

# **TOWN OF NEWRY OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE**



## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



**2023 DEDICATION  
SHAW BROTHERS  
CROSS EXCAVATION  
GARRETT MORTON**



This year we are dedicating the annual report to Shaw Brothers, Cross Excavation and Garrett Morton. The town appreciates all you did during the flood in December to get our roads passable again. Thank you to Garrett Morton for making countless trips to make sure residents had supplies.



**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY 7-5**

**TUESDAY 7-5**

**WEDNESDAY 7-5**

**THURSDAY 7-5**

**OFFICE 207-824-3123**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LORETTA POWERS (administrator@newrymaine.org)**

**CEO JOELLE COREY (ceo@newrymaine.org)**

**DEPUTY CLERK LAURIE WALKER (deputyclerk@newrymaine.org)**

**DEPUTY CLERK AMY R. HENLEY (deputyclerk2@newrymaine.org)**

**HOLIDAYS**

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

**Early Closures:** June 30<sup>th</sup> End of Fiscal Year @ 3:00PM

Day Before Thanksgiving @ 12:00 PM

Christmas Eve @ 12:00PM

**SELECTMEN MEET THE FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY'S**

**5:00PM**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETS THE FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY'S**

**6:00PM**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETS THE FIRST & THIRD MONDAY'S 6:00PM**

**APPEALS BOARD TIME TO BE DETERMINED**

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE TO BE DETERMINED**

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES  
2023**

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS**  
**3 YEAR TERMS**

GARY WIGHT (Chair) (25)  
VIRGIL CONKRIGHT (26)  
MANDY BERRY (24)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Duties include Administrator, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, General Assistance  
Administrator and Registrar of Voters  
Election Warden

**DEPUTY CLERK**

Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Registrar of Voters  
LAURIE WALKER  
AMY R. HENLEY

**BALLOT CLERKS**

MANDY BERRY  
ROCKY BERRY  
MARY MCVEY  
KAREN REILLY  
JOYCE ROMA

**DOG OFFICER**

SUSAN MILLIGAN

**HEALTH OFFICER**

JOELLE COREY

**CEO & BUILDING INSPECTOR, DEPUTY ROAD COMMISSIONER & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**JOELLE COREY**

**ROAD COMMITTEE**

ALAN FLEET  
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ALAN FLEET, CHIEF  
ASHLEY CONKRIGHT, SECRETARY  
BEN LAIER, FIRE CAPTAIN  
JOELLE COREY, TRAINING OFFICER  
MEGANNE RADWAY, SAFETY OFFICER  
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT  
LAURA CARSON  
LAURA BEGIN  
GARY WIGHT-INACTIVE

**STATE & TOWN FIRE WARDEN**

VIRGIL CONKRIGHT  
BRUCE PIERCE

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

JOELLE COREY

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**3 YEAR TERMS**

JOHN GAUTHIER (25)  
BRUCE PIERCE (26)  
TED BAKER (24)  
RANDALL AKERS (24) ALTERNATE

**PLANNING BOARD RECORDING SECRETERY**

BECKY BEAN

**APPEALS BOARD**

VACANT

**SCHOOL BOARD**

MERIDTH HARROP (24)  
AMY R. HENLEY (25)

**TRI TOWN SOLID WASTE BOARD**

LORETTA POWERS  
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

**SEXTON**

VIRGIL CONKRIGHT

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

ROBERT LOWELL  
CHARLES BEAN  
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

**SUNDAY RIVER SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE**

BAMBI BAKER  
JILL KENNEY  
DARNITA TAYLOR

**AUDITOR**

RHR SMITH & CO.  
3 OLD ORCHARD ROAD  
BUXTON, ME 04093

THE COMPLETE AUDIT MAY BE VIEWED AT THE TOWN OFFICE



2023

## Selectmen's Report

It's hard to believe another year has passed already. Many things occurred in FY2023.

First off, we hired Loretta Powers as Town Administrator in July of 2022.

The Town Office purchased a Pitney Bowes mail machine cutting down on their trips to the post office and helping get certified mailings out quicker. They also had heat pumps installed which eliminates the need for window air conditioners.

The Grange Hall had to have a new septic installed as well as a new generator as the motor had seized.

There was much discussion around Short Term Rentals as it was a popular topic and research was done including how other towns are handling it. At this time no further action is being taken due to the extent and time required to monitor/permit this.

Several liquor licenses were renewed over the year to the multiple establishments over on the Sunday River side of the mountain.

The church was a hot topic with it needing work and what would be required to make it safe, get a septic and possibly move it away from the road. When put to vote, the townspeople decided to put it up for sale. Ultimately it sold to a couple from Florida who appreciate the beauty of it and plan to restore it as they have other landmarks.

Respectfully,

Gary Wight

Select Board Chair



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**  
**Town of Newry**  
**2023**

Hello Newry citizens and property owners.

The beauty of this small town has proven to be its people. People with tractors, people with chain saws, people with knowledge of 4x4 trails that would get folks home, people with giant excavators, people with a smile and a hug, people with trucks for gas and food runs, people that are your neighbors, friends and family.

