

**TOWN OF NEWRY
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE**



**2024
ANNUAL REPORT**

2024 DEDICATION

ELEANOR DAVIS



This year we are dedicating the Town Report to Eleanor Davis.

Eleanor moved to Newry in the late 50's after she married Norman Davis. As a stay at home mom for several years, she babysat numerous town children and was a member of the Newry Mother's Club.

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)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 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 30th End of Fiscal Year @ 3:00PM

Day Before Thanksgiving @ 12:00 PM

Christmas Eve @ 12:00PM

SELECTMEN MEET THE FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY'S

9:00 AM OR 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
2024**

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS
3 YEAR TERMS

GARY WIGHT (Chair) (25)
VIRGIL CONKRIGHT (26)
MANDY BERRY (27)

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
TERRI LITTLEHALE
MARY MCVEY
KAREN REILLY
JOYCE ROMA

DOG OFFICER

ERIC GIROUX

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**
JOELLE COREY, **ASSISTANT CHIEF**
BEN LAIER, **FIRE CAPTAIN**
MEGANNE RADWAY, **SAFETY OFFICER**
LAURA BEGIN-**TRAINING OFFICER**
ASHLEY CONKRIGHT, **SECRETARY**
LAURA CARSON
GARY WIGHT
MARK DUCHART
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT (INACTIVE)

STATE & TOWN FIRE WARDEN

VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT
BRUCE PIERCE

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

JOELLE COREY

PLANNING BOARD
3 YEAR TERMS

TED BAKER (27)
JOHN GAUTHIER (25)
BRUCE PIERCE (26)
ROBERT KATES (25) ALTERNATE
MEREDITH HARROP (25) ALTERNATE

PLANNING BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY

BECKY BEAN

APPEALS BOARD

RICHARD NELSON
WALTER HOFFMAN

SCHOOL BOARD

AMY R. HENLEY (25)
DAVID BARTLETT (26)
MERIDITH HARROP (27)

TRI TOWN SOLID WASTE BOARD

LORETTA POWERS
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

SEXTON

VIRGIL "TINK" 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

2024

Selectmen's Report

Another year has come and gone for the Town of Newry. It was a busy year with several projects getting completed, awards given to dedicated and well-deserving residents of our community and passing new ordinances to improve our town. A new cemetery and nuisance alarm ordinance were passed. We presented two Spirit of America awards: one for 2023 to Don and Sylvia Gray, and 2024 to Charlie Bean for their many years of service to the residents of Newry. In September, State Senator Lisa Keim presented Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater with the Wiggie Robinson Award.

Other projects that were completed were: a new water filtration system added to the town office, all buildings received updated LED lighting and a generator at Sunday River Fire Station including a roof. We did lots of work on our roads to fix them due to the previous flood damage from December 2023. We hope to have all completed this coming summer. Some of this should be covered by FEMA money. The town collected over \$82,000 in Tree Growth Penalty and Removal fees.

We had 283 votes in the November Election. We have formed a committee to update our Comprehensive Plan.

At this time, I would like to thank all the hard-working staff of the Town Office for their dedication and knowledge in your service to the residents and taxpayers of Newry. To the Planning Board I want to express gratitude to your endless efforts to keep up with our community. To our School Board members, thanks for all that you do it is greatly appreciated. The Fire Department does not have the members that it really needs but what we do have are some of the best. Your commitment, relentless dedication and service is first rate, thank you.

In closing, I would like to thank all the past and present Board members that I have had the pleasure to work and a bigger thank you to the residents of Newry for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. It is with mixed feelings that I'm stepping down.

Gary Wight

Select Board Chair

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
Town of Newry
2024

Hello Newry citizens and property owners.

Report for Calendar Year 2024

There were 55 building permits issued - 27 were for new stick framed and modular or manufactured homes with permit total permit fees equaling \$24,585.80

Newry has been mandated by the State since 2019 to follow the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes. As of April 7, 2025, those codes will now be the 2021 ICC codes.

