

WELCOME TO ALFRED



**SHIRETOWN OF YORK
COUNTY**

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History

From the time of incorporation, February 25, 1808, to the present, the town of Alfred has established some well-rooted historic and archeological significances.

Evidence to that includes, but is not limited to, the listing of the Alfred Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. The District is in the center of the village, located southwest to northeast on Route 202 and 4 (Oak Street) and along Kennebunk Road and Saco Road. The village and buildings within the district have changed little in the last one hundred years. The National Historic Register lists 48 homes in the district.

Besides the Alfred Historic District, the Alfred Historical Committee has identified an additional 45 buildings outside the District as being of historical importance. Many, possibly all, of these buildings may be eligible for nomination to The National Register of Historic Places. Further study will be needed for sufficient documentation.

Alfred is a town in York County. It was possibly named for Alfred the Great, England's Saxon King of the Ninth Century.

Though Simion Coffin of Massachusetts arrived in 1764, the first permanent settlement took place in 1770. Later, a Shaker community, including members of the Coffin family, settled on a hill overlooking what is now called Shaker Pond.

The York County seat since 1803, Alfred was incorporated into a District on February 4, 1794, having been part of Sanford.

John Holmes, who arrived in 1799, was a young lawyer specializing in real estate law, a skill in great demand in the poorly defined properties of the area. Holmes provided the impetus for locating the York County Court House, completed in 1807, in Alfred.

Alfred set off land to Sanford on February 23, 1828, and annexed land from Waterborough (now Waterboro) on July 22, 1847.

Originally, the area was known to the Native Americans as Massabesic and was acquired from Chief Fluellin in 1661 by Major William Phipps. According to Brunelle, the price was 'two large blankets, two gallons of rum, two pounds of powder, four pounds of musket balls, 20 strings of beads' and several other articles.

York County Courthouse: Here are located the oldest continuous court records in the United States. Going back to 1636, they include a patent conveying the land between the Piscataqua and Kennebec Rivers from Charles I to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. The current façade is a copy of the original courthouse built on this site in 1807 which burned in 1933.

York County, incorporated in 1636, is the southernmost county in Maine. Its county seat is Alfred. York was the first county incorporated in the State of Maine.

York County is popular for both Mainers and visitors alike, offering beautiful beaches like: Ogunquit, Wells and Moody. York County also offers performing arts as in the Ogunquit Playhouse. Many visitors find a summer residence in Old Orchard Beach in York County because of its long beach and pier. Wells, a town in York County, offers the

Wells National Research Reserve, a 1,600 acre educational and research facility with 7 miles of trails that span from woods to seashore.

Education

In 1894, there were seven school districts in Alfred. The graded or high school building, constructed in 1862 on Kennebunk Road across from the recreation field, was the most prominent of the school houses. This building was completely destroyed by fire in 1905 but was promptly replaced by a building of the same dimensions in 1906. This replacement building subsequently had two major additions and became the center of public education in Alfred as the smaller rural school houses were closed sporadically because of declining pupil enrollment. The last one room school house to be closed was the Shaker Village School House in 1931. The Shakers gave the building to the American Legion. The building was moved down Shaker Hill and relocated northerly of the intersection of Waterboro Road and Gore Road. The only one room school house to still retain the appearance of a school is the red school house on the Gore Road which is maintained by the Alfred Historical Committee.

In 1954, Alfred High School closed and students were bussed to Sanford High School as tuition students. In 1966, Alfred joined the School Administrative District #57 (SAD#57) (since 2009 Regional School Unit #57 or RSU#57) with the following surrounding towns: Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh and Waterboro. In 1969, students from Alfred (grades 7 to 12) began attending Massabesic High School in Waterboro. As the student enrollment increased in the 1970's and 1980's, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students began attending the new Junior High School in Waterboro. As the student population continued to grow, it was decided to have the 6th grade return to the surrounding town elementary schools. In 1987, a new elementary school was built in Alfred on Route 202. Currently, the 6th grade is located in the Massabesic Middle School on Route 5 in Waterboro.

The school district returned the old elementary school property on Kennebunk Road to the Town of Alfred. The building needed extensive repairs and was considered obsolete, so the town demolished the building by burning it in 1988. The current Alfred Fire and Rescue Public building was constructed on the old elementary school property.

Post Offices

Around the beginning of Alfred's second century, the post office is known to have moved through three different buildings in Alfred Square. The first of the buildings was located where the entrance of Oak Street Bistro Restaurant is now located and was owned by Dr. John Akers who was both Alfred's dentist and postmaster. This building was eventually moved to a location at the intersection of Depot Street and Route 202 (Oak Street) which is currently a residence. In 1893, the post office moved to Littlefield's Store in the Square next to the Bow and Arrow House. This building is now owned by Fred Price and houses DeWolfe and Wood's antique store. Frank Littlefield was the Postmaster. About 1898, the post office was relocated to its third location in Alfred

Square in the Marble Works Building and remained there until the current brick post office at the intersection of Court Street and Kennebunk Road was constructed in 1967. The Marble Works Building eventually became part of Leedy's Restaurant (Oak Street Bistro) which expanded, enveloping it.

An additional post office was established for the Gore Road in 1897 and was located one tenth of a mile northerly of the intersection of Fort Ridge Road and the Gore Road. Only six years later the Gore office was closed when Rural Free Delivery was established from the post office in the village.

Before Civil Service legislation protected postal service jobs, postal appointments could change every time a new President was elected, which resulted in frequent changes of postmasters and the frequent relocation of post offices. The 1872 Atlas of York County shows a post office on Kennebunk Road a short distance beyond our current recreation field. The 1856 Map of York County shows an even earlier post office at Silas Derby's store on Waterboro Road in the area where Folsom Furniture's mattress store now stands.

Town Hall

Alfred's current town hall, located on the village square, was built in 1862 on the site of the original town hall which was burned in 1861. This building has had only one major renovation. In 1983, the first floor was partitioned into individual rooms and offices in conjunction with construction of a fire proof vault for the town records. Prior to this renovation, only the selectmen had office space in the town hall. The Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk conducted town business at their residences. In 1981, a full time secretary was hired for the selectmen and their office was opened to the public five days a week.

Starting in 1988, Alfred's annual Town Meeting was moved from the upstairs town hall auditorium to the elementary school auditorium because of the larger seating capacity and because it was handicapped accessible.

In 1994, Alfred Town Hall housed offices for the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Voters and Codes Enforcement Officer. Use of the Town Hall downstairs conference room is shared by the town committees. Elections were conducted in the downstairs conference room until 2005 and are now held at Conant Chapel.

York County Jails

The three story brick building at the intersection of Court Street and Saco Road, built in 1807, was York County jail until the State Bureau of Prisons condemned it in 1978 after it was extensively damaged during an inmate riot. As a result of this closure, York County was transporting prisoners and boarding them in other jails as far away as Aroostook County jail in Houlton until the jail on Route 4 (Jordan's Spring Road) was built in 1979. This new 33 inmate jail was built in such haste that it was over crowded as

soon as it was opened and was eventually expanded to 60 cells in 1986. Adjacent to the old jail on Saco Street was a heel factory which was operated by jail inmates until it was demolished in the late 1920's. The current location of the York County jail is on Layman Way off Jordan Springs Road.

Churches

The Congregational Church in the village square was built in 1834 on the site of the original North Parish Meeting House. A major renovation occurred in 1889 when stained glass windows were installed and the bell tower was reconstructed to provide space for a Seth Thomas clock which was funded from subscriptions. The interior of the church was extensively renovated in 1954. Conant Chapel, beside the church, was built in 1871 and has been enlarged twice. A large room was added to the front of the original chapel in 1904 and a kitchen was added to the back. In 1976, the two story west wing was constructed and named the Lord Wing in recognition of a very large contribution from Henry Lord to the fund raising project.

The Methodist Church, built in 1834 on what is now part of the Court House lawn, was demolished in 1932.

A Free Baptist Church, on Church Street in the Mills, built in 1855, was sold to the Grange in 1935. Grange interest faded away, and by 1988 the building was unused. In 1990, Folsom Furniture Company purchased the building and converted it into a furniture warehouse.

The Baptist Church on the Gore Road was built in 1847 and has been enlarged three times. In 1952 an addition on the back of the church provided space for a furnace room and a Sunday school room. A large room was also added to the back of the church in 1974 and in 1993 a large addition of the north side of the building enlarged the sanctuary and provided space for future activities. In 1980 a Parsonage was constructed next to the church and a full time resident pastor was hired. An off the street parking lot was developed north of the church in 1974, and was enlarged in 1976 and again in 1992. Services are no longer held there.

The Shaker house of worship, across the street from Notre Dame's Main dwelling house, burned, and one other house burned in 1901. A worship room subsequently was developed in the third floor of the new main dwelling which is now Notre Dame's main building. After the Shakers sold out to the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1931, this worship room was used as a chapel by the Brothers until a fire in 1964 destroyed the third floor to the main building which housed the chapel. The current Roman Catholic Chapel at Notre Dame was built in 1966. This chapel functions as a church but is not considered a parish church. The chapel was originally used only by the Notre Dame religious community. However, in the 1980's and 1990's numerous area Catholics began attending Sunday Mass at Notre Dame because it was closer than other parishes.

Parsons Memorial Library

The development and later expansion of Parsons Memorial Library is a great source of pride to the citizens of Alfred. Funding for the original granite section of the library was donated by John and George Parsons in memory of their brother Edwin and their parents. The library was constructed with granite from the quarry off Bennett Road in Alfred and was dedicated in October of 1903. Funding for the two story masonry wing of the library was donated by C. G. Magnuson and his wife, Donna DeHaven Magnuson. This new wing was dedicated in May of 1993. With the addition of the Magnuson wing, the primary entrance of the library was moved from Kennebunk Road to Saco Road in conjunction with an off the street parking area on Saco road. The 15,000 book library that currently exists is a tribute to those who have donated so generously and the residents of Alfred are very grateful to them.

