

MEMORIAL HALL

Town of Oakland, Maine 2024 Annual Report



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MEMORIAL HALL

Brief History:

Memorial Hall was a remarkably ambitious Civil War monument for a small rural community. Construction began in 1870 and was completed in 1873 after a series of community fundraising efforts. In July 1870, the recently formed Soldiers' Monument Association announced that plans drawn by Thomas W. Silloway, a prominent ecclesiastical architect, had been approved. With considerable forethought, the Association had included in the plans commercial space in the basement to provide income for maintenance and improvements of the building and grounds. Memorial Hall has housed a Savings Bank, a post office, Town Meetings, the library, school events and classrooms, and public entertainment. It was a true focal point for gatherings in our community for years.

With restoration and preservation efforts we hope to make this building a focal point once again, bringing the community together through events.

(Examples are: Comedy Shows, Concerts, Weddings, Baby Showers etc...)

Honoring veterans and soldiers since 1873. Please help continue this tradition.

Donations can be made to Town of Oakland, Memorial Hall and sent to P.O. Box 187 Oakland, ME 04963 or dropped off at the Town Office.



2024 TOWN REPORT DEDICATION




This year's Town Report is dedicated to our amazing Janice Porter. She began working for the Town of Oakland on August 28, 1977, and retired 47 years later. For 47 years she was Oakland's Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Town Manager, IF & W Agent, General Assistance Administrator and Oakland's matriarch, the glue that held everything and everyone together. Some statistical information on Jan's 47 years:

- Annual Town Meetings - 47
- Approximately 1,350 Council & Budget meetings
- 8 Town Managers
- 4 Fire Chiefs
- 4 Police Chiefs
- 13 Presidential elections which were held in various places such as Memorial Hall, Messalonskee High School, Williams Elementary School and the Oakland Fire Station

Things were different in 1977, tax bills, sewer bills, all vehicles, ATV, and snowmobile registrations were typed on a typewriter, on 3-part carbon paper. The State Valuation of Oakland in 1977 was \$16,812,100 compared to \$1,005,100,000 as of 2025. Jan embraced the changes in technology which helped Oakland adapt to the age of computers, electronic filings, voting machines, cell phones, internet and technology in general.

When asked to comment on the dedication of the town report for Jan Porter, former employee Eric Seekins was quick to point out that he wasn't sure words could accurately sum up what she meant to the Town of Oakland. Saying, "Think about this for a minute, for nearly 50 years she has been the one constant at the town office that people have come to count on and expect. Over that same time, she has treated every resident with a degree of respect, consistency, and professionalism that is unmatched. Top that off with an unbeatable work ethic and you have had a one in a million municipal employee and even better friend. Now get out there and enjoy those grandchildren and retirement, you've so earned it!"

Kathy Paradis was by Jan's side for 26 years and she can honestly say, "she was a real asset to our community and to the Town of Oakland Family. She has demonstrated the true meaning of what a Town Clerk should be. I have learned so much from her and admire her. Jan is a great mentor, teacher and friend".

The Town of Oakland is eternally grateful for your dedication, loyalty, kindness, strength and your years of service. We love you Jan!  Thank you for everything.

TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

TOWN COUNCIL

Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman	Term Expires December 2028
Kelly Roderick	Term Expires December 2028
Robert Nutting	Term Expires December 2026
Michael Perkins, Chairman	Term Expires December 2025
David Groder	Term Expires December 2025

TOWN CLERK

Kathleen Paradis	Term Expires December 2027
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ASSESSOR

Nichole Stenberg	Term Expires December 2025
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APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector/ & Road Commissioner	Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Finance Director	Cheryl Gould
Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters/General	Kathleen Paradis
Assistance Director/Deputy Tax Collector & Deputy Treasurer	
Deputy to: Town Clerk/ Registrar/ GA Director	Shannon Bizier
Fire Chief	David Coughlin
Police Chief	Charles "Rick" Stubbart
Library Director	Sheila Thorne
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	A.J Cain
Municipal Agent	Christine Nutting
Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector	Nathan Smart
Health Officer(s)	David Coughlin/Anthony Thibodeau
Recreation Director	Aaron Parker
Public Works Director	Jeffrey Hall
Transfer Station Manager	Dylan Clark
Oakland Environmental Services	Boyd Snowden

TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

PLANNING BOARD

David Roy, Alt. #1	Term Expires June 2027
Alt#2	Term Expires June 2027
Shawn Stevens, Chairman	Term Expires June 2026
Jamie Phair	Term Expires June 2026
Jon Cox	Term Expires June 2025
Richard MacKenzie	Term Expires June 2025
Robert Knowlton	Term Expires June 2025

APPEALS BOARD

Edward Cornwall	Term Expires June 2026
Cameron McKay	Term Expires June 2026
Ray Gruber	Term Expires June 2026
Randall Marshall Jr.	Term Expires June 2025
Patrick Linehan, Chairman	Term Expires June 2025
Vacancy, Alternate # 1	Term Expires June 2027

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Jane Sturk, Chairperson	Term Expires June 2027
Vacancy, Alternate #1	Term Expires June 2027
Julie Kern	Term Expires June 2026
OPEN, Alternate # 1	Term Expires June 2026
Sylvia Jadczyk	Term Expires June 2025
Tyler Backus, Alternate #2	Term Expires June 2025

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18 MEMBERS

*Laura Tracy	Term Expires June 2028
Chelsey Oliver	Term Expires June 2027
Michael Tracy	Term Expires June 2026

*Newly elected term commences on 07/01/2025 expiring 06/30/2028

TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

BUDGET AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michelle Fontaine	Term Expires December 2028
Tina Boag	Term Expires December 2028
Donna Griffin	Term Expires December 2027
Glenn Adams	Term Expires December 2027
Susan Leigh	Term Expires December 2027
Jeremy Lizzotte	Term Expires December 2026
Don Ponitz	Term Expires December 2026
Phyllis Capanna	Term Expires December 2026
Michael Rossignol, Chairman	Term Expires December 2025
Angela Jurdak	Term Expires December 2025
Arthur Morrisette	Term Expires December 2025
Richard MacKenzie, Vice Chairman	Term Expires December 2025

LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE

Marilyn Stevens	Term Expires June 2027
Bert Brewster	Term Expires June 2027
Linda Holmsen	Term Expires June 2027
Jeanne Foster	Term Expires June 2026
Stephanie Cheevers	Term Expires June 2026
Peter Godfrey	Term Expires June 2026
Cortney Lilly	Term Expires June 2026
Patricia Stevens	Term Expires June 2025

DOWNTOWN TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Danielle Marquis	Denise Rogers-Stevens
Phyllis Capanna	Hillel Weisel
Laura Tracy	Robert Nutting
Kerry Smart	Garvan Donegan
Kelly Pinney-Michaud	Cheryl Gould

OAKFEST COMMITTEE

Kathy Paradis, Chairperson	Patrick Faucher
Abby Marshall Co-Chairperson	Nathan Smart
Monica Charette, Media Relations	Amanda Arroyo
Mary Faucher	Owen Corrigan
Prudy Marcoux	Janet Lund
Bonnie Audet, American Legion	Donna Griffin
Jeff Flye, American Legion	Bill Farnham
	Kelly-Pinney Michaud

TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leadership:

Dr. Mark Sutherland
Terry Borman
Diane Engert

Stephanie Cheevers
Jean Ponitz
Laura Pierce

Volunteers:

Pam Blake
Eileen Bolstad
Donna Doucette
Rebecca Engleright
Annie Flaherty
Cheryl Godfrey
Meg Griffin
Howard Hardy
Linda Holsem
Katie Meikle
Kara Pawson
Jane Pellerin

June Ponitz
Jenny Proctor
Kelly Roderick
Jeannie Shinay
Debbie Smith
Libby Stevens
Cindy Sturtevant
Jill Twist
Renee Vigue
April Wood
Bev Yoon

Helpers:

Jenny Barry
Jane Boucher
Carolyn McCaughey

Charlotte Melnichok
Cindy Potter
Trenton Clark

REFERENCE NUMBERS

Oakland Town Office

Telephone.....	465-7357
Fax.....	599-2864
Code Enforcement Office/Plumbing Inspector.....	465-2842
Assessor's Office.....	465-2750
Public Work's Garage.....	465-2408
Treatment Plant.....	465-7198
Public Library.....	465-7533
Fax.....	241-4284
Transfer Station.....	465-4732
Police Station (Non Emergency).....	465-2202
Animal Control Officer.....	465-2202
Sexton's Garage.....	465-9117
Fire Station.....	465-2631
Superintendent's Office.....	465-7384
Bus Garage.....	465-2102
Messalonskee High School.....	465-7381
Messalonskee Middle School.....	465-2167
Williams Elementary School.....	465-2965
Atwood Primary School.....	465-3411

Oakland's Web Page

www.oaklandmaine.us

Oakland's E-Mail Address

customerservice@oaklandmaine.us

Oakland's Facebook Page

Town of Oakland, Maine

The following websites provide an opportunity to purchase licenses, registrations and to request an absentee ballot for state elections:

<https://www10.informe.org/bmv/vanity/>

<https://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

<https://www.maine.gov/online/trailerrenewal/>

<https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

<https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>

<https://www.doglicensing.com>

<https://www.informe.org/moses/>

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Oakland Fire Department.....	911
Oakland Rescue.....	911
Oakland Police Department.....	911

OAKLAND POST OFFICE

Oakland Postmaster – Rollin Noyes 465-2404

TOWN OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday thru Thursday - 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month 6:00 p.m.,
in the Atlantic Room at the Fire Station

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

As needed, the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the
Atlantic Room at the Fire Station

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Monday, Tuesday and Holidays

dclark@oaklandmaine.us

PUBLIC LIBRARY

E-Mail Address: stafflibrary@oaklandmaine.us

Website: oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org

Tuesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm and

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

SPECTRUM

1-800-833-2253 Website: www.spectrum.com

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To the Citizens of Oakland and fellow Town Councilors:

Thank you to my Town Council members for all your hard work this past year, members are Don Borman, Dave Groder, Bob Nutting and Dana Wrigley. Also, special thanks to Kelly Pinney-Michaud our Town Manager, and all the town employees, for your dedication to make Oakland the best place to live.

As you know our Town Clerk Jan Porter retired in January 2025. It has been a pleasure to work with her, and I know I speak for the other members of the Town Council as well. Jan's professionalism was outstanding. Her commitment to this position for 47 years and to the town has been second to none. Kathy Paradis is our new Town Clerk, and she will do a terrific job.

It has been our honor to work with fellow council member Don Borman, we appreciate his numerous years of service. Don decided not to run for Town Council so he can enjoy other aspects of his life, yet his contribution will be felt for a very long time.

Our town is in great shape. We are within our budget. Your Town Council, Town Manager, and Budget Advisory Committee look to the future through a conservative, financial lens. Our Town Council meetings are at 6 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of every month, you are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Oakland Fire Department. Please feel free to call any of your council members with your concerns as well.

Respectfully,

Chairman Mike Perkins

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

As your Town Manager, it is my pleasure to present the 2025-2026 budget and hopefully receive your support. This budget contains collective efforts of myself, our department heads, our Town Council and our Budget Advisory Committee. It is our responsibility to deliver a fiscally responsible budget while addressing the needs of a fast-growing, full-service town such as Oakland. As we strive to keep taxes low and still offer exceptional service to our citizens we are proposing a small increase to the municipal budget.

Budget Information

As with past years, our struggle continues with keeping up with market wages in the area as well as inflation itself. Municipal work is not glamorous work and has always had a reputation for low wages compared to public sector jobs. We have made great strides over the past several years to increase wages but remain lower compared to similar towns our size in the surrounding areas. We have a dedicated, knowledgeable staff who all do a tremendous job. The other real issue is that we are all experiencing inflation and the rising cost of everything that we buy. Gas, oil, equipment, sand and salt, and people power have all skyrocketed in price. These higher costs have directly impacted this budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Northeast CPI came in at 3.4% this year (September 2024). The Council agreeded to pass 3.4% COLA onto our employees. This equates to an approximately \$67,745 increase. We are seeing a 9 % increase in health insurance as well which is an increase of approximately \$54,816. The new PFML (Paid Family Medical Leave) is adding an additional \$18,992 to the budget which is .5% of employee wages. Property & Casualty & Workers Compensation Insurance is seeing an 8% increase which adds approximately \$14,000 to the budget. The Police Union underwent negotiations this past fall and their new contract takes effect on 7/1/2025.

We have an employee separation account which is used to pay out 1/3 of sick time to retiring employees who were hired before 2003. This account currently has a balance of \$22,114, I am asking for \$5,000 be added to this line to help build it back up as we have several retiring employees in the coming years that were hired before 2003. We had to use approximately \$27,515 this year due to the retirements of 2 long-time employees.

Last year Delta Ambulance billed the town \$25 per capita for services to the Town of Oakland, which equaled \$158,050. This year, their request is \$35 per capita which equals \$221,270 –an increase of \$63,220. This option is a regional approach and is much more cost effective for the town.

The Assessing Department needs to update our GIS system/Tax Map Maintenance system and procedures. Currently our paper maps do not match our online maps. This new company, CAI Technologies has a website platform and will host us on its AXIS/GIS program. They have the ability to make sure everything is updated in a timely manner and the paper maps will match the

online maps. They provide a much better product than what we receive now. This initial start-up cost is \$28,800. I am asking to use **reserve money** for this, not money from taxation. We have a Digital Mapping Reserve that is funded when building permits are issued. This account has a balance of \$60,834.50 currently and it is used for updates like this.

Due to Oakland having not completed a complete revaluation since 1996, our property values and inventory are not accurate. Our schedules have fallen so far behind for what properties are selling for versus what we have them assessed at, that it's causing the extra expense of rising property taxes and lower homestead exemptions, which in turn makes our citizens pay more in taxes because they are not getting 100% of the homestead exemption. We will have a complete full town revaluation which will be completed for the 2026 tax year. A full revaluation will cost \$340,000 for Oakland's 4000 properties. \$100,000 was approved by voters last year. We began monthly payments in January 2024. We will need to budget for this budget and next year to finish out the payment schedule. - **FY26 \$125,200**, FY27 \$20,400. Once the revaluation is completed, the town's mil-rate will be considerably lower than it is now (currently at 14.62). The rule of thumb is that 33% of properties will experience a tax increase, 33% will not change at all, and 33% will go down in taxes. This is non-negotiable.

The Capital Improvement Budget includes:

- ❖ \$105,144 for a Master Lease Purchase for 3 new 2025 Western Star Plow/Dump Trucks
- ❖ \$125,200 has been budgeted for year 2 payment for the Revaluation.
- ❖ Year 2 of 3 for our 2024-25 Lease Purchase- this payment is \$117,025
- ❖ \$35,000 towards an excavator, bringing that savings up to \$135,000.

Parks & Recreation

We shifted money in the Rec budget between budget lines to take care of some necessary updates/remodels for our Pleasant Point Park fields. Overall, the budget is down 5.9% and this is a good year to shift that money to the project and then back next year to a salary for a full-time assistant.

Transfer Station

We've undergone some changes at the Transfer Stations with the demands from the Department of Environmental Protection, and the amount of labor needed to keep up with the volume of trash, bulky material and recycling material we are receiving, we have requested, turning one of our part-time positions into full-time. This is an approximate \$43,000 +/- increase in salary & benefits, depending on elections. MSW Tipping and transportation has increased, and you will see a \$15,000 increase, \$5,000 tipping and \$10,000 for transportation.

3rd Party & Miscellaneous Requests

Each year we receive requests from outside entities asking for donations, which we call 3rd Party Requests. This year we received \$10,290 in requests that were NOT funded. This was a very controversial topic during our budget discussions. Some believe that if we have to make cuts to our operating budget (which we did), then we shouldn't be funding outside entities and that we shouldn't be using taxpayer money to make a donation on the citizen's behalf. Others believed we

should be funding more money for these organizations. If you have a few dollars to spare, I would ask that you make a personal donation to any of the following organizations: Hospice Volunteers of Waterville, KVCAP Transportation, Spectrum Generations, Mid Maine Homeless Shelter, Sexual Assault Crises & Support, Community Health & Counseling Services, The LifeFlight Foundation, and Sweetser. These 8 organizations were not funded in the FY26 budget and they do provide services to many Oakland Residents. Central Maine Growth Council was another area of split support. CMCG is an invaluable resource for the Town of Oakland. They have assisted us with our Comprehensive Plan and our Downtown TIF program. This is currently funded in the budget at \$26,976 and as the Town Manager, having this resource is very valuable since we do not have an economic development department.

