the roads back on an eight-to-ten-year cycle. To accomplish this, we need to engage in an extensive overlaying program. This will require an average of 6 miles of roads to be paved every year.

The Public Works Department is committed to providing a high-quality service to our residents. The China Public Works strives to maintain and improve China's infrastructure in a safe, efficient, respectful, and competent manner while being sensitive of the costs and concerns of the residents of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Reed
Public Works Director



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January 1, 2022

Dear Community Members,

As your Superintendent of Schools, I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute to your town report. We have great schools in RSU 18, a supportive community and so many impressive young people who make our future bright. Over the past two years, our district has successfully managed some challenging times. Keeping our schools open, keeping our students and staff safe and coming together as a community to support one another. So many people worked tirelessly to make this happen. But keeping true to our core values of academic achievement and maintaining a positive safe school culture were the driving forces behind the success.

The education we provide in our schools shapes our students' future lives. Because of the dedication in this district, our youngest students still learned to decode the English language and begin to read, they learned the foundations of mathematics and most importantly learned how to learn. Middle school can be some of the most difficult years in an adolescent's life. There is so much pressure and so many changes. How Messalonskee and China Middle School handle everything happening in their schools and still managed to build supportive relationships with students is nothing short of amazing. Our middle schools provide the academic interventions to help students get up to speed if they find themselves behind and allow others to soar into more challenging high school topics if they are ready. Middle school is all about meeting each student's needs, and our two middle schools excel at this. Yes, there are bumps along the way, but learning to overcome challenges is part of life. At Messalonskee High School, we promote numerous pathways to success, and the pandemic did not prevent this. Every student is different, and they don't need to all take the same courses to be considered academically successful. Once again, this year, our advanced placement scores were higher than most schools in the state and across the country. Students at all academic levels earned college credits by taking dual enrollment courses, and we sent a strong contingency of well-prepared students to trade schools. These are just some of the pathways that represent academic success.

Safe schools and a positive culture can mean so many things. Over the past year, keeping people safe from COVID-19 has been a big part of what we do. Putting up tents to let students have more time outside, spreading students out in the classroom, creating paths outside so students can spread out between classes, improving our air handling



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systems, providing any resources needed from PPE to extra classroom materials so students did not have to pass materials back and forth, all these things helped keep our students and staff safe.

School safety goes beyond COVID. It also means creating an environment in our classrooms where students can take a risk to ask questions, having the staff at the elementary school dress up to celebrate holidays and make our youngest students love to come to school and creating a culture where anytime a student is starting to feel despair, they have peers and adults who they are comfortable reaching out to. Our teachers, our social workers, our support staff, our nurses, our students, our administrators, everyone worked together to make our schools safe.

If you have not driven around our district, you should take an opportunity to do so. At the high school the new athletic complex is still one of the best in the state. The bus garage, the new access road and sidewalks not only look great, but they have made traffic and walking paths much safer in Oakland for everyone. We have put new roofs on most of our schools, upgrade our air handling systems, we are replacing old windows, redoing siding, repaving our parking lots and sprucing up playgrounds. Our district looks fantastic. But most importantly, all these improvements have made our schools safer and more comfortable for learning.

To put it simple, thank you to our staff, our community, and our students. We are better together and over this past year, together we have done great things. Here is to a healthy 2022.

Carl Gartley
Superintendent of Schools
RSU 18





Dear Residents of China and South China,

Erskine Academy hoped that this year's message to all of you would have COVID behind us, or nearly so. As we approach two years now with this pandemic, we are hopeful for the promise of a safer, healthier, and brighter 2022, nonetheless. Although we've yet to defeat the pandemic, it has not beaten us. The last year was challenging as we navigated in-person, hybrid, and fully remote teaching and learning; still, our response to the circumstances and the lessons learned strengthened our resolve to emerge a stronger and better Erskine Academy from this crisis.

Of the odd lessons taught by the pandemic is that change can happen quickly and forcefully. With little notice or time to prepare, every aspect of our educational approach was affected, dramatically changing schooling as we knew it. This traumatic year reminded us of the significance of community and empathy as the glue to keep us together. We met expectations and stressors by reconfiguring our physical space; adhering vigilantly to health and safety measures; investing in protective factors such as PPE, ventilation, and air filtration systems; and retraining and retooling with adaptive technologies and computer software. This is how we were able to return to school then, and this is how we are now able to stay in school one good school day at a time.

In Erskine Academy's 139th year, we continued to be a high school of choice that combines an independent education with the democratic ideal of quality education for all. Our core values—**Scholarship, Leadership, Stewardship, and Relationships**—were at work to produce results and deliver the highest educational experience possible while mitigating corona virus risks. A few facts about Erskine Academy today attest to our vitality and value:

- With 528 students in grades nine through twelve, we are the largest town academy in Maine to serve a nearly 100% local student body on a 100% school choice basis
- A 13:1 professional teacher to student ratio
- A 100% graduation rate; a 98% four-year graduation rate
- A dropout rate of less than one percent
- Of 120 graduates in 2021, 71% were accepted to higher or continuing education (now a nine-year trend), many to highly selective colleges and universities.

Having no enrollment contracts with any community for a whole or portion of their high schoolers, we operate independently and exclusively on a school choice basis. This structure provides us with stability, enables us to be nimble in our operation, and expedites problem-solving and decision-making. At the same time, we focus on essential teaching and learning processes.

Although independent, we commit to our publicly funded students by admitting all students from our eight sending towns who have completed the eighth grade and can benefit from

our programs. Our enrollment generally exceeds 60% of the students from our collective eight sending towns.

Regardless of differences in residence, prior learning, interests, abilities, or personal circumstances and backgrounds, all of our students matter and belong. All who attend here experience a school program that blends traditional values with new programs and best practices to become the most academically and personally prepared young people in our region.

We have always considered industry certificates, two-year degrees, apprenticeships, and military service as higher education and, as such, viable pursuits. Therefore, we have created and sustained a comprehensive academic program to reflect and facilitate access to these experiences and four-year degree programs. We are one of the few high schools in the state to continue to offer shop technology, family and consumer economics, culinary arts, and business courses for exposure and entry-level work. Additionally, with 64 students pursuing a certificate in a craft or trade at the **Capital Area Technical Center**, Erskine's enrollment at CATC is second only to its host, Cony High School.

Staffed by three teachers and two educational technicians, Erskine's **Special Education** program educates and provides specialized support to students eligible for such services through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Valuing all students and believing they deserve a welcoming school and professional teachers who will build on their strengths, 33% of our students receive academic assistance or special education services to support their learning.

Now in its tenth year, our **Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG)** program has increased student exposure to various forms of higher education and vocational trades programs and has taught essential work seeking, training, and employment retention skills.

Last year, we offered 12 **Advanced Placement** courses, enrolling 152 students; 235 students enrolled across our 13 **dual enrollment courses** with nearby colleges—including Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas College, the University of Maine, the University of Maine at Farmington, Eastern Maine Community College, the University of Maine at Augusta, and Husson University—taught here by our teachers. For their efforts in these early college experiences, nearly one-half of our graduates earned college credits while in high school. From 2018 to the present, Erskine Academy students received college credit in a total of 1032 courses and realized substantial savings in college tuition to them and their families.