1947 Forest Fire

The forest fire in October 1947 was the largest fire in Alfred's history. To understand the severity of the situation one should understand that during the summer and fall of 1947 occurred the worst drought ever know in the State of Maine. Wells and streams were dry in large numbers. The only water that many rural dwellers had was transported in very limited quantity. The fields, forests and even the dried out swamps were tinder boxes of dried out vegetation. The fall rains that normally would develop did not occur in 1947. With conditions like this, the out break of fire was common. During the late summer and early fall many fires were extinguished by over worked fire fighters. In late fall, however, disaster occurred. Shortly after the leaves had fallen from the trees, an abnormally warm spell with very low humidity developed. By the third week in October, there were major forest fires burning both to the North and to the South of Alfred. Major forest fires in Oxford County and Hancock County were draining the inadequate supply of fire fighting resources. The only hope was for the weather to improve, but unfortunately the weather grew much worse. October 23 was unseasonably warm, the humidity dropped to 15 percent and the wind developed up to 40 miles per hour in the afternoon. Partially burned leaves were dropping out of the sky miles ahead of the fire and the smell of wood smoke was everywhere. The whole town was in danger. People were apprehensive and wanted the fire department protecting their property, not someone else's. When fire, approaching from Ross Corner, entered Alfred Gore, the fire department was concentrating on protecting Alfred Village from fire approaching out of Waterboro. Citizens from the Gore were extremely displeased about the shortage of fire fighting activity in the Gore. When Alfred selectmen arrived at the fire station to confer with the over burdened fire chief, they found him weeping. The selectmen appointed Tom Scott, fire chief, and aggressive fire fighting developed in all parts of Alfred that were burning. Man power and supplies from other states and from the Federal Government were arriving. Even the large textile mills in Sanford shut down to answer the call for fire fighters. The fire in the Gore was stopped by back fires along Avery Road (formerly called Nigger Hill Road), Gebung Road and the Crip Hussey Road. The Daney farm was the only residence to burn in the Gore. Other residences in the Gore burn area were saved, even though the woods and fields around most of them burned. On Shaker Hill the fire was contained before it reached Notre Dame. Fire fighters prevented the fire from crossing Back Road, but the Farnham residence, between Back Road and

Bunganut Pond, was lost. The wind changed direction and fire entered the Southern portion of Alfred from Lyman. Fire burned through the woods easterly of Clark Road, up to Ida Jim Road and across the southerly end of Alfred. The fire burned deeply into the dehydrated forest floor resulting in hot spots that continued burning into early November.

Transportation

The development of the automobile may be the strongest catalyst of change that affected Alfred in the last plus one hundred years. When the use of horses for transportation faded away, building design and land use changed as the need for horse stables, horse feed and pasture declined.

Rail service was available in Alfred between 1863 and 1961. The railroad running through Alfred from Portland to Rochester, New Hampshire, completed in 1871, was known as the Portland and Rochester Rail Road until it was sold to Boston and Maine Railroad in 1900. From Rochester, this railroad connected to another railroad going to Nashua, New Hampshire; Worcester, Massachusetts; and New York, New York. Passenger service came to an end in 1932. Only freight trains operated thereafter. In 1949 the railroad was sold to Samuel Pinsley who discontinued the Springvale to Rochester line and renamed the railroad the Sanford and Eastern Railroad.

In 1961 the railroad was discontinued and the right of way was sold. The five road crossings of the railroad in Alfred were on the Gore Road by the Legion Hall, on Brackett Hill Road about one quarter of a mile from Route 202, on Route 202 by our current elementary school, on Bennett Road close to the intersection of Route 202 and on Route 202 beyond the intersection of Mountain Road.

To accommodate motor vehicles, the roads in Alfred have been paved, widened and some have even been relocated. Route 111 between Alfred and Biddeford originally followed Court Street through Alfred Village to Route 202. However, most of the northerly traffic entering or leaving Route 111 would follow Saco Street through Alfred Square. In the mid 1950's Routes 202 and 4 followed Shaker Hill toward Waterboro.

Bus service was available in Alfred in the 1940's and early 1950's. York Utility Company in Sanford operated busses through Alfred to Biddeford, Waterboro and Limerick. Presently, there is no public transportation serving Alfred.

Alfred Today

Alfred is fortunate to still have many links with its past that provide continuity and perspective. Perhaps the town's inherited asset is an attractive village center that still serves as a focal point for town activities and commerce. Many Maine communities lost their village areas during the 20th century, and now are hoping to reestablish some sort of town center. Alfred village both helps to define the town and to provide a planning model on which to build for the future.

Alfred's Town Meeting form of government is basically the same as it was two and a half centuries ago. Three Selectmen, Town Hall employees, and volunteers who staff town programs direct municipal operations.

Major services provided by the town are education, road maintenance, fire and rescue services and solid waste disposal. The town also supports recreational programs, social services, and cultural activities such as summer band concerts.

Major facilities are the town offices, the Alfred Elementary School (owned by R.S.U. 57), Troup A State Police facility, the transfer station, the public library, the fire and rescue station, all of which are located in or near the center village. Major county facilities – the courthouse, jail and shelter – are also located in or near the village area, as is the Federal Post Office.

The Alfred Water Company became a quasi-municipal district in 2001 and supplies water to roughly 700 residents in the village area. The Maine State Police provide police protection.

Alfred's character is that of a pleasant and attractive small town with a great deal of community spirit and pride. Properties in the village and throughout the rest of the town are generally well maintained. Local organizations such as the American Legion and Lions Club are active in sponsoring community events and providing charitable services. There is an Alfred Summer Festival with a parade and a variety of activities. Most major holidays are commemorated with special events.

Fire Department

The Fire department, which the town appointed in 1833, apparently faded away and functionally ceased to exist. The location of their building, what ever happened to it, and the fire engine it housed is unknown.

In 1912 our existing fire department was established with a station on Oak Street (Route 202) and two years later an additional station was built on Church Street in the mills.

When fires occurred, water was applied directly from the fire hydrants through hose that was laid from hand pulled hose reels. A Federal Knight fire engine had 150 gallon per minute front mount pump and a 200 gallon tank. This new engine was housed in the Oak Street station and the Church Street station was converted into a house occupied by the Bshara family. Various fire engines were purchased and sold throughout the years.

In the 1990's the Public Safety Building was built on the land where the old Alfred Elementary school once stood to house the new Fire & Rescue department located at 77 Kennebunk Road.

Alfred Rescue

In 1983, Alfred Rescue was formed as a result of Sanford's decision to phase out ambulance service to surrounding towns. A used 1965 coach style ambulance was purchased from Hay and Peabody in Scarborough and it was housed in Alfred Fire Station on Oak Street. Various ambulances were purchased and sold throughout the years.

Veterans Monument

The town dedicated a Veterans Monument on the green in Alfred Square in 1986. "To all the men and women of Alfred who have served their country in the armed forces of the United States."

Shakers

In 1894, the Shaker colony on Shaker Hill had declined from a peak of about 200 members that it had in 1823 to about 75 members. By 1930, the Shaker population was so small that the Alfred Shakers decided to join the colony in New Gloucester and they sold the Alfred property to the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1931.

The Shakers are remembered for their simple Christian way of life and also for their master craft work, especially in the field of woodworking. Although the Shakers shunned personal wealth, their communal wealth was immense in terms of real estate. A sense of order and structuring was apparently very important to the Shakers. When their four story main dwelling was destroyed by fire in 1913, they reportedly provided a bounteous supper that evening and a fine breakfast the next morning for the fire department and volunteers from Alfred village who helped to contain the fire.

Water Sources

Alfred Water District evolved from the Alfred Water Company, a private entity. Alfred Water District is a quasi-municipal, public owned, non-profit corporation established in 2000. Prior to the Alfred Water Company, residences obtained water from private wells and springs, or, from the town well which was located on the village green, where the fountain is now located. Today, drinking water is pumped from two deep wells located in the area of Round Pond. An underground, concrete tank, located on Brackett Hill holds the treated water until customers turn on a faucet. The pumping and treatment building is located in the area of Round Pond on Jordan's Spring Road (Route 4).

Alfred Water District is managed by three Trustees, whom are voted in by district customers. An office manager and licensed superintendent tend to daily office and water plant operations.

Cemeteries

Evergreen Cemetery, formerly known as Middle Branch Cemetery, on Route 4 was established in 1894 as a public cemetery. Prior to the existence of this cemetery burials were made in the cemetery beside and behind the Congregational Church or in more that fifty private or semi-private cemeteries. After the establishment of Evergreen Cemetery, some families exhumed their deceased from private cemeteries and moved them to Evergreen, sometimes moving the grave stone or sometimes erecting a new monument. The 1856 Map of York County and the Map of Alfred in the 1872 Atlas of York County show the surnames of families living in Alfred residences. Many of these family names are not accounted for in our known town cemeteries and one may wonder how many unmarked burial places may exist.



While many activities focus on the village and contribute to its special character, natural resources, large tracts of open space and a variety of recreational opportunities shape the town's rural character. The federally owned Massabesic Experimental Forest encompasses 1,754 acres and most of it is available for hiking, hunting, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. The town's numerous streams, wetlands, ponds and lake support a variety of wildlife and provide recreational opportunities as well.

With its appealing blend of village and rural living, it is no wonder that Alfred has attracted new residents. During the last 20 years, the population of Alfred has doubled. The growing population requires added housing, education facilities, public safety and transportation facilities, and this, in turn, requires increased municipal revenues.

Although Alfred can still be described as rural, it is increasingly taking on characteristics typical of suburban communities. A high percentage of residents commute elsewhere to work, making the town a "bedroom" community. Much of the development that has taken place during the last 20 years has not occurred within or near the village, but in rural areas. Many traditionally rural roads have acquired a very "non-rural" appearance of houses located every few hundred feet along most of their length. Traffic on major roads is increasingly congested with noticeable rush hour conditions.

While forces of suburbanization will continue to affect Alfred in this decade and beyond, some of the negative impacts of these changes can be reduced if the town pursues policies aimed at managing growth. Change is inevitable – as the history of Alfred shows. The overall goal of Alfred's Comprehensive plan is not to prevent change, but to provide a strategy for how change might be accommodated, while preserving the qualities that make Alfred an enjoyable and special place in which to live.

People Who Work at the Town Hall

SELECTMEN: Tony Palminteri, Glenn Dochtermann & Rich Pasquini

ELECTED by the people. Under a Town Meeting form of government, the duty of the selectmen is to “execute” the will of the people as that will has been expressed legislatively at a Town Meeting. They are responsible for:

1. Managing the Town money
2. Town streets and roads
3. Protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents
4. Managing public and personal property
5. Management of contracts and relations with other State and local agencies and the public
6. Enacting laws and ordinances

The selectmen meet once a week to discuss what is going on in our town and to make decisions together.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Karla Bergeron-Wilcox

HIRED by the Board of Selectmen. This position assists the Selectmen with their responsibilities.