2024 in Review

Oakfest

Last year's Oakfest was held the last weekend of July. We opened the festivities on Friday evening bringing back the annual parade along with our street dance featuring our DJ and The Roy Hudson Band, food vendors, and the Oakland American Legion beverage tent. Main Street was filled with hundreds of people throughout the evening. The following day on Saturday, we moved over to Williams Elementary School where we held our Shine on Oakland Day, with live music, craft vendors, and food vendors. This year our classic car cruise drew over 50 cars and was said to be one of the best in the area. Saturday was an outdoor movie night, sponsored by Kingdom Life Church and was big hit with the kiddos! Oakfest drew record crowds again this year on both days. Oakfest 2025 is going to be held on Friday July 25th and Saturday July 26th.

Music Series

This past summer we had great attendance at our events when the weather decided to cooperate. We did have to cancel a few concerts due to the weather and some others were tough because the weather did play a factor. Heros on Wheels food truck was a great success that brought many people enjoyment during the concert. We look forward to continuing this tradition and we are working to create another great summer lineup.

Flower Committee

As in past years, last spring, summer and fall, the flowers around downtown were absolutely stunning. Every summer our downtown area, Church Street, and our intersections become a focal point for Oakland. I cannot wait to see the tulips pop! The Flower Committee continues to push the envelope of creativity. I feel that the town needs to continue to support this inexpensive beautification and marketing program. We are requesting \$3,288 in funding for FY26. They are always accepting donations as well.

Summary

The Town of Oakland generated approximately **\$200,000** in new property taxes with 20 new homes in 2024. Four were stick built modulars that sit on full foundations and the remaining 16 were built in place. The town also grew by 4 newly placed mobile homes, 2 new single wide and 2 double wide. We also had several commercial spaces become occupied. (Yay)!!

Oakland continues to offer the lowest tax mil rate for any full-service town within our area and beyond. This is not only due to the important work by our Council and Budget Advisory Committee but is also due to our committed staff and their dedication and longevity to this town.

Respectfully,
Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Town Manager

SIGN UP FOR IMMEDIATE ALERTS/NOTIFICATIONS AND TOWN INFORMATION



<https://portal.civicplus.com/ME-Oakland/notifications>

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

Governor Janet T. Mills	1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333	207-287-3531
Senator Susan M. Collins	413 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510	202-224-2523
Senator Angus S. King, Jr.	133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510	202-224-5344
Congressman Jared Golden	1710 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6306
State Senator Scott Cyrway	3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1505
Representative Robert Nutting	2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1440
Sheriff Ken Mason	125 State Street # 1 Augusta, ME 04330	207-623-3614
Dist. Atty. Maeghan Maloney	95 State Street Augusta, ME 04330	207-623-1156



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland,

2024 was another active year for the Code Enforcement Office with 132 building/land use permits and 109 plumbing permits issued. The town saw average growth in development residentially. The town ordinances and citizen staffed Planning, and Appeals Board have been critical in directing and assisting this development in the best manner possible with the goal of maintaining necessary regulatory compliance and character of the town, while keeping pace with the new housing and business demands that wish to expand or relocate in Oakland.

This year the following permit have been issued,

- 20 New Homes – 8 (Mobile / Modular)**
- 10 Additions**
- 26 New garages**
- 76 Other (camp, decks, renovations, sheds, Shoreland permits ect.)**
- 63 Internal Plumbing or connection permits**
- 46 New or replacement Septic Systems**

Building and plumbing permits are required for most work. If you are unsure whether a permit is needed, call the Towns Code Office at (207)-465-2842 or (207)-649-4760. I will be happy to assist you with your projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Smart

Code Enforcement Officer



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland,

2024 was an average year for the Oakland Planning Board. The board spent time reviewing subdivision plans and commercial site plans.

The board continues to review and update ordinances and will continue to make sure they provide clear instruction and direction for the public.

The Planning Board plays a critical role in directing and assisting the development in our town.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Stevens
Planning Board Chairman

Town Ordinances: <https://www.oaklandmaine.us/code-enforcement/#ordinances>

Assessors Report

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Oakland with fair and equitable valuations of real and personal property for tax purposes through professionalism, innovative technology, and application of reliable, consistent procedures in accordance with Maine State Law.

Almost all records in the assessing office are available to the public, including the tax commitment book, tax maps, property record cards, and real estate transfer tax declarations.

Oakland's tax year is a fiscal year that runs from July 1st thru June 30th; assessments are fixed on April 1st of each year.

2024 Tax Commitment statistics:

- The certified ratio is 87%.
- Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property is \$785,059,699
- The 2024-2025 total tax levy is \$11,477,572.80
- Tax rate is \$14.62 per thousand dollars of value.

Exemption Statistics:

- 1769 taxpayers qualified for the Homestead Exemption saving \$318 per household.
- 157 taxpayers qualified for Veteran's Exemptions saving \$76 per veteran.
- 41 businesses qualified for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption with a total value reduction of \$4,479,200.

In order to qualify for these exemptions taxpayers must meet requirements noted on the applications and submit them to the Assessor's office by April 1st. For more information on any program, please contact the assessor's office.

Looking Forward:

Oakland has contracted with KRT Appraisal for a townwide revaluation for the 2026 tax year. They will start data collection this spring, and the project will continue through the summer of 2026. Information and details regarding this project have been sent to property owners and in the coming months I will schedule informational meetings for taxpayers to be able to ask any questions they may have regarding the process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Stenberg, CMA
Assessor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS (58) ~ MARRIAGES (51) ~ DEATHS (83)

In Memory of:

Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death	Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
Anthony-Carter,Dorothy Eileen	53	03/03/2024	Manning,Thomas Jr.	87	11/10/2024
Arsenault,Urbain Calais	93	05/07/2024	Martin,Nancy Lee	80	08/12/2024
Baldwin,Jason R.	42	08/01/2024	McDaniel,Vera Alice	82	03/10/2024
Beland,Harold Joseph Jr.	63	07/06/2024	McLean,Kim Marie	59	08/15/2024
Bickford,Henry LeRoy	85	10/14/2024	Miller,David Emerson	59	12/14/2024
Boudreau,Jo Ann	87	04/23/2024	Minervino,Martin J.	84	06/01/2024
Boulette,Anne Gertrude	83	11/24/2024	Morin,Ronald Joseph	58	05/05/2024
Bourgoin,Linda	77	09/24/2024	Morin,Thomas Joseph	75	12/25/2024
Bouthot,Susan Helen	71	02/26/2024	Nile,Zaleen	65	08/23/2024
Bucknam,Ronald A	76	05/24/2024	Paradis,Clayton Edward	90	12/28/2024
Burnham,Clarence George Sr.	80	05/16/2024	Pawlick,Linda Theresa	73	10/10/2024
Burton,Corey Robert	54	01/29/2024	Peatfield,Sherwood M. II	75	12/20/2024
Cassiani,Mirabella	<1	05/29/2024	Poirier,Leona Christine	88	11/15/2024
Chapman,Samantha Lee	41	05/23/2024	Poulin,Katherine Ann	48	12/28/2024
Chase,Malbert F.	62	04/16/2024	Powell,Jerry Samson	84	12/04/2024
Cook,Cathy Marie	65	08/02/2024	Reid,Vicki Lynn	64	11/29/2024
Cote,Raymond Richard	78	10/10/2024	Reynolds,Beatrice Kay	87	11/01/2024
Cote,Roland B.	69	12/10/2024	Ricker,Laura Jean	79	08/21/2024
Cunningham,Ronald Mark	65	04/25/2024	Robshaw,Harry Alfred Jr.	73	03/17/2024
Czepiel,Barbara A.	77	03/07/2024	Shirley,Peter John	79	04/29/2024
Davidson,Judith E.	76	04/06/2024	Shorty,Donald F.	90	08/09/2024
Davis,Donald Angus	71	04/04/2024	Shorty,Iva Janice	96	04/01/2024
Dube,Frederick	83	01/09/2024	Smith,Josephine Bacon	96	12/20/2024
Duley,Peter H	73	05/14/2024	Smith,Lynette Ann	71	09/19/2024
Edwards,Mildred Inez	96	01/28/2024	Somers,Lorraine	65	05/07/2024
Elliott,Robert Millard	76	09/23/2024	St Germain,Joseph Andre	62	07/07/2024
Esancy,Frank James Jr.	76	12/17/2024	Stevens,Leonard M.	79	01/02/2024
Finemore,Vernal Grant	91	02/04/2024	Stone,Betty L	90	12/18/2024
Fletcher,Kenneth L.	68	08/14/2024	Taylor,Harland L.	86	02/05/2024
Fowler,Leon Edward	87	04/11/2024	Trask,Timothy Stacy	65	07/08/2024
Gagliardi,Stephen Phelps	75	05/22/2024	Uebelhack,Annette M.	66	02/19/2024
Genest,Jeannine M.	78	02/14/2024	Vaughn,Sally Rio	80	09/16/2024
Giroux,Norman Robert	87	06/26/2024	Vigue,Susan	76	03/11/2024
Goulette,Elisabeth D.	91	11/25/2024	Vincent,Margo Jane	75	02/28/2024
Grant,Yvonne C.	76	04/01/2024	Voter,Sheilya C.	75	09/02/2024
Greene,William A.	91	02/29/2024	Wathen,Joseph	17	12/26/2024
Griffin,Judith Irene	78	12/02/2024	Whitney,Cindy L.	53	10/04/2024
Hawkes,Gary S.	71	03/04/2024	Whitten,John B	80	04/24/2024
Hebert,Michael W.	72	04/30/2024			
Isbister,Harry J	78	09/06/2024			
Kelly,Ruby Melina	95	12/04/2024			
King,Alda	86	04/25/2024			
Lamontagne,Sean Alexander	25	11/06/2024			
Lessard,Glendon Ivan	67	06/05/2024			
Longley,Joyce	76	03/12/2024			
			Total	83	



To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland,

The officers of the Oakland Police Department responded to approximately 6,503 calls for service in 2024. When we were not responding to calls, we spent a great deal of time increasing our community engagement and evaluating department operations. We have made an effort through Coffee with a Cop, being present in all the schools, meeting with business owners, and being more involved in the community to hear your concerns.

Through these conversations with the community, we learned what you are most concerned about, and we have focused our efforts on these areas which include traffic enforcement, school safety, drug enforcement, and crime prevention. Our goal is always to improve our policing approach through enhancing training, technology, and community engagement. The foundation of any community is its citizens, civic organizations, and businesses.

In 2024, we sent officers to various training courses to become instructors. We now have instructors who are certified to teach Methods of Arrest Restraint and Control, Intoxilyzer, Tazer, and Firearms. We additionally sent officers to trainings for computer crimes investigations, sex case investigations, and school safety.

In 2024 we worked with RSU 18 to provide tabletop exercises for staff and administration instructed by our three School Resource Officers. We will continue to work with RSU 18 to ensure that our schools are as safe as possible. School safety has always been one of our main priorities. We are fortunate to have such a great working relationship with RSU 18.

We are at the end of the process of becoming MLEAP certified (Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program) and will be certified this year which is a major accomplishment that has been two years in the making. This certification will give us a discount on our annual police liability insurance.

The illicit drug trade is still a major problem in every community around the state. We are fortunate to have three officers that were assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency in the past which gives us the skill set to combat illegal drug trafficking in our community. Additionally, all of our officers are equipped with and trained in how to administer Narcan.

As always, I want to express my gratitude to the brave and dedicated officers for the service that they provide to our community every single day. In 2024, one of our officers was assaulted at a call and missed a week of work. We saw incidents that required use of force increase from previous years. Offenders have become more violent, and our job has become more dangerous but is vital to maintaining public safety in Oakland.

I look forward to working with the town leaders, citizens, businesses, and my officers to continue to make Oakland a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Chief Rick Stubbart

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

In 2024, the Oakland Fire Rescue Department responded to 1,253 total calls for service. The Department is composed of 4 full-time Firefighter/EMTs, a daytime per-diem and on call personnel, who collectively serve the community with professionalism and commitment. The 4 full time Firefighter/EMTs operate on a rotating shift schedule to ensure 24/7 emergency response coverage.

The following is a list of major accomplishments for 2024:

- An intensive evaluation by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) was completed. As a result, our assigned Public Protection Classification (PPC) was improved to a rating of 3/3X. The ISO assigns a rating from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary fire protection, and Class 10 indicates no fire protection. This new classification puts Oakland in the top 10% of Fire Departments nationally and may lower your insurance rates.
- The Department enhanced the level of EMS service offered to our citizens. This increase in certification allows higher licensed EMS staff to provide advanced medical care. Advanced EMTs are able to provide additional treatments for patients on scene before the ambulance arrives.
- Received grants totaling \$124,748
- Received a State EMS stabilization grant and purchased a 2017 enclosed rescue truck. This vehicle has the ability to transport patients should that need arise in the future.
- Received an Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purchase of Thermal Imaging cameras.
- Received a Stephen and Tabathia King foundation grant for the purchase of Polaris Ranger.
- Received a Maine Forestry grant for communication equipment, tools, and forestry hose.
- Secured \$19,321 in reimbursement from FEMA for the December 2023 winter storm
- Raised \$21,738 from private donations and fundraising by the Firefighters Association completing the UTV project with the purchase of an enclosed trailer and an EMS/firefighting skid unit.
- Procured a stair chair to assist with moving patients, utilizing private donations and fundraising by the Firefighters Association.

The following is a three-year comparison of incidents as reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

Incident Type		2024	2023	2022
100	Fires	37	30	35
200	Explosions	0	3	0
300	Rescue/EMS	819	792	815
400	Hazardous Conditions	109	123	79
500	Service	108	160	111
600	Good intent	40	31	56
700	False Alarms	59	55	57
800	Severe Weather	5	16	13
900	Special Incidents	1	3	10
	Mutual Aid Calls	75	77	64
	Total Incidents	1253	1290	1240

As always, we want to remind you of the importance of having multiple working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home. If you do not have a CO detector, please purchase one and if you have one in your home that is more than 6 years old, it should be replaced. We are also recommending a gas detector if you utilize any gas appliances in your home. If you have any questions or need a smoke detector, please contact the Fire Department.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the following for their support during the year: Town Manager, Town Office Staff, the Honorable Town Council, Department Heads and members of their departments, members of various town committees, Oakland Lions Club, Mutual Aid Departments, and the Citizens of Oakland. I especially thank my Department Members and their families for their continued dedication to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Coughlin, Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Highway Department's main objective each year is to improve and maintain the roadways and sidewalks for the citizens and all others who travel on them. We do this by plowing, sanding, cleaning up winter sand, patching roads & sidewalks, installing or replacing culverts and maintaining ditches. We also haul gravel, winter sand, snow, salt and other materials, along with addressing concerns reported by citizens. Finally, when request will assist MDOT with maintaining and repairing state roads, also help town engineer and other town departments complete projects.

We are thankful to have the equipment it takes to salt, sand, and plow 61 lane miles of roadways, 7 miles of sidewalks, 9 municipal buildings and parking lots, 2 public parking lots, and downtown parking to make it safe for the citizens and the public to travel, shop, work, and do business in the Town of Oakland.

All this is thanks to our crew: Robert Mathieu - Mike Hachey - Stephen Labbe - Zack Jurdak, Owen Corrigan, Steve Tozier and Andrew Daigle.

Completed projects from (2024-2025)

Roads & Streets:

Gallager Rd – Shim & Overlay
Hammond Dr – Shim & Overlay
Mulberry Ln – Shim & Overlay
Sycamore Dr – Shim & Overlay
Rossignol Ave – Shim & Overlay
Ten Lots – Shim
Transfer Station Loop – Base
Wedgewood Dr – Shim & Overlay

Ten Lots project:

Replaced cross culverts including ditching to improve water flow to the culverts and removed railroad crossing.

Culvert replacement Project

Replaced the 5' diameter cross culvert on Heath St. near the intersection of Oak St.

Relaced the 4' diameter cross culvert on Mcgrath Pond Rd.