With 27% of our students receiving free and reduced breakfast and lunch, our student body is socioeconomically diverse. We were fortunate this year and last to participate in the Maine Department of Education's **Extended Summer Feeding Program**, which provided all students with tray breakfasts and lunches daily and at no cost to them. However, because our most vulnerable students live and learn in poverty, we continue to operate a school-based clothing and supplies cupboard and the "**Eagles Nest,**" an open-access

food pantry and backpack program from which students can obtain food for after school and weekends.

Pandemic conditions required our reimagining of favored traditions and activities. With masks, personal hygiene, and distancing in place, we enjoyed Homecoming, Winter Carnival, in-person Senior Week activities (including Baccalaureate, Class Night, and graduation), and the first Lobster Roll to provide financial and moral support for Maine Special Olympics. We also won the first regional competition “**The Cereal Box Domino Challenge**,” raising and donating over 3,500 boxes of cereal to our local food pantries.

Other examples of our school community’s goodwill are the thousands of hours of community service and substantial fundraising for important causes such as the Home for Little Wanderers, the Ronald McDonald House, the Center for Grieving Children, and the United Way’s Day of Caring. Through our embrace of volunteerism and stewardship, we engage meaningfully with our communities, and we experience giving back with appreciation and humility.

Since our founding in 1883, Erskine Academy has remained true to its mission while evolving to meet new demands, challenges, and uncertainties. Because there is no limit to what we can do, pursuing excellence and implementing our mission are continuous and unyielding works in progress. Our school accrediting agency affirmed this, ***The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC)***, who, in response to our Five-Year Interim Report, stated, “...the Commission wishes to note the level of attention which the school gives its students. You have developed a truly extensive and effective program—one that is singularly focused on students maximizing their experience and on the post-secondary experiences available to them.”

We have heartfelt gratitude for our alumni and friends who believe strongly enough in our values and results that they give their time, talents, and financial donations. Their investment enables us to invest in programs and enhancements that state-set tuition alone cannot support and raises our expectations for ourselves.

We are grateful to our students, families, and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and legacy that adheres to what we know is right and good for our young people and aids them to construct a strong start for adulthood.

Thank you, China and South China residents, for sustaining high school choice for your young people and families, an opportunity for learning available to only 3% of Maine students. Those families who have chosen Erskine Academy—entrusting us with their children’s intellectual, social, and personal development—inspire, honor, and motivate us to make an excellent school even better. In partnership and engagement with you, we look forward to new challenges and accomplishments in the year ahead.

Onward Erskine Academy! Michael McQuarrie, Headmaster

**Doris L. Young
Scholarship Recipients
7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021:**

Maggie Anderson

Erica Basham

Julia Basham

Norah Davidson

Austin Dunn

Lydia Gilman

Angel Hall-Stuart

Alicia Hotham

Peyton Houghton

Morgaine Kmen

Rivers Malcolm

Mya Maxim

Reece McGlew

Merlin Murphy

Eli Murphy

Myles Nored

Conner Paine

Cassidy Penney

Gabriella Pizzo

Jacob Praul

Hunter Praul

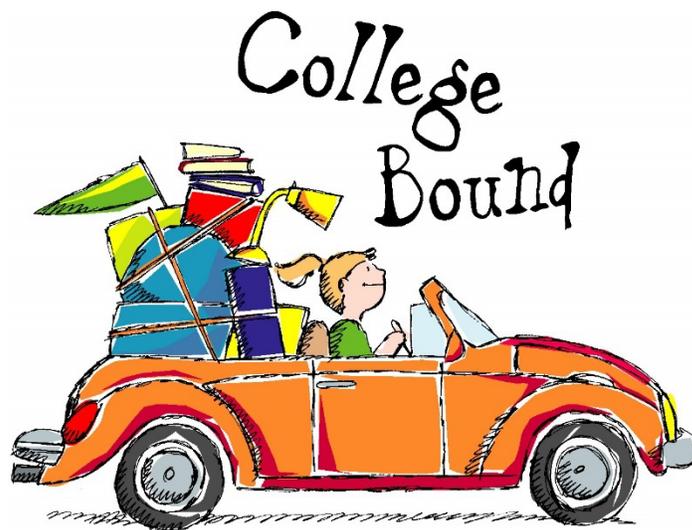
Dylan Presby

Hunter Gregory Thomas Rushing

Justin Wentworth

Christopher Wight

Richard Winn



TIF Committee

The TIF Committee consists of 9 active members with the objective to oversee China's Tax Increment Finance Program and make recommendations to the Select Board. The Program is designed to set aside tax money to fund projects that will encourage and improve economic development in China. Those funds are sheltered from the calculations for revenue sharing received from the State.

In the past year, the second amendment to the TIF Program was approved by the voters and the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. The committee has revised the TIF Funding application and will assign a liaison from the committee to oversee each approved project.

Projects that were recommended by the committee and approved by the Select Board are as follows:

1. \$34,600 to Thurston Park Committee to build a storage building at Thurston Park to securely store necessary equipment now stored offsite
2. \$50,000 to China Regions Lake Alliance for programs to improve water quality of Lakes within the Town of China
3. \$30,000 to China Four Seasons Club for maintenance and improvements to ATV trails located in China
4. \$5,000 for China Ice Days fireworks
5. \$10,000 to China Broadband Committee to continue with a consultant for advisement
6. \$30,000 to China Broadband Committee for future Broadband needs
7. \$7,500 for a boundary survey at the Town Landing in South China

Thanks to all members for volunteering and their hard work:

Thomas Michaud- Chair

James (JJ) Wentworth- Co-Chair

Lucas Adams

Danny Boivin

Brent Chesley

Karen Morin

James Pitney

Trishea Story

Michael Wing

Select Board



Select Board Members pictured left to right:

Jeanne Marquis, Blane Casey, Ronald Breton, Wayne Chadwick, and Janet Preston

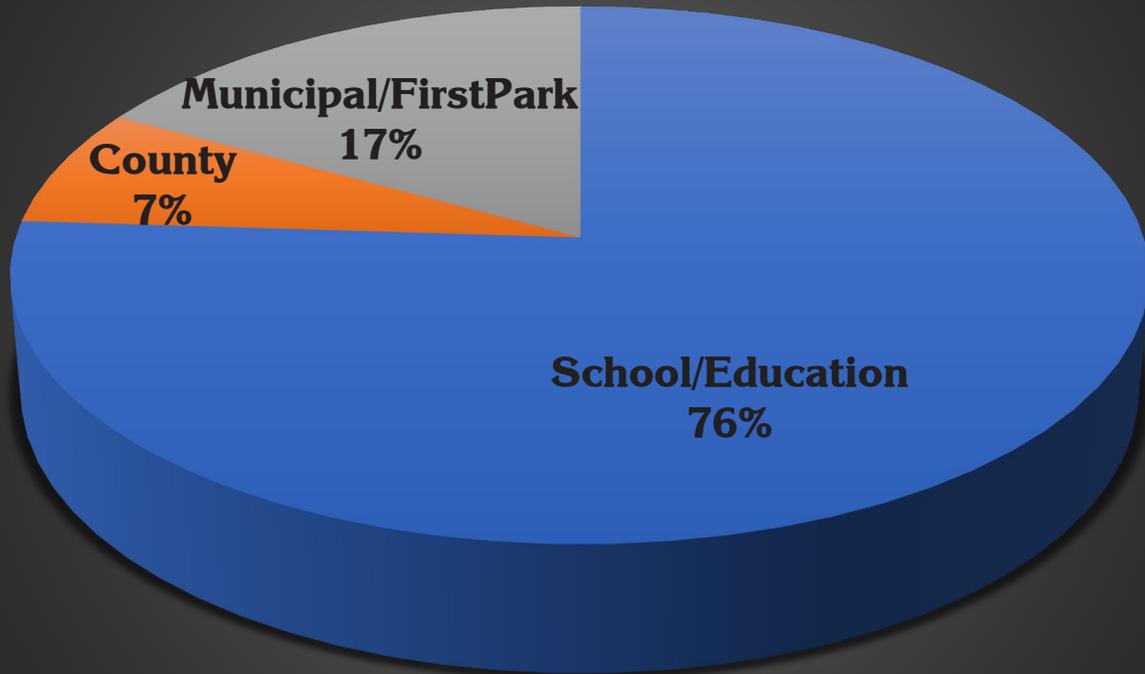
Vendor Detail Report

Vendor Name:	Amount:
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A. E. Hodsdon	\$24,541.04
AAA Portable Toilet Rental	\$1,040.00
Ace Detective & Security, Inc.	\$3,498.13
ACME Scale Company	\$1,600.00
Admiral Fire & Safety, INC	\$196.61
Advance Auto Parts	\$836.96
Advanced Workplace Strategies, INC	\$395.00
Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc	\$4,010.00
Affordable Fire Protection Co.	\$487.00
Aggressive Cuts LLC	\$2,362.50
AGWAY INC-Winslow Farm Center	\$503.58
Albert Church Brown Memorial	\$4,500.00
Alfieri, Thomas	\$26.95
All States Construction, Inc	\$22,390.08
Allied Equipment, LLC	\$161.73
American Legion- POST #179	\$500.00
American Legion- POST #195	\$500.00
American Red Cross	\$500.00
American Security Cabinets	\$2,020.81
Anderson, Maggie and Gordon College	\$500.00
Archer, Frannie	\$11.07
Atlantic Recycling Equipment, LLC	\$1,900.00
Augusta Fuel Company	\$592.18
Automotive Titling Corporation	\$793.44
B & B Septic Services, Inc	\$350.00
B & P Garage, LLC	\$3,404.62
Bailey, Tammy	\$71.30
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$1,122.67
Basham Tree Service Inc	\$17,755.00
Basham, Erica and Gordon College	\$500.00
Basham, Julia and	\$500.00
Beauregard Equipment	\$1,883.79
Big Tex Trailer World Store # 463	\$179.98
Black, Norman	\$414.40
Blane Casey Building Contractor Inc	\$2,250.13
Bolduc-Bartlett, Kim	\$1,600.95
Bolster's Rubbish Removal, LLC	\$49,900.00
Britten, Martin	\$147.23
Bromar, Inc	\$2,283.00
Bug Busterzzz Pest Control LLC	\$1,960.00
Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and	\$1,203.00
Burts Security Center	\$1,655.50
Butler, William	\$1,128.66
Byron, Alec	\$17.92
CAI Technologies	\$2,400.00
Campbell, Jeffrey	\$74.16
Catholic Charities Maine	\$500.00
Central Maine Association of Assessing	\$35.00
Central Maine Equipment	\$4,150.00
Central Maine Power Company	\$22,465.63
Central Tire Shawmut	\$1,485.00
CentralSquare Technologies LLC	\$2,726.25
Chadwick, Wayne D	\$11,432.00
Chamberlain, Jennifer	\$18.40
Chesterfield Associates INC.	\$18,000.00
Children's Center	\$500.00
China Four Seasons Club	\$17,243.44
China Lake Association	\$28,500.00
China Recreation	\$3,683.00
China Region Lakes Alliance	\$27,130.00
China Rescue	\$14,664.17
China Village Volunteer Fire	\$36,230.00
Circle K	\$4,036.72
City of Waterville	\$17,841.02
Comprehensive Land Technologies Inc	\$29,140.67
Consolidated Communications	\$90.26
Corelogic, INC	\$4,963.93
Coutts Brothers Inc	\$1,400.00
Cowing, Andrew	\$173.00
Creative Imaging Group	\$917.43
Crisis & Counseling Centers	\$500.00
Crommett, Joshua	\$168.40
CUSO	\$542.36
CW Repair Inc.	\$125.00
Daigle & Houghton	\$5,127.94
Davidson, Norah and	\$500.00
Demerchant, Bryce	\$1,330.00
Dennis K. Burke Inc	\$17,140.71
Dennison Lubricants of Maine	\$487.72
Dionne, Scott	\$38.28
Dirigo Waste Oil	\$596.80
Downeast Surveying & DevelopmentInc	\$684.00
Election Systems & Software, INC	\$4,506.19
Eliza Corp	\$1,025.00
Ellis, Adam	\$89.13
Emergency Medical Products, Inc	\$1,373.04
Fahey, Richard F Jr.	\$4,760.00
Family Violence Project	\$1,800.00
Farmington Underground LLC	\$3,000.00
Farrington, Ashley	\$131.61
Fastenal	\$2,749.10
Fine Line Paving & Grading LLC	\$14,170.00
Finley, Jason	\$510.00
Finley, Julie	\$269.16
Finley, Steven	\$12,214.50
FleetScreen, LTD	\$60.00
Foote, Zachary	\$428.00
Gagne & Son Concrete Block	\$477.68
George Weber	\$14.88
GHM Agency	\$57,608.00
Gilman, Lydia and	\$500.00