From our May heavy rains and flooding damages to the flooding and roads washed away from the December 18, 2023 storm, the people have proven their resilience and neighborly thoughtfulness. Cars, roads, firewood, culverts, a foundation, and an entire home washed away. But we were all checking on one another, still smiling through the shock and celebrating the holidays the best we could. Thank you all for your patience, hard work, and grit.

Spring will bring more road work than we typically do to repair the damages and I'm sure we'll continue with this building boom.

Now the official business.

There were 47 building permits issued – 23 Single Family homes and a new condo/townhouse structure. There was a new lift installed on Merrill Hill and Barker Lift was replaced. Total permit fees equaling \$29,741.57

Newry has been mandated by the State since 2019 to follow the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes. Recently these codes were updated to the 2015 ICC codes.

The current plumbing code is the 2021 'IAPMO' Uniform Plumbing Code.

Electrical permits are handled through the State.

Some points to remember:

- ❖ Every structure, renovation or addition needs a permit in Newry.
- ❖ Building plans and cross sections are required for structures over 600 sq ft and one- or two-family dwelling units, including Tiny Homes.
- ❖ Only two unregistered cars are allowed on your property per State law.

If you have any questions, concerns or ordinance suggestions, please contact me here at the Town Office.

Joelle Corey  
Newry Code enforcement officer and  
Local plumbing inspector #1145

2023  
Planning Board Report

The Planning Board handled many issues during 2023, the following are some of the highlights.

The Planning Board spent many evenings working very diligently updating the UDRO (United Development Review Ordinance). Many of the updates were changing words and terms that were either not quite correct or conflicting with other terms within the UDRO. We added definitions to the glossary in order to clear up terms within the texts of the UDRO.

We did not make substantial changes to the UDRO but we tried to make it easier to understand and clearer in its intent.

We worked on and eventually approved a new ski lift and a replacement ski lift at the ski area. A new golf cart building was approved for the golf course.

There were several meetings concerned with changes within subdivisions. There were no new subdivisions proposed this last year.

It does not sound like we did very much but we work very hard to try to see that the development that happens in the town occurs within the perimeters of the ordinances of the town. There are many pages in these ordinances, we as members of the planning board can not be for nor against any project that comes before us, we can only look at the merits of the project as to how they adhere to the ordinances. When we make a decision it has to be based upon what is written within the ordinances, if it is not written in the ordinance then the decision will not stand up to scrutiny.

The time has come to update the town's comprehensive plan. Many comprehensive plans are very good inventories of what is in the town but fall short on a good vision of what possibly the town might become. We can not fix the mistakes of our past but we can try to not repeat mistakes. The time has come to dream of the future of our town and how we may get there.

John (aka Gootsch) Gauthier  
Planning Board Chair



## NEWRY FIRE DEPARTMENT

### STATIONS

Sunday River 207-824-6286 / Bear River 207-824-4905 / Town Office 207-824-3123

OXFORD RCC Non-Emergency .... 1-800-733-1421 Ext. 2

| ROSTER 2021   |                         | HOME         | CELL                  |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Newry Fire 01 | Alan Fleet              | 207-824-2412 | 207-347-0334          |
| Newry Fire 03 | Benjamin Laier          |              | 303-903-6353          |
| Newry Fire 06 | Joelle Corey            |              | 207-393-7705          |
| Newry Fire 07 | Laura Begin             |              | 207-232-1919          |
| Newry Fire 08 | Meganne Radway          |              | 207-381-7728          |
| Newry Fire 10 | Gary Wight              | 207-824-2497 | 207-357-6811 INACTIVE |
| Newry Fire 11 | Laura Carson            |              | 484-354-8998          |
| Newry Fire 15 | Virgil (Tink) Conkright |              | 207-890-9009          |
| Newry Fire 17 | Ashley Conkright        |              | 207-418-7871          |

### TRUCKS

| TRUCK TYPE | MAKE       | HOUSED         | TANK/PUMP SIZE         | AGE OF TRUCK |
|------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| UTILITY1   | FORD F-450 | (SUNDAY RIVER) | 275 GAL.               | 2019         |
| UTILITY 2  | FORD F-45  | (BEAR RIVER)   | 250 GPM/200            | 2007         |
| TANKER 1   | KENWORTH   | (BEAR RIVER)   | 1500 GPM/3000/ 20-GAL. | 2001         |
| ENGINE 1   | KENWORTH   | (SUNDAY RIVER) | 1500 GPM/2600/ 20-GAL. | 2008         |
| LADDER 1   | METZ       | (SUNDAY RIVER) | 1500 GPM/200/20-GAL.   | 2005         |
| FORESTRY 1 | M939 5 TON | (SUNDAY RIVER) | 600 GPM/850            | 1990         |

**2023 CALLS**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023-DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**CALL VOLUME** **104**

**TYPE OF CALL** **NUMBER OF CALLS**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| STRUCTURE          | 6  |
| ALARM IN BUILDINGS | 23                                       |
| CARBON MONOXIDE    | 6  |
| DUMPSTER FIRES     | 1  |
| ELECTRICAL         | 7  |
| MOTOR VEHICLE      | 18                                       |
| OUTSIDE FIRES      | 7  |
| RESCUE ASSISTANCE  | 13                                       |
| WATER FLOW         | 5  |
| WIRES DOWN (CMP)   | 11                                       |
| STAND BY           | 3  |
| OTHER              | 4  |
|                    | <b><u>Total Numbers of Calls 104</u></b> |