Demolition

Demolished and hauled off the house on the corner of Fairfield St. & KMD also filled in and landscaped the lot.

Infrastructure Project:

Continuing to update databases & mapping of all culverts, storm drains, and street signs to be entered into the iamGIS software, which allows us to map out the entire town's infrastructure for all future projects and maintenance.

Old Landfill Project:

Added clay fill to improve grading and drainage on the closed landfill as part of a multi-year maintenance plan.

Cemetery project

Constructed an urn garden and all access roads connecting to the garden at the Lewis Cemetery.

Upcoming proposed projects and paving plans for (2025-2026):

Roads & Streets:

Denise Ave – Shim & Overlay
Lake Vista Dr. - Shim
Oak St. (K-store to Oak Hill Dr). – Shim & Overlay
Sawtelle Rd – Overlay
Upper Sawtelle Rd. – Base Pavement

Upper South Alpine St. – Shim & Overlay
Deer Run – Shim & Overlay
Allagash Dr. - Overlay
Mayland St. – Shim & Overlay
½ Property Maint. lot – Base Pavement

Infrastructure Project:

Continue to work with Municipal Engineer to complete the mapping of the town's infrastructure in the iamGIS software.

Replacing Culverts and Ditching:

Many of our existing culverts will need to be replaced and work done on ditch lines for directing & creating better flow for storm water and melting snow.

Old Landfill Project:

Continue to work on the multi-year maintenance plan.

Boat Landing

We will be reconstructing the access road and parking lot associated with the public boat ramp upgrade on Messalonskee Lake.

ATV Trail

We are working with the State of Maine to connect Oakland to the State-owned Rail Trail and becoming a Trail Head.

Respectfully submitted by the Highway Department Director - Jeffrey S. Hall



Environmental Services Department Report

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

I am pleased to provide this report from the Environmental Services Department. This Department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the municipal sanitary sewer collection system, groundwater monitoring and reporting for the municipal closed and CDD landfills, as well as providing a supportive role to other Departments such as the Town Office, Public Works, and Code Enforcement.

Regarding the sewer collection system, in CY 2024 the Town of Oakland pumped 104,725,237 gallons of sewage to the Waterville Sewerage District (WSD) for treatment by the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD), which was a 17.9 percent decrease from CY 2023. Historically, the annual volume of sewage pumped is related to the total annual precipitation. In Oakland, the greatest impact on flow volume continues to be through groundwater infiltration into the sewer collection system coming from Town owned sources such as old clay pipes and brick manholes, as well as from private landowner sources such as sewer service piping, sump pumps and perimeter drains. The following table provides annual data for the operations of the sewer system since 2021.

Year	Total Annual Volume Pumped (gallons)	Non-Revenue Percentage of Total Volume	Annual Precipitation (inches)
2024	104,725,237	62.3%	50.8
2023	127,533,881	67.9%	52.3
2022	102,825,556	58.7%	42.11
2021	102,249,245	61.1%	39.99

The largest budgeted expense for the sewer system comes from pumping and treating sewerage flow. In FY 2023/24, this represented 43.4 % of the annual budget. Changes in the annual volume of non-revenue water can have significant budgetary impacts, therefore, reducing non-revenue water will continue to be a priority for the Department, as it has been since Oakland connected to the WSD system in 2012.

During FY 2023/24, and to date FY 2024/25, the Department has completed the following work items within the sewer system:

- Completed annual SL-RAT system field evaluation to prioritize sewer cleaning needs.
- Cleaning & CCTV inspection of sewer piping segments determined from SL-RAT work.
- Remote pump station maintenance/repairs which included generator backup capabilities.

The Department also recently completed the major sewer main replacement project that began in November 2023. The project was funded with \$1.18 Million from ARPA grant funding, and \$418,900 in Town reserves. The project included clay and asbestos cement sewer main replacement on Lower Oak Street, Railroad Avenue, South Alpine Street, and Oak Street. Most of the pipes replaced were antiquated clay sewer main that allowed groundwater infiltration into the system. In addition to the main replacement work, thirteen brick and fiberglass manholes on Oak Street and Sawtelle Road were replaced to further reduce the volume of groundwater into the system.

Although it will take time to determine the extent of the benefits of this major sewer project, the Town is already seeing some benefit. We have monitored a significant reduction in daily flow since November 2024, as compared to previous years. The chart below provides these data points. One location where we have seen a significant reduction is the flow from South Alpine Street, which has been reduced by 87 percent compared to pre-replacement years. Based upon the data we have received in recent months, I believe we can confidently summarize that a flow reduction is occurring, and it appears significant.

Year	Total Pumped from Main Pump Station (gallons)	Monthly Precipitation (inches)
Nov. 2024 – Feb 2025	22,922,444	10.24
Nov. 2023 – Feb 2024	42,254,167	13.03
Nov. 2022 – Feb 2023	41,642,200	16.23
Nov. 2021 – Feb 2022	34,672,647	8.29
Nov. 2020 – Feb 2021	35,539,574	14.27

The Town will continue to monitor system flow to analyze the benefit/reduction of groundwater infiltration into the system as a result of the sewer project. We will also continue to evaluate the sewer collection system to look for other projects that can further reduce infiltration.

The Department also continues its environmental monitoring (groundwater sampling) work for the Closed and CDD landfill sites. All groundwater data is submitted to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) annually. Providing this service since 2017 has saved more than \$20,000 annually for the taxpayers of Oakland, just in engineering fees.

In addition to environmental monitoring, the Department worked with the Public Works Department on a large maintenance project on the Municipal Closed Landfill, which is part of a multi-year maintenance effort. The Department is coordinating with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on this project. This maintenance work will ensure that the closed landfill continues to operate effectively and in the manner it was originally designed and permitted.

I want to thank the Town Manager and Town Council for their unending support. I would also like to thank Jeff Hall and the Public Works crew, Chief Stubbart and the Oakland Police Department staff, Chief Coughlin and the Oakland Fire Department staff, AJ Cain and his crew, as well as the rest of the staff at the Town Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Boyd Snowden, PE
Municipal Engineer

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

To the Citizens of Oakland and the Oakland Town Council,

The Oakland Transfer Station had a major change in 2024; the municipal solid waste (MSW) tipping area can no longer have patrons throw their MSW on the floor of the area and leave. We must dispose of our MSW directly into the roll-off cans located in the rear of the tipping area. Employees here at the transfer station will be patrolling the tipping area to assist patrons with the disposal of materials, acquiring stickers as well as general assistance with any questions you may have.

We also saw the departure of Ryan Boyle, one of the part-time employees and the addition of Tom Drinkwater, of who has been the employee that has handled the organization and cleaning of the tipping area since the beginning of this transition.

I would like to thank Ryan Boyle for the four years of exemplary service he provided at the Oakland Transfer Station and to the taxpayers of Oakland, I wish him the best in all future endeavors.

	2023	2024
Tons of Electronics	9.73	8.88
Tons of Architectural Paint	9.54	7.72
Tons of Material Recycled	460.39	468.18
Savings Value of Recyclables*	\$39,593.54	\$40,263.48

**Cost reduced from Trash Disposal.*

I would like to thank my crew: Assistant Manager Jeff Campbell, Attendants John Dyer, Wendy Drinkwater and Tom Drinkwater. I owe much of our success to their hard work and professional demeanor. I thank Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, and Boyd Snowden for their continued assistance with our facility.

Thank You, PLEASE RECYCLE, and PLEASE Promote Recycling
Help us build a Recycling Culture that Oakland can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,
Dylan Clark
Transfer Station Manager

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2024 was another stellar year for the Buildings & Grounds Department. After a somewhat mild winter, we started our spring cleanup, preparing all town properties and cemeteries for our busy mowing season.

In early spring, we did a major facelift to the children's area in the Oakland Public Library consisting of sheetrock repairs, new paint, and installed wide vinyl plank flooring.

In early summer, we assisted the Public Works Department in Lewis Cemetery installing gravel roads that encompass the newly designed urn garden area. Though we still have plenty to do with the finishing touches before it is completed, we feel it will be a very nice addition to the cemetery.

We also had eleven, large, failing trees removed from Lakeview Cemetery in hopes to prevent any possible stone damage in the future. An additional 30 full grave spaces and 18 urn grave spaces were plotted out in the Lakeview Cemetery as well. In 2024, 46 full size graves and 12 urn graves were sold in Lewis and Lakeview Cemetery combined with a total of 20 burials being performed.

In July, the town purchased a Ford high-top van that has made our department so much more efficient, allowing us to have on board the much-needed tools and everyday materials to complete particular jobs throughout the town. We also purchased a 42" stand on zero turn mower. Another great addition to our department.

Also in July, we assisted in the set up and take down of Oakfest 2024, which had another amazing turn out, as expected.

Through out the year we spent many long hours in Memorial Hall working on fire safety updates with plans of more work to be completed in the coming year.

I would like to give a special thank you to my amazing Buildings & Grounds Crew and Janitorial Staff for another outstanding year.

Gary Bowman – Grounds Assistant
Nate Wright – Building Assistant
Leanne Clark – Janitorial Staff

Nick Cain – Grounds Assistant
Eric Roberts – Grounds Assistant
Heather Wood – Janitorial Staff

I would also like to congratulate Eric Seekins & Jan Porter on their retirement. I've had the privilege of working with them both for the last 33 years and every single minute was a complete joy. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!

In closing, I would like to thank Jeff Hall and the Public Works Crew, Boyd Snowden, Dan Casey and his crew from RSU 18 for all their assistance throughout the year. Also the Town Manager, Town Office Staff, all department heads, and the Town Council for all the continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.J. Cain
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

To the Town Council, Citizens of Oakland:

The Library settled in nicely in 2024 with the introduction of new staff and the incorporation of new schedules for current staff. We made some trial runs and we feel confident with our schedules and assigned responsibilities. We are running smoothly with the help from the Town of Oakland, our amazing volunteers, and our exceptionally devoted patrons. As I pen this report, it is hard to believe that we are moving quickly through the year 2025 running alongside the changing seasons and holidays sprinkled here and there.

If you are new to the Oakland area, or a lifetime resident, we are excited to mention that the Library has something for everyone. Oakland residents receive a complimentary membership card and non-residents can purchase an individual membership card for \$25.00 or a family membership card for \$30.00. We even offer a Summer Resident membership card for \$15.00 (this covers Memorial Day in May through Ingenious Peoples Day in October). The membership includes iCloud access for e-books and audio books. We hope you'll stop in to visit our beautiful Library and inquire about the services we provide. If you aren't sure what you are looking for, we can help with that too!

In 2024, we hosted the following Maine author meet-n-greets:

February 6 th , Ron Joseph	June 25 th , Phil Crandlemire
March 19 th , Jody Rich	September 13 th , Karen Richards Toothaker
April 16 th , Kalee Gwarjanski	October 22 nd , Amy Safford
April 19 th , Jeanine Deas	November 8 th , Don Osborne
May 14 th , Christopher Lockwood	

We would like to thank the authors for their time speaking with our Library audience. It is a great honor to have authors share their books and stories. Many of the authors are local to Oakland and surrounding communities. We have a lot of great talent in our neighborhoods! We hope to bring an exciting author meet-n-greet program this coming year.

We continue with our Friday Storytime program at 10:30 am each week. Penny Nava, the Children's Librarian, coordinates with several volunteers who come in to read and share a craft planned around the story for the day. Storytime is usually themed around a holiday, a season, or an event special to the date. This year, Penny and volunteers coordinated special Storytimes presentations and hosted the Oakland Fire Rescue Department for fire safety in October and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus for Christmas in December. The Children's Library had a trial art class that was very successful and several children author meet-n-greets. Thanks to donations and contributors, the Summer Reading program for 2024 was exciting! The theme was "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and we held our own in-house program on July 12th with a "**Treasure Cove Adventure**" featuring a pirate's bounty scavenger hunt; on July 19th, **Abracadabra Productions** provided an amazing magic show; on July 26th, **Mad Science of Maine** gave us thrilling science experiment presentations; and on August 2nd, **Judy Pancoast** presented her uplifting and encouraging songs with the children.

For the 2025 Summer Reading program, the theme is "Color Our World". Our line-up for scheduled events is:

Friday, July 11 th , 10:30 am	Mad Science of Maine : Science Program
Friday, July 18 th , 10:30 am	Abracadabra Production : Magic Show
Friday, July 25 th , 10:30 am	Judy Pancoast : Music Show
Friday, August 1 st , 10:30 am	In-House "Color Our World" program with Penny
Friday, August 8 th , 10:30 am	End of Summer Program Celebration

We have been fortunate to host Free Tech Help programs for all community members in 2024. Calvin Lewis (an Oakland resident) is a navigator hired by GrowSmart Maine and the National Digital Equity Center (NDEC). In 2024, Calvin held regular hours at the Library for walk-in clients and special hours for free digital programs. Some of the free programs include: iPhone Basics, Android Basics, Chromebook Basics, Microsoft Power Point Basics, and Basic Internet Safety. Calvin also assists with the FREE laptop or tablet program for qualifying individuals. We are excited to share these programs to help with digital literacy.

Beginning in April and through May, the Library will host the Waterville Area Art Society's 30th Maine Open Juried Art Show. Stay tuned for additional information.

With the help of a grant received by GrowSmart Maine, we have transitioned our meeting rooms to be more remote-worker friendly. We've added sitting areas and provided spaces to read, study or work. We have six desktop computers, a color photocopier/printer/scanner/fax, and free WiFi for public use.

We went out to bid and the Town Council awarded a local contractor to replace two mini-split heat pumps in the Main Library room where there isn't any air conditioning at this time. That project should be completed by the end of March 2025. Within a few years, we will need to address the two rooftop air conditioning units that are getting toward their end of service.

Lisa Stevens, the Collections Librarian, does an excellent job stocking the shelves with the latest releases. She has had several projects refreshing the shelves and keeping the Library's collection neat and tidy. There's always something she can recommend if you're wondering what to read next!

Along with access to books and digital technology, we have DVDs, magazines/periodicals, access through the Cloud Library for e-books and audiobooks, plus the daily local paper. We also have Notary Public services (\$2.00 fee) and Dedimus Justice (for free!). If the Library doesn't have a book you are looking for, we can order it through the Maine State Library's Inter Loan Library service. With a grant provided by the Shanabrook Family, the Inter Loan Library service return postage is free of charge at this time.

Follow us on Facebook and on our website for our program announcements and come visit us during our book and bake sales for some great deals! You may also subscribe to the Town of Oakland's CivicPlus Mass Notification system and subscribe to receive notifications via phone calls, text messages, and/or email at: <https://portal.civicplus.com/ME-Oakland/notifications>.

The Library would like to thank Oakland's Building and Grounds Department (AJ & Crew) for maintaining the Library building and grounds. They do such an amazing job and are always willing to help. Thank you to Chief Dave Coughlin for allowing the Oakland Fire Rescue Department staff to teach the children about fire safety with a fire truck and equipment. The Library is grateful to all the employees and volunteers here in Oakland. The community is amazing, and we couldn't run without each and every one of you. Please help us thank our generous donors: Oakland Lion's Club, Waterville Area Women's Club, residents, citizens, and local businesses. Without contributions and donations, many of our programs would be non-existent.

We are grateful to the Library Advisory Board for their guidance and ideas. The Board is comprised of residents and community members who have a passion to keep the public library doors open and running smoothly. Thank you to our current Board members for your dedication. Our current members are: Bert Brewster, Stephanie Cheevers, Jeanne Foster, Peter Godfrey, Linda Holmsen, Cortney Lilly, Marilyn Stevens, and Patricia Stevens.

Come by and visit us here at 18 Church Street in Oakland. Libraries are the foundation for early literacy and learning for the youth of today and the future adults of tomorrow! Share the love of reading with your family and friends by supporting your local library.

A great resource worth mentioning for journal, magazine, and newspaper articles; research tools for students of all ages; language learning tools, auto repair, and computer skills; test preparation, skills building, and legal forms, plus so much more, visit: <https://library.digitalmaine.org> .