GovOffice LLC	\$840.00	LifeFlight Foundation	\$500.00
Grotton, Kelly	\$251.18	LogMeIn	\$3,621.81
Grotton, Timothy	\$150.00	Lovett, Walter	\$1.95
Group Dynamic Inc	\$13,070.00	Lucas, Stephen K	\$27,873.70
Hall-Stewart, Angel and KVCC	\$500.00	MA Haskell & Sons LLC	\$704.42
Hamlin's Marine Waterville	\$8,288.82	MA Haskell Fuel Co, LLC	\$1,939.55
Hammond Lumber Company	\$215.83	Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$180.00
Hanover Computer Co. LLC	\$299.90	Maine Building Officials and	\$35.00
Hanson, Jaime V.	\$734.17	Maine Department of Labor	\$4,021.41
Hapgood, Rebecca J	\$1,209.15	Maine Employers' Mutal	\$694.00
Harris Computer Systems	\$18,339.39	Maine General Health	\$317.00
Harry J Smith Co	\$213.00	Maine General Medical Center	\$292.04
Holmes, Tiffany	\$49.47	Maine Government Finance	\$50.00
Hospice Volunteers of WatervilleArea	\$1,000.00	Maine Local Government Human	\$50.00
Hotham, Alicia and UMA	\$500.00	Maine Municipal Association	\$26,895.30
Houghton, Peyton and St. Josephs College	\$500.00	Maine Municipal Employees	\$332,465.94
Howard P Fairfield, LLC	\$13,039.89	Maine Municipal Tax Collector	\$570.00
HR Maine Consulting	\$800.00	Maine Oxy	\$1,029.30
Hussey Communications, INC	\$550.00	Maine PERS	\$8.51
Hussey's General Store	\$672.15	Maine Secretary of State	\$50.00
Hydraulic Solutions of	\$2,165.00	Maine Today Media	\$757.20
Hygrade Business Group, INC	\$150.60	Maine Town & City Clerks Assoc.	\$60.00
ICMA Membership Renewals	\$1,144.00	Maine Welfare Directors Association	\$185.00
Ideal Electric Inc	\$682.67	Malcolm, Rivers and UMA	\$500.00
IMAGES Belfast, LLC	\$188.65	Maritime Energy	\$7,312.83
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	\$170.00	Mark's Saw Shop	\$70.00
International Security Networks, Inc	\$2,395.12	Marois, Ronald	\$23.00
J.D. Power and Associates	\$309.00	Martin & Ware Inc	\$7,000.00
JB Simons Inc	\$244.00	Maxim, Mya and Lasell College	\$500.00
JIMAR Construction Products LLC	\$3,917.65	McCarty, Gary	\$130.78
Johnson, Craig R	\$19.00	McGee Construction, LLC	\$624,935.00
JPMA-Staff Development Solutions LLC	\$75.00	McGlew, Reece and	\$500.00
K & K Insurance Group, Inc	\$3,161.94	MGMC Workplace Health	\$602.00
K & M Transport LLC	\$1,147.50	Microsoft	\$3,266.38
Kempton Tobey & Son, INC	\$531.00	Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce	\$425.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,000.00	Mitnik, Paul	\$12.32
Kennebec County Sheriff's Office	\$47.29	Motion Industries, Inc.	\$595.44
Kennebec County Treasurer	\$472,621.75	Motor Supply Augusta	\$6,826.75
Kennebec Equipment Rental	\$225.00	Motor Supply CO.	\$32.23
Kennebec Registry of Deeds	\$4,724.30	MPBN	\$100.00
Kennebec Savings Bank	\$2,892.08	MPX	\$1,943.77
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$7,364.32	MRRRA Marketing Cooperative	\$2,197.50
Kmen, Morgaine and Wheaton College	\$500.00	MTCCA	\$450.00
Knight's Farm Supply	\$427.80	MTCMA	\$80.00
KOFILE Preservation, INC	\$2,445.00	MTE Turf Equipment Solutions, Inc.	\$777.44
KRDA (FirstPark)	\$38,074.94	Municipal Review Committee Inc	\$70,132.97
KVCAP-Demand Response	\$1,000.00	Murphay, Eli and UMA	\$500.00
KVCOG	\$6,881.00	Murphy, Merlin and Maine Maritime Academy	\$500.00
Lakeview Lumber Company	\$4,528.73	Musco Sports Lighting, LLC	\$37,841.00
Lane, James	\$145.71	Nelson, Angela	\$131.70
Lapointe Lumber	\$59.08	Neo-Kraft Signs Inc	\$13,158.87
Lee Baxter Enterprises Inc	\$2,875.00	New England Salt Company, LLC	\$76,866.38
Leighton Sign Works, Inc	\$668.00		

NITCO, LLC	\$103.80	Southeast Financial	\$304.52
Nored, Myles and USM	\$500.00	Southworth-Milton, INC	\$1,536.32
North Coast Services LLC	\$55.12	Spectrum Business	\$2,126.48
Northcenter Foods	\$746.25	Spectrum Generations	\$2,800.00
Northeast Coffee Company	\$551.25	STAPLES, INC	\$5,442.32
O'Connor	\$4,341.32	Stephen Nelson Forest Products	\$15,396.25
Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc.	\$7,224.00	Stripe-A-Lot Safety Lines	\$1,225.00
Overhead Door Company	\$2,492.66	Team EJP Gardiner, ME	\$7,004.20
Paine, Connor and St. Leo University	\$500.00	Thayer, Erika	\$34.02
Penney, Cassidy and UMA	\$500.00	The Law Office of	\$35,266.73
Penobscot Energy Recovery Co.	\$29,716.04	The Town Line, INC.	\$8,925.00
Pike Industries, INC	\$288,606.82	Time Clock Plus	\$741.00
Pizarro, Robert	\$11.00	TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc	\$75.00
Pizzo, Gabriella and Sarah Lawrence College	\$500.00	Tobey's Grocery	\$979.41
Plummer, Zachary	\$18,730.00	Town Hall Streams, LLC	\$3,000.00
Pomelow, Richard T	\$25.00	Town of Vassalboro	\$49.46
Potts, Lucas	\$18.00	Traction Heavy Duty	\$1,925.03
Poulin, David	\$45.00	Transco Business Technologies	\$4,111.00
Praul, Hunter and	\$500.00	Treasurer, State of Maine - DEP	\$330.00
Praul, Jacob and UMO	\$500.00	Treasurer, State of Maine - Fuel	\$1,085.26
Presby, Dylan and Lasell College	\$500.00	Treasurer, State of Maine (DOGS)	\$3,176.00
Prodeva, Inc.	\$48.18	Treasurer, State of Maine (Dsptch)	\$40,818.00
ProKnee	\$156.00	Treasurer, State of Maine (HE)	\$3,262.50
ProSeal, LLC	\$14,876.00	Treasurer, State of Maine (Vitals)	\$311.20
Purdy Powers & Company	\$23,000.00	Treasurer, State of Maine- IF&W	\$91,026.07
Quadient Finance USA, INC.	\$6,414.86	Treasurer, State of Maine- MISC	\$5,900.60
RCM - Augusta	\$50.82	Treasurer, State of Maine- MVD	\$366,324.04
Reed, Shawn	\$172.06	Treasurer, State of Maine-DEP	\$665.00
Reeves Company, Inc	\$27.95	Troop 479	\$34.00
Rockingham Electrical Supply Co Inc	\$118.14	U S Postmaster	\$6,292.59
Rocky's Stove Shoppe LLC	\$1,870.40	Union Farm Equipment	\$1,025.68
ROKI Repair Shop	\$264.90	United Ag & Turf NE	\$771.51
Ross, Joshua	\$150.00	United States Treasury	\$29.26
Rowe, Benjamin	\$749.98	Van Tuinen, William E	\$37,495.00
RSU #18	\$5,048,702.47	Varney, Parris	\$10.00
Rumpf, Colby T	\$26,030.10	Varney, Patricia A	\$3,019.50
Rushing, Hunter and USM	\$500.00	Verizon Wireless	\$1,688.92
S.D. Childs & Sons Excavation, LLC	\$15,547.04	W.D. Matthews Machinery Company	\$542.53
S.W. Cole Engineering, INC	\$7,250.00	Waste Management Disposal Services	\$67,173.80
SAM's Club Discover	\$28,271.75	Watson, Joshua	\$221.70
Satellite Security	\$673.00	Watson, Kevin	\$20.00
Schwaab	\$286.74	Weeks Mills Vol. Fire Dept.	\$28,300.00
Seacoast Security, Inc	\$1,096.90	Wentworth, Justin and Thomas College	\$500.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$500.00	White Cap, LP	\$321.90
Sherwin Williams	\$1,000.53	White Sign	\$4,548.91
Shredding On Site, Inc.	\$1,310.00	Whitt's Garment Works	\$2,814.00
Smith, Anita	\$441.66	Wight, Christopher and Husson University	\$500.00
Somerset County	\$10,170.80	Winn, Richard and	\$500.00
South China Library	\$4,500.00	Woo Hoo Inc	\$1,855.00
South China Vol. Fire Dept.	\$34,078.61		