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

(new) Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems must meet the September 2023 Rules.

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 all structures over 200 sq ft., and one- or two-family dwelling units, including Tiny Homes and Accessory Dwelling Units.
- ❖ Only two unregistered cars are allowed on your property per State law.

Please call the office if you have questions; I would rather be a code education officer than a code enforcement officer.

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

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

2024 Planning Board Report

The Planning Board met nineteen times in calendar year 2024. In the course of these meetings the Board reviewed the applications for one major subdivision, one shoreland zone permit and two site plan reviews.

At Town Meeting in May, 2024, the warrant article to update the Town's Unified Development Review Ordinance, commonly referred to as the UDRO, passed. The UDRO is a living document and it is important to update it on a regular basis to reflect current and anticipated trends occurring within the Town and the surrounding area. Included in the updates were new performance standards covering the following types of developments:

- Wireless Telecommunications Facilities also known as cellular telephone towers,
- Solar Energy Systems also referred to as solar farms and
- Recreational Lodging Facilities.

The Town is fortunate to have a very comprehensive subdivision and site plan review ordinance in the UDRO. Please remember that the Planning Board's responsibility is to review each application brought before it for full compliance with the Town's Ordinances and to conduct these reviews free of any bias or conflict of interest.

As reported in the Planning Board's 2023 report the Town's Select Board is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. This document, last updated in 2005, not only takes an inventory of where the Town is at in the present but more importantly establishes a framework of how to approach the anticipated challenges the Town will be facing in the next ten years in regard to land use and development. Updating the Comprehensive Plan is a Town-wide project and the Planning Board encourages the entire Town to get involved.

Maine has a strong tradition in Home Rule at the town level and this requires participation by all of us calling Newry home. The Planning Board meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM and extends an open invitation to anyone interested in how subdivisions and site plans are reviewed to come to our meetings and see the process of Home Rule at work. Who knows, you might get hooked and pursue an appointment to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Baker
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 02	Joelle Corey		207-393-7705
Newry Fire 03	Benjamin Laier		303-903-6353
Newry Fire 06	Mark Duchart		207-239-0969
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
Newry Fire 11	Laura Carson		484-354-8998
Newry Fire 15	Virgil (Tink) Conkright		207-890-9009 (INACTIVE)
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-350	(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

Incident reports Jan. - Dec. 2024

Newry	12AM-4AM	4AM-8AM	8AM-12PM	12PM-4PM	4PM-8PM	8PM-12AM	
Smoke/Fire Alarms	3	8	12	12	7	13	55
CO Alarm							0
Water Flow Alarms					1		1
Odor investigation			1		1		2
Motor Veh Accidents	1			5			6
Outside Fires				1			1
Wires or Trees Down (elec haz)		1	2	2	1	1	7
Trees in the road		1					1
Locked out of car			1				1
Smoke investigation		1					1
Lightening strike						1	1
Fall/Hiker rescue			1	2			3
Medical asst			1	1			2
Citizen asst			1				1
							82

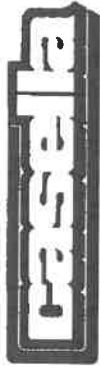
Mutual Aid calls

Bethel	2	1	4	3	2	1	13
Hanover			1				1
Woodstock				1			1
Rumford				1	1		2
Peru			2				2
Grafton		3	1	5	1		10
Riley				2			2
Total by Time of Day	6	15	27	35	14	16	