**MUTUAL AID**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| ANDOVER   | 1 |
| BETHEL    | 6 |
| ERROL, NH | 0 |
| GRAFTON   | 6 |
| GREENWOOD | 1 |
| RILEY     | 3 |
| RUMFORD   | 2 |

**TIME OF CALLS**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 12:00 AM – 2:00 AM  | 04                                      |
| 2:00 AM -4:00 AM    | 05                                      |
| 4:00 AM – 6:00 AM   | 08                                      |
| 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM   | 08                                      |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  | 10                                      |
| 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | 08                                      |
| 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  | 14                                      |
| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM   | 12                                      |
| 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM   | 12                                      |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM   | 09                                      |
| 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM  | 06                                      |
| 10:00 PM – 12:00 AM | 08                                      |
|                     | <b><u>TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS 104</u></b> |

**REPORT OF CLERKS  
07-01-2022 TO 06-30-2023**

|  | 2022 JULY- JUNE 2023 | 2021 JULY-JUNE 2022 | 2020 JULY-JUNE 2021 | 2019 JULY-JUNE 2020 | 2018 JULY-JUNE 2019 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| BIRTHS                                 | 3                    | 3                   | 0                   | 4                   | 1                   |
| MARRIAGES                              | 0                    | 3                   | 1                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| NON RESIDENT MARRIAGES                 | 14                   | 10                  | 6                   | 10                  | 8                   |
| DEATHS                                 | 4                    | 2                   | 2                   | 2                   | 3                   |
| NON RESIDENT DEATHS                    | 2                    | 2                   | 2                   | 1                   | 2                   |
| <b>FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES SOLD</b> |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| HUNTING                                | 6                    | 2                   | 4                   | 2                   | 1                   |
| FISHING                                | 8                    | 9                   | 18                  | 16                  | 3                   |
| COMBO                                  | 27                   | 18                  | 19                  | 21                  | 2                   |
| ARCHERY                                | 0                    | 2                   | 1                   | 1                   | 1                   |
| JR LICENSE                             | 0                    | 0                   | 1                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| MUZZLELOAD                             | 6                    | 3                   | 2                   | 5                   | 1                   |
| BEAR PERMITS                           | 1                    | 0                   | 1                   | 1                   | 1                   |
| SPRING/FALL TURKEY                     | 1                    | 2                   | 1                   | 3                   | 2                   |
| COYOTE                                 | 0                    | 1                   | 1                   | 3                   | 2                   |
| APPRENTICE HUNT                        | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   | 1                   |
| MILITARY                               | 0                    | 0                   | 1                   | 2                   | 2                   |
| SMALL GAME                             | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| SUPERPACK                              | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| <b>NON RESIDENT</b>                    |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| FISHING                                | 2                    | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   | 0                   |
| HUNTING                                | 0                    | 1                   | 1                   | 1                   | 2                   |
| COMBO                                  | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   |
| JR LICENSE                             | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| 15 DAY FISH                            | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   |
| 1 DAY FISH                             | 0                    | 1                   | 0                   | 1                   | 1                   |
| 7 DAY FISH                             | 0                    | 1                   | 0                   | 1                   | 0                   |
| <b>BOATS, ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES</b>     |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE                    | 43                   | 34                  | 46                  | 42                  | 2                   |
| NON RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE                | 39                   | 19                  | 19                  | 22                  | 1                   |
| NON RESIDENT 3/10 SNOWMO               | 2                    | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   | 0                   |
| ATV                                    | 34                   | 27                  | 33                  | 29                  | 5                   |
| NON RESIDENT ATV                       | 1                    | 3                   | 0                   | 4                   | 1                   |
| BOATS WITH MILFOIL                     | 47                   | 26                  | 34                  | 39                  | 12                  |
| <b>DOG LICENSES</b>                    |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| DOGS                                   | 74                   | 67                  | 69                  | 76                  | 84                  |
| KENNELS                                | 3                    | 4                   | 4                   | 4                   | 4                   |
| <b>VOTERS</b>                          |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| REGISTRAR OF VOTERS                    | 341                  | 336                 | 342                 | 356                 | 329                 |
| REPUBLICAN                             | 100                  | 104                 | 108                 | 115                 | 120                 |
| DEMOCRAT                               | 108                  | 115                 | 119                 | 119                 | 86                  |
| UNENROLLED                             | 121                  | 105                 | 104                 | 105                 | 111                 |
| GREEN PARTY                            | 11                   | 12                  | 11                  | 17                  | 12                  |
| LIBERTARIAN                            | 1                    |                     |                     |                     |                     |