SECRETARY & WELFARE DIRECTOR: Donna Pirone

HIRED by the Board of Selectmen. This position (Secretary) helps the Administrative Assistant with the daily work that comes into the Selectmen’s office. This position (Welfare Director) assists residents with General Assistance through an application process.

TAX COLLECTOR: Michelle Lord

HIRED by the Board of Selectmen. The Tax Collector registers vehicles in our town, including boats, snowmobiles and ATV’s. This position sends out tax bills and then collects the money when it comes due.

TOWN CLERK: Sarah Hewitt

HIRED by the Board of Selectmen. The Town Clerk supervises all Town, State and National Elections. This job is to keep all the records in the Town. These records include births, deaths and marriages. This position is also responsible for hunting and fishing licenses as well as dog licenses.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Sarah Hewitt

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen. This job is to register residents to vote and to update the voter list.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR: James Allaire

HIRED by the selectmen. This job is to issue building, plumbing and waste water permits and to inspect the site during and after construction. This job also includes enforcing our municipal codes and zoning ordinances.

TREASURER: Fred Holt

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen. This position handles all the money going in and out of the Town. This job manages investments, prepares monthly and annual financial reports.

DEPUTIES: HIRED by the Board of Selectmen. Their job is to help the Officers with their duties.

TOWN OF ALFRED
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Alfred, ME. 04002
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MUNICIPAL OFFICE/ HOURS		STAFF & CONTACT #'s
Selectmen's Office		Karla Bergeron-Wilcox, Admin. Assistant
Mon. thru Wed.	8:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	324-5872 x 202
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	324-1289 FAX
Selectmen's Meetings	4:00 p.m.*	*(Unless otherwise posted)
Tax Collector		Michelle Lord
Mon. Tues. Wed. & Thurs.	8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	324-5872 x 203
Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters		Sarah Hewitt
Mon. Tues. Wed & Thurs.	8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	324-5872 x 204
Treasurer		Fred Holt
Mon. thru Wed	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	324-5872 x 205
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	
Code Enforcement/LPI/BI		Jim Allaire
Mon.	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	324-5872 x 206
Tues. & Wed.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	
Assessor's Office	By Appointment	324-5872 x202
General Assistance/Welfare		Donna Pirone
Mon. & Wed.	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	324-5872 x 207
Animal Control Officer		Thomas Holland 324-3822
Parson's Memorial Library		Roycean Weyand 324-2001
Mon. & Wed.	11:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	
Tues.	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	
Sat.	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Thurs. Fri. & Sun.	CLOSED	
Transfer Station		Steven Dochtermann 324-2978
Sat.	8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.	
Tues.	12:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	
Thurs.	2:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	
Road Commissioner		Jon Lord 651-2354
Fire & Rescue Chief		Chris Carpenter
		Non-emergency 324-8969

*****TOWN HALL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS*****

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Selectmen	Every Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM (Unless otherwise posted)
Planning Board	1 st & 3 rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM (Unless otherwise posted)
Zoning Board of Appeals	TBD as needed
Park & Recreation Committee	1 st Sunday of each month (Unless otherwise posted)
Historical Committee	TBD as needed
Comprehensive Plan	TBD as needed
Conservation Commission	3 rd Wednesday of the month at Parsons Library at 6:30 PM
Design Review Committee	TBD as needed
Brothers Beach Town Park	TBD as needed
Festival Committee	TBD as needed
Parson's Memorial Library	1 st Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Library.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MEETINGS AND TIMES AS THESE MAY CHANGE

**SEVERAL COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO HOLD MEETINGS DUE TO COVID19
AND ARE TO BE DETERMINED**

ALFRED

POLICE (Primary Responders for Alfred)

York County Sheriff's Emergencies 911
1 Layman Way 324-1113

COUNTY

45 Kennebunk Rd (Offices)

York County Jail 324-9001
1 Layman Way

YC Emergency Mgmt. Agency 324-1578
Courthouse:

Registry of Deeds 324-1576
Clerk of Courts 324-5122
Probate 324-1577
Treasurer 324-1572
Commissioner 324-1571

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

77 Kennebunk Rd

Station (Non-emergency) 324-8969
Fax 324-8347

TOWN OFFICES

PO Box 850, 16 Saco Rd

See Schedule of Departments and hours

Selectmen's Office: 324-5872 Ext202
Tony Palminteri 432-6745
Glenn Dochtermann 324-3018
Rich Pasquini 459-0141

Transfer Station

79 Sanford Rd

Steven Dochtermann-Supervisor 324-2978

Road Commissioner

Road Commissioner: Jon Lord 651-2354

Water District

32 Waterboro Rd
Kerry Smart-Superintendent 432-3212

SCHOOLS

Alfred Elementary 324-3831 - 490-3819
21 Sanford Road
Principal: Catherine Poulin 324-3831

Massabesic Middle 247-6121
134 Old Alfred Rd., E. Waterboro, ME 04030
Principal: Kelly Grantham

Massabesic High School 247-3141
88 West Rd., Waterboro, ME 04087
Principal: Ty Thurlow

Superintendent of RSU #57
Stephen Marquis, PH.D. 247-3221

MISCELLANEOUS

Keywood Manor Office 324-7724

Central Maine Power
New Service 1-800-565-3181
Power Outage 1-800-696-1000

Spectrum 1-855-243-8892

Post Office 324-5242

General Information

Alfred Fire/Rescue Department

Non-Emergency Telephone Numbers: 324-8969

Burning Permits:

Public Safety Building 324-8969 Ext 0
Chris Carpenter-Fire & Rescue Chief
Jarrett Clarke-Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief
You may also visit www.wardensreport.org

Permits are available after 9 a.m. on most weekend days which are class 1 & 2 and weekdays after 5 p.m. on class 1 & 2 days.

Parsons Memorial Library:

Telephone Number: 324-2001

Hours:	Monday & Wednesday	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	Thurs - Fri - Sun	CLOSED

Transfer Station:

Telephone Number: 324-2978

Hours:	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
	Thursday	2:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
	Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Alfred House of Representative:

Heidi Sampson
465 Kennebunk Rd
Alfred, ME 04002
207-324-0307
Email: Heidi.Sampson@Legislative.maine.gov

Alfred State Senator:

Matthew Harrington
PO Box 457
Sanford, ME 04073-0457
207-287-1505 (Capitol Phone)
Email: Matthew.Harrington@legislature.maine.gov

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire & Rescue: 911 York County Sheriff's Office 207-324-1113

Poison Control: 1-800-442-6305

APPLICATION FOR MAINE VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

36 M.R.S. § 653

Please refer to Bulletin #7 for additional information – this application is confidential.

File this application, including all required attachments with your town by April 1.

1. Name: _____ 2. Telephone: _____

3. Mailing Address: _____

4. Legal Residence: _____ 5. Date of Birth: _____

6. Date of Entry into Armed Forces: _____ 7. Service Number/SSN: _____

8. Legal Residence on Date of Entry into Armed Forces: _____

9. Date of Discharge or Separation from Armed Forces: _____

10. Check the box that applies:

- I am 62 or older (or receiving a non service-connected total disability pension) and served in the U.S. Armed Forces during an accepted war period.
- I am 62 or older (or receiving a non service-connected total disability pension) and received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

I receive a service-related total disability pension from the U.S. Government for:

- Service in the U.S. Armed Forces during any Federally recognized War Period.
- Injury or disease incurred in the line of duty during active military service.

VA disability pension Claim Number: C- _____

11. Did you receive a grant from the U.S. Government for specially adapted housing as a paraplegic?

Yes No

12. Is the property you are requesting an exemption for in a revocable living trust with you as the beneficial owner of that trust? Yes No

13. Enter a description of the property (map, lot, location, etc.): _____

I hereby apply for an exemption from property tax in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 653. No property on which I claim tax exemption as a veteran was conveyed to me for the purpose of obtaining exemption other than from my spouse. The answers to the above questions are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

If you are a Maine resident and a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for a limited exemption from property tax on real estate or personal property. You qualify for an exemption if:

- 1) You served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a recognized war period or other recognized service period or you received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and
- 2) You will be at least 62 years old on April 1 or you are receiving a total disability pension from the U.S. Government.

Proof of eligibility is generally covered by a copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214 or similar form issued by the Department of Defense) or the benefit summary letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA"). A copy of VA Form 20-5455 may be used if you do not have a benefit summary letter.

RECOGNIZED WAR PERIODS

- World War I - April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918;
- World War I - (service in Russia) - April 6, 1917 through March 31, 1920;
- World War II - December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946;
- Korean Conflict - June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955;
- Vietnam Era - February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975. For the period, February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964, federal law restricts the definition of the Vietnam Era war period to relating only to veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam.
- Persian Gulf War - August 2, 1990 to the date that the U.S. Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War. This period also includes Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

OTHER RECOGNIZED SERVICE PERIODS

- February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964 (Maine property tax exemption applies to all veterans who served during February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served);
- August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984; and
- December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Line 4. Legal Residence. Enter the municipality where your primary home is. You can have only one legal residence.

Line 7. Service Number/SSN. If you were issued a service number, enter that number. Otherwise, enter your Social Security Number ("SSN").

FOR ASSESSOR USE ONLY - CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF APPLICANT'S EXEMPT STATUS

The applicant has applied for the following exemption amount:

- \$6,000 Post W.W.I \$7,000 W.W.I \$50,000 Paraplegic

In determining the local assessed value of the exemption, the assessor shall multiply the amount of the exemption by the ratio of current just value upon which the assessment is based.

Date Approved: _____ Effective Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Title: _____

**APPLICATION FOR VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR WIDOWED SPOUSE, MINOR CHILD, OR WIDOWED PARENT**

36 M.R.S. § 653

Please refer to Bulletin #7 for additional information – this application is confidential.

File this application, including all required attachments, with your municipality by April 1.

Information Relating to the Applicant Spouse, Child or Parent

1. Name: _____ 2. Telephone: _____

3. Mailing address: _____

4. Legal residence: _____ 5. Date of birth: _____

6. Check the applicable boxes:

I receive compensation from the U.S. Government as the unremarried widowed spouse, the minor child, or unremarried widowed parent of a veteran.