Top 5 Checked-Out Books from our Library in 2024:

- 1) The Women: A Novel by Kristin Hannah (22 times out)
- 2) The Frozen River: A Novel by Ariel Lawhon (20 times out)
The Berry Pickers: A Novel by Amanda Peters (20 times out)
- 3) The Teacher by Freida McFadden (17 times out)
The Coworker by Freida McFadden (17 times out)
- 4) Pitch Dark by Paul Doiron (16 times out)
The Locked Door by Freida McFadden (16 times out)
- 5) The Inmate by Freida McFadden (15 times out)
The 24th Hour by James Patterson (15 times out)

The Library has a Book Club that meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm here at the Library. Below is the reading list from 2024:

January 23	<u>The Guncle</u> by Steven Rowley
February 20	<u>The Berry Pickers</u> by Amanda Peters
March 12	<u>North Woods</u> by Daniel Mason
April 16	<u>The Frozen River</u> by Ariel Lawhon
May 14	<u>The Husbands</u> by Holly Gramazio
June 18	<u>The Women</u> by Kristin Hannah
July 19	Members share favorite
August 20	Members share favorite
September 19	<u>The Guncle Abroad</u> by Steven Rowley
October 15	<u>The Other Einstein</u> by Marie Benedict
November 19	<u>No One Can Know</u> by Kate Alice Marshall
December 17	<u>Somewhere Beyond the Sea</u> by T.J. Klune

Average Number of Patrons Per Day: 22
Average Number of Books/Media Circulated Per Day: 61

Happy reading and we hope to see you soon!

Sheila Thorne Rogers, Library Director

Lisa Stevens, Collections & Asst. Head Librarian

Penny Nava, Children's Librarian

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Oakland Public Library Membership 2024 Stats

Oakland Resident Memberships	2,566	Adults	2,833
Non-Resident Annual Memberships	663	Children/Young Adult	439
Non-Resident Summer Memberships	55	Family	12
TOTAL 2024 LIBRARY MEMBERSHIPS		3,284	

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

It is with great pleasure that I get to address you all for the first time in this manner as Director of Parks and Recreation. Although we are sad to see Eric Seekins, a legend in this town, for everything he has done we are excited and ready for the future. As Oakland always does, we will continue to grow while remembering our past. 2024 was a testament to this as we continued many great traditions with some small spin offs to prepare us for the future years.

Some of our 2024 Highlights include:

Fun In the Sun Summer Camp- This past year was a transition year. This program has been running for 35 years and continues to be one of our strongest programs. Our first session was at about 80 participants and our second session was fully booked at 100 participants. This year we did our usual field trips, but we also added a trip to the Portland Sea Dogs and two trips to the Maine Wildlife Park. We look forward to continuing to develop this program.

Youth Sports Programs- We had our annual sports programs run this year. Baseball/Softball was off and running with Softball teams making playoffs and continuing to grow. We had great weather with soccer and a good season for teams. We had 24 Pre-K/K, 34 1ST/2ND, 25 3RD/4TH and 20 5th/6th graders. Lastly our basketball season was great again with numbers increasing on the boys' side, and we had a champion in our 3rd/4th grade travel division!

Summer Concert Series- Our concert series has continued its success that we have had in the past. Our numbers have stayed in the same area of 200-500 per concert. We had Hero's on Wheels as a concession for every concert, which our citizens loved. We are happy that they will be returning to our concert series this year. Although we had some weather issues, we continued to enjoy our Thursday evening concerts! Huge thank you to all our sponsors who will be returning this year. The schedule for this upcoming year will be released soon and we look forward to entertaining the town again this year.

Online Registration System- This past year we rolled out our online registration system. Numbers have stayed steady, but folks have been happy with the fact that they can register from home. The system will continue to help us grow as a recreation department and we will also be able to add facility reservations into this system as well.

2025- With a new year coming in we are always looking into growing our department and the types of activities that we offer. We are hoping to add in a new program or two that would benefit some of our citizens that are not our youth. We have some ideas, but we are looking at what townspeople might have for ideas. Please reach out to me at aparker@oaklandmaine.us with any ideas!

Thank You's- First and foremost thank you to the citizens of this great town. You have welcomed me and helped me along the way to continue to provide great services for this great

town. Words can't describe how welcome and happy I feel to be part of this town and in this position. On top of our citizens, thank you to the Town Council who have also helped to guide me in this first year as Director. I look forward to the continued support to help guide me into keeping this town great. Thank you to all my Town Employee staff, you continue to support me daily and welcome me into this close group of workers. Thank you to the RSU18 group for allowing us to use your sites and continuing to support us and the children of this great town. Lastly thank you to Eric Seekins, you have supported me before I took over and continued to do so as I took over. I have enjoyed learning from you, and I look forward to your continued support in the future.

Respectfully,

Aaron Parker
Parks and Recreation Director



On left- Landon Hanna, 3rd place Pike Division

On Right – Kyle Cummings -1st Place Pike Division and the Richard Pierce Memorial Largest Fish Award.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

To: The Town Council and Citizens of Oakland

It was a very busy year for me as your Animal Control Officer. There were many trips taken, transporting dogs and cats to Waterville Humane Society. In a couple of cases Waterville was closed to drop off and I had to seek outside alternatives.

What you as residents could do that would make a huge difference is making sure your dogs and cats are microchipped; this would make a huge difference as I carry a chip reader. Make sure your phone numbers are up to date with the microchip company. Also, provide clear photos of your dog or cat and post on Maine Lost Dog or Cat Recovery page on Facebook. I have reunited many pets through this forum. Having tags with owner's name & number on collars is also helpful.

The feral cat population is out of control. You as residents **MUST STOP FEEDING THESE CATS**. Your heart may be in the right place to prevent starvation, but unless these cats are spayed or neutered, they will continue to hang around the food source and find a mate which leads to more unwanted cats. There is truly no reason to let your cats outdoors but if you must, please have them spayed, neutered and chipped. I don't want to pick up house pets to transport. I will not trap feral cats.

This was also an extremely busy year for me as your animal control agent. This was a huge skunk season. Not so much for woodchucks. In the spring when you see the wildlife emerging and they appear sluggish or drunk-like, they are not rabid, they are coming out of hibernation in search of food. They have babies to feed.

I trapped and transported: skunks, racoons, porcupine, squirrels, opossums and bats all removed to a safer place than your yard. I also took calls on: pigs, goats, cows and horses which were all returned to their owners after their short escapes.

Unfortunately, I removed many deceased deer vs car off roadways, I was able to donate some to needy families others weren't as lucky.

We had our annual rabies clinic held at the Oakland Fire station. There was a decent turnout but there could have been more residents taking advantage of this service. There are of course times when a dog can and will get loose to check out his or her surroundings. This is considered "roaming at large", that will result in court summons. In the event this happens, the first step is a verbal warning, the second step is written warning, if it continues a summons to appear in court will be issued. I ask each and every person I come in contact with to not let it come to this. A summons is far from my mind.

If I trap pet cats or dogs they will be transported to the Waterville Humane Society and you will be responsible for all costs and fees of the humane society in order to retrieve your pet from them.

Thank you to the Oakland Police Department for their help with certain animal complaints.

Respectfully yours, Don Decker, Animal Control & Wildlife Agent 207-399-8135

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

20 West Church Street, Oakland. Mail should be sent to the Pantry at P.O. Box 194, Oakland, ME 04963

Calendar Year 2024

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland,

Mission Statement: Oakland Food Pantry welcomes anyone in need of food and provides food and necessary personal items to help support people with adequate nutrition and basic hygiene.

As in past years, services continued to be provided using a drive-through model of distribution on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from 4-6pm, except during November & December when the pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month due to the holidays. We provide scheduled home delivery services for client's that are unable to come to the pantry and meet eligibility criteria; this service is currently at capacity. Emergency distributions are made onsite at the pantry when a call for help is received and the pantry is closed, this means an individual has no food and cannot wait until the next scheduled pantry distribution. If volunteer staff are unavailable to provide the emergency distribution, the individual(s) in need are referred to the Town Office (when open during normal business hours), or the Police Station (on weekends, holidays, evenings & nights) where prepacked food boxes are provided. Anyone in need of food who presents for service is served, regardless of residency.

During 2024, we experienced a significant increase in the need for services.

<u>Patron Category</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Average per distribution</u>	<u>%^ from 2023</u>
Households Served	738	31	43%
Individuals Served	1660	69	49%
Home Deliveries	93	7-8	76%

At years end we had 32 active volunteers and more are currently needed. We operate with an all-volunteer staff; there are no paid employees. United Methodist Church parishioners, Oakland citizens, town employees, and citizens of neighboring communities all help support the work we do by sharing their time, talent and resources.

We are also supported in many other ways. We had a rich supply of food for our patrons provided by a variety of sources and generous caring people including: Good Shepherd Food Bank & USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program, Winslow Community Cupboard, Waterville Food Bank, Le Page Bakery, Messalonskee School System food drives, Oakland Postal Service Food Drive, Shaw's Market Food Drive, local business food donations, individual citizen food donations, regular church parishioner donations (each month on food pantry Sunday & weekly at Christmas using an advent calendar), and retail food purchases.

Financial support, so critical to our operation, is provided by the generosity of many, including: local businesses, private individuals, the Town of Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schmaltz, Sappi

Corporation, Construction Consulting of Maine & Rick and Judy MacKenzie, Oakland Lions Club, Messalonskee High School Empty Bowls event, Maine State Credit Union Feed Me 5k Walk to End Hunger, KV Credit Union, Maine Water Works.

This year we re-opened preliminary discussions about the need to relocate the pantry away from its present location to a new location in order to expand capacity, improve efficiency and improve safety. Our goal is to resume discussion and planning for this project at a future date that has yet to be determined.

After *many decades* of dedicated service as Treasurer of Oakland Food Pantry, Clara Watson announced her retirement, effective December 31, 2024. Clara was a devoted, caring, talented leader whose passion for serving others was an inspiration for all Pantry volunteers that knew her, had the honor of working with her, and love her. We will miss her fun loving, joyful demeanor. Throughout her years of volunteerism, she helped improve the lives of many, many people in our community. We offer Clara our profound gratitude for her devoted service.

In closing, Food Pantry Volunteers are grateful beyond measure for the loving support of this community and the many individual citizens that enable us to do the work we do to eradicate hunger and food insecurity in the lives of the people we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Swartz
Volunteer Manager of Operations
Oakland Food Pantry

OAKLAND SNO-GOERS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

We, the members of the Oakland Sno-Goers Club, would like to take this opportunity to thank the landowners for permission to use your land for our snowmobile trails. Thank you very much, without you it would be impossible.

We had another very low snow season this year. The volunteer members worked hard on the trails which still need to be maintained every year or they will get in such disrepair we will lose them. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

The Town of Oakland has over 426 registered snowmobiles and 277 sled owners in it so I would like to thank our members for their loyal support and give an extra special thanks to the members that volunteered their time to help clean up and maintain our trails. **Thank You.**

The club now has six drag sleds which drags 41 miles of trails (one way) in the town of Oakland. I would like to thank the town for giving us the money they receive from the state (a portion of snowmobile registrations) because it is very costly to maintain six drag sleds and a track machine to keep 41 miles of trail smooth and safe.

You are cordially invited you to join the Oakland Sno-Goers Club and support your sport. We meet often and discuss how to improve our trails. It is all volunteer work. For more information, please feel free to call me at 465-6136

Please remember to **“TREAD LIGHTLY”**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Swett
President, Oakland Sno-Goers Club

Messalonskee Trail Riders

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The Messalonskee Trail Riders is a group of people who are ATV enthusiasts! 2024 was a stellar year for ATV riding in Central and Northern Maine. Having the Kennebec Valley Trail open from Oakland (Horn Hill Road) to Bingham has been an added short trip for those who love to ride. Continuing from Bingham north, the destinations are endless, which include Greenville, The Abbot Bakery, Jackman, The Northern Outdoors, and the B-52 Site, just to name a few day trips that can be done.

The State of Maine purchased the old rail bed and is creating an outdoor recreation space like no other. They have redone bridges, trail surfaces, added signage, and continue to support outdoor recreation and trail riding.

Did you know we have a ATV Club in Oakland – We are called the Messalonskee Trail Riders. Currently the club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (starting April 8th) at the Oakland Police Station. We welcome new members!

A few of the club events we have are the Glow Ride, different fundraising events, trail maintenance, bridge building, Oakfest Parade, as well as weekly rides. For more information call

President: Russ Corson 858-3070

Trail Master: Kevin Quirion 509-5774

Please follow the rules of the Trails!

Messalonskee Trail Riders ATV Club – Oakland – Friend us on Facebook for up-to-date info!





Oakland Area Historical Society

We would like to thank the town for the past support of the Oakland Area Historical Society (OAHS). The money we receive from the town helps to cover the oil for heating McCartney House as well as the activities below.

These are things we have done:

- Memorial Hall Project: OAHS is proud to be working with the Town of Oakland on restoring Memorial Hall to its full glory as a community meeting place.
 - We have held several fundraisers for this project. Tea and Tour and Breakfast with Santa. Our active members have been working very hard to support Memorial Hall.
 - With the outreach grant we had last year, we were able to do a mailing to the Oakland Businesses and raised over \$12,000.
 - We were able to get a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation to help repair the retaining walls at Memorial Hall.
 - We have a Congressional Discretionary Spending grant proposal for \$70,000 that made it through the appropriations committee and is now waiting for a vote from Congress to make it happen. This grant is for window repair and mold abatement in the basement at Memorial Hall.
- Tours: We have given several historical tours in Oakland celebrating the rich history of the woolen mill, axe builders, original CMP and many other noteworthy historic sites within Oakland.
- Pine Tree Trail: We are part of the Pine Tree Trail system. This trail system is a road that goes from Fort Kent to Portland.
- Maine Philanthropy Center: We are members of the Maine Philanthropy Center which means we have better access to grant makers and foundations.
- Resource Room: We have had several people using the resource room to do research for books and genealogies.
- Fundraising: We have a proposal in to the DAR for preservation supplies.
- Museum: We have been able to open the Fire House Museum on several occasions as well as McCartney House through the summer.

We have so much more work to do moving forward and welcome volunteers and members of all ages. We have multiple ways on our website to donate to both OAHS and the Memorial Hall Preservation Fund.

Website: www.oaklandareahistoricalociety.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/585695249316645/>

Thank you all for your support,
The Oakland Area Historical Society



To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland,

The mission of Snow Pond Seniors is to aid in the health and happiness of residents 55 and older. To accomplish our mission we increase socialization, promote healthy lifestyles and provide educational and artistic opportunities for local seniors. We provide opportunities for seniors to become involved in our local community.

Community outreach projects include but are not limited to a joint project with the Lions Club and Rec Dept to fill Easter baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt. We work with the Oakland Area Historical Society and The Memorial Hall Committee on fundraisers such as Breakfast with Santa and Memorial Hall Tea and Tour. We partner with the Lion's club in their efforts to support the residents of Oakland. We are continuing with *Meals to Go* on Saturdays. We have served over 1000 meals this past year. Coupled with *Meals to Go* we provide fresh produce, bread, and meat that we have picked up at Winslow Community Food Pantry. Serving the community brings us pride and joy.

We gather on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Baptist Church. (Thank you to the Baptist Church)! Aaron the Oakland Recreation Director comes monthly for Bingo and continues with monthly Cribbage. Tuesdays we often have speakers or crafts. Wednesdays are game playing days, and we also have monthly potlucks or cookouts (when the weather is good).

When the weather permits, we try to do field trips such as Misty Acres Alpaca Farm, Fieldstone Gardens, Sunflower Farm Creamery, Morgan Lavender Farm and Anglers. In the fall we try to go to apple orchards and do some leaf peeping. Be on the lookout for activities posted on our Facebook page.

Visits

2022 523

2023 663

2024 873

We invite you to drop in anytime on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00. We are a cafe style center, which means participants come and go as they please. There are no membership requirements. Sit and chat, have a cup of coffee or tea, do a puzzle, meet old friends and make some new ones at the Oakland Baptist Church at 45 Church Street Oakland.

The Snow Pond Seniors



Oakland Flower Group 2025 Town Report

Well ... we find ourselves, here, once again, circling around the inferno of our life giving nuclear sun. The Earth tilt has been on the run since December, and now we see the springtime finally coming through, as light and temperature changes, earth softens, and the early trickles of the cold river runoff feed the brookies in mouths of rivers burgeoning the spring Maine flows.