ESTABLISHED 1975

**Town of Bethel**  
**Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)**  
 April 2023 - March 2024



Date: **4/5/2024**

| Month             | Bethel Municipal Solid Waste (Commercial) | Newry Municipal Solid Waste (Commercial) | Municipal Solid Waste (Transfer Station) | Oversized Bulky Waste/Construction Debris (Transfer Station) | Zero-Sort Recycling (Transfer Station) | Recycled Metal |
|-------------------|---|--|--|--|--|----------------|
| Apr-23            | 116.11                                    | 56.99                                    | 49.38                                    | 100.74   | 15.17                                  | 13.00          |
| May-23            | 125.33                                    | 44.87                                    | 49.54                                    | 140.52   | 11.44                                  | 13.49          |
| Jun-23            | 125.98                                    | 55.98                                    | 60.17                                    | 120.01   | 15.26                                  | 11.70          |
| Jul-23            | 162.89                                    | 58.65                                    | 54.20                                    | 109.68   | 11.03                                  | 18.65          |
| Aug-23            | 145.33                                    | 59.65                                    | 53.92                                    | 149.91   | 15.56                                  | 10.95          |
| Sep-23            | 161.39                                    | 40.76                                    | 64.53                                    | 135.57   | 12.02                                  | 22.06          |
| Oct-23            | 126.50                                    | 70.50                                    | 50.47                                    | 169.81   | 16.76                                  | 14.15          |
| Nov-23            | 123.72                                    | 55.72                                    | 54.03                                    | 119.77   | 14.53                                  | 15.92          |
| Dec-23            | 155.52                                    | 78.08                                    | 47.73                                    | 121.41   | 14.93                                  | 12.19          |
| Jan-24            | 135.81                                    | 155.93                                   | 59.02                                    | 87.23  | 19.84                                  | 11.27          |
| Feb-24            | 102.49                                    | 150.00                                   | 58.58                                    | 64.59  | 10.46                                  | 0.00           |
| Mar-24            | 125.19                                    | 134.54                                   | 48.31                                    | 60.27  | 9.70                                   | 8.15           |
| <b>Total Tons</b> | <b>1,606.26</b>                           | <b>961.67</b>                            | <b>649.88</b>                            | <b>1,379.51</b>  | <b>166.70</b>                          | <b>151.53</b>  |

Data Source: 36-52465 MSW, OBW/C&D, Zero-Sort Recycling, & Metal - Transfer Station Tonnages  
 36-51746 MSW - Commercial Tonnages F/L - Routes P7 & P9



# OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Christopher R. Wainwright*



*Sheriff*

*Christopher Wainwright*

*Chief Deputy*

*James Urquhart*

## **2023 Annual Report Annual Town Report**

January 10, 2024

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I step into my Sixth year as Sheriff, I reflect with immense pride on the achievements of our agency across the county. The momentum we have going into the New Year is a testament to the dedicated team of men and women who serve Oxford County with unwavering pride. Their commitment to our mission, rooted in professionalism, integrity, and leadership, is the driving force propelling our agency forward.

In previous years, I've highlighted the escalating volume and complexity of our calls to service. Notably, the surge in responses to mental health concerns since 2019 underscores the pressing need for increased state funding for community services and sheriff's departments statewide. This is crucial to ensuring the safety of individuals in need and those around them.

Our commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County persists through our collaboration with local organizations, notably the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. We actively refer eligible individuals to Project Save ME as part of our ongoing efforts. This police-assisted initiative aims to bridge individuals affected by substance use disorder with dedicated recovery coaches, advocates, and various treatment services, providing crucial support on their journey to recovery.

Over the summer, deputies participated in Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D (Police Officers Striving To Create And Reinforce Dreams). This camp provides children with a week filled with activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, crafts, and campfires. As the week unfolds, the kids discover that their camp counselors and leaders are police officers and sheriff's deputies from across Maine. This initiative underscores that for our deputies, being visible and present in our communities extends beyond their call of duty; they also serve as leaders, fostering positive connections with the next generation.

With that in mind, on behalf of our deputies, correctional officers, and support staff I want to thank our community for the ongoing support we have received. Whether through letters, social media, or public acknowledgments, your backing resonates throughout our agency.

We have great opportunities ahead of us, and I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 207-743-9554.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright  
Oxford County Sheriff



# Oxford County Sheriff's Office

## 2023 Calls For Service by Location

### Newry

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|                                |     |                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| 911 hangup call                | 144 | Missing Person                 | 1   |
| Abandoned Vehicle +++++        | 3   | Noise Problem                  | 3   |
| Alarm                          | 49  | OUI of Alcohol                 | 1   |
| Ambulance or Medical Assist    | 6   | Parking Problem                | 2   |
| Animal Problem Barking Dog     | 1   | Property Damage, Non-vandalism | 6   |
| Animal Problem                 | 4   | Peace Officer                  | 1   |
| Alcohol Offense                | 1   | Property Watch                 | 1   |
| Assault, Simple                | 1   | Request Call                   | 5   |
| Agency Assist                  | 5   | Request Officer                | 5   |
| Attempt to Locate              | 2   | Suspicion                      | 8   |
| Burglary, Non-res, Forcibl Ent | 1   | Traffic Accident, Hit and Run  | 1   |
| Civil Issue                    | 2   | Traffic Accident NonRep        | 3   |
| Disabled Vehicle               | 2   | Traffic Accident, Prop Damage  | 33  |
| Disorderly Conduct             | 1   | Traffic Accident, Pers Injury  | 4   |
| DUI Alcohol or Drugs           | 1   | Telephone Harassment           | 1   |
| Illegal Dumping (trash,waste)  | 1   | Traffic Hazard                 | 1   |
| Found Property or Items        | 1   | Traffic Offense                | 6   |
| Fraud                          | 2   | Theft, Property, Other         | 7   |
| Gross Sexual Assault           | 1   | Trespassing                    | 2   |
| Harassment                     | 1   | Unwanted Person                | 1   |
| Information                    | 3   | Vehicle off Road               | 3   |
| Intoxicated Person             | 2   | Warrant Arrest                 | 1   |
| Juvenile Problem               | 1   | Welfare Check                  | 6   |
| Lost or Found Property         | 1   | Weapons Offense                | 1   |
| Misdialed Number to 911        | 41  | Total Incidents                | 380 |



STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
Vice Chair  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
MAINE

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PORTLAND, ME 04101  
Website: <http://www.AngusS.King.gov>

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

COMMITTEES  
ARMED SERVICES  
CHAIRMAN STRATEGIC FORCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN NATIONAL DEFENSE  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

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

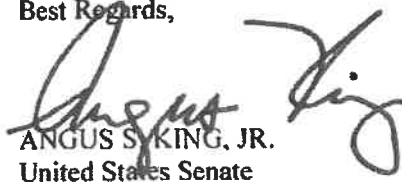
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

  
ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senate

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

Dear Friends,

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

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)*. Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

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

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress

*Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 19*

*Senator Lisa Keim  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

Promoting policies that empower people to build to a better future for themselves is always the focus of my work; in this era of diminishing personal liberty, restrictive regulations, and soaring costs, commonsense solutions have never been more essential.

We did find success in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, with a heavy reliance on bonds to fill the gap. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure by dedicating 40% of vehicle sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This dedicated revenue stream is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium and take us away from using borrowed money for basic upkeep.

The Second Regular Session began in January 2024. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to advocate for you in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



Lisa Keim  
Senator, Maine State District 19  
1505 Main St. Dixfield, ME  
**Working Together for a Better Maine**



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Michael Soboleski

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January 2024

Newry Town Office  
422 Bear River Rd.  
Newry, ME 04261

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve Newry, and all of House District 73, in the Maine House of Representatives.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with some of the accomplishments of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass multiple bi-partisan spending agreements that included supporting hospitals and long-term care facilities, working to stabilize highway and road funding, and improving the efficient delivery of government services. I continue to support legislation that would reduce high-energy costs while shoring up supply resiliency and capacity, as well as procurement and generation priorities. As a member of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Labor & Housing as well as the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I look forward to continuing my work during the Second Regular Session as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 73. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **(207) 400-7233** or email at [Mike.Soboleski@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Mike.Soboleski@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by signing up at the town office or emailing me directly with your request.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Michael A. Soboleski  
State Representative

House District 73



**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Bear River Grange Hall**  
**70 Bear River Road**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

To Amy Henley, a resident in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newry in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Bear River Grange Hall in said Town of Newry, on Tuesday the twentieth day of February starting at six o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles 1 through 3 as set out below, to wit:

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Article 1. To choose a Moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from unappropriated surplus the sum of \$250,000 to cover emergency road expenses and to get us through this winter season..

Wendy Hanscom  
Rec. Pass                      \$250,000                      *Passed*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take from unappropriated surplus to cover a \$39,690 overdraft from 2021.

Rec. Pass                      \$39,690                      *Passed*

Hereof, fail not, and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the time and place of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hand at Newry, Maine this 6th day of February A.D. 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Wight *Gary Wight*

Virgil Conkright *Virgil Conkright*

Mandy Berry *Mandy Berry*

Selectmen of Newry

Attested by: *Loretta Powers*  
Loretta Powers, Clerk





*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

April 26, 2024

Selectboard  
Town of Newry  
422 Bear River Road  
Newry, Maine 04261

We were engaged by the Town of Newry and are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Newry as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. A complete copy of the draft audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office after completion of the audit.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation throughout the entire audit process.

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

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**Outstanding Balance**  
 Tax Year: 2023, Show Current Interest  
 As of: 06/30/2023