Grand Total of Calls 113

REPORT OF CLERKS
07-01-2023 TO 06-30-2024

	2023 JULY-JUNE 2024	2022 JULY- JUNE 2023	2021 JULY-JUNE 2022	2020 JULY-JUNE 2021	2019 JULY-JUNE 2020
BIRTHS	2	3	3	0	4
MARRIAGES	1	0	3	1	0
NON RESIDENT MARRIAGES	9	14	10	6	10
DEATHS	3	4	2	2	2
NON RESIDENT DEATHS	1	2	2	2	1
FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES SOLD					
HUNTING	5	6	2	4	2
FISHING	11	8	9	18	16
COMBO	23	27	18	19	21
ARCHERY	1	0	2	1	1
JR LICENSE	0	0	0	1	0
MUZZLELOAD	3	6	3	2	5
BEAR PERMITS	3	1	0	1	1
SPRING/FALL TURKEY	1	1	2	1	3
COYOTE	0	0	1	1	3
APPRENTICE HUNT	0	0	0	0	1
MILITARY	1	0	0	1	2
SMALL GAME	0	0	0	0	0
SUPERPACK	0	0	0	0	0
NON RESIDENT					
FISHING	4	2	0	0	1
HUNTING	3	0	1	1	1
COMBO	1	0	0	0	0
JR LICENSE	0	0	0	0	0
1 DAY FISH	3	0	1	0	1
3 DAY FISH	4	0	0	0	0
7 DAY FISH	0	0	1	0	1
BOATS, ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES					
RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE	33	43	34	46	42
NON RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE	9	39	19	19	22
NON RESIDENT 3/10 SNOWMO	3	2	0	0	1
ATV	16	34	27	33	29
NON RESIDENT ATV	6	1	3	0	4
BOATS WITH MILFOIL	45	47	26	34	39
DOG LICENSES					
DOGS	71	74	67	69	76
KENNELS	3	3	4	4	4
VOTERS					
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	353	341	336	342	356
REPUBLICAN	101	100	104	108	115
DEMOCRATIC	108	108	115	119	119
UNENROLLED	130	121	105	104	105
GREEN INDEPENDENT	13	11	12	11	17
LIBERTARIAN	0	1			



ESTABLISHED 1975

Town of Bethel

2024 - Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)

Contacts: Andy Jones - Phone: (207) 303-2369
Talya Bent - Phone: (603) 327-9098

Date: 1/28/2025



Month	Municipal Solid Waste (Commercial)	Municipal Solid Waste (Transfer Station)	Oversized Bulky Waste/Construction Debris (Transfer Station)	Zero-Sort Recycling (Transfer Station)	Recycled Metal	Total Tons Collected
January	291.74	59.02	87.23	19.84	11.27	469.10
February	252.49	58.58	64.59	10.46	0.00	386.12
March	259.73	48.31	60.27	9.70	8.15	386.16
April	204.23	56.27	138.70	9.59	13.87	422.66
May	170.32	57.42	152.80	10.60	18.89	410.03
June	157.21	48.39	142.68	15.24	14.65	378.17
July	217.68	54.54	144.65	14.94	15.95	447.76
August	215.14	55.88	165.79	15.81	13.40	466.02
September	180.60	63.88	129.44	9.51	15.81	399.24
October	189.73	62.04	172.06	18.63	24.32	466.78
November	168.89	46.98	124.47	10.01	6.31	356.66
December	215.46	52.19	103.11	20.10	6.69	397.55
Total Tons	2,523.22	663.50	1,485.79	164.43	149.31	4,986.25

Month	MSW (Com) Hauls	MSW (TS) Hauls	CD Hauls	Recycling Hauls	Metal Hauls	Total Hauls
January	31	6	11	4	2	54
February	28	5	9	2	0	44
March	27	4	8	2	1	42
April	26	5	18	2	2	53
May	22	5	19	2	3	51
June	20	4	18	3	2	47
July	23	4	18	3	2	50
August	22	4	21	3	2	52
September	22	5	17	2	2	48

October	25	5	23	4	3	60
November	25	4	17	2	1	49
December	25	5	12	4	1	47
Total Tons	296	56	191	33	21	597

Mail To:

Town of Bethel
 PO Box 1660
 Bethel, ME 04217-1660
 Attn: Amy Hanscom, Finance Officer
finance@bethelmaine.org

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

Sheriff Christopher R. Wainwright



Chief Deputy James Urquhart

Major Dana Thompson

Annual Town Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my seventh year as sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our Western Maine communities. At the heart of our success is the incredible team of professionals who dedicate themselves daily to keeping our county safe. From our deputies and corrections officers to school resource officers and civil personnel, each individual plays a vital role in fostering trust, providing support, and ensuring the well-being of all residents.