I don't know about you, but I have been feeling the coming of spring since February. From visiting old friends and new towns in early March sharing in local springtime seed swaps, to making a March time run of growing herbs in the new home grow room, to starting up my springtime list of planting needs to prepare for the season, I am...what you would say...
FEELING IT!!

Here's something else that I feel...Goodness comes from giving! The Oakland Flower Group is very much an example of that; a group of locals who want to see the best for their spaces, the best in their town and community. We as a flower group work countless hours through the summer to ensure one thing; that the living beauty of something that is within our responsibility is nurtured. Every one of us knows what the outcome is when we give it some love... It is life and beauty not well put into words. It's an eye full of color when you pull up to the light on KMD, and the colorful flower barrels and bikes dotting Main Street when you drop by businesses downtown, and the stretch of Church Street *flower power*, and the towns library and municipal buildings dotted with color and community made flower boxes. It's a flowering welcome into town on KMD, Main Street Downtown, and coming North into town on 8/11. None of this is something that is just already planted there. It is a *purposeful use of living beauty to accent the landscape for us all* as we go about our day to day. And, it takes dedicated daily tending for the process to succeed.

We know that you are the ones who are supporting this process, and I insist on open communication and transparency. As always, please let me know how we are doing as a volunteer group, and how we can best serve this community. I am proud to live in Oakland, and I am proud to serve this community through my work and 'off-work' job commitments!

Last year's flowers were a lot of fun. We always learn things around seasons, and watering and planting combinations. In October of 2024 we met to review the good and bad of the year, and to stretch our minds creating flowering ideas for 2025! I think we did pretty good, but you'll have to wait and see! Also, If you think this sounds AMAZING and want to be a 'Flower child' (hehe), we are in need of more volunteers!! Please reach out to the Town of Oakland, and they will connect you to one of us who can help get you involved!

So, Hear! Hear! to the town of Oakland that supports this endeavor!!! Thanks to those who volunteer their time!!! (Members over 30 strong). Know that the process isn't the flower groups' process, it is Oaklands process as a chosen commitment to the character of this community. It's something we can all get into: may we all be flowers to ourselves and to one another.

!!!Sneak peek!!!; check out the tulips through the town this year...we went 'a little extra' and tried to pump up the springtime tulip scene!

And so it begins...May your 2025 season be speckled with sun, shade, and plenty of hydration:)

Mark Sutherland, Co-Leader
Oakland Flower Group

MEMORIAL HALL REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland,

The Legacy and Future of Memorial Hall: A Beacon of Community Spirit in Oakland

The construction of Memorial Hall from 1870 to 1873 stands as a testament to the resilience and commitment of the Oakland community, dedicated to honoring the brave soldiers of the Civil War. Memorial Hall has not only endured the passage of time but has also evolved to serve its community in myriad ways over nearly 160 years.

At its heart, Memorial Hall has always aimed to be more than just a structure; it is a vibrant community center. The grand hall situated on the Church Street level, with its stage and mezzanine balcony, has hosted numerous events, from political gatherings to entertainment shows. The rich tradition of vaudeville performances in Oakland reflects the town's cultural vitality, demonstrating how the hall has served as a focal point for local life, where families would gather to enjoy concerts, comedy shows, and movies.

The lower level of Memorial Hall was ingeniously designed with retail space to help offset maintenance costs, allowing it to be of continued value to the community. Over the decades, it has seen a variety of tenants, from banks and post offices to storage for fire equipment. Today, it houses the Studio One Dance School, where Scott Stevens has fostered creativity and joy for over 40 years. The hall remains an active participant in community life, a place where moments of learning, laughter, and connection thrive.

However, maintaining a historical structure like Memorial Hall comes with its own set of challenges. Recognizing its critical status, the Memorial Hall Preservation Committee was established in 2022 with the goal of raising awareness and securing funds for urgent repairs estimated to exceed \$4 million. The committee's partnership with the Oakland Historical Society has yielded fruitful results, creating a strong alliance to seek grants and financial aid necessary for the hall's restoration.

Over the past two years, the committee has met regularly to conduct life safety assessments and to prioritize necessary updates, ensuring that the dance studio can continue operating safely. The dedication of local heroes like AJ Cain and his property maintenance crew has proven invaluable; their expertise in repairing beams, installing crucial safety systems among other things; has greatly reduced potential repair costs and ensured the hall remains a safe haven for community activities.

Through the tireless efforts of the preservation committee, several smaller grants have been secured to aid in fundraising and promotional efforts. However, larger grants are essential for more comprehensive projects, such as window replacements, groundwater assessments, and retaining wall restorations—elements critical to the building's structural integrity and continued operation. Recently, a contract with Barba & Wheelock Historical Architecture firm from Portland was secured to conduct a full assessment of the building and break down the necessary repairs into manageable phases.

The road ahead is undoubtedly long and fraught with challenges, but the collective spirit of Oakland shines brightly through the support and generosity of its citizens. Local businesses have stepped up with challenge gifts, while individuals have offered their encouragement and backing. Although the preservation committee consists of a small group of dedicated members, their commitment to the hall and the broader community is unwavering. Each member has played a vital role in raising awareness, securing funds, and nurturing the idea that Memorial Hall is a shared treasure worthy of preservation.

As we look to the future, it is essential for the community of Oakland to rally behind Memorial Hall. This storied building represents more than just architectural grandeur; it embodies the values of unity, remembrance, and resilience. Together, we can ensure that Memorial Hall continues to serve as a vibrant hub of community engagement, a place where new memories are made and where the spirit of the past lives on through the generations that follow. The preservation of this historical gem is not just about safeguarding brick and mortar; it is about preserving the heart of Oakland itself. If you would like to donate please visit the Oakland Historical Society Facebook Page or mail donations direct to the Oakland Town Office.

Thank you,

Kelly Roderick, Chair

Oakland Memorial Hall Preservation Committee



Stained Glass at Memorial Hall

Dear Members of Our School Community,

As I write this year-end report, I find myself reflecting not only on the achievements of the past year but also on the incredible journey we've shared together throughout my tenure as your superintendent. Earlier this year I announce my decision to retire at the end of this academic year. This announcement came with mixed emotions, as serving this remarkable district has been the greatest privilege of my professional life.

The excellence I've witnessed in our schools has consistently filled me with pride. Our students have achieved incredible academic success, with performance metrics that stand as a testament to their dedication and the exceptional quality of education we provide. These achievements aren't just numbers on a page – they represent countless individual stories of growth, discovery, and perseverance.

Throughout my time here, ensuring the safety and security of our students has been paramount in every decision we've made. We've implemented significant upgrades to our facilities and enhanced our safety procedures, creating an environment where learning can flourish without compromise to security. These improvements reflect our unwavering commitment to protecting our most precious resource – our children.

I am particularly moved by the extraordinary dedication of our teachers, administrators, and support staff. Day after day, they go above and beyond their formal duties to support our students' academic, social, and emotional growth. Their commitment to excellence and their genuine care for each student has created an educational environment that is second to none. To the staff of RSU 18, you are outstanding, thank you.

In any of our schools, walking through our hallways, one can feel the sense of belonging and community that we've cultivated together. This positive climate isn't just about being friendly – it's about creating an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. So many visitors to our district comment about how our schools feel different than most; the welcoming vibe from students and staff are always noticed. That is something we should all be proud of.

I am confident that our district will continue to thrive. The foundation we've built together – one of academic excellence, unwavering safety, exceptional staff dedication, and a nurturing environment – will serve as a strong platform for future success.

To everyone in our school community, working together has paid great dividends for our students. Thank you for making our district something special. While this may be my final year-end report, my pride in this school community and my belief in its bright future will continue long after my retirement.

With deepest gratitude,

Carl Gartley
Superintendent of Schools, RSU 18

March 31, 2025
Town of Oakland
6 Cascade Mill Road
Oakland, ME 04963



Dear Town of Oakland Citizens,

We are pleased to share with you Central Maine Growth Council's (CMGC) 2024-25 overview of work for the Town of Oakland's 2025 Annual Town Report. As a regional public-private economic development corporation, CMGC takes pride in its role as a forefront entity in economic development. Demonstrating a nuanced understanding of both large and small-scale economic development projects, community needs in terms of commercial and community revitalization, and the imperative role of the innovation and technology community, CMGC is currently actively engaged in guiding the town's development initiatives including:

1. Staffing and facilitation of town of Oakland's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) committee
2. Supporting the creation of the Oakland Façade & Building Improvement Grant Program for downtown businesses, developers, and/or property owners
3. Providing small business and startup support through CMGC's Dirigo Labs Business Accelerator for Oakland-based entrepreneurs and startups
4. Business recruitment, retention, and attraction services, including providing businesses with incentive options and public-private grant opportunities for market entry and regional expansion
5. Focusing economic development efforts on seven (7) key industry clusters
6. Working strategically to position Oakland regionally and statewide as a premier place to do business and invest
7. Delivering small business financial and technical assistance, including two grants totaling \$50,000 for Sunrise Bagel's regional expansions, with one dedicated to its new Oakland location

CMGC remains steadfast in its commitment as an advocate for fostering economic growth in Oakland. As we continue to work toward enhancing the economic landscape of Oakland, we're confident that our dedicated focus on supporting small and large-scale businesses, revitalizing the downtown area, promoting entrepreneurship, investing in neighborhood development, and championing economic inclusion will undoubtedly contribute to continuing to make Oakland an exception and attractive place to reside and invest in. Anticipating our continued collaboration, we look forward to our ongoing partnership in shaping the economic future of Oakland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'GD', is placed above the printed name of the signatory.

Garvan D. Donegan
Director of Planning, Innovation, and Economic Development
Central Maine Growth Council



McGrath Pond (465 acres) and Salmon Lake (665 acres) are joined by a navigable narrows and lie between Great Pond and Messalonskee Lake. Their waters flow into Great Pond, so their water quality affects Great Pond, Long Pond, and Messalonskee Lake. The shorelines of both McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake are partially in Belgrade and partially in Oakland.

Formed in 1989, the McGrath Pond – Salmon Lake Association has worked to improve water quality and build community, encourage participation in lake stewardship, and inform our members about threats to water quality. In 1998, we embarked on our first watershed survey to find out where nutrient-rich runoff entered the lakes. As a result of that survey, we were able to remediate problems on more than 100 shoreline properties, saving about 14 tons of nutrient-rich runoff from reaching the lakes during the next two decades. Our second watershed survey, conducted in the fall of 2017, revealed 105 properties needing improvement to prevent nutrient-laden runoff from reaching the lakes. We have worked with 7 Lakes Alliance, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), the Maine DEP (under Federal Clean-Water Act grants) to work with property owners to fix these problems.

Our thanks to the citizens of Oakland for the \$3,300 the Town contributed toward this effort during the past year. The goal is to keep phosphorous and other nutrients from running into the lakes during rain storms because that feeds algae, diminishing enjoyment of the water and damaging fisheries, which lowers property values and ultimately affects the Town's tax base. Funds received also help support Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI), other work by the YCC, and LakeSmart programs. CBIs take place throughout the summer at the public boat landing on Salmon Lake. Boat inspectors stop the introduction of milfoil and other invasive plants and educate boaters about prevention. The YCC installs storm-water runoff controls such as water-diversion bars, vegetative buffers, infiltration steps, and erosion-control mulch to deflect or slow the water so it settles before reaching the lakes. Our team that's part of the statewide LakeSmart program evaluates shoreline properties to help owners make them both more lake-friendly and beautiful. To date, they have done 84 evaluations and awarded 36 certifications.

The summer of 2024 was a good one for water clarity on both McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake. Unlike most years, Salmon did not have an algae bloom when cold weather in the fall "turned over" the lake water and brought up nutrients from the bottom. However, in June, both McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake joined the state's list for "Fish Consumption Advisories" based on high levels of the PFAS constituent PFOS.

MPSLA remains committed to work with all property owners to increase education and awareness of best practices to maintain and enhance the quality of our lakes.

<https://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org>
P.O. Box 576, Oakland, Maine 04963



To the Citizens of Oakland and the Oakland Town Council,

The Friends of Messalonskee (FOM) is very grateful for the Town of Oakland's 2024 funding allocation that helped us carry out our mission to protect and improve the water quality and natural resources of Messalonskee Lake and its watershed. FOM supported three Invasive Plant control programs – two manual removal programs, hand-pulling/barrier-laying in shallow water; DASHing (Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting) in deeper water; and the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program that prevents the spread of invasive plants into and from the lake. The CBI program is especially important given the heavy boat traffic among the Belgrade Lakes.

Across the whole lake, over 400 fifty-pound bags of Variable Leaf Milfoil (VLM) were hand pulled by Danielle Boutin, FOM's Milfoil Coordinator, and her crew. Over 21,000 sq. ft of barriers were placed, both black plastic and burlap, to smother the milfoil in certain areas. New England Milfoil (NEM) and Muddy Bottom, Inc. removed over 4,200 gallons through DASHing in the deeper areas. 7 Lakes Alliance operated the CBI program. Between the Sidney and Oakland boat launches, the CBI crew performed 2,273 inspections; of the 29 fragments found; 9 were confirmed as milfoil. Nine fragments were found in Oakland; 2 were confirmed as VLM.

Milfoil removal in Oakland was focused in 6 areas. The greatest VLM concentration was in the Oakland Basin/Launch area (2400 gallons DASHed) and Willey Cove (180 gallons DASHed). Across the 6 spots, 83 bags were hand-pulled; 57 of these were in Blake Cove.

Through a 2-yr. Dept. of Environmental Protection 319 grant in 2023 and 2024, in partnership with 7 Lakes Alliance, FOM supported 13 road and driveway repair projects, 15 Youth Conservation Corps projects, and 6 FOM LakeSmart projects in Oakland to help improve water quality by slowing the amount of polluted soil runoff into the lake.

Below: Oakland Launch area and Basin to the dam.



The East Pond Association (EPA) would like to thank the citizens of Oakland for their support. Your donation to our Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) Program helps to fund one of our largest expenditures. In 2024, our goal was to man the public boat launch for 12 hours each day from Memorial Day through Labor Day with reduced hours through Indigenous Peoples Day. Using paid inspectors and volunteers from the EPA, we covered a total of 1,194 hours and inspected 1,052 boats while collecting 18 plant fragments for further study. Luckily, none of these fragments were found to be an invasive plant species. The total cost to the EPA for the 2024 season was \$15,562.37 which will increase in 2025 due to changes in minimum wages. While this is a substantial cost, **prevention costs much less than treating an infestation.**



The EPA is also active in the following areas:

- Invasive Plant detection including Plant Paddles, the Adopt-A-Shoreline program as well as supporting the 7 Lakes Alliance Dive Team who pull Curly-leaf pondweed in the Serpentine prior to the Coffin Dam.
- Major repairs were completed on the Coffin Dam located at the outlet of the Serpentine which flows into North Pond.
- Monthly participation in the Belgrade Dams Committee.
- An update of the East Pond Watershed Plan is underway and included a survey of shore land properties in October, with the help of 7 Lakes Alliance and the Maine DEP. This plan, requiring an update every 10 years, will allow the EPA to apply for 319 Grants that can be used to support efforts to control erosion and keep phosphorus from entering the lake.
- Water quality testing, including Secchi Disk readings, taken by educated volunteers, are used by Colby College and 7 Lakes Alliance to study long term water quality conditions.
- Promoting lakefront property improvements through the LakeSmart™ program and our soon to be introduced Picture Perfect program.
- Education and Communication continue throughout the year with our Annual Meeting, Newsletter, and distribution of Welcome Packets to new residents. We maintain the eastpond.org website, social media pages and send email blasts.
- Encourage donating to the Rob Jones East Pond Restoration Fund so that we can be ready to address water quality issues in the future.

All of this work is done by a volunteer board of directors and a great group of active members that are dedicated to “Keeping East Pond Picture Perfect”.

The East Pond Association is dedicated to promoting the protection and enhancement of water quality in East Pond and to preserve its ecological, economic, recreational, and aesthetic value.

East Pond Association is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization

www.eastpond.org



Dear Town Council and Citizens of Oakland,

Thank you for your support for and partnerships with 7 Lakes to ensure healthy lands and waters in the Belgrade Lakes region, including East Pond, Salmon Lake-McGrath Pond, North Pond and Messalonskee Lake, to sustain our communities, economy and nature.