| Acct                       | Name ----                               | Year | Original Tax | Payment / Adjustments | Amount Due |
|----------------------------|---|------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| *                          | 750 R 412 SUNDAY RIVER ROAD LLC         | 2023 | 655.48       | 653.15                | 2.33       |
| *                          | 766 R BOSSE, PAUL A                     | 2023 | 1,732.63     | 1,730.09              | 2.54       |
| *                          | 723 R CALLAN, SUZANNE A                 | 2023 | 1,447.06     | 2,172.52              | -725.46    |
| *                          | 1441 R CORONELLA, JOHN S                | 2023 | 2,935.03     | 2,932.91              | 2.12       |
| *                          | 1521 R CROWLEY, MARY C                  | 2023 | 1,426.18     | 1,423.60              | 2.58       |
| *                          | 802 R EMIDY, JOHN F                     | 2023 | 720.61       | 714.52                | 6.09       |
| *                          | 1706 R FRENIERE, DAVID J                | 2023 | 6,380.24     | 6,378.32              | 1.92       |
| *                          | 1453 R HOPKINS, DONALD W. & PATRICIA A. | 2023 | 1,426.18     | 1,408.00              | 18.18      |
| *                          | 1568 R JEFFERSON, ELIZABETH P           | 2023 | 1,958.08     | 1,956.65              | 1.43       |
| *                          | 962 R JENNINGS LIVING TRUST             | 2023 | 1,649.13     | 1,647.18              | 1.95       |
|                            | U/T/D/7/25/2017                         |      |              |                       |            |
| *                          | 751 R JORDAN, GEORGE                    | 2023 | 4,508.17     | 4,492.14              | 16.03      |
| *                          | 856 R JUTRAS FAMILY TRUST,              | 2023 | 3,255.67     | 3,254.37              | 1.30       |
| *                          | 959 R KANE, MARTIN                      | 2023 | 1,426.18     | 1,423.90              | 2.28       |
| *                          | 1161 R KIMBALL, KIRK H                  | 2023 | 2,130.09     | 2,128.88              | 1.21       |
| *                          | 107 R PEASE, KENNETH T                  | 2023 | 986.14       | 991.02                | -4.88      |
| *                          | 1234 R POULIOTTE, DAVID & SUZANNE       | 2023 | 3,314.95     | 3,313.83              | 1.12       |
| *                          | 1215 R ROYAL, STEPHEN                   | 2023 | 3,198.05     | 3,196.96              | 1.09       |
| *                          | 1029 R SONG, JUNG                       | 2023 | 1,649.13     | 1,648.13              | 1.00       |
| *                          | 1261 R STANTON, MATTHEW D               | 2023 | 1,447.06     | 1,436.53              | 10.53      |
| <b>Total for 19 Bills:</b> |   |      |              |                       |            |
|                            | 19 Accounts                             |      | 42,246.06    | 42,902.70             | -656.64    |

**Payment Summary**

| Type                 | Principal | Interest | Costs | Total     |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|
| A - Abatement        | 493.07    | 4.88     | 0.00  | 497.95    |
| C - Correction       | -8,055.35 | -34.98   | 0.00  | -8,090.33 |
| I - Interest Charged | 0.00      | -123.76  | 0.00  | -123.76   |
| P - Payment          | 50,507.20 | 103.66   | 0.00  | 50,610.86 |
| Y - Prepayment       | 7.98      | 0.00     | 0.00  | 7.98      |
| Total                | 42,952.90 | -50.20   | 0.00  | 42,902.70 |

**Non Lien Summary**

|        |    |         |
|--------|----|---------|
| 2023-1 | 19 | -656.64 |
| Total  | 19 | -656.64 |

\* Paid as of 12/31/2023

## Outstanding Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2023, Show Interest

As of: 06/30/2023

| Acct                       | Name -----                       | Year        | Original<br>Tax | Payment /<br>Adjustments | Amount<br>Due |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| *                          | 1562 L ALLEN, SCOTT W            | 2023        | 504.10          | 0.00                     | 504.10        |
| *                          | 1592 L BLISTER TWO, LLC          | 2023        | 95.59           | 0.00                     | 95.59         |
| *                          | 12 L BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE      | 2023        | 159.21          | 0.00                     | 159.21        |
| *                          | 106 L BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE     | 2023        | 130.24          | 0.00                     | 130.24        |
| *                          | 40 L BROWN, ROBERT A             | 2023        | 336.35          | 0.00                     | 336.35        |
| *                          | 1611 L CHEEVER, THOMAS E         | 2023        | 1,822.83        | 0.00                     | 1,822.83      |
| *                          | 1149 L DINIZIO, PATRICIA A       | 2023        | 734.03          | 0.00                     | 734.03        |
| *                          | 1417 L DOW, DIANE M              | 2023        | 919.02          | 0.00                     | 919.02        |
| *                          | 1857 L FORTUNE, ROBERT           | 2023        | 2,304.19        | 0.00                     | 2,304.19      |
| *                          | 1576 L FRASER, JONATHAN W        | 2023        | 1,057.16        | 0.00                     | 1,057.16      |
| *                          | 1237 L KENNEALLY, MATTHEW R      | 2023        | 2,089.38        | 0.00                     | 2,089.38      |
| *                          | 2362 L KLEIN, PETER D            | 2023        | 727.66          | 0.00                     | 727.66        |
| *                          | 746 L MOORE, PATRICK S           | 2023        | 1,144.68        | 0.00                     | 1,144.68      |
| *                          | 187 L SMALL, JEFFREY R           | 2023        | 1,995.66        | 0.00                     | 1,995.66      |
| *                          | 692 L STRATIS, ALLISON           | 2023        | 1,554.14        | 0.00                     | 1,554.14      |
| *                          | 86 L THIEBAULT, BRUCE E          | 2023        | 866.84          | 0.00                     | 866.84        |
| *                          | 97 L VIEIRA, JOY E               | 2023        | 504.10          | 503.13                   | 0.97          |
| *                          | 1248 L WILLIAM J BLACKADAR TRUST | 2023        | 1,546.99        | 0.00                     | 1,546.99      |
| <b>Total for 18 Bills:</b> |                                  | 18 Accounts | 18,492.17       | 503.13                   | 17,989.04     |