In 2024, our office responded to over 12,000 calls for service, a number that continues to grow both in volume and complexity. More and more, deputies are addressing calls involving mental health concerns—a trend that has steadily increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. This underscores the pressing need for greater funding for sheriff's departments across the state, ensuring we can connect individuals in crisis with the treatment and support they deserve.

We remain committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by partnering with organizations like the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. Through programs such as Project Save ME, our deputies connect eligible individuals struggling with substance use disorder to recovery coaches, advocates, and treatment services to support their path to recovery.

This year, we added a full-time school resource officer to serve RSU 10. Funded through a Department of Education grant, this position strengthens our ability to build stronger connections with schools, and students, and deliver the proactive support needed to foster safe and positive learning environments.

Since 2018, we've made significant strides in improving the Oxford County Jail, beginning with the priority of restoring it to a full-service operation. This was essential not only to enhance services but also to save taxpayer money. Over time, we've continued to invest in the facility's infrastructure to ensure it meets the evolving needs of our community.

In 2024, the inmate population grew from 43 at the beginning of the year to 88 by January 2025, with a peak of 96 inmates on some days. Throughout the year, we processed 1,683 new bookings and admissions. For most of the year, operations were temporarily relocated to the courthouse holding area while upgrades were made to the facility. A key accomplishment was the replacement of the jail's original HVAC system, funded primarily through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to the work we will continue to accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-743-9554 and follow us on Facebook at: Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Oxford County Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriffs Office

Town Of Newry Calls for Service 2024



<u>Offense</u>	
911 hangup call	130
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Alarm	59
Ambulance or Medical Assist	6
Animal Problem	4
Assault, Simple	1
ATV Problem	1
Burglary, Resident, UnlawfEnt	1
Citizen Dispute	5
Custodial Interference	1
Citizen Assist	2
Criminal Mischief	3
Disabled Vehicle	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic Incident	2
Detail	10
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1
Fish and Game Offense	1
Fraud	2
Intoxicated Person	1
LPR	2
Misdialed Number to 911	11
Missing Person	1
Mental Subject	1
Noise Problem	3
Operating After Suspension	1
Parking Problem	1
Property Damage, Non-vandalism	3
Peace Officer	1
Protection From Abuse Order	1
Property Watch	1
Request Call	9
Request Officer	3
Suicidal Person/Welfare Check	1
Suspicion	10
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	25
Traffic Accident, Pers Injury	4
Threatening	1
Traffic Offense	1
Theft, Property, Other	9
Trespassing	2
Welfare Check	4
Weapons Offense	1



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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

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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LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

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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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

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SUBCOMMITTEE
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NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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.

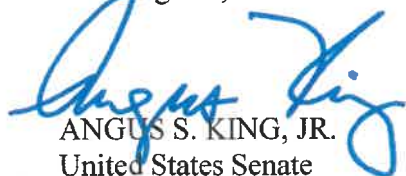
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. 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,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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Committee on Armed Services
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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 and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across

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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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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

*Senate of
Maine
Senate District 19*

Senator Joseph Martin
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is truly an honor to represent the communities of western Maine; and I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf.

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on Dec. 4, 2024, when we were sworn in by Gov. Janet Mills. It was a ceremonial day steeped in tradition and attended by the families and friends of incoming members.

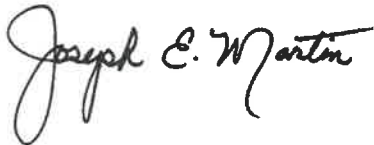
Throughout my campaign, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others.