Your generous support for the 7 Lakes' Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) helps ensure long-term water quality in area lakes and provides summer employment opportunities primarily for high school and college students. We also appreciate the partnership of Oakland and its citizens, including large erosion control projects through the state-administered federal Clean Water Act Section 319, LakeSmart and other programs.

Soil erosion carries phosphorus, a primary cause of excessive algal blooms, into lakes. By keeping soil and phosphorus out of lake waters, the YCC helps prevent excessive, green and potentially toxic algal blooms that can damage recreational opportunities, wildlife, property values and businesses. Preventing algal blooms is far cheaper and easier than remediating them. For example, a successful alum treatment on East Pond (2018) and one planned for North Pond together will cost over \$5 million.

In addition to erosion control programs, 7 Lakes works with many public and private partners to: prevent and remediate invasive plant infestations, monitor and remediate water quality, conserve lands that protect local waterways, and connect people with outdoor opportunities and lake-friendly practices. Highlights of 7 Lakes' work in 2024:

- Installed 55 YCC projects including installation of 83 Best Management Practices (BMPs) – such as buffers and infiltration steps -- across Belgrade Lakes watershed.
- Conducted 11 YCC projects in Oakland including 17 BMPs, for \$51,094 investment in lake protection to directly address algae-fueling erosion.



7 Lake Alliance 2024 Youth Conservation Corps

- Employed 16 high school and college-aged people working across 3 crews in the summer. They gained skills and learned about lake stewardship while benefiting our communities.
- Implemented 5 large erosion control projects in Oakland supported by state-administered federal Clean Water Act Section 319 grants. Grants funds of \$19,032 were matched by \$23,798, for investment of \$42,830 in erosion control.
- Maine DEP awarded 7 Lakes an additional Section 319 grant for Messalonskee Lake (2025-26).
- As regional LakeSmart Hub for Maine Lakes, we partner with local lake associations by providing technical assistance and coordination with the YCC.
- With East Pond Association and volunteers, surveyed East Pond shoreline for erosion issues.
- 7 Lakes employed 37 seasonal Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs), mostly high school and college students, and other local community members. They provided a valuable public service while learning about lake ecology, the value of Maine's lakes, and the risk of invasive plants. More than 10 volunteer inspectors also assisted. CBIs completed 13,031 inspections at all Belgrade Lakes public boat launches. CBIs found 154 plants; 9 were invasive variable milfoil leaving Messalonskee Lake. Two (2) were found at the Oakland boat launch; 7 were detected at the Sidney boat launch. CBIs did not detect any invasives entering other lakes.
- 84 people attended 7 Lakes plant identification workshops, learning to help monitor for invasives. 21 more volunteers adopted shorelines! Our surveys found no new infestations.
- 7 Lakes divers continued to remove curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) from the Serpentine between East and North Pond and will continue to monitor because its pine cone-like seeds can remain dormant for 5 years. Discovered and began CLP removal efforts in North Pond, with support and working with North Pond Association.
- Collected year-round and analyzed, with Colby College, over 2,000 water samples watershed wide. Provided water quality science and erosion control expertise to implement develop a North Pond Watershed-based Plan, including to plan an alum treatment.

Thank you again to the town and residents of Oakland for your support and partnership. We look forward to working with you in 2025.



Chris Monz, Chief Executive Officer



Laura Rose Day, Chief Conservation Officer

"First to Serve ~ 1799"

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January 31, 2025

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 2024. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including a K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2024, Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service. Our call service area widened a bit covering calls for service in the City of Hallowell as there staffing levels at that agency are very low.

One type of call has fortunately decreased: overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. I personally believe the increase in treatment options, both locally and nationally, has had an impact on overdose deaths. This Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

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. In 2022, 2023 and 2024 a new deputy position was added to my roster to bolster staffing needs to provide increased calls for service.

On December 30, 2024, I appointed Chris Read as my Chief Deputy. He has over three decades of experience in law enforcement and is a highly respected member of our team. His appointment to this position assures the highest service available to Kennebec County Residents.

In 2024 our patrol division welcomed Alex Morin, Zack Reynolds, Hunter McCaslin and part-time deputy Garth Coleman to our team. Two of the four mentioned individuals are fully certified LEO's.

In 2024 the Sheriff's Office began School Resource Officer duties for MSAD #11 in Gardiner. The salary and the benefits for the deputy are paid in full by MSAD #11. This is the 3rd SRO position held by a Kennebec County Deputy Sheriff. The other two are MSAD #49 and RSU#38.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details county wide. 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. These details are not limited to motor vehicle stops. We have been conducting watercraft details on several different bodies of water here in Kennebec. We have been using our UTV (provided through a federal grant) driving from Augusta to Hallowell and through Farmingdale and into Gardiner on the Rail Trail.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2024, the three civil deputies received over 4,500 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is a decrease from 2023. 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 2600 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.

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. They are very hard workers, and they make a difference.

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 amount 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 2025, my focus will remain constant, serving the people of this county and our visitors honorably, professionally through good common sense and good judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA)

Town of Oakland Annual Report

Oakland is one of 23 central Maine communities who are members of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA). The KRDA was established by an act of the Maine Legislature in 1998. Oakland has been a KRDA member community since 2000. The Town's representatives to the KRDA's governing General Assembly are Kelly Pinney-Michaud and James Jurdak.

The KRDA's keystone project is the 300-acre commerce and technology park known as FirstPark, which is located in Oakland by the northwest corner of Exit 127 on Kennedy Memorial Drive off of Interstate 95. Businesses located within FirstPark include a T-Mobile call center, several MaineGeneral and MaineHealth specialties, One River CPA's, Gateway Financial Partners, Maine Eye Doctors, Dr. Anna O'Keefe Dentistry and Maine Technology Group. Meyer Tool (www.meyertool.com) owns Lots 2-3 on Technology Drive and the company has plans to develop a manufacturing plant on the 32-acre site. Lots 19-22 on FirstPark Drive are owned by St. Paul-based Novel Energy Solutions (<https://novelenergy.biz/>) with plans to develop a solar array. Currently, there are 1,000 employees in FirstPark and dozens of service and supply jobs supporting FirstPark's businesses.

During the past year FirstPark signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Lot 15B on Clairmont Avenue for 6.1 acres parallel to Interstate 95. There are 11 lots remaining for sale in FirstPark ranging from 7 to 21 acres. All properties are shovel-ready for development. The park has three-phase power, high-speed fiber internet, municipal water and sewer, a foreign trade zone and they are pre-permitted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

FirstPark's annual operating budget the past year remained the same over previous years at \$435,000. Expenses were mainly for wages, benefits, grounds maintenance, utilities, marketing and professional services including bookkeeping, legal and auditing. The 2023-24 Audit was conducted by Maine-based RHR Smith. Copies of the audit are available by emailing your request to exdirector@firstpark.com.

The 2024-25 officers elected by the KRDA General Assembly are President Mike Roy (Waterville); President-Elect Michelle Flewelling (Fairfield); Secretary Peter Mills (Cornville); Treasurer James Jurdak (Oakland); and Assistant Treasurer Ken Lust (Starks). Office staff are Jim Dinkle, Executive Director, and Cynthia Cloutier, Executive Assistant. The office can be contacted at (207) 859-9716.

Visit our website at www.firstpark.com for the latest on what's developing in FirstPark and sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter at <https://firstpark.com/e-newsletter/>.



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 Kelly Pinney-Michaud, Town Manager

Dear Select Board Members and Town Administrators,

Delta has been an integral part of this region's healthcare system for more than fifty years. We currently provide EMS coverage to thirteen communities, non-emergent ambulance and wheelchair transportation throughout Maine, and required continuing education for many of the area's EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics. Our communications center serves as the primary transport coordinator for MaineGeneral Health and provides dispatch services to all company units as well as Kennebec County's new mobile physician unit, MD-3.

Our wheelchair van operators and ambulance personnel were there for more than eight thousand patients last year whether for scheduled appointments, discharges home, transfers between facilities for specialized care, and the most critical 911 calls. Those same providers met hundreds more through community events, parades, and school demonstrations. Many are cross-trained in different departments within the company and also serve as instructors, dispatchers, or project coordinators. A team of Critical Care Paramedics allows Delta to be one of only two services in Maine to offer medical transportation to critically ill or injured patients on ventilators. We have an incredibly talented and dedicated team and are proud to offer these vital services to our local communities.

We recognize the critical role that we have in the region and are cognizant of the responsibility that comes with that. What our partners and customers can expect is clear and honest communication, patient-focused services, and responsiveness and adaptability to the constant forces of change. We appreciate your support and are honored to serve all of you.

Sincerely,

Christopher Mitchell Executive Director

Town of Oakland 2024 Response Summary

EMS/911 Calls	Non-Emergent	Avg Response Time	Cancelled	Refused	Mutual Aid Needed
824	24	7:37	168	72	9

Delta Ambulance Revenue FY 2024

Ambulance Calls	\$14,302,811
Wheelchair Calls	\$260,192
Municipal Support	\$1,165,272
Grants	\$862,081
Other Income	\$616,179
Adjustments & Write Offs	(\$9,359,545)

Net Revenue \$7,846,990

Delta Ambulance Expense FY 2024

Payroll & Benefits	\$6,157,881
Communications & Tech Support	\$165,953
Supplies	\$261,689
Vehicle Repairs & Fuel	\$510,345
Insurance	\$413,864
Depreciation	\$306,650
Other Operating, Administrative, & Support Expenses	\$524,000
Total Expenses	\$8,369,634

2024 Net Operating (\$493,392) vs 2023 (\$2,106,599)

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other's successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

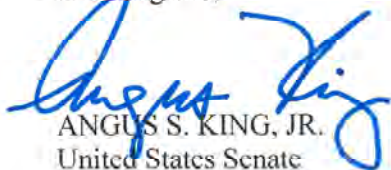
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine's combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

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and *Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to represent you in the 132nd Legislature. Serving as your State Representative is a privilege, and I am committed to working hard on your behalf to address the challenges we face and to seize opportunities that can make a meaningful difference in our communities.

Our shared values and the strength of our communities inspire me every day. Whether it is advocating for education, ensuring access to quality healthcare, or supporting local businesses, I believe we can make progress together. I will continue to listen to your concerns and ideas, as they are the foundation of the work we do in Augusta.

As your Representative, I encourage you to stay connected and engaged with the work happening at the State House and to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. Decisions made in Augusta affect our lives in countless ways, and your voice is vital in shaping the future of our district and our state. Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Whether you need assistance navigating state services or want to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation, I am here to help.

If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov.

Thank you for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve. Together, we can build a brighter future for our families and communities.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert W. Nutting".

Robert W. Nutting
State Representative

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Independent Auditor's Report

Town Council
Town of Oakland, Maine

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine, as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension and OPEB information on pages 7 through 13 and pages 44 through 47 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedule 1 is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 8, 2025, on our consideration of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Barthru Shibadian & Associates

Bangor, Maine
January 8, 2025

ESTIMATED REVENUES 2025-2026

	Collected 2023-2024	Budgeted 2024-2025	Received 1/18/2025	Estimated 2025-2026
TAXES				
Excise Tax	\$ 1,554,850	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 915,442	\$ 1,485,000
Boat Excise	14,277	12,500	2,042	13,500
Interest Penalties	31,016	25,000	9,750	25,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,600,143	\$ 1,427,500	\$ 927,234	\$ 1,523,500

LICENSES & PERMITS				
Town Clerk	\$ 8,597	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,482	\$ 8,000
Dog Licenses	4,689	5,800	1,891	5,000
Transfer Station - Stickers	702	1,000	217	725
Plumbing Permits	13,606	7,300	5,340	12,200
Junkyard Fee	350	500	300	500
Letter of Intent	2,045	9,000	1,005	5,000
Commercial Haulers		-	871	1,000
Subtotal	\$ 29,989	\$ 31,100	\$ 14,106	\$ 32,425

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				
Police Special Details	\$ 6,121	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,688	\$ 7,000
School Resource Officer Reim.	186,985	280,008	62,268	301,018
State Revenue Sharing	941,201	814,435	476,874	845,789
Tree Growth	18,811	20,000	18,568	18,500
Solar Energy Reimbursement	25,704	75,000	63,927	65,000
Local Roads Assistance Program	49,816	45,000	50,452	50,500
General Assistance Reimbursement	13,915	14,000	4,711	14,000
Snowmobile Fees	2,231	2,500	-	2,500
FirstPark Admin Fees	52,192	45,000	-	59,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,296,976	\$ 1,302,943	\$ 679,488	\$ 1,363,307

CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Cemeteries(Burials\Lot Sales)	15,275	10,000	10,900	15,000
Vehicle Registration Fees	32,743	25,000	17,397	28,000
Fines & Fees	60	150	439	300
Rentals	12,700	10,000	6,400	13,000
Lien Collections	1,644	6,000	3,749	6,000
Transfer Station Revenues	91,151	80,000	56,416	85,000
Subtotals	\$ 153,573	\$ 131,150	\$ 95,301	\$ 147,300

REVENUE				
Investment Income	\$ 408,977	\$ 165,000	\$ 196,564	\$ 175,000
Cemetery Trust Income	600	600	-	600
Clarissa Greenough Lib. Book Inc	300	300	-	300
Library Trust Fund Income	50	50	-	50
Subtotal	\$ 409,927	\$ 165,950	\$ 196,564	\$ 175,950

<u>Collected</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
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MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,934	\$ 7,000
Cable TV	71,995	75,000		75,000
J.P. Morgan Rebate	6,478	7,000	-	7,000
Recreation Fees	20,752	17,000	3,591	19,000
SW Recycling Revenues	19,168	22,500	1,299	22,500
TIF-Revenues	50,000	100,000	-	68,000
Commercial Tipping Fees	-	2,000	-	2,000
Subtotal	\$ 175,763	\$ 230,500	\$ 9,824	\$ 200,500

SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,666,371	\$ 3,289,143	\$ 1,922,518	\$ 3,442,982
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OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Trans From Fund Equity	900,000	975,000		800,000
Trans from Cap. Imp. Res.	12,500	175,000	175,000	300,000
Reserves	4,524			
Subtotal	917,024	1,150,000	175,000	1,100,000

TOTAL	4,583,395	4,439,143	2,097,518	4,542,982
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Proposed Expenditures 2025-2026

General Government	2023-24 Appropriated	2024-25 Appropriated	2025-26 Proposed	Change
Administration	\$ 673,689	\$ 710,411	\$ 747,946	5.3%
Assessor	190,992	197,896	211,380	6.8%
General Assistance	15,000	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Insurance	21,192	22,464	24,261	8.0%
Debt Service	208,420	207,010	205,552	-0.7%
Contingency	11,000	24,000	14,000	-41.7%
Total	\$ 1,120,293	\$ 1,181,781	\$ 1,223,139	3.5%
Protection				
Fire Department	\$ 808,250	\$ 822,331	\$ 833,454	1.4%
Rescue	69,670	69,670	71,211	2.2%
Police Department	1,404,700	1,565,658	1,810,461	15.6%
Code Enforcement	125,663	129,495	134,819	4.1%
Public Safety Services	512,649	600,966	685,526	14.1%
Transfer Station	580,362	607,285	665,178	9.5%
Total	\$ 3,501,294	\$ 3,795,406	\$ 4,200,649	10.7%
Public Works				
Public Works Department	\$ 1,068,880	\$ 1,159,449	\$ 1,167,247	0.7%
Road Improvements	393,042	375,000	390,100	4.0%
Property Maintenance	431,030	497,737	531,159	6.7%
Total	\$ 1,892,952	\$ 2,032,186	\$ 2,088,506	2.8%
Recreational/Cultural Services				
Public Library	\$ 256,251	\$ 246,444	\$ 252,295	2.4%
Recreation	237,045	262,489	246,881	-5.9%
Total	\$ 493,296	\$ 508,933	\$ 499,176	-1.9%
Miscellaneous				
Optional Appropriations	\$ 48,407	\$ 49,562	\$ 52,208	5.3%
Community Service Organizations				
Agency Requests	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,181	-	100.0%
Conservation Organizations				
Agency Requests	\$ 40,930	\$ 37,270	\$ 37,204	-0.2%
Capital Improvements				
Proposed Projects	\$ 370,000	\$ 420,717	\$ 392,369	-6.7%
Grand Total	\$ 7,474,172	\$ 8,032,037	\$ 8,493,251	5.7%