### Payment Summary

| Type         | Principal     | Interest    | Costs        | Total         |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| P - Payment  | 416.53        | 8.30        | 78.30        | 503.13        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>416.53</b> | <b>8.30</b> | <b>78.30</b> | <b>503.13</b> |

### Lien Summary

|              |           |                  |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|
| 2023-1       | 18        | 17,989.04        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>17,989.04</b> |

\*Paid as of 12/31/2023

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

May 14, 2024

6:00PM

Bear River Grange Hall

70 Bear River Road, Newry Maine

To Amy Henley a resident in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newry in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Bear River Grange Hall at 6:00 PM in the evening to act on the following Articles 1 through 43 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting.

|  |           |           |
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| Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Salaries. | Rec. Pass | \$395,709 |
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| Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service. | Rec. Pass | \$18,075 |
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| Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessors Expense. | Rec. Pass | \$13,750 |
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|--|-----------|---------|
| Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Cemetery. | Rec. Pass | \$6,000 |
|--|-----------|---------|

|  |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Committees and Boards. | Rec. Pass | \$20,650 |
|--|-----------|----------|

|   |           |         |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town of Bethel Recreation for Newry Kids. | Rec. Pass | \$4,200 |
|---|-----------|---------|





Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Assistance.

Rec. Pass

| <b>FY-2025 ORGANIZATION</b>             | <b>AMOUNT</b>      |
|---|--------------------|
| AGE FRIENDLY                            | \$500.00           |
| RED CROSS                               | \$875.00           |
| ANDRO HOME                              | \$250.00           |
| BETHEL LIBRARY                          | \$6,000.00         |
| BETHEL HISTORICAL                       | \$2,000.00         |
| CANCER RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN MAINE | \$500.00           |
| FLAGS FOR SOLDIERS                      | \$300.00           |
| PROJECT GRAD                            | \$500.00           |
| SR. PLUS                                | \$750.00           |
| TOWN GRADUATES                          | \$1,000.00         |
| WCBB-MPBN local PBS                     | \$300.00           |
| WINDY VALLEY                            | \$5,000.00         |
| HARVEST HILLS                           | \$411.00           |
| LIFE FLIGHT                             | \$2,000.00         |
| BETHEL FOOD PANTRY                      | \$1,600.00         |
| MAHOOSUC KIDS                           | \$2,000.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$23,986.00</b> |

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the Cable Franchise Agreement to Western Maine Access Television Channel 11.

Rec. Pass

Article 10. To request additional funding of \$5,000 to put towards upgrading current broadcast server infrastructure. This upgrade is critical to the operation of the television station and compatible live streaming service, and it is reaching the end of functional compatibility and will no longer be eligible for hardware/software support. We will be asking each town in our coverage area for this additional contribution. Any leftover funds from the server purchase will be put towards the yearly software associated installation costs and software/hardware assurance fees. It is anticipated that these servers will last at least five years.

Rec. Pass

\$5,000

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow or appropriate from unappropriated surplus the sum of not more than \$2,000 to be used as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2024-2025.

Rec. Pass



Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Grange Hall Maintenance. Rec. Pass \$13,100

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges. Rec. Pass \$314,000

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repair of the Simonds Brook Bridge. Rec. Pass \$80,000

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying fees or charges required for membership in the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Risk Pool and other Town insurance costs. Rec. Pass \$128,200

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of the Municipal Building. Rec. Pass \$44,300

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Operation and Maintenance of the Fire Department. Rec. Pass \$141,662

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Sanitation to pay all fees and membership charges for Tri-Town Solid Waste. Rec. Pass \$259,000

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights. Rec. Pass \$1,000

Article 20. Shall the Town authorize the Municipal Officers to carry forward unexpended balances as they deem necessary, all other unexpended balances to lapse to the fund balance. Rec. Pass

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Digitizing Town of Newry Tax Maps and Revising the Paper Maps. Rec. Pass \$6,000

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sunday River School House Account. Rec. Pass \$4,000

Article 23. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding allowing the Municipal Officers to spend up to 10% of the Capital Improvement Account without seeking prior town approval. Rec. Pass



Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements in FY25. Affinity led lighting all Town buildings \$37,584.

Rec Pass

Article 25. To see if the Town will allow the Municipal Officers to sell or dispose of any Town property with a value of not more than \$2,000, under such terms and conditions that they deem advisable.

Rec. Pass

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to fund the following capital reserve accounts with undesignated reserve funds:

Town Buildings Reserve Fund: \$75,000

Fire Department Reserve Account: \$75,000

Rec. Pass

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Reserve Account.

Rec. Pass \$5,000

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Animal Control officer?

Rec. Pass \$3,000

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the registrations and fines of dogs to enforce the Animal Control Laws.

Rec. Pass

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to use the overlay for abatements on taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes not paid before a certain date and establish the date and rate of interest. Rec. Annual rate of 8.50% on taxes not paid before September 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> (2 installment payments)

Rec. Pass

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3% for the fiscal year.

Rec. Pass

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Rec. Pass

Article 34. To approve the funds received from the sale of the church in the amount of \$142,500 to be transferred to the Town Building Capital account.