Relationship to veteran: Widow Widower Minor Child Widowed Father Widowed Mother.

I am the beneficiary of a revocable living trust that held the property for which I claim exemption.

Information Relating to the Deceased Veteran

7. Name of veteran: _____ 8. Date of birth _____

9. Date of entry into armed forces: _____ 10. Date of discharge/retirement: _____

11. Legal residence as of date on line 9: _____

12. Service Number/SSN: _____ 13. Date of death: _____

14. VA disability pension claim No: C- _____

15. Check the applicable boxes:

The veteran's death was service connected.

The veteran, as of the date on line 14, received compensation based on 100% Disability.

The veteran received a grant from the U.S. Government for specially adapted housing as a paraplegic.

I hereby apply for exemption from local property taxation in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 653. No property on which exemption may be claimed under this section has been conveyed to me for the purpose of obtaining an exemption. The answers to the above questions are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF APPLICANT'S EXEMPT STATUS
(Assessor's Use Only)**

Written proof of entitlement accompanied this application, showing that the applicant is entitled to exemption from property tax as the widowed spouse, minor child, or widowed parent of a veteran. Proof of entitlement is covered by, but not limited to: DD214 Military Record, V.A. Form 20-5455a when Item 15 Tax Code indicates Code 2 or 3 or a copy of the certificate or letter issued by the V.A.

The applicant qualifies for:

- \$6,000 post W.W.I veteran exemption
- \$7,000 W.W.I veteran exemption
- \$50,000 paraplegic veteran

As assessor I shall multiply the amount of the exemption by the ratio of current just value upon which the assessment is based in determining the local assessed value of the exemption.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Effective date of exemption: _____



APPLICATION FOR MAINE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

36 M.R.S. §§ 681-689

Completed forms must be filed with your local assessor by April 1. Forms filed after April 1 of any year will apply to the subsequent year tax assessment.

SECTION 1: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 1a. I am a permanent resident of the State of Maine.
- 1b. I have owned a homestead in Maine for the 12-month period ending April 1.
If you owned a homestead in another municipality in Maine within the past 12 months, enter the address (street number, street name, municipality):

- 1c. I declare the homestead in this municipality is my permanent residence and I am not claiming or receiving a homestead property tax exemption for any other property.
(Summer camps, vacation homes, and second residences do not qualify)

IF YOU HAVE NOT CHECKED ALL THREE BOXES, STOP HERE
You do not qualify for a Maine homestead property tax exemption

SECTION 2: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 2a. Names of all property owners (names on your tax bill):

- 2b. Physical location of your homestead (i.e. 14 Maple St.): _____
Municipality: _____
Email: _____ Telephone #: _____
- 2c. Mailing Address, if different from above: _____
Municipality: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

SECTION 3: MAINE RESIDENCY IS BASED ON ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING (check all that apply):

- 3a. I file a Maine resident income tax return.
- 3b. The address on my driver's license is the same as the homestead location on line 2b.
- 3c. The legal residence on my resident fishing and/or hunting license is the same as the homestead location on line 2b.
- 3d. I pay motor vehicle excise tax in this municipality.
- 3e. I am a registered voter in this municipality.

(If you did not check any boxes, please attach an explanation and evidence that shows your residency.)

I hereby declare, aware of penalties for perjury, that the answers to the above are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. A person who knowingly files false information for the purpose of obtaining a homestead property tax exemption is guilty of a criminal offense.

Signature of Homestead Owner(s) _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 1. Check the appropriate box related to each question. You must check all three boxes to qualify for the Maine homestead property tax exemption. If you have moved during the year and owned a homestead in Maine prior to your move, enter the address of the homestead you moved from on line 1b. Your ownership of a homestead must have been continuous for the 12-month period ending on April 1. If you did not check all boxes in this section, you do not qualify for the homestead property tax exemption. A person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in this state is deemed to be a permanent Maine resident. A person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States does not include a member of the National Guard or the Reserves.

SECTION 2. Enter your full name(s) as shown on your property tax bill, the physical location of your home, your telephone number, email address, and your mailing address, if different than the physical location.

SECTION 3. This section gives the local assessor information which may be used to determine if you qualify and should support your answers to the questions in SECTION 1. Please check the appropriate box for each of the applicable statements in this section.

At least one of the owners of the homestead must sign this document. Please file the application with your local municipal assessor. If, for any reason, you are denied exemption by the assessor, you may appeal the assessor's decision under the abatement statute, 36 M.R.S. § 841.

DEFINITIONS

Homestead. "Homestead" means residential real property owned by an individual or individuals and occupied by those individuals as their permanent residence. Residential real property held in a revocable living trust for a beneficiary who occupies the property as his or her permanent residence also qualifies as a homestead. A resident homeowner who is subject to foreclosure and subsequently purchases the home back from the municipality is considered to have no interruption in homeownership for purposes of this exemption.

Municipality. "Municipality" means any city, town, plantation, or that portion of a county in the unorganized territory.

Permanent residence. "Permanent residence" means that place where an individual has a true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

Permanent resident. "Permanent resident" means an individual who has established a permanent residence.

A cooperative housing corporation may apply for a homestead exemption to be applied against the valuation of property of the corporation that is occupied by qualifying shareholders. To qualify, the corporation must complete an Application for Maine Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Cooperative Housing Corporations.



MAINE REVENUE SERVICES PROPERTY TAX DIVISION BULLETIN NO. 7

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS

REFERENCE: 36 M.R.S. § 653

October 6, 2022; replaces September 12, 2022 revision

1. Definitions

- A. Assessor. “Assessor” means a sworn municipal assessing authority, whether an individual assessor, a board of assessors, or a chief assessor of a primary assessing area. With respect to the unorganized territory, “assessor” means the State Tax Assessor.
- B. Certified ratio. “Certified ratio” means the level of municipal assessed value, expressed as a percentage of just value, as certified by the assessor pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 383.
- C. Cooperative housing corporation. “Cooperative housing corporation,” as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 653(2)(A), means an entity organized for the purpose of owning residential real estate in which residents own shares that entitle them to inhabit a designated space within a residential dwelling.
- D. Federally recognized war period. “Federally recognized war period” means:
 - (1) World War I – April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918;
 - (2) World War I (service in Russia) – April 6, 1917, through March 31, 1920;
 - (3) World War II – December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;
 - (4) Korean Conflict – June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955;
 - (5) Vietnam Era – February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975. While federal law recognizes the period from February 28, 1961, through August 4, 1964, as a war period only for those veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam, Maine’s property tax exemption applies to any veteran who served during the period February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975, regardless of where that veteran served;
 - (6) Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990, through the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War. The Persian Gulf War includes, but is not limited to, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; and

- (7) Other recognized service periods:
- (a) Service as a member of the American Merchant Marines in Oceangoing Service between December 7, 1941, and August 15, 1945;
 - (b) February 1, 1955, through February 27, 1961;
 - (c) August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984; and
 - (d) December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990.
- E. Just value. “Just value” means market value, i.e., the amount in cash that could reasonably be expected to be paid by an informed buyer to an informed seller for a property, each acting without compulsion in an arm’s-length transaction.
- F. Municipal assessed value. “Municipal assessed value” means the property value established by the assessor for purposes of local property taxation.
- G. Municipality. “Municipality” means any city, town, plantation, or that portion of a county in the unorganized territory.
- H. Permanent residence. “Permanent residence” means that place where an individual has a true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.
- I. Permanent resident. “Permanent resident” means an individual who has established a permanent residence.
- J. Property. “Property” means real estate and personal property, including property held in joint tenancy by a qualifying veteran and the qualifying veteran's spouse and property held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of a qualifying veteran, qualifying spouse, qualifying child, or qualifying parent.
- K. Qualifying child. “Qualifying child” means a child of a deceased veteran who:
- (1) Is a permanent resident of Maine;
 - (2) Is under the age of 18;
 - (3) Receives a pension or compensation from the federal government as the minor child of a veteran or whose deceased veteran parent would have been eligible for an exemption under 36 M.R.S. § 653 if the parent were alive; and
 - (4) Files an application with the assessor of the municipality where the child maintains their permanent residence.

- L. Qualifying parent. “Qualifying parent” means a widowed parent of a deceased veteran who:
- (1) Is a permanent resident of Maine;
 - (2) Has not remarried and was not divorced at the time of death of the other parent;
 - (3) Is at least 62 years old;
 - (4) Receives a pension or compensation from the federal government based on the service-connected death of the veteran as the veteran’s widowed parent; and
 - (5) Files an application with the assessor of the municipality in which the widowed parent maintains their permanent residence.
- M. Qualifying shareholder. “Qualifying shareholder,” as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 653(2)(B), means a person who is a shareholder in a cooperative housing corporation and who would qualify for a veteran exemption if that person were the owner of the property.
- N. Qualifying spouse. “Qualifying spouse” means a widowed spouse of a deceased veteran who:
- (1) Is a permanent resident of Maine;
 - (2) Was married to the veteran at the time of the veteran's death and has not remarried;
 - (3) Receives a pension or compensation from the federal government as the widowed spouse of a veteran or the deceased veteran would have been eligible for an exemption under 36 M.R.S. § 653 if alive; and
 - (4) Files an application with the assessor of the municipality in which the widowed spouse maintains their permanent residence.
- O. Qualifying veteran. “Qualifying veteran” means any person who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, who was discharged, retired, or separated under other than dishonorable conditions, and who meets the additional requirements below. In most cases, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (“VA”) considers the categories of “honorable discharge” and “discharge under honorable conditions” (or “general discharge”) as qualifying for discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.
- A qualifying veteran must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for exemption:
- (1) Is a permanent resident of Maine;
 - (2) Meets one of the following three service criteria:
 - (a) Has served during any federally recognized war period as defined in Section 1(D) above;

- (b) Has been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; or
 - (c) Has become totally disabled from an injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and is receiving any form of pension or compensation from the federal Government for total service-connected disability. A veteran receiving compensation as unemployable at the 100% level is considered totally disabled; and
- (3) Meets one of the following age/disability criteria:
- (a) Is at least 62 years old by April 1 of the year for which exemption is requested;
 - (b) Receives a pension or compensation from the federal government for total disability, either service- or non-service-connected, as a veteran; or
 - (c) Receives a pension or compensation from the federal government for total disability because of injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty or because of unemployability; and
- (4) Files an application with the assessor of the municipality in which the veteran maintains their permanent residence.