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2023-2024 REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS

FORECLOSURE DATE 12/10/2025

ALBAIR, RONALD L.	1,176.17	MILLS, STEPHEN A.	2,450.87
ANDERSON, SARAH B.	974.54	MILLS, STEPHEN A.	543.62
ANDREWS, KARLA	281.04	MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	983.39
BATES, DEBRA	128.76	NEEDHAM, HEATHER	153.78
BELANGER, BENJAMIN	3,145.97	O'CLAIR, KEITH	1,547.05
BELANGER, JONATHAN	193.16	PARENT, MICHELLE L.	889.31
BOUDREAU, DEV. OF, JO ANN	1,195.21	PECKHAM, ROBERT E.	723.48
BRIANARD, JOHN JR	381.71	PELLETIER, KATE L.	1,056.24
BROWN, JAMES J.	5,900.15	PELLETIER, KATE L.	335.14
BROWN, JAMES JONATHAN	2,690.50	ROY, DREW	904.78
BUCKNAM, CYNTHIA	3,119.35	SIMPSON, ADAM	202.77
C37 CAPITAL LLC	652.11	THOMPSON, PATRICIA G.	749.62
CLEAVER, MATTHEW R.	5,907.75	TRACY, CATHERINE S	216.45
COLE, CHRISTOPHER C.	2,436.01	TRASK, PAUL	398.98
DANFORTH, BRIAN, HEIRS OF	1,714.25	TURCOTTE, ERIC	2,900.66
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	1,292.11	WHEELER, BRIAN	933.05
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	335.14	WILKIE, SHAWN E.	1,159.91
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	2,786.15		
ESTABROOK, DARRYL	803.11		
ESTES, CODIE PARKER	235.98		
FINLAY, LILA M	609.38		
FOSTER, KIRK R.	2,046.27		
GAULIN, KEVIN	77.77		
GIFFORD, ELDRED C. & LOUISE W. TTE	488.04		
HAFFORD, DONALD	1,134.36		
HARDY, HOWARD C.	2,440.63		
HAWES, MADOLYN & PAUL D., HEIRS OF	439.98		
HENTSCHEL, MICHAEL C.	1,399.52		
HILTON, ADAM	335.14		
HUSSEY, MELISSA & DANIEL	1,445.35		
LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J.	1,478.82		
LEWIS, SHEENA L.	4,727.17		
MAY, DANIEL J.	3,099.07		
MCEWEN, HEATHER M.	943.57		
MCEWEN, HEATHER M.	650.62		
MILLER, DAVID E.	665.64		
MILLER, SHAWNTYL R.	1,527.22		
MILLER, SHAWNTYL R.	65.04		

TOTAL DUE	\$75,071.86
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Balances as of 4/2/2025

PAST DUE PERSONAL PROPERTY

VENDOR	Year	Balance Due
465 NUTRITION LLC	2022-1	43.00
465 NUTRITION LLC	2023-1	36.00
465 NUTRITION LLC	2024-1	32.16
826 KMD	2024-1	38.01
ANNRUEL HOME INSPECTIONS	2024-1	39.47
ARCTIC GLACIER	2022-1	20.64
ARCTIC GLACIER	2023-1	15.84
ARCTIC GLACIER	2024-1	14.62
AT & T MOBILITY, LLC	2024-1	8.64
B&B EMBROIDERY, INC.	2024-1	1,676.91
BERNIER, CARLTON & KELLY/SHELBY'S DELI	2023-1	79.20
BERNIER, CARLTON & KELLY/SHELBY'S DELI	2024-1	74.56
CANNISTRA, MATTHEW	2023-1	41.76
CANNISTRA, MATTHEW	2024-1	38.01
CG INVESTMENTS, LLC	2024-1	246.34
COCO, LLC	2024-1	2.13
DAVIS, MICHAEL A	2024-1	38.01
DUCKIE BUDDIES BAKERY & CAFE	2024-1	286.18
DURAN, TERRY	2023-1	33.12
DURAN, TERRY	2024-1	30.70
ELM CITY CROSSFIT	2024-1	241.23
GATEWAY FINANCIAL PARTNERS	2024-1	1.10
GOODHEART, NICOLE/PRESSEY HOUSE	2024-1	67.25
GOODING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC	2024-1	20.47
GREGOIRE, SELINA L	2023-1	41.76
GREGOIRE, SELINA L	2024-1	38.01
GUN GALS BULLETS & BAKERY	2023-1	109.44
GUN GALS BULLETS & BAKERY	2024-1	102.34
HAUSLER, JOSEPH R III	2023-1	69.12
HAUSLER, JOSEPH R III	2024-1	64.33
HUBBARD, RANDY	2023-1	41.76
HUBBARD, RANDY	2024-1	38.01
IVESON, SHEILA	2024-1	289.48

PAST DUE PERSONAL PROPERTY

VENDOR	Year	Balance Due
MAINELY PROCESSING, LLC/J.JABAR	2021-1	6,860.12
MAINELY PROCESSING, LLC/J.JABAR	2022-1	333.68
MAINELY PROCESSING, LLC/J.JABAR	2023-1	3,153.60
MAINELY PROCESSING, LLC/J.JABAR	2024-1	2,483.94
MEDICINE BEND STABLES, LLC	2024-1	303.78
MILLER PROPERTIES, LLC	2024-1	1.64
MOORE, ROBIN	2024-1	7.31
MWGW PROPERTY, LLC	2023-1	24.48
MWGW PROPERTY, LLC	2024-1	23.39
PROCTOR, MICHAEL .	2023-1	102.24
PROCTOR, MICHAEL .	2024-1	93.57
QUIPT HOME MEDICAL	2024-1	260.24
S & D MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC	2024-1	1,271.94
S & D MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC	2024-1	5.85
SALBERG, THOMAS	2024-1	123.90
SG LOTTERY	2024-1	52.63
SG LOTTERY	2024-1	54.09
SMITH, ALEXANDRIA .	2024-1	73.10
STANLEY, LUSHIE LEVI III	2024-1	5.85
STARK, TORY M.	2023-1	24.48
STARK, TORY M.	2024-1	23.39
STEVENS, JASON & LYDIA	2023-1	77.76
STEVENS, JASON & LYDIA	2024-1	70.18
STEVENS, SHAWN L. & DENISE L.	2024-1	333.34
STEVENS, SHAWN L. & DENISE L.	2024-1	8.77
TERRIO, CHARLES E. DMD	2024-1	106.35
VIGUE, DERRIK	2024-1	38.01
WATERVILLE COUNTRY CLUB	2024-1	861.11

as of 4/3/2025 **Total Past Due Personal Property**

20,698.34

LIENED SEWER BILLS

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Account	Total Due	Principal	Interest	Costs
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	318.53	252.25	7.90	58.38
SIMPSON, ROBERT F.	178.94	100.00	3.18	75.76
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	175.18	175.18	0.00	0.00
WHEELER, BRIAN	399.12	331.00	9.74	58.38
	1071.77			

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Account	Total Due	Principal	Interest	Costs
CARLTON, BETHANY	141.66	141.66	0.00	0.00
GERRY, OSCAR	510.36	431.00	19.08	60.28
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	297.76	236.50	10.62	50.64
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	248.36	189.25	8.47	50.64
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	264.76	205.00	9.12	50.64
KNIGHT, JODY L.	483.07	404.50	18.29	60.28
MULLEN, SCOTT	399.62	327.03	12.31	60.28
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	217.44	175.81	3.63	38.00
SIMPSON, ROBERT F.	174.37	100.00	4.45	69.92
THOMAS, ANDREA .	363.07	299.50	12.93	50.64
WEBBER, SUSAN A.	56.25	56.25	0.00	0.00
WHEELER, BRIAN	396.36	331.00	14.72	50.64
	3553.08			

**Foreclosure 4/22/2026

April 2024-December 2024 Past Due Sewer

Account	Bill	Bill Date	Total Due
26 OAKLAND LLC	184	01/15/2025	119.88
AIM RECYCLING USA LLC	180	07/22/2024	223.50
	182	11/14/2024	186.75
	184	01/15/2025	181.50
ALDRICH, ANDREW J.	182	11/14/2024	113.00
	184	01/15/2025	92.00
ALLEN, LAURIE	180	07/22/2024	92.00
	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	223.25
ALLEN, TANYA ANN	180	07/22/2024	92.00
	182	11/14/2024	97.25
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
AMBER RIDGE PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	228.50
ANDERSON, CRAIG B.	182	11/14/2024	173.74
	184	01/15/2025	223.25
ANDERSON, SARAH B.	182	11/14/2024	102.50
	184	01/15/2025	86.75
ANDREWS, DANIEL N.	184	01/15/2025	123.50
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	184	01/15/2025	0.50
BACKUS, TYLER J.	184	01/15/2025	118.25
BARNES, CAITLYN V	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	50.00
BECKWITH, RYAN	184	01/15/2025	0.50
BLAINE REALTY, LLC	182	11/14/2024	144.50
	184	01/15/2025	139.25
BLAZON, KAYLAH	184	01/15/2025	102.50
BOLSTAD, WILLIAM P.	184	01/15/2025	134.00
BOND, PATRICK	180	07/22/2024	5.25
	182	11/14/2024	97.25
	184	01/15/2025	107.75

April 2024-December 2024
Past Due Sewer

BONNELL, TYLER .	184	01/15/2025	60.50
BOUCHARD, ALISSA ANN	180	07/22/2024	137.41
	182	11/14/2024	149.75
	184	01/15/2025	149.75
BOUCHARD, RYAN .	182	11/14/2024	123.50
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
MREM	182	11/14/2024	123.50
	184	01/15/2025	113.00
BRETON, ALAN R.	184	01/15/2025	113.00
BRICKETT, RAYMOND A.	180	07/22/2024	60.50
	182	11/14/2024	60.50
	184	01/15/2025	60.50
BRICKETT, RAYMOND A.	180	07/22/2024	107.75
	182	11/14/2024	107.75
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
BROMBERG, KATHLEEN R.	180	07/22/2024	412.25
	182	11/14/2024	191.75
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN	180	07/22/2024	454.25
	182	11/14/2024	800.75
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN	180	07/22/2024	50.00
	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	50.00
BROWN, DENVER C. SR	180	07/22/2024	92.00
	182	11/14/2024	81.50
	184	01/15/2025	81.50
C37 CAPITAL LLC	184	01/15/2025	71.00
BUCKNAM, ANDREW A.	182	11/14/2024	107.75
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
MAXWELL, THELMA	184	01/15/2025	60.19
BURWOOD, RONALD J.	184	01/15/2025	53.20
CACCAMO INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	182	11/14/2024	81.50
	184	01/15/2025	76.25
CAMPBELL, EVELYN L.	184	01/15/2025	86.75

April 2024-December 2024 Past Due Sewer

CARASITI, KEITH T.	180	07/22/2024	76.25
	182	11/14/2024	144.50
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
CARLTON, BETHANY	180	07/22/2024	181.25
	182	11/14/2024	165.50
	184	01/15/2025	128.75
CASTONGUAY, CLAUDE L.	184	01/15/2025	134.00
CHARLES, JULIUS A.	180	07/22/2024	139.25
	182	11/14/2024	139.25
	184	01/15/2025	144.50
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	180	07/22/2024	102.50
	182	11/14/2024	107.75
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
CLARK, MARGARET V.	184	01/15/2025	65.75
CORROW, NICHOLAS A.	180	07/22/2024	42.00
	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	176.00
CUNNINGHAM, EDITH S.	184	01/15/2025	122.00
MREM	184	01/15/2025	92.00
DAVIDSON, DEBORAH .	184	01/15/2025	134.00
DEXTER, JAMES E.	180	07/22/2024	15.89
	182	11/14/2024	165.50
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
DOODY, TYSON J.	182	11/14/2024	97.25
	184	01/15/2025	97.25
DOWLING, MATTHEW	182	11/14/2024	416.39
	184	01/15/2025	475.50
DOYON, MICHAEL R. II	182	11/14/2024	21.05
	184	01/15/2025	228.50
DUFF, JUSTIN SHAWN	182	11/14/2024	629.90
	184	01/15/2025	215.50

**April 2024-December 2024
Past Due Sewer**

E & L PROPERTIES LLC	184	01/15/2025	50.00
E & L PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	420.50
E & L PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	362.50
E & L PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	228.75
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	180	07/22/2024	76.25
	182	11/14/2024	92.00
	184	01/15/2025	92.00
EVANGELISTA, JENNIFER .	184	01/15/2025	56.32
DOUBLE EAGLE PROPERTIES LLC	182	11/14/2024	128.75
	184	01/15/2025	155.00
FABIAN, CHASE R.	184	01/15/2025	144.50
PAUCEK, PETR	184	01/15/2025	76.25
FERRAN, JESSE	182	11/14/2024	1.40
	184	01/15/2025	228.75
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	182	11/14/2024	88.14
	184	01/15/2025	97.25
FITZGERALD, LISA M.	184	01/15/2025	102.50
FORTIN, RICHARD J.	182	11/14/2024	0.70
	184	01/15/2025	71.00
MREM	184	01/15/2025	90.30
FRAZIER, PHILIP H.& LETA J. TRUSTEES	184	01/15/2025	92.00
GAGNE, ANGELA L.	184	01/15/2025	168.25
GAGNON, HUNTER MARIE	184	01/15/2025	97.25
GAULIN, KEVIN	180	07/22/2024	252.25
	182	11/14/2024	252.25
	184	01/15/2025	189.25
GEHRLING, FRANCIS C.	184	01/15/2025	6.50

**April 2024-December 2024
Past Due Sewer**

GERRY, OSCAR	180	07/22/2024	247.00
	182	11/14/2024	199.75
	184	01/15/2025	194.50
GIUFFRIDA, ANGELA M	182	11/14/2024	144.06
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
GLEN, BROOKE	184	01/15/2025	265.50
GLOVER, DAVID L.	182	11/14/2024	212.75
	184	01/15/2025	212.75
GLOVER, DAVID L.	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	50.00
MREM	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	71.00
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	180	07/22/2024	107.75
	182	11/14/2024	123.50
	184	01/15/2025	123.50
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	180	07/22/2024	123.50
	182	11/14/2024	170.75
	184	01/15/2025	149.75
C37 CAPITAL LLC	182	11/14/2024	102.50
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
GREER, IV, WILLIAM J.	184	01/15/2025	128.75
HALL, CLAYTON R.	182	11/14/2024	143.11
	184	01/15/2025	218.00
C37 CAPITAL LLC	184	01/15/2025	55.25
HAMM, BETHANY L.	184	01/15/2025	123.50
HANNA, PAUL L. JR	182	11/14/2024	80.44
	184	01/15/2025	81.50
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	180	07/22/2024	160.25
	182	11/14/2024	128.75
	184	01/15/2025	128.75
HARTHAN, ANDREW	182	11/14/2024	155.00
	184	01/15/2025	144.50
HARTIGAN, GERARD	184	01/15/2025	71.00

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HAUSLER, JOSEPH R. III	180	07/22/2024	50.00
	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	60.50
MREM	184	01/15/2025	50.00
C37 CAPITAL LLC	182	11/14/2024	197.00
	184	01/15/2025	275.75
HOTHAM, ANDREA	184	01/15/2025	1.35
HUDSON, MAXIMILLIAN M.	182	11/14/2024	160.25
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
HUI YUAN, INC.	184	01/15/2025	0.69
IRWIN, AMY J.	182	11/14/2024	118.15
	184	01/15/2025	155.00
JOHNSON, KAYLA	180	07/22/2024	184.00
	182	11/14/2024	189.25
	184	01/15/2025	173.50
JOHNSON, MARY ALICE	182	11/14/2024	186.50
	184	01/15/2025	165.50
JOHNSTON, LURA P.	182	11/14/2024	220.50
	184	01/15/2025	325.75
JOYCE, ROBIN A.	184	01/15/2025	27.21
JOYCE, ZACH	184	01/15/2025	0.96
KNIGHT, DENNY L.	180	07/22/2024	60.50
	182	11/14/2024	76.25
	184	01/15/2025	60.50
KNIGHT, JODY L.	180	07/22/2024	228.50
	182	11/14/2024	212.75
	184	01/15/2025	212.75
KUMM, NICHOLAS TD	182	11/14/2024	113.00
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	184	01/15/2025	0.92
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOC	180	07/22/2024	6.15
	182	11/14/2024	186.50
	184	01/15/2025	160.25