As your State Senator, I promise to advocate for commonsense solutions to these problems. Additionally, the 132nd Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding our anticipated budget gap and setting our spending priorities for the next biennium. However, I believe there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work collaboratively.

Throughout my term, I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government. Your input will greatly help me to represent your interests and those of the community in the best possible way.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joseph Martin
State Senator



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February 2025

Town of Newry
422 Bear River Rd.
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Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank the residents of Newry for the opportunity to serve as your State Legislator for a second term. It is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to getting to work as the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature convenes.

I am honored to share with you that I have once again been assigned to serve on two important committees in the Maine State Legislature: the Labor Committee and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. These roles give me a unique opportunity to advocate for both the hardworking people of Maine and the preservation of our natural resources. As a strong proponent of protecting Mainers quality of life, I will continue my work to address PFAS contamination, pushing for stronger action to clean up these harmful chemicals and protect our communities. At the same time, I remain committed to supporting policies that create good-paying jobs and protect workers' rights. I look forward to bringing a balanced, thoughtful approach to these committees as we work towards practical solutions for both our economy and environment.

There is a great deal of work ahead this legislative session for the people of Maine, and I am committed to working tirelessly on their behalf. I believe it is critical to protect the fundamental rights of families and individuals. We must safeguard parental rights, ensuring that parents remain the primary decision makers in their children's education and upbringing. Additionally, I will stand firm in defending the Second Amendment, protecting the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms. Finally, I am committed to fighting for lower energy costs by supporting policies that foster innovation and reduce burdensome regulations, helping families in Maine keep more of their hard-earned money.

Please know that your questions, comments, and concerns are of great importance to me. I can be reached at (207) 400-7233 or via email at Michael.Soboleski@legislature.maine.gov.

Again, thank you for trusting me to serve you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Soboleski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael A. Soboleski
State Representative



April 23, 2025

Selectboard
Town of Newry
Newry, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Newry and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Newry as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office upon completion of the audit.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 2,180,989	\$ 2,180,989	\$ 2,180,989	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	5,396,185	5,396,185	5,461,510	65,325
Excise taxes	175,000	175,000	159,922	(15,078)
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	29,599	29,599	30,344	745
Homestead exemption	14,374	14,374	15,741	1,367
Local road assistance	-	-	14,596	14,596
Tree growth	-	-	67,670	67,670
Business equipment tax exemption	222,574	222,574	222,608	34
Other	140	140	96,060	95,920
Interest income	7,500	7,500	43,411	35,911
Interest on taxes/lien costs	36,000	36,000	9,610	(26,390)
Charges for services	19,950	19,950	59,924	39,974
Other revenues	9,000	9,000	27,052	18,052
Sale of property	-	-	142,500	142,500
Amounts Available for Appropriation	8,091,311	8,091,311	8,531,937	440,626
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	611,171	630,892	613,035	17,857
Public safety	146,962	146,962	104,697	42,265
Public works	504,909	504,909	584,473	(79,564)
Education	3,568,741	3,568,741	3,568,741	-
County tax	637,659	637,659	634,391	3,268
Health and sanitation	221,500	221,500	232,365	(10,865)
Unclassified	68,058	75,258	20,426	54,832
Capital outlay	4,000	4,000	3,945	55
Transfers to other funds	200,000	589,690	589,690	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	5,963,000	6,379,611	6,351,763	27,848
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 2,128,311	\$ 1,711,700	\$ 2,180,174	\$ 468,474
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 52,678	\$ 469,289	\$ -	\$ (469,289)