2. Exemption for a Qualifying Veteran

- A. In general. Property owned by a qualifying veteran is exempt from property tax for up to \$6,000 of just value in the municipality where the veteran maintains their permanent residence. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.
- B. Paraplegic veteran. If a qualifying veteran is paraplegic, the veteran is eligible for an exemption from property tax for up to \$50,000 of just value for a specially adapted housing unit in the municipality where the veteran maintains their permanent residence. To qualify for this larger exemption, the veteran must be a paraplegic veteran within the meaning of 38 United States Code § 2101 and have received a grant from the VA for specially adapted housing. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

3. Exemption for a Qualifying Spouse

- A. In general. Property owned by a qualifying spouse is exempt from property tax for up to \$6,000 of just value in the municipality where the qualifying spouse maintains their permanent residence. The exemption increases to \$7,000 for the qualifying spouse of a deceased veteran who served during World War I. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

B. Qualifying spouse of a paraplegic veteran. If an individual is the qualifying spouse of a paraplegic veteran, that qualifying spouse is eligible for an exemption from property tax for up to \$50,000 of just value in the municipality where the qualifying spouse maintains their permanent residence. To qualify for the larger exemption, the spouse must meet the requirements, except for the requirement under Section 1(M)(4) above, of a qualifying spouse and be the widowed spouse of a paraplegic veteran within the meaning of 38 United States Code, Chapter 21, section 2101, who received a grant from the VA for specially adapted housing. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

4. Exemption for a Qualifying Child

Property owned by a qualifying child of a deceased veteran is exempt from property tax for up to \$6,000 of just value in the municipality where the child maintains their permanent residence. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

5. Exemption for a Qualifying Parent

Property owned by a qualifying parent of a deceased veteran is exempt from property tax for up to \$6,000 of just value in the municipality where the parent maintains their permanent residence. The exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

6. Exemption for a Cooperative Housing Corporation

A cooperative housing corporation is entitled to an exemption against the value of property of the corporation occupied by qualifying shareholders. A qualifying shareholder must file an application with the cooperative housing corporation, and the corporation must file an application with the assessor of the municipality on behalf of all qualifying shareholders. The corporation's application for exemption must include a list of all qualifying shareholders, any information required by the municipality to verify eligibility of qualifying shareholders and the applicable exemption amount. Notwithstanding the application process in Section 7, a cooperative housing corporation must update its application annually to reflect changes in eligibility. The total exemption is equal to the sum of the exemptions that each qualifying shareholder could have claimed if they were the owner of the property. For example, a cooperative housing corporation has ten shareholders, six of whom are qualifying shareholders. Each qualifying shareholder would be eligible for a \$6,000 exemption if they owned the property. The total exemption for the cooperative housing corporation would be \$36,000 (\$6,000 x 6). The total exemption must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio.

A cooperative housing corporation that receives an exemption pursuant to this section must apportion the property tax reduction resulting from the exemption among the qualifying shareholders according to the proportion of the total exemption that each qualifying shareholder would be entitled to if the qualifying shareholder were the owner of property. Any supplemental assessment resulting from disqualification for exemption must be applied in the same manner against the qualifying shareholders for whom the disqualification applies.

7. Application

An applicant for the veteran exemption must file an application with the assessor of the municipality in which the applicant maintains their permanent residence. The applicant must furnish proof of entitlement for the exemption by April 1 of the year the applicant first requests an exemption. Once the veteran or other qualifying individual receives an exemption, an annual application for exemption is not necessary unless specifically requested by the assessor.

Another person, such as a parent or legal guardian, may make a claim on behalf of a qualifying child.

An assessor may abate taxes for a qualifying spouse or child who misses the April 1 application deadline, if that qualifying individual applies within one year of the commitment date and the related veteran died during the 12-month period preceding April 1 for which the tax was committed. 36 M.R.S. § 841(4).

An application for the veteran exemption, including proof of entitlement, is confidential and will not be available for public inspection. 36 M.R.S. § 653(1)(G).

8. Proof of Entitlement

The following items may generally be used to provide proof of entitlement:

- A. A copy of the applicant's birth certificate if the claim is based on age.
- B. A copy of the veteran's Report of Separation (usually DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).
- C. A copy of the certificate or letter from the VA or other federal agency stating that the applicant receives compensation or a pension from the federal government as a veteran or widowed spouse of a deceased veteran. For explanation of the certificate furnished by the VA (formerly VA Form 20-5455 or 20-5455a), see Section 9 below. If this certificate or letter is not available, the applicant may provide other proof of payment for total disability or service-connected disability.
- D. A copy of a letter from the appropriate federal agency stating that a qualifying spouse, qualifying child, or qualifying parent receives a pension from the federal government based on the death of a veteran.
- E. A copy of the letter from the VA or other federal agency verifying the paraplegic veteran applicant received a grant from the federal government for specially adapted housing.

The assessor may request additional documentation as necessary to document eligibility for the exemption.

9. Benefit Summary Letter

Veterans receive an annual Summary of Benefits letter that outlines the eligibility for a variety of state benefits, including the veteran property tax exemption. Questions about this letter may be answered by contacting:

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Togus Regional Benefit Office
Attn: Jaime Robichaud
1 VA Center
Augusta, Maine 04330
(207) 623-8411 ext. 5228
jaime.robichaud@va.gov**

10. Amount of Exempt Value

The exemptions described in sections 2-6 above represent the exemption at just value. To determine the amount of the exemption at municipal assessed value, the assessor must multiply the total amount of the allowable exemption by the municipality's certified ratio for the tax year in question. In cases where a municipality's certified ratio is higher or lower than 100%, the municipal assessed value of an exemption will be higher or lower than the limits stated above.

If a municipality's certified ratio is less than 100% and that municipality has enacted a veteran benefit program pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 6234, a resident veteran may be eligible for an additional benefit. The additional benefit is equal to the difference between the full value of the veteran exemption discussed in this bulletin and the adjusted exemption amount based on the municipality's certified ratio. Veterans who rent their residences may be eligible for a \$100 benefit. Veterans should contact their local assessor for more information.

11. Exemption Limitations

An individual is not entitled to a benefit under more than one of the exemptions covered in this bulletin in any one tax year.

Exemptions apply only to property, or the interest in property, taxable in the place where the applicant maintains their permanent residence. Property must be owned by an applicant, owned by an applicant and the applicant's spouse in joint tenancy, or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the applicant. For purposes of the exemptions, the holder of a life estate in a property is considered the owner of the property.

Property conveyed to another person to obtain a veteran exemption will not qualify for a veteran exemption, unless the property is conveyed between spouses.

When a qualifying veteran dies without a will and leaves property, any qualifying spouse and minor children are jointly entitled to only a single exemption of up to the appropriate exemption amount, but no more than the municipal assessed value of the property.

A person who fraudulently obtains a veteran exemption under 36 M.R.S. § 653 will be subject to a fine of up to \$100 or twice the amount of taxes evaded, whichever is greater.

NOTE: This bulletin is intended solely as advice to assist persons in determining, exercising or complying with their legal rights, duties or privileges. If further information is needed, contact the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services.

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Historical Committee
Library Endowment Committee
Library Volunteers
Park and Rec Volunteers
*Planning Board
Veterans Committee
*Zoning Board of Appeals

*Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Applicants – please attach a resume.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
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Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Board(s)/Committee(s) of interest:

Education (High School/College/Training): _____

Work Experience: _____

Please list your primary interest(s): _____

Comment(s): _____

Applicant Signature

Date

ALFRED TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CENTER

REGULATIONS & FEES

TRANSFER HOURS:

Tuesday	12:00 PM to 7:45 PM
Thursday	2:00 PM to 6:45 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM to 3:45 PM

- Only persons with a current Permit Sticker (available when car is registered or at Selectmen's Office) will be allowed to use the Alfred Transfer Station.
- Stickers will be affixed to the vehicles on the lower driver side of the inside of the windshield.
- All materials delivered to the Transfer Station must come from property located in the Town of Alfred.
- "Contract Haulers" are defined as any person or company that hauls trash for a fee. They require an annual permit and fee through the Selectmen.
- A cubic yard is defined as 3' X 3' X 3' or 27 cubic feet. A Transfer Station attendant will determine the number of yards on a vehicle at the time of disposal. The attendant will collect the fee/s. Cash and checks are accepted.

ALFRED TRANSFER STATION FEES

Demolition Debris		Tires	
Per accumulative yard per day***	\$25.00	Passenger, Motorcycle, Light Truck Tire	\$3.00
Less than a yard	FREE	Tractor Trailer Tire	\$20.00
Mattresses (all sizes)	\$5.00	Loader or OTR Tire	\$100.00
		Farm Equipment Tire	\$50.00
Batteries (all kinds)	FREE		
Televisions & Monitors	FREE	Propane Tanks (Empty)	
Mixed Electronics	FREE	20# Tank	\$2.00
Laptops, CPU's, Keyboards, Mice, Speakers, etc.	FREE	30# Tank	\$2.00
Floor Copiers/printers, desktop printers	FREE	100# Tank	\$5.00
Copiers, scanners, fax machines	FREE	Freon Appliances	\$10.00
Cell phones, Ink & toner cartridges	FREE	Ballasts	FREE
UPS Battery backup system	FREE	Metals (All)	FREE
Fluorescent bulbs (All sizes)	FREE	Shingles – Per accumulative yard per day***	\$30.00
MSW (Household waste)	FREE		

*** NO loads may be unloaded before the load is tabulated by the Attendant and payment is made.

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ZERO SORT RECYCLING

The following list are the **ACCEPTABLE** Zero Sort items that can go into the Zero Sort Compactor located at the Recycling Building:

Newspaper	Magazines	Catalogs	Telephone books	Books, hard & soft covers
Junk mail	Envelopes	Cereal boxes	Shoe boxes	Milk & juice cartons
Bottles, glass, jars	Food Containers (1-7)	Aluminum, pie plates	Food containers	Metal cans Tin/steel
Empty aerosol cans	Corrugated boxes	Soup cans	Pet food cans	Detergent, shampoo containers

Please rinse container with any food or soap before putting in Zero Sort

Also, are the following "Rigid Plastics" that are acceptable as long as they have a little bit if bend in them:

1 and 5 Gallon Buckets/Handles attached OK	Landscape Trays, Plastic Plant Pots
Milk/Soda Crates, Laundry Baskets	Kitty Litter Buckets
Small Plastic Bins (Up to 5 Gallons)	Children's Sized Rigid Pools
Plastic Toys	

The following items are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** items for the Zero Sort Compactor, but they are accepted waste and can be put into the designated waste containers located at the Transfer Station:

Plastic Bags/Grocery, Plastic Film	Mirrors, Window Glass
Stretch Wrap/Cellophane	Light Bulbs
Styrofoam	Batteries (All kinds)
Ceramics	Dishes
Hard/Brittle Plastic (Monitors, Keyboards, Computers)	Some Children's Toys

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Treasure Chest

Non-Acceptable Items:

Clothing of any kind....Lack of space requires these items to be placed in the "Salvation Army" or "Apparel Impact" bins outside of the entrance. Please put clothing in plastic bags.