Rec. Pass



Article 35. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to the Town of Newry Cemetery Ordinance” be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 36. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to the Unified Development Review Ordinance for the Town of Newry, Maine” be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 37. Shall an Ordinance entitled “Nuisance Alarm Ordinance for the Town of Newry, Maine” be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept donations not to exceed \$5,000 on behalf of the Town.

Rec. Pass

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Rec. Pass

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the registrations of snowmobiles and Municipal Snowmobile Grants to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining the snowmobile trails.

Rec. Pass

Article. 41. To see if the Town will vote to use \$200,000 of undesignated funds to offset taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to permanently increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$1,786,729.00 established for the Town of Newry by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

Rec. Pass

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to 1.) authorize and approve a general obligation bond or revenue anticipation note borrowing in the principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of financing road improvements to Wheeler Road, Sunday River Road, Branch Road, Lone Pine Road, Roderick Road, and any other roads damaged due to winter storms in 2023 and 2024, which is expected to be repaid with funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”); 2.) authorize the issuance of a general obligation bond





in the principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in the event insufficient funds are received from FEMA to refund the bond anticipation note authorized herein, plus an amount sufficient to fund the interest payments on the bond anticipation note issued for said purpose and any costs of issuance of the bond anticipation note; with the note and bonds to be issued with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as the Select Board shall determine; 3.) appropriate the proceeds of said note and bonds for the foregoing purpose, plus an amount necessary to fund the interest payments on the bond anticipation note issued for said purpose and the costs of issuance of the note and bonds; and 3) authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary to carry out the borrowing; the Town Treasurer's Financial Statement that accompanies this question is printed below.

(Fiscal Note: Total estimated debt service on the bond anticipation note is \$133,000.00, of which principal is \$1,000,000 and estimated interest at a rate of 6.65%, over 2 years is \$133,000).

The Municipal Officers recommend a YES vote.

**Financial Statement:** The following financial statement applies to Article 43 of the May 14, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The issuance of bonds by the Town of Newry is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Newry as of the date of this referendum:

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Bonds now Outstanding and Unpaid:   | \$ 0              |
| Estimated Interest to be paid on Outstanding Bonds:                         | <u>\$ 0</u>       |
| Total Principal and Interest to be repaid on Bonds Outstanding:             | \$ 0              |
| <br>Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized but not yet issued:     | <br>\$ 0          |
| <br>Total Principal Amount of New Bonds to be Issued if approved:           | <br>\$1,000,000   |
| Estimate of new interest on such additional principal of bonds:             | <u>\$ 133,000</u> |
| Total additional principal and estimated interest to be repaid if approved: | \$1,133,000       |

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors on the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity. If the



actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

  
Town Treasurer

Hereof, fail not, and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.


The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the time and place of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hand at Newry, Maine this 23 day of April, 2024 A.D.

Respectfully submitted,


  
Gary Wight

  
Virgil Conkright

  
Mandy Berry

Municipal Officers of Newry

Attest:

  
Loretta Powers, Town Clerk



**Property Schedule Form 706-A**  
**Town of Newry, Maine**  
**Due May 23, 2024**

In accordance with MRS TITLE 36, § 706-A, The Town of Newry hereby gives notice that you must file a “true and perfect” list of your business assets on or before May 23, 2024 with the Town Office. To *mail* filings, send to: Town of Newry 422 Bear River Rd Newry, ME 04261, ask for the assessing office. **Electronic filings are also accepted**, send your completed return by e mail to deputyclerk2@newrymaine.org For assistance, please call 207-824-3123

Business Name

Business DBA

Address

City, State, ZIP

**Physical Location of Property:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:**

⇒ **If you do not file a return, you will waive your right to an appeal and may be subject to growth factors.**

⇒ **If your business has closed, you must notify this office in writing.**

**Instructions:**

- **Asset List** –Please provide an itemized asset list of: Machinery and Equipment (M&E), Computers (C), Furniture and Fixtures (F&F), Trailers (T)and Signs (S). A complete list must be filed to comply with this 706-A request. Use the form provided or create a comparable substitute to submit your return.
- **Trailers** –Non-excised trailers are to be reported. If excise tax has been paid on any trailer, it need not be reported. **Registered and non-registered trailers that no excise tax was paid must be reported.**
- **Do not include** the following on the asset list: Real estate, taxes, building costs, shipping, or handling costs, etc. Only tangible items of personal property should be listed.
- **Leased Equipment** - If you are in possession of leased equipment (e.g. photocopier, postage machine, forklift) list those items separately. Provide the name of the leasing company and lessor’s contact information (telephone number, email etc.). **Leased equipment will be assessed to the party in possession if we do not have accurate contact information for the party responsible for taxes.**

**Personal Property Tax Relief**

Business owners who pay personal property taxes may be eligible for relief. There are two property tax relief programs that are presently available:

- The Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE) and
- The Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR).

BETE (exempt) assets should not appear on this filing form. Contact our office or the *Maine Revenue Services* for a BETE application. Your BETR (refund) eligible assets will be reported on this form.

Note: BETE eligibility was *expanded in 2018*.

*Visit Maine Revenue Services for more information!*