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,459,888	\$ 28,199	\$ 2,488,087
Investments	531,870	-	531,870
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	60,832	-	60,832
Liens	48,692	-	48,692
Other	95,968	-	95,968
Tax acquired	6,874	-	6,874
Due from other funds	18,000	878,525	896,525
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,222,124	\$ 906,724	\$ 4,128,848
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 78,665	\$ -	\$ 78,665
Other liabilities	15,982	-	15,982
Due to other funds	878,525	18,000	896,525
TOTAL LIABILITIES	973,172	18,000	991,172
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	5,564	-	5,564
Deferred revenue	-	14,904	14,904
Deferred tax revenue	63,214	-	63,214
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	68,778	14,904	83,682
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	6,874	-	6,874
Restricted	-	16,707	16,707
Committed	-	845,245	845,245
Assigned	1,658	11,868	13,526
Unassigned	2,171,642	-	2,171,642
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,180,174	873,820	3,053,994
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,222,124	\$ 906,724	\$ 4,128,848

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 5,461,510	\$ -	\$ 5,461,510
Excise taxes	159,922	-	159,922
Intergovernmental	447,019	24,141	471,160
Interest income	43,411	-	43,411
Charges for services	59,924	-	59,924
Other	36,662	300	36,962
TOTAL REVENUES	6,208,448	24,441	6,232,889
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	613,035	-	613,035
Public safety	104,697	-	104,697
Public works	584,473	-	584,473
Education	3,568,741	-	3,568,741
County tax	634,391	-	634,391
Health and sanitation	232,365	-	232,365
Unclassified	20,426	66,631	87,057
Capital outlay	3,945	-	3,945
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,762,073	66,631	5,828,704
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	446,375	(42,190)	404,185
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	589,690	589,690
Transfers (out)	(589,690)	-	(589,690)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(589,690)	589,690	-
SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS			
Sale of property	142,500	-	142,500
TOTAL SPECIAL OR EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	142,500	-	142,500
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(815)	547,500	546,685
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	2,180,989	363,624	2,544,613
FUND BALANCE CORRECTION	-	(37,304)	(37,304)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	2,180,989	326,320	2,507,309
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,180,174	\$ 873,820	\$ 3,053,994

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 373,485	\$ -	\$ 373,485	\$ 364,912	\$ 8,573
Town assessor	13,000	-	13,000	13,000	-
Third party requests	30,736	19,721	50,457	52,646	(2,189)
Municipal building improvements	40,300	-	40,300	37,863	2,437
Grange hall maintenance	13,100	-	13,100	9,345	3,755
Insurance	120,200	-	120,200	114,652	5,548
Boards/committees	20,350	-	20,350	20,617	(267)
	611,171	19,721	630,892	613,035	17,857
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire department	128,547	-	128,547	86,665	41,882
Street lights	1,200	-	1,200	934	266
Ambulance services	17,215	-	17,215	16,376	839
Animal control	-	-	-	722	(722)
	146,962	-	146,962	104,697	42,265
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highways and bridges	504,909	-	504,909	584,473	(79,564)
	504,909	-	504,909	584,473	(79,564)
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Sunday River school house	4,000	-	4,000	3,551	449
Other	-	-	-	394	(394)
	4,000	-	4,000	3,945	55

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
EDUCATION					
RSU #44	3,568,741	-	3,568,741	3,568,741	-
	3,568,741	-	3,568,741	3,568,741	-
COUNTY TAX	637,659	-	637,659	634,391	3,268
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Transfer station	221,500	-	221,500	232,365	(10,865)
	221,500	-	221,500	232,365	(10,865)
UNCLASSIFIED					
Tax maps	5,000	-	5,000	5,100	(100)
Contingency	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
Overlay	54,558	-	54,558	3,852	50,706
Recreation	-	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,000
Forest fire	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Newry Community Church operations	1,500	-	1,500	244	1,256
Cemeteries	-	4,700	4,700	4,730	(30)
	68,058	7,200	75,258	20,426	54,832
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
Capital projects funds	200,000	389,690	589,690	589,690	-
	200,000	389,690	589,690	589,690	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 5,963,000	\$ 416,611	\$ 6,379,611	\$ 6,351,763	\$ 27,848