Cell Phones....These items can be recycled. Please take them to the recycling building or give them to an attendant.

TV's of any kind.....disposal is at the recycling building free of charge.

Paints.....this is a hazardous item and must be disposed of properly. See the attendant for instructions as we also have a PaintCare program for residents to bring in unused paint.

Typewriters.....can be disposed of with no fee at the recycling building.

Computers, Monitors and keyboards.....disposal is at the recycling building Free of charge.

Large items....a lack of space prohibits these items. Check local organizations who might accept these items.

Treasure Chest

Philosophy:

The Treasure Chest originated as a means of reducing the amount of waste thus reducing the costs to the Town of Alfred. It is an attempt to recycle usable goods for the benefit of residents of Alfred. The maintenance of the Treasure Chest is conducted by an employee who seeks to keep the premises in an orderly and presentable fashion.

Management:

The Treasure Chest is located in the solid waste building in the room below the operations office. It is accessed by an entrance from the lower level exit road of the transfer station.

There is a "Salvation Army" and an Apparel Impact container to the right of the entrance which is used to dispose of good clean clothing and shoes. Please put clothing in a plastic bag before putting it in the container.

NO items may be taken from the container at any time.

Within the Treasure Chest room, there is a special box for the disposal of eye glasses and cell phones. These are donated to the Lions Club of Alfred/Waterboro for future use.

Only goods which are considered reusable are accepted and are expected to be in clean and presentable. **ONLY** residents of Alfred are allowed to drop off and take items from the Treasure Chest. The following is a listing of acceptable and non-acceptable items. This list is to help all of us make this free service run smoothly.



Town of Alfred
Office of Tax Collector
PO Box 850
16 Saco Road
Alfred, ME 04002



Tax Club Information

The Town of Alfred assesses property as of April 1st and mails bills in September with the first installment of taxes due on October 1st. By joining the Town of Alfred's Tax Club, members will make 12 monthly payments beginning in July based on the current year's taxes.

If you would like to become a member of the Town of Alfred's Tax Club, please fill out the enclosed Tax Club Application form. A payment book will be mailed to all 2023 Tax Club members as well as new members, with your first payment due by July 31, 2023.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Collector's office at 324-5872 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lord
Tax Collector

Hours:

Mon. and Wed. 8:15a.m. – 4:30p.m.

Tues. 12:15 p.m.-6:45p.m.

Thurs. 8:15a.m.-2:30p.m.



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Town of Alfred Tax Club Application

RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Tax Club of the Town of Alfred is conducted on a payment plan approved by the Town and the individual taxpayer not to exceed 12 months in duration. Taxpayers must make payments according to the Tax Club coupon book issued to them, no later than the last day of the month in order to qualify for the "No Interest" benefit.

Payments will be made at the Tax Collector's Office, Town of Alfred, 16 Saco Rd., Alfred, ME or mailed to the Tax Collector's Office, Town of Alfred, P.O. Box 850, Alfred, Maine 04002.

Payments received after the due date will be subject to paying all back interest and fees if applicable.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Map: _____ Lot: _____ Account Number: _____

I have read the above and do hereby agree to join the Town of Alfred Tax Club.

Date: _____

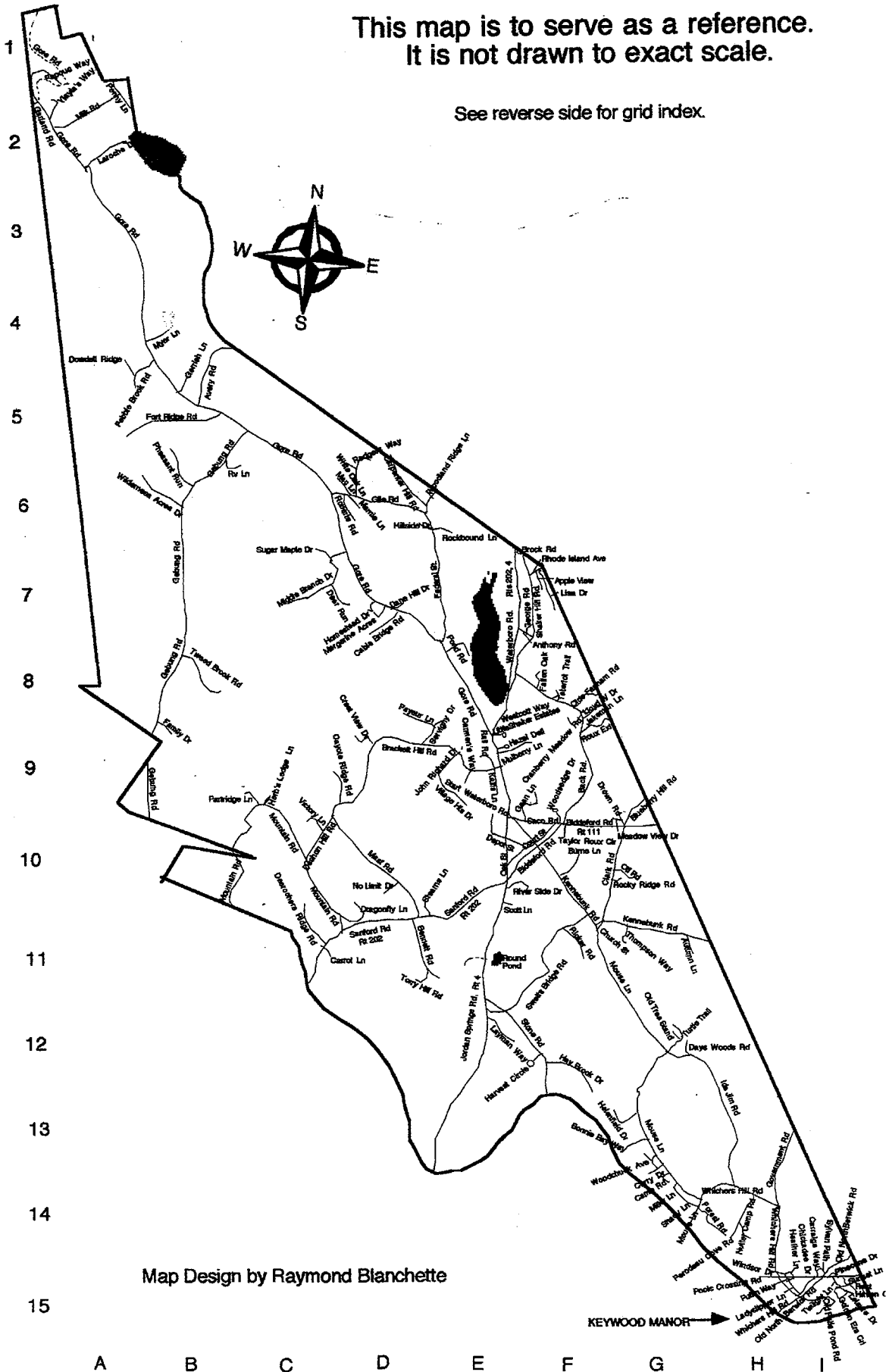
Signed: _____

<u>TO BE COMPLETED BY</u>
<u>TOWN</u>
Tax Year: 2023
Tax Bill: \$ _____
Number of Payments: 12
Amount per Payment: \$ _____

TOWN OF ALFRED ROAD AND STREET MAP

This map is to serve as a reference.
It is not drawn to exact scale.

See reverse side for grid index.