2020-2021 Property Tax Distribution



■ School/Education

■ County

■ Municipal/FirstPark

Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine

June 30, 2021

Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Select Board
Town of China
China, Maine**

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 3, the Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total MMEHT Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 45, the Notes to the Schedule on page 46, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 47, the Schedule of Town Contributions on page 48, and the Notes to the Schedules on page 49 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of China, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor financial statements and other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such 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 nonmajor fund financial statements and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Professional Association

**Portland, Maine
November 1, 2021**

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Town of China, Maine

As management of the Town of China, Maine, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded liabilities in the Statement of Net Position by approximately \$8.7 million as of June 30, 2021 and \$8.0 million as of June 30, 2020.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance was \$2.4 million as of June 30, 2021, compared to \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2020.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present both a long-term and short-term view of the Town's finances. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets (and deferred outflows) and liabilities (and deferred inflows), with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health requires other non-financial factors, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's roads, as well as many others.

The Statement of Activities reports the current year change in net position. This statement includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including public works, general administration, public safety and solid waste operations. Taxes, fees, fines, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific

activities or objectives. The Town uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Town’s most significant funds rather than the Town as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The Town has the following fund types:

- Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is different with fund statements reporting short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short- term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of net position for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 4,169,649	\$ 4,164,647	\$ 5,002
Capital assets	<u>4,932,590</u>	<u>4,228,186</u>	<u>704,404</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,102,239</u>	<u>8,392,833</u>	<u>709,406</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>226,502</u>	<u>146,026</u>	<u>80,476</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>226,502</u>	<u>146,026</u>	<u>80,476</u>
Long-term liabilities	483,076	322,730	160,346
Other liabilities	<u>98,974</u>	<u>192,235</u>	<u>(93,261)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>582,050</u>	<u>514,965</u>	<u>67,085</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>13,784</u>	<u>44,271</u>	<u>(30,487)</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>13,784</u>	<u>44,271</u>	<u>(30,487)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	4,932,590	4,228,186	704,404
Restricted	1,572,357	1,677,546	(105,189)

Unrestricted	<u>2,227,960</u>	<u>2,073,891</u>	<u>154,069</u>
Net Position	\$ <u>8,732,907</u>	\$ <u>7,979,623</u>	\$ <u>753,284</u>

The increase in capital assets is attributed to the improvements on the Causeway Road.

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 225,418	\$ 188,796	\$ 36,622
Operating grants and contributions	51,296	56,374	(5,078)
General revenues			
Taxes	7,781,152	7,911,449	(130,297)
Intergovernmental	837,806	640,827	196,979
Investment	228,360	(4,548)	232,908
All others	<u>161,058</u>	<u>113,893</u>	<u>47,165</u>
Total Revenues	9,285,090	8,906,791	378,299
Expenses:			
Administration	975,445	875,340	100,105
Protection	279,436	288,902	(9,466)
Public works	861,855	807,748	54,107
Solid waste operations	611,711	507,623	104,088
Community services	105,196	103,865	1,331
Education	5,048,702	5,043,099	5,603
Recreation	2,911	2,969	(58)
County tax	472,622	433,730	38,892
Economic development	94,671	71,506	23,165
Capital outlay	<u>79,257</u>	<u>178,643</u>	<u>(99,386)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>8,531,806</u>	<u>8,313,425</u>	<u>218,381</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ <u>753,284</u>	\$ <u>593,366</u>	\$ <u>159,918</u>

The pandemic generated added caution with expenditures and optimism with projected revenue changes. Revenues remained strong throughout the year.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town of China, Maine's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

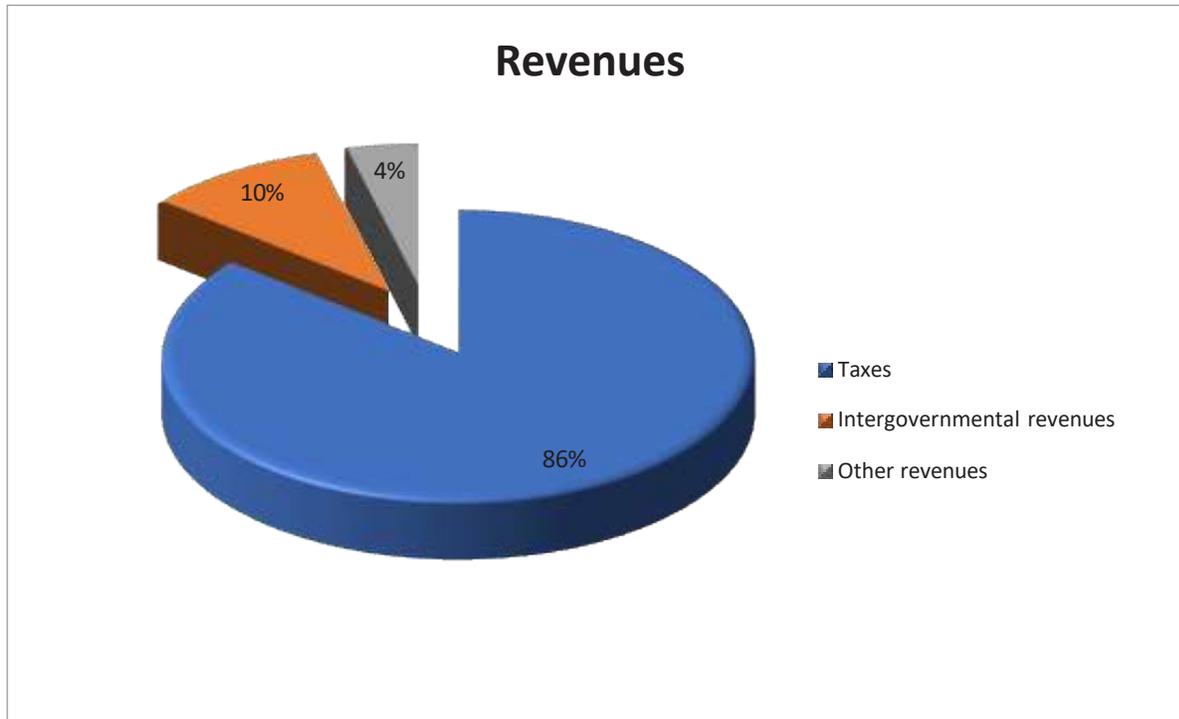
As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of China, Maine governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2021 of \$4.0 million. Approximately 27% of this total constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

In this fiscal year, prior management budgeted \$600,000 of undesignated fund balance be used to help balance the budget. With a conservative eye on the finances and a surplus in revenue, we were able to overcome the use of undesignated fund balance.

The general fund is the central operating fund of the Town of China, Maine. At the end of the current fiscal year the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,076,744. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

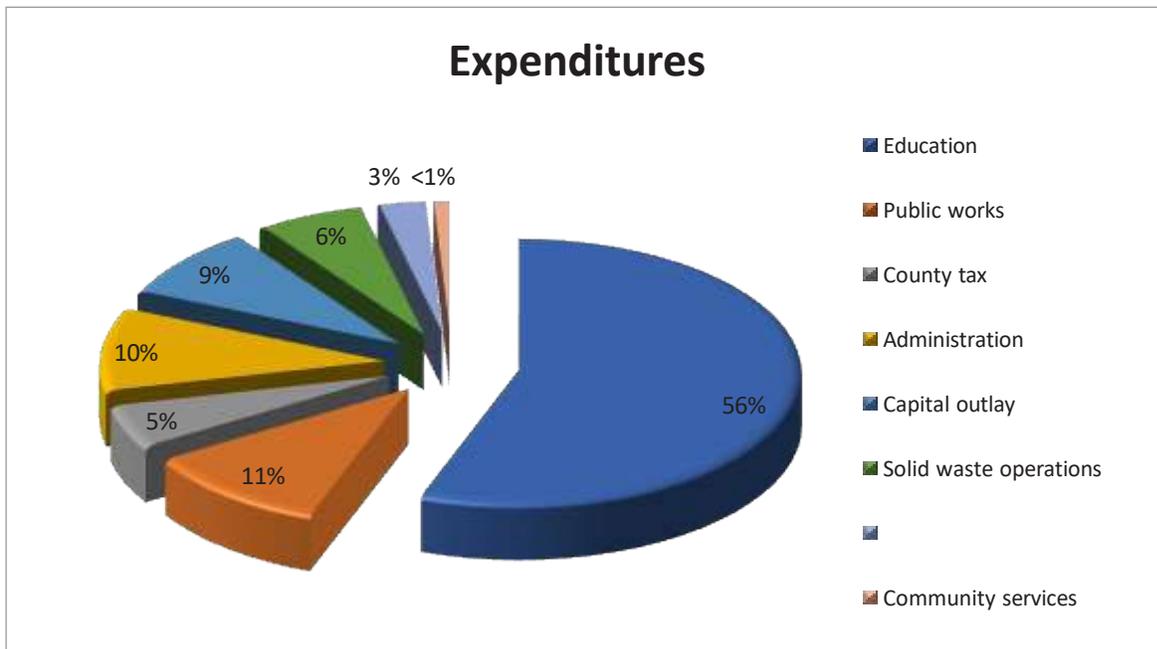
The Government Finance Officers Association recommends at a minimum that "general-purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted budgetary fund balance in their general fund operating expenditures." The current fund balance is about \$355,000 short of that recommendation, which calculates to \$1,422,000 when based on this fiscal year's expenditures. The limited use of undesignated fund balance in the 2021-2022 budget should allow the town to meet this recommendation for the next audit.

The Town's general fund operating fund revenues were as follows:



Other revenues received increased slightly from the prior year while intergovernmental revenues remained stable. Taxes (real estate, person property and motor vehicle excise) continue to represent the largest source of revenue for the town.

The Town's general fund operating fund expenditures were as follows:



General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Overall, the town remains financially stable with an unassigned fund balance exceeding one million.

Capital Assets

The town continues to budget capital replacement for equipment and major expenditures. The Causeway Road project was completed this year.

Long Term Liabilities

The town has no long-term liabilities or indebtedness.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The worldwide pandemic continues to affect the budget. While revenues have not decreased, expenses are rising due to the short supply of items and cost of obtaining available items. Additionally, wage rates for all professions nationwide are increasing.

Housing sale prices are still above municipal assessed values and properties are on the market for only a few days before going under contract often selling at a higher than listed price. To maintain an acceptable certified ratio, the assessments are studied and adjusted to allow reimbursement from the state and exemptions for property owners to be declared at 100%. If the certified ratio drops below 91% then the exemption amount must be adjusted downward which decreases reimbursement and the homeowner's exemption amounts.

The mil rate for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2021 fell from 16.3 to 14.9. There was an upward adjustment to all building values by 5% and non-shoreland properties by 7.5%.

Contacting the Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Office at 445-2014 and ask for the Town Manager. Citizens are welcome to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

Budget and Actual - General Fund

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 7,776,259	\$ 7,776,259	\$ 7,804,152	\$ 27,893
Intergovernmental revenues	710,144	710,144	889,103	178,959
Other revenues	<u>218,500</u>	<u>218,500</u>	<u>333,066</u>	<u>114,566</u>
Total Revenues	8,704,903	8,704,903	9,026,321	321,418
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	983,999	983,999	920,093	63,906
Protection	271,880	271,880	243,460	28,420
Public works	1,249,604	1,249,604	1,139,493	110,111
Solid waste operations	548,834	548,834	557,988	(9,154)
Community services	99,200	99,200	93,445	5,755
Education	5,048,702	5,048,702	5,048,702	-
County tax	472,622	472,622	472,622	-
Capital outlay - special projects	<u>731,294</u>	<u>731,294</u>	<u>845,947</u>	<u>(114,653)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,406,135</u>	<u>9,406,135</u>	<u>9,321,750</u>	<u>84,385</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(701,232)	(701,232)	(295,429)	405,803
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	648,864	648,864
Operating transfers out	-	-	(331,535)	(331,535)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	600,000	600,000	-	(600,000)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>180,620</u>	<u>180,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(180,620)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>780,620</u>	<u>780,620</u>	<u>317,329</u>	<u>(463,291)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 79,388	\$ 79,388	21,900	\$ (57,488)
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>1,495,150</u>	
Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year			<u>\$ 1,517,050</u>	

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Note N - Fund Balances - Continued

At June 30, 2021, the assigned general fund balance consisted of the following:

	Balance at <u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2021</u>
<i><u>Carryforwards:</u></i>					
Administration:					
Election clerks	\$ 1,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,280	\$ -
Travel/training	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Town office cameras	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Protection:					
Emergency services supplies	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Police services	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Police wages	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Police vehicle maintenance	-	1,100	-	-	1,100
Public works:					
State revenue sharing	189,241	(275,000)	412,848	-	327,089
Road assistance	316	-	-	-	316
Cemeteries purchase	6,674	-	6,250	-	12,924
Road maintenance	73,083	(73,083)	-	-	-
Cemeteries	1,675	-	-	1,675	-
Public works training	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
Solid waste:					
Bulk storage tank	11,461	-	-	-	11,461
Transfer station furnace	2,700	-	-	-	2,700
Transfer station cameras	-	1,750	-	-	1,750
Community services:					
China Historical Society	5,150	(5,150)	-	-	-
Special projects:					
Revaluation	10,530	10,000	-	-	20,530
Project learning tree	8,265	-	834	2,610	6,489
Land purchases	1,358	-	-	-	1,358
Emergency shelter septic and well	21,474	-	-	-	21,474
Total carryforwards	343,207	(326,883)	419,932	5,565	430,691

Note N - Fund Balances - Continued

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>6/30/2021</u>
<i>Other Reserves:</i>					
Administration:					
Recreation reserve	15,183	6,331	184	-	21,698
Legal reserve	11,290	-	71	8,392	2,969
Planning board	8,098	-	81	-	8,179
Accrued compensation reserve	19,452	2,382	207	-	22,041
Unemployment claims	7,641	-	76	-	7,717
Town office capital reserve	-	20,000	100	-	20,100
Protection:					
China Village Volunteer FD	318	-	3	-	321
Fire Department reserve	119,696	-	1,157	8,166	112,687
Weeks Mills FD building	13,520	-	135	-	13,655
Rescue reserve	47,170	4,642	495	7,795	44,512
Dispatching	63,293	-	633	-	63,926
PSAP e911	18,185	-	182	-	18,367
South China VFD	5,599	-	56	-	5,655
Public works:					
Equipment reserve	63,539	110,000	1,186	-	174,725
Sand/salt shed	23,095	-	231	-	23,326
Road expense reserve	-	20,000	100	-	20,100
Sand/salt reserve	-	15,000	75	-	15,075
Facility maintenance reserve	-	25,000	125	-	25,125
Fuel reserve	-	5,000	25	-	5,025
Solid waste:					
Compactor reserve	32,616	-	326	-	32,942
Transfer station capital reserve	-	50,000	250	-	50,250
Community services:					
Historical building maintenance reserve	-	8,955	45	-	9,000

Note N - Fund Balances - Continued

	Balance at <u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2021</u>
Special projects:					
Boat launch reserve	1,741	-	17	-	1,758
Growth management reserve	9,592	-	96	-	9,688
Lake access	128,019	-	1,281	-	129,300
Community days	23,049	-	192	7,702	15,539
2018 Bi-centennial	10,077	-	-	-	10,077
Forest at China schools	-	8,000	40	-	8,040
Thurston Park reserve	-	9,041	45	-	9,086
Total other reserves	<u>621,173</u>	<u>284,351</u>	<u>7,414</u>	<u>32,055</u>	<u>880,883</u>
	<u>\$ 964,380</u>	<u>\$ (42,532)</u>	<u>\$ 427,346</u>	<u>\$ 37,620</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,574</u>

Note O - Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year end, the Town entered into a five year contract for waste management. For the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 the Town shall pay \$73 per ton of demolition/bulky debris and beginning January 1, 2023 the charges will be increased annually by 4%. The Town spent approximately \$71,000 on a similar contract during the year ended June 30, 2021.

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including November 1, 2021, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure have been considered in the preparation of the financial statements.

Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine

June 30, 2021



To view the *full* audit please visit the china.govoffice.com web site, under the “**Town Department**” tab, **Administration, Town Manager,** and “**Audit**” tab (pictured below)...

A screenshot of the Town of China, Maine website. The page features a header with the town's logo and the text "CHINA Maine THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE". Below the header is a navigation menu with several tabs: "Home", "About", "Town Departments", and "Officials, Boards & Committees". The "Town Departments" tab is expanded, showing a list of departments including "Administration", "Animal Control", "Assessing", "Police", "Public Works", "Recreation", and "Transfer Station". The "Administration" department is further expanded to show "Code Enforcement", "Tax Collector", "Town Clerk", "Town Manager", "Treasurer", and "General Assistance". The "Town Manager" sub-tab is selected, and a sub-menu is visible with "Audits" highlighted. On the left side of the page, there is a vertical list of links including "COVID-19 Information", "China Connected", "China Community Days", "China Region Lakes Alliance", "China Bicentennial History", "China Tower Camera", "China Rescue", "Fire Departments", "Elections", "Emergency Preparedness", "Helpful Links", "Employment", "Bids", and "Libraries". On the right side, there are buttons for "Online Payments", "Online Services", "Ordinances, Policies & Orders", and "Tax Maps, Cards & Bills". At the bottom right, there is a "Calendar of Events" for March 2021, showing a calendar grid with dates from 1 to 31. The background of the website is a scenic image of a lake at sunset.

NOTES

Town of China, Maine
Warrant of the Annual Town Business Meeting

To Julie A. Finley, a resident of the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the China Town Office Complex in said Town of China, on Tuesday, the 14th of June, A.D. 2022, at 6:55 in the morning, to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on municipal articles/questions by secret ballot. Polling hours to be 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following revenues in the amounts listed below to reduce the property tax assessment for fiscal year 2022/2023?

Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Excise Taxes	\$ 975,000.00
Revenue Sharing	\$ 535,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 47,500.00
Transfer Station Revenue	\$ 149,500.00
FirstPark	\$ 26,100.00
Other Town Revenue	\$ 203,300.00
Total Estimated Revenue 2022-2023	\$ 1,936,400.00

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to **\$230,534** from **assigned fund balance** and up to **\$152,790** from **unassigned fund balance** to meet expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2022/2023.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$872,895** for **Administration** and **\$25,000** for **Accrued Compensation** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 2 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$82,575** for **Boards and Committees** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,484** for **Association Dues**, the sum of **\$16,000** for **Welfare** and the sum of **\$11,332** for **Social Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$157,985** for **Assessing** expenses and **\$30,000** for **Legal** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,995** for **Animal Control** expenses, the sum of **\$34,000** for **Police** expenses and **\$42,057** for **Dispatch** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$166,755** for **Fire and Rescue Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 0 nays / 2 abstentions

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$638,755** for **Transfer Station** expenses and appropriate demolition debris revenues received above estimated amounts in FY 2021/2022 to offset overages in the FY 2021/2022 demolition debris tipping expense account and authorize the assignment and transfer of the funds from the bulk storage tank carry forward of \$11,461 and transfer station furnace carry forward of \$2,700 to the transfer station capital reserve account.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 2 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,449,745** for **Public Works** expenses with an estimated \$52,000 in revenue received from the State of Maine's Local Road Assistance Program.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 2 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$92,000** for **Community Support Organizations** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 0 nays / 2 abstentions

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$49,500** for **Cemetery Care** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance **\$88,290** for **Contingency** expenses and any amounts unexpended during FY 2021/2022 will be credited to the appropriate assigned or unassigned fund balance.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$265,000** from tax increment (**TIF**) revenues for expenditure in accordance with that **Program**.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 16. For Articles 2 through 15, shall the Select Board be authorized to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2022/2023 fiscal year or carry forward remaining amounts from 2021/2022 to the 2022/2023 budget as the Select Board deems prudent, and shall the Select Board be authorized to place unexpended funds as they deem in the best interests of the Town in related reserve accounts or reserve accounts they deem should be established, the funds from which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board?

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote that if any article herein does not pass, the amounts appropriated in FY 2021/2022 for the subject article shall be deemed adopted for FY 2022/2023.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 1 nays

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the China Four Season Club, for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in the snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes, after administration expenses of not more than \$1.00 per snowmobile.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **Tax Payment due dates** to be Friday, September 30, 2022 and Friday, March 31, 2023, and to charge an **Interest Rate of four percent (4%)** per annum after each tax payment due date, at the daily rate of 0.0001096 for each day, or fraction thereof, the payment is overdue.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506.

Select Board Recommends YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000 from **Overlay** to offset tax abatements and applicable interest granted throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and convey, by Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, tax acquired properties, and to execute Waiver of Foreclosure documents as determined to be in the best interests of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units or private sources which becomes available during the year, and to authorize the Select Board to accept, and/or expend on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property; and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from TIF grant match funds any required match for approval of such grants throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 0 nays

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damages occurring to the Town owned real and personal property and to have the funds allocated to the municipal department whose property was damaged.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts of not more than five years, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance and roadside mowing.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 0 nays

Article 26. To see if the Town of China (Town) will vote to change the eligibility guidelines it set as of March 5, 1977 for membership in the Town's Participating Local District plan (P0235) as follows:

The Town votes to:

- A) Allow membership in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System's Participating Local District Plan to the Town's employees who work more than 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year effective July 1, 2022. The Town previously only provided coverage to full-time employees working 40 hours or more per week, 52 weeks per year.
- B) Allow its newly eligible employees (ie. Those working more than 35 hours per week but less than 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year) who elect to join MainePERS, to purchase prior service credit for employment with the Town before July 1, 2022 upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town of China will not participate in the purchase of prior service, and so employees are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service.

C) Continue to exclude all other employees from participation including; temporary and seasonal employees, election workers, elected officials and officials appointed for a fixed term from participating.

D) Authorize Rebecca J. Hapgood, Town Manager, to sign the clarified Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 2017 Ford Explorer police cruiser and use the revenue received to offset the 2022-2023 municipal budget.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to request bids, negotiate, trade, sell and/or purchase municipal vehicles, machinery and equipment as deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$3,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Emergency generator for the old town hall and replacement emergency generator for the town office.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$38,000 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Emergency 911 signs for every residence.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$33,000 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Digital sign to be located at the South China Fire Department fire station and used by the town and fire departments.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 2 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$16,200 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Provide premium pay to eligible municipal workers.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 1 nays

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Senior events and activities.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Portable digital sign for speed control and community announcements.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: NO with a vote of 2 ayes / 3 nays / 1 abstention

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to repeal the School Budget Ordinance adopted in 1998.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Article 37. To see if the town will enact an ordinance entitled **Large Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance**.

Select Board Recommends: NO with a vote of 2 ayes / 3 nays

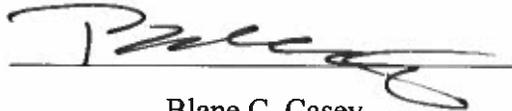
Article 38. To see if the town shall vote in favor of approving the 2022 update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Given under our hands this 11th day of April, 2022 as the China Select Board.



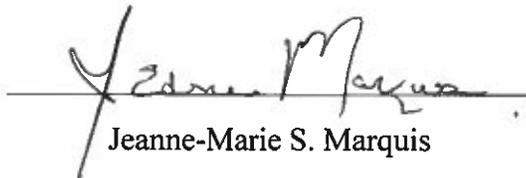
Ronald R. Breton, Chair



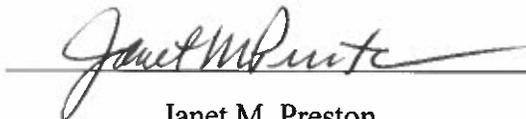
Blane C. Casey



Wayne D. Chadwick



Jeanne-Marie S. Marquis



Janet M. Preston

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote; and to accept new enrollments.

Date/Time of Processing of Absentee Ballots:

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 1-hour inspection begins at 9:00 a.m. with the processing beginning at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following a requested inspection.

Friday, June 10, 2022 – 1-hour inspection begins at 9:00 a.m. with the processing beginning at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following a requested inspection.

Monday, June 13, 2022- 1-hour inspection begins at 9:00 a.m. with the processing beginning at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following a requested inspection.

During Election Day, June 14, 2022- absentee ballots will be processed at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Real estate taxes may be paid online.

Please use the link below.

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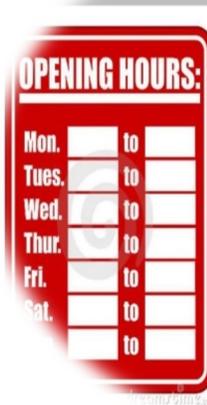
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The Town Office and Transfer Station accept credit and debit cards. There are fees associated with any card use.

China Post Office 445-2230
China Village Post Office 968-2623

China Transfer Station hours:
Effective May 17, 2022
Sunday ~ closed
Monday ~ closed
Tuesday ~ 7am – 5pm
Wednesday ~ 7am – 5pm
Thursday ~ closed
Friday ~ 7am – 5pm
Saturday ~ 7am – 3pm
Phone (207) 445-2014 x2

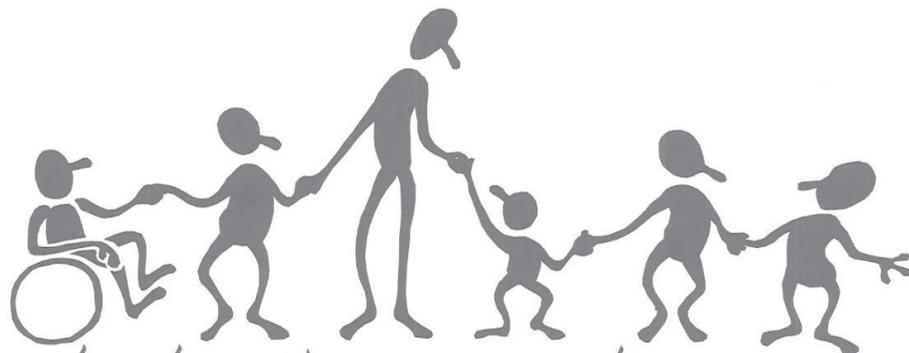


Town Office Hours

Monday	7:30am – 4pm
Tuesday	7:30am – 4pm
Wednesday	7:30am – 4pm
Thursday	7:30am – 4pm
Friday	7:30am – 4pm
Saturday	8:00am – 11am
Sunday	Closed

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