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,199	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,199
Due from other funds	21,801	855,812	912	878,525
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 855,812</u>	<u>\$ 912</u>	<u>\$ 906,724</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>18,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,000</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	14,904	-	-	14,904
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OR RESOURCES	<u>14,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,904</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	15,795	-	912	16,707
Committed	-	845,245	-	845,245
Assigned	1,301	10,567	-	11,868
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>17,096</u>	<u>855,812</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>873,820</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 855,812</u>	<u>\$ 912</u>	<u>\$ 906,724</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 24,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,141
Other income	-	300	-	300
TOTAL REVENUES	24,141	300	-	24,441
EXPENDITURES				
Other	26,639	39,992	-	66,631
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,639	39,992	-	66,631
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,498)	(39,692)	-	(42,190)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	589,690	-	589,690
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	589,690	-	589,690
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,498)	549,998	-	547,500
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	56,898	305,814	912	363,624
FUND BALANCE CORRECTION	(37,304)	-	-	(37,304)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	19,594	305,814	912	326,320
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 17,096	\$ 855,812	\$ 912	\$ 873,820

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Outstanding Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2024, Show Interest

As of: 06/30/2024

Acct	Name -----		Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
* 1242 L	48 VIKING VILLAGE, LLC	2024	5,641.67	-4.70	5,646.37
* 3264 L	AHERN III, CHARLES F	2024	1,560.47	-0.32	1,560.79
* 581 L	BARKER BROOK INVESTMENT GROUP	2024	621.43	0.00	621.43
* 582 L	BARKER BROOK INVESTMENT GROUP	2024	697.27	0.00	697.27
* 1592 L	BLISTER TWO, LLC	2024	67.72	0.00	67.72
12 L	BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2024	143.33	-0.07	143.40
106 L	BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2024	113.29	-0.05	113.34
40 L	BROWN, ROBERT A -ESTATE	2024	327.15	-0.23	327.38
* 1611 L	CHEEVER, THOMAS E	2024	1,869.96	0.00	1,869.96
* 873 L	CHRISTENSEN, JESSE T	2024	460.56	-0.17	460.73
* 1731 L	CORRIVEAU, FREEMAN F	2024	530.63	0.00	530.63
* 1280 L	DEJESUS, DION	2024	819.23	0.00	819.23
* 1149 L	DINIZIO, PATRICIA A - ESTATE	2024	738.55	0.00	738.55
1340 L	DOHERTY, ANDREA L	2024	460.44	-0.34	460.78
* 3461 L	EDELSTEIN, ROBERT A	2024	8,488.09	0.00	8,488.09
* 1139 L	JOHNMOSH LLC	2024	3,164.75	0.00	3,164.75
3542 L	JONAITIS, LOUISE	2024	2,253.65	-1.85	2,255.50
1237 L	KENNEALLY, MATTHEW R	2024	2,137.89	0.00	2,137.89
1557 L	KNIGHT, PAUL C.	2024	2,322.43	-1.90	2,324.33
* 1107 L	MEALEY, MARTIN J	2024	1,727.02	-1.43	1,728.45
* 3265 L	PER ARDUA SURGO CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LLC	2024	346.60	-0.06	346.66
* 3350 L	PER ARDUA SURGO CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LLC	2024	360.46	-0.06	360.52
* 3419 L	PER ARDUA SURGO CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LLC	2024	237.87	-0.04	237.91
* 1855 L	ROBERTS, JEFFREY W. TRUSTEE	2024	5,198.19	0.00	5,198.19
* 1010 L	SLOPESIDE RENTALS LLC	2024	1,520.16	0.00	1,520.16
* 1846 L	UELTSCHI, ANNE L, TRUSTEE	2024	5,027.78	0.00	5,027.78
* 1248 L	WILLIAM J BLACKADAR TRUST	2024	1,590.86	0.00	1,590.86
Total for 27 Bills:		27 Accounts	48,427.45	-11.22	48,438.67

Lien Summary

2024-1	27	48,438.67
Total	27	48,438.67

***Paid as of