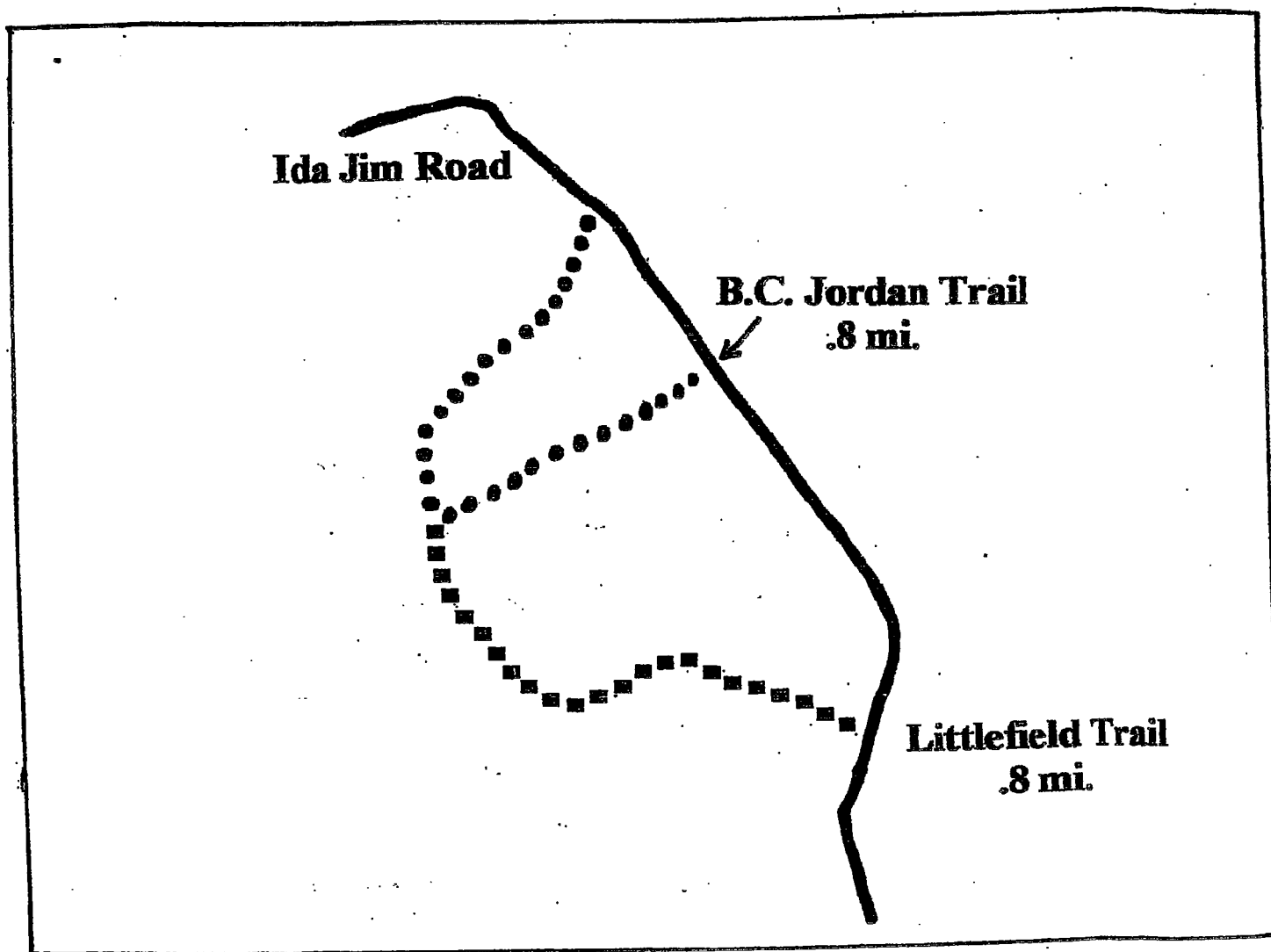


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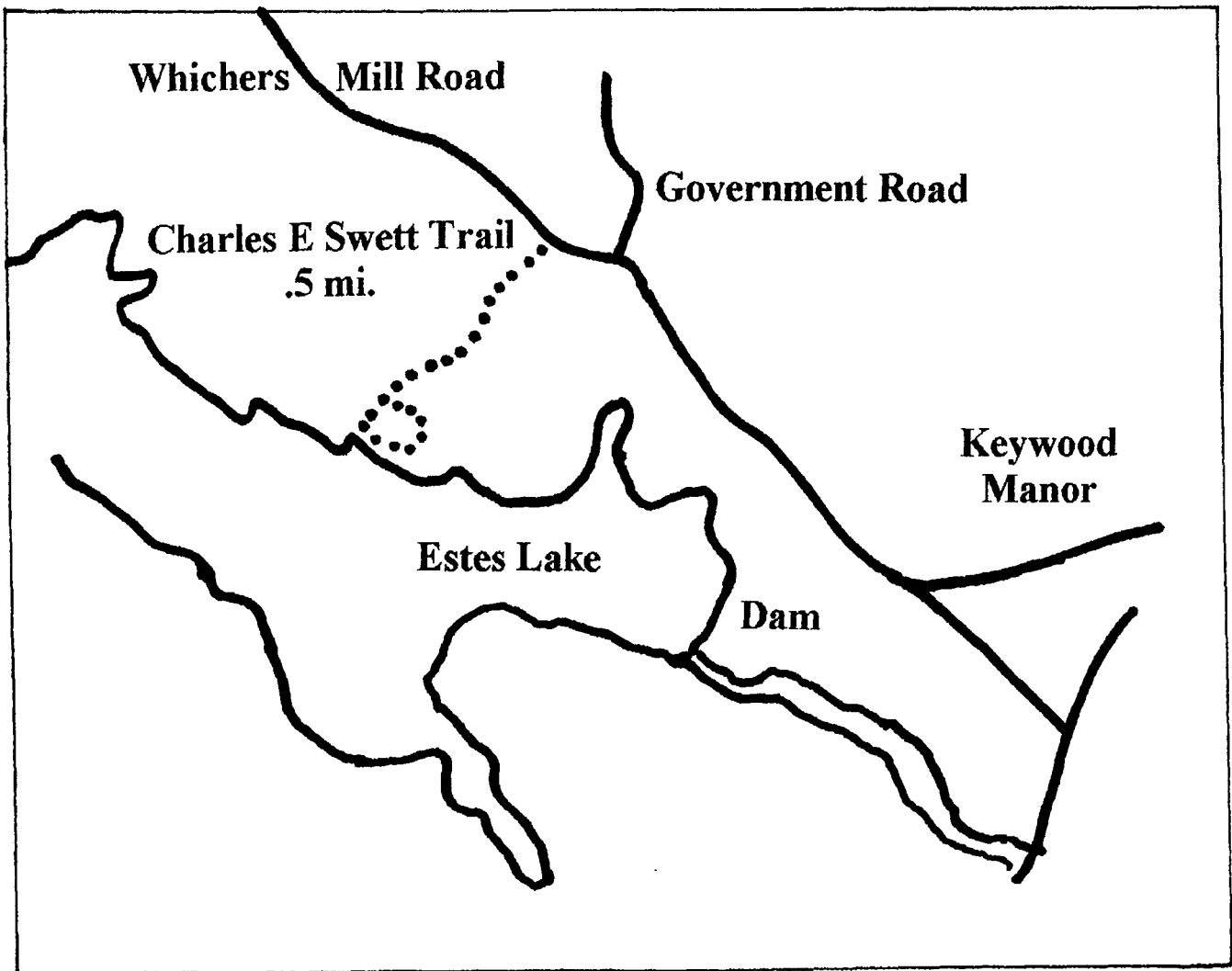
A		I		S	
Anthony Rd	7 F	Ida Jim Rd	3 H	Saco Rd	10 F
Apple View	7 F			Sanford Rd, Rt 202	11 E
Autumn Ln	11 G	J		Servigny Dr	9 E
Avery Rd	5 B	Jakeman Ln	9 F	Scott Ln	11 E
		John Richard Dr	9 E	Shady Ln	14 G
B		Jordan Springs Rd, Rt 4	12 E	Shaker Hill Rd	7 F
Back Rd	9 F			Shaker Pond	8 E
Bennett Rd	11 D	K		Stearns Ln	11 E
Biddeford Rd Rt 111	10 F	Kallis Ln	9 E	Stone Rd	12 F
Blueberry Hill Rd	10 G	Kennebunk Rd	11 F	Sugar Maple Dr	7 C
Bonnie Bay Way	13 G			Sunset Ln	15 I
Brackett Hill Rd	9 D	L		Swetts Bridge Rd	11 F
Brack Rd	7 E	Ladyslipper Ln	15 H	Sylvan Path	15 I
Burns Ln	10 F	Laroche Dr	2 B		
		Layman Way	12 E	T	
C		LISA Dr	7 F	Tatertot Trail	8 F
Cable Bridge Rd	8 D	Lloyd W Dr	9 F	Taylor Roux Cir	10 F
Camp Rd	14 G	Leisure Dr	15 I	Thompson Way	11 G
Carmen's Way	9 E			Torry Hill Rd	11 D
Carpenter Hill Rd	6 D	M		Turtle Trail	12 G
Carriage Way	15 I	Mac Ln	6 D	Tweed Brook Rd	8 B
Carroll Ln	11 C	Margerie Acres	7 D	Twilight Ln	15 I
Church St	11 F	Marnie Ln	6 D		
Coyote Ridge Rd	9 D	Mast Rd	10 D	V	
Chickadee Dr	15 I	Middle Branch Pond	2 B	Victory Ln	10 C
Clark Rd	10 F	Meadow View Dr	10 G	Village Heights Dr	9 E
Court St	10 F	Middle Branch Dr	7 C		
Cranberry Meadow Rd	9 F	Miller Ln	14 G	W	
Crest View Dr	9 D	Milk Rd	2 B	Waterboro Rd	8 E
Curry Dr	14 G	Mountain Rd	10 C	Westcott Way	9 E
		Mouse Ln	11 F	Whichers Hill Rd	14 H
D		Mulberry Ln	9 E	White Oak Ln	6 D
Dane Hill Dr	7 D	Myer Ln	4 B	Wilderness Acres Dr	6 B
Days Wood Rd	12 G			Winsor Dr	15 H
Deer Run	7 D	N		Woodchuck Ave	13 G
Depot St	10 E	Nutter Camp Rd	14 H	Woodland Ridge Ln	6 E
Desrochers Ridge Rd	11 C	No Limit Dr	10 D	Woodsedge Dr	10 F
Deshon Hill Rd	10 D				
Dowdell Ridge	5 A	O		Y	
Dragonfly Ln	11 D	Oak St	10 E	Yyayia's Way	2 A
Drown Rd	10 G	Off Rd	10 F		
		Old Falls Pond Rd	15 I		
F		Old North Berwick Rd	15 I		
Family Dr	9 B	Olde Farnham Rd	8 F		
Fallen Oak	8 F	Old Tree Stand	12 G		
Federal St.	7 D				
Forest Rd	14 G	P			
Fort Ridge Rd	5 B	Partridge Ln	10 C		
		Papous Way	1 A		
G		Payeur Ln	8 E		
Garland Rd	2 A	Pebble Brook Rd	5 B		
Gean Ln	9 E	Penney Ln	2 B		
Gebung Rd	7 B	Perodeau Cove Rd	14 H		
George Rd	7 F	Pheasant Run	6 B		
Gerrish Ln	5 B	Pinecone Dr	15 I		
Gile Rd	6 D	Pools Crossing Rd	15 H		
Golden Era Cir	15 I	Pond Rd	8 E		
Gore Rd	8 E	Puffin Way	15 H		
Government Rd	13 H				
		R			
H		Rail Rd	9 E		
Hay Brook Dr	12 F	Rest Haven Cir	15 I		
Heather Ln	15 H	Rhode Island Ave	7 F		
Harvest Circle	12 F	Ricker Rd	11 F		
Hazel Dell	9 E	River Side Dr	11 E		
Helenfield Dr	13 G	Roberts Rd	6 D		
Herb's Ledge Ln	9 C	Rockbound Ln	6 E		
Hillside Dr	6 D	Rocky Ridge Rd	10 F		
Homestead Dr	7 D	Rodgers Way	6 D		
		Round Pond	11 E		
		Roux Ext	9 F		
		Rv Ln	6 B		