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LAVERDIERE, BRUCE C.	182	11/14/2024	128.75
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
LEARY, SHANNON	184	01/15/2025	210.25
LEAVITT, NICKOLAS R.	184	01/15/2025	176.00
LEVESQUE, GARY J.	184	01/15/2025	55.25
LEWIS, CALVIN	184	01/15/2025	97.25
C37 CAPITAL LLC	182	11/14/2024	170.75
	184	01/15/2025	176.00
LITTRELL, CASEY	180	07/22/2024	97.25
	182	11/14/2024	92.00
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
LONG, BRIAN EDWARD	182	11/14/2024	155.00
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
LUCE, MARY O.	182	11/14/2024	28.23
	184	01/15/2025	244.25
LUCE, MARY O.	184	01/15/2025	5.72
MAIRS, DONALD	184	01/15/2025	97.25
MATHIEU, PAUL D.	182	11/14/2024	102.50
	184	01/15/2025	160.25
MAY, DANIEL J.	182	11/14/2024	144.50
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
MCGOWAN, DAVID J.	184	01/15/2025	60.50
MCNAUGHTON, JAMES R.	184	01/15/2025	142.00
MICHAUD, JOSHUA P.	182	11/14/2024	102.50
	184	01/15/2025	92.00
MILLER PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	1.52
MILLER PROPERTIES, LLC	184	01/15/2025	2.28
MITCHELL, ANDREW S.	182	11/14/2024	81.50
	184	01/15/2025	113.00
C37 CAPITAL LLC	184	01/15/2025	50.00
MOULTON, STEVEN J.	184	01/15/2025	152.50

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MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR	182	11/14/2024	228.61
	184	01/15/2025	197.00
MULLEN, SCOTT	180	07/22/2024	149.75
	182	11/14/2024	181.25
	184	01/15/2025	181.25
DOUBLE EAGLE PARKS LLC	184	01/15/2025	107.75
MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	182	11/14/2024	92.50
	184	01/15/2025	100.00
NASON, MARGARET A.	180	07/22/2024	0.03
	182	11/14/2024	197.00
	184	01/15/2025	212.75
NAVARETTE, CARMEN B	182	11/14/2024	483.25
	184	01/15/2025	451.75
NELSON, SHARON	184	01/15/2025	92.00
NEXT LEVEL ESTATES, LLC	182	11/14/2024	1.28
	184	01/15/2025	163.00
NOLF, LISA M.	184	01/15/2025	71.00
OUELLETTE, STEVEN J. SR	180	07/22/2024	107.75
	182	11/14/2024	118.25
	184	01/15/2025	139.25
OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACREMENT CHURCH	184	01/15/2025	199.75
MREM	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	97.25
MREM	184	01/15/2025	76.25
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	180	07/22/2024	160.25
	182	11/14/2024	97.25
	184	01/15/2025	102.50
LOVETT, VALERIE LYNN	184	01/15/2025	81.50
PATTEN, JENNIFER	184	01/15/2025	133.83
PAWSON, ROBB A.	182	11/14/2024	3.82
	184	01/15/2025	181.25

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PENTTILA, PENTTI	184	01/15/2025	68.96
PERRY, ELAINE L.	184	01/15/2025	137.63
C37 CAPITAL LLC	180	07/22/2024	128.75
	182	11/14/2024	92.00
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
MREM	184	01/15/2025	279.76
PIERCE, RICHARD C.	182	11/14/2024	123.50
	184	01/15/2025	113.00
MREM	184	01/15/2025	58.40
PRESSEY, VERNE E. III	184	01/15/2025	191.75
MREM	184	01/15/2025	90.35
DOUBLE EAGLE PARKS LLC	182	11/14/2024	70.45
	184	01/15/2025	76.25
ROBBINS, MICHAEL L.	180	07/22/2024	102.50
	182	11/14/2024	92.00
	184	01/15/2025	97.25
C37 CAPITAL LLC	182	11/14/2024	134.00
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
ROLLINS, MEGAN	182	11/14/2024	140.84
	184	01/15/2025	155.00
ROY, DREW	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	50.00
ROY, LIANA JG	180	07/22/2024	15.90
	182	11/14/2024	71.00
	184	01/15/2025	86.75
RUTKOVSKY, FELICITY M.	184	01/15/2025	60.50
MREM	182	11/14/2024	0.46
	184	01/15/2025	118.25
SANTO, MICHAEL J.	184	01/15/2025	107.75
SAUCIER, EMILY V.	180	07/22/2024	212.75
	182	11/14/2024	191.75
	184	01/15/2025	191.75
SCHRYVER, LAWRENCE J.	184	01/15/2025	176.00

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SHOREY, KEITH M.	184	01/15/2025	21.25
SHUMAN, LAINA	184	01/15/2025	107.75
SILVERMAN, PAUL J.	180	07/22/2024	118.25
	182	11/14/2024	123.50
	184	01/15/2025	134.00
SIMPSON, ROBERT F.	180	07/22/2024	50.00
	182	11/14/2024	50.00
	184	01/15/2025	50.00
SIMS, LLC	184	01/15/2025	995.50
SMITH, CAITLIN E.	182	11/14/2024	144.50
	184	01/15/2025	144.50
SMITH, EDWARD	184	01/15/2025	302.00
SMITH, ROBERT M.	184	01/15/2025	107.75
MREM	184	01/15/2025	100.86
SPRAGUE, JONI A.	184	01/15/2025	181.25
STANLEY, LUSHIE LEVI III	184	01/15/2025	223.25
STEPHENS, MELISSA S.	180	07/22/2024	197.00
	182	11/14/2024	144.50
	184	01/15/2025	144.50
STEVENS, JASON J	180	07/22/2024	289.00
	182	11/14/2024	194.50
	184	01/15/2025	147.25
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	180	07/22/2024	113.00
	182	11/14/2024	92.00
	184	01/15/2025	123.50
STEWART, VALERIE J.	184	01/15/2025	86.75
SUCY, SCOTT L.	184	01/15/2025	55.25
SURPRENANT, JAMES ROGER	184	01/15/2025	176.00
TERRIO, CHARLES E.	184	01/15/2025	14.29
TERRIO, CHARLES E.	184	01/15/2025	115.75

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THOMAS, ANDREA .	180	07/22/2024	123.50
	182	11/14/2024	181.25
	184	01/15/2025	149.75
THOMAS, STEWART GALLAGHER	184	01/15/2025	139.25
TOWERS, WILLIAM O.	184	01/15/2025	118.25
TRACY, JEREMY M.	182	11/14/2024	2.72
	184	01/15/2025	118.25
TROTT, DAVID J.	182	11/14/2024	14.04
	184	01/15/2025	118.25
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	184	01/15/2025	254.75
UNDERWOOD-MELLOWS, KATHLEEN	184	01/15/2025	0.94
VIOLETTE, JOSEPH J.	180	07/22/2024	102.50
	182	11/14/2024	113.00
	184	01/15/2025	107.75
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	182	11/14/2024	71.00
	184	01/15/2025	71.00
WEBBER, SUSAN A.	180	07/22/2024	71.00
	182	11/14/2024	71.00
	184	01/15/2025	76.25
WEEKS, JOHN	184	01/15/2025	341.75
WEHRLE, DALE R.	180	07/22/2024	223.25
	182	11/14/2024	223.25
	184	01/15/2025	223.25
C37 CAPITAL LLC	184	01/15/2025	76.76
WHEELER, BRIAN	180	07/22/2024	165.50
	182	11/14/2024	165.50
	184	01/15/2025	165.50
WHITNEY, TYLER J.	182	11/14/2024	55.25
	184	01/15/2025	55.25
WHYTOCK, JANET L.	182	11/14/2024	60.50
	184	01/15/2025	55.25
WILLIAMS, KELSON	184	01/15/2025	92.00

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WINSLOW CAR WASH, LLC	180	07/22/2024	1.54
	182	11/14/2024	199.75
	184	01/15/2025	205.00
WUNDERLICH, VALERIE	184	01/15/2025	130.38
<u>YOTIDES, AUDREY L.</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>01/15/2025</u>	<u>160.25</u>
TOTAL OWED			46,123.15

Bill 180 & 182 will be Liened on 4/22/2025
Bill 184 will be Liened on 10/22/2025

**TOWN OF OAKLAND
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025**

To: Rick Stubbert, a resident of the Town of Oakland in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakland, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the **MESSALONSKEE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, OAKLAND, MAINE** on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to act on Articles 1 -23 all said articles set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to pay any and all overdrafts from the 2024-2025 fiscal year that exceed the \$10,001 limit authorized by Section 303 in the Oakland Town Charter.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix dates upon which 2025-2026 taxes shall become payable and to charge interest on same.

Recommendation: Taxes shall be payable in full, or installments, due on August 14, 2025, October 16, 2025, January 08, 2026, and March 12, 2026. Taxes not paid in full on or before due dates shall be charged interest at a rate of 7.5% per annum. A tax bill of less than \$100.00 shall be payable in full on August 14, 2025 with interest to accrue at a rate of 7.5% per annum on those taxes unpaid after said date. Any tax refunds granted will have interest computed at the same rate as it originally accrued and was approved at the appropriate Annual Town Meeting.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Administration	\$ 710,411	\$ 747,946
General Assistance	20,000	20,000
Assessor	197,896	211,380
Insurance	22,464	24,261
Total	\$ 950,771	\$ 1,003,587
From Tree Growth Revenue	\$ (20,000)	\$ (18,500)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	(36,790)	(35,000)
General Assistance Reim.	(14,000)	(14,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (75,000)	\$ (75,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 804,981	\$ 861,087

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service and Contingency as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Debt Service	\$ 207,010	\$ 205,552
Contingency	24,000	14,000
	<u>231,010</u>	<u>219,552</u>

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 231,010	\$ 219,552
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Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Library as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Library	\$ 246,444	\$ 252,295
From Library Trust Fund Income	\$ (50)	\$ (50)
From Clarissa Greenough Trust Fund Income	(300)	(300)
Transfer from Fund Equity	(67,746)	(50,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 178,348	\$ 201,945

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Recreation	\$ 262,489	\$ 246,881
Recreation Revenue	(17,000)	(19,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	(38,473)	
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 207,016	\$ 227,881

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Fire Department	\$ 822,331	\$ 833,454
Rescue	69,670	71,211
Total	<u>\$ 892,001</u>	<u>\$ 904,665</u>
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (23,601)	\$ (35,314)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 868,400	\$ 869,351

Council Recommendation: 4-0-1

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Department as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Police Department	\$ 1,222,377	\$ 1,439,920
School Resource Officers	336,781	363,541
Special Details	7,000	7,000
Total	\$ 1,566,158	\$ 1,810,461
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	\$ (243,675)	\$ (301,018)
Police Department Special Details	(7,000)	(7,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	(250,000)	(315,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 1,065,483	\$ 1,187,443

Council Recommendation: 4-1

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-1

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection Services as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Safety Services	\$ 585,966	\$ 670,526
Code Enforcement Services	129,495	134,819
Total	\$ 715,461	\$ 805,345
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	\$ (15,000)	\$ (33,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	(100,000)	(65,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 600,461	\$ 707,345

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Animal Control	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
From Dog License Fees	(5,800)	(5,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 9,200	\$ 10,000

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station and Recycling Services as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Transfer Station & Recycling Services	\$ 607,285	\$ 665,178
Transfer from Fund Equity	(44,463)	\$ -
Commercial Tipping Fees	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)
Transfer Station Revenue	(80,000)	\$ (85,000)
Recycling Revenues	(22,500)	\$ (22,500)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 458,322	\$ 555,678

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works and Road Improvements as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Works	\$ 1,159,449	\$ 1,167,247
<u>Town Road Improvements</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>390,100</u>
Total	\$ 1,534,449	\$ 1,557,347
Excise Tax	\$ (1,390,000)	\$ (1,475,000)
LRAP Funds	(45,000)	(50,500)
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (26,568)	\$ (31,847)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	\$ (13,148)	\$ -
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 59,733	\$ -

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Maintenance as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Town Property Maintenance	\$ 497,737	\$ 531,159
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (175,168)	(175,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 322,569	\$ 356,159

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Fire Truck	\$ 197,317	\$ -
Assessing Revaluation	\$ 94,400	\$ 125,200
Police Guns	\$ 15,000	\$ -
2025 Lease Purchase	\$ 60,000	\$ 117,025
Prop. Mainenance Mower	\$ 9,000	\$ -
Transfer Station Loader	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000
Memorial Hall	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Transfer Station Scale	10,000	
2026 Lease Purchase (3) PW Truck	\$ -	\$ 105,144
Total	\$ 420,717	\$ 392,369
Transfer From Capital Improvement Resv.	\$ (175,000)	\$ (300,000)
Transfer From Fund Equity	(155,717)	(52,839)
		-
To be raised from Taxation	\$90,000	\$ 39,530

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-1

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Miscellaneous requests:

	Last Year	This Year
KVCOG	9,640	9,833
Oakland Historical Society	2,500	2,500
Snow Pond Senior Center	1,500	1,500
Memorial Day	500	500
Maine Municipal Association	7,500	7,500
Mid Me Chamber of Commerce	899	899
Snowmobile Club	2,500	2,500
Central Maine Growth Council	24,523	26,976
Total	\$ 49,562	\$ 52,208
Transfer From Snowmobile		
Registration Fees	\$ (2,500)	\$ (2,500)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	-	-
To be raised from Taxation	\$ 47,062	\$ 49,708

Council Recommendation: 4-1

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 6-6

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Conservation Organization requests as follows:

	Last Year Approved Amount	This Year Council Recommends
7 Lakes Alliance - Youth Con. Corps	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Lake Stewards of Maine *New FY26	\$ -	\$ 500
East Pond Association	3,500	3,500
Messalonskee/Snow Pond Lake Assoc.	11,000	11,000
McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Assoc.	3,300	3,750
Belgrade Dams Committee	\$ 14,470	\$ 13,454
Total	\$ 37,270	\$ 37,204
To be raised from Taxation	\$ 37,270	\$ 37,204

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-1

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to apply estimated General Fund Revenues in the amount of **\$1,372,614** towards appropriations to reduce taxation. (Last year - \$1,252,817)

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-1

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes. Except that the Municipal Officers 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).

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to accept any and all donations, gifts, reserves or grants and to expend such monies for the purposes stated.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town of Oakland vote to approve a Community Development program and a possible Community Development Block Grant application and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development? If said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, further assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. Sec 506, with no payment of interest by the town.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 23. To authorize the use of reserve funds to update our GIS System and Tax Map maintenance from the Digital Mapping Reserve Fund. (Current Balance: \$60,984.50, Project Cost: \$30,900)

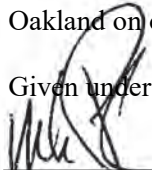
Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

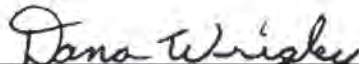
The Registrar will be available to accept names of new voters in person prior to the commencement of the meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Warrant shall be posted in the following conspicuous places on Monday, April 28, 2025 which is at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting date: Oakland Post Office, Buddies Grocery & Pharmacy, Oakland Town Office, D & L Country Store and the Korner Store & Deli.

Hereof, fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Clerk of the Town of Oakland on or before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of March 2025.



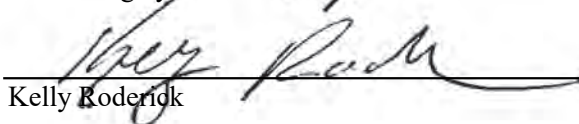
Michael Perkins, Chairman



Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman



Robert Nutting



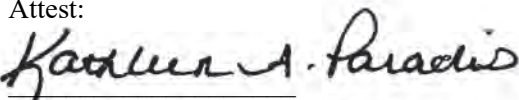
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David Groder

The Town of Oakland complies with Federal regulations in accommodating persons with special needs. Voters planning to attend this public meeting in need of special services should contact the Town Office at 465-7357 by Thursday, April 24, 2025

Attest:



Kathleen A. Paradis

Town Clerk

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