WALKING TRAILS IN THE MASSABESIC EXPERIMENTAL FOREST



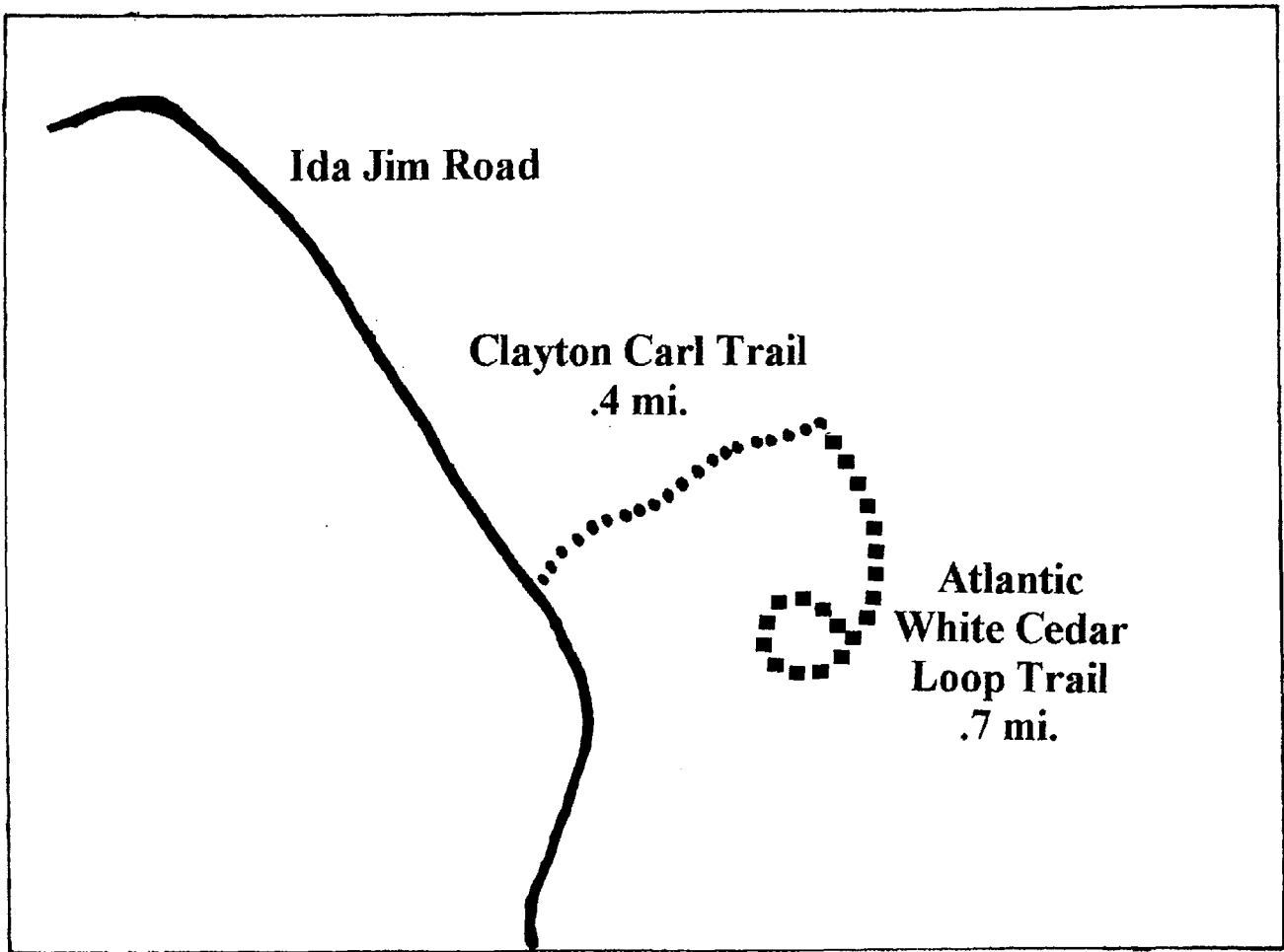
B. C. JORDAN TRAIL .8 MILES
LITTLEFIELD TRAIL .8 MILES

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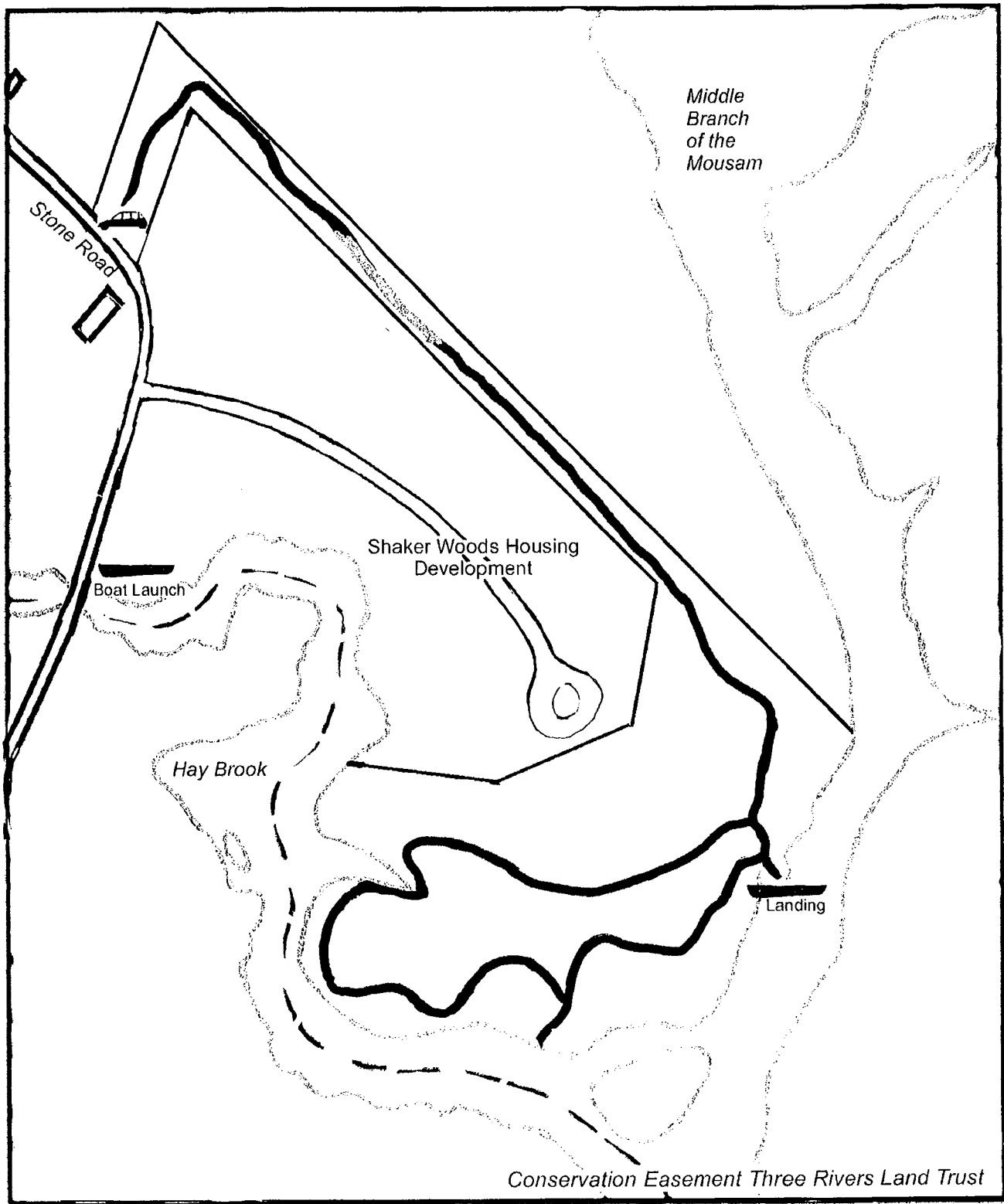


CHARLES E. SWETT TRAIL .5 MILES

WALKING TRAILS
IN THE
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CLAYTON CARL TRAIL .4 MILES
ATLANTIC WHITE CEDAR LOOP TRAIL .7 MILES



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Shaker Woods Reserve, Town of Alfred
 Walking Trail 2007

-  Canoe/Kayak Landings
-  Parking area

Please respect the adjacent property owners space
 Dogs on leash, NO motorized vehicles, NO fires, Daylight hours only, No hunting

AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION

This membership agreement by and between Alfred Fire and Rescue and the member shall exempt the member and family members who are members of the household of charges for emergency ambulance services provided by Alfred Fire and Rescue during the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Public and private insurance companies will be billed for services provided. Members agree to apply for insurance benefits available and to authorize payment directly to Alfred Fire and Rescue when services are provided. Alfred Fire and Rescue will not bill the member for any charges in excess of the insurance benefits available. Any special request for additional care will not be covered by this membership.

ALFRED FIRE AND RESCUE



To Our Friends in Our Community,

Alfred Fire and Rescue continues to provide you with twenty four hour emergency medical services. Alfred has an advanced life support equipped Maine licensed ambulance. Our ambulance is staffed with a unified team of skilled pre-hospital care professionals, licensed by the state of Maine. All of our volunteers and employees are committed to your pre-hospital care needs.

Alfred Fire and Rescue receives financial support from the community from tax dollars, donations, patient user fees, and your subscription membership. It is once again that time of year to renew your membership or become a new member. As a member you and your dependents receive at no cost to you, unlimited emergency medical treatment and transport to the closest appropriate hospital. Please send your membership as soon as possible to ensure we can continue to help you when you most need it.

Sincerely,

Alfred Fire and Rescue

QUESTIONS REGARDING SUBSCRIPTION? PLEASE CALL 324-8969

Name of member and other family members living with you
(please attach separate list if needed)

Address

Alfred, ME 04002 (Alfred Residents Only)

Phone Number

Subscription membership does not cover services provided by another ambulance service.

HOUSEHOLD \$25.00

BUSINESS \$100.00
(Employee's Only)

Mail to:

Alfred Fire and Rescue
P.O. Box 235
Alfred, ME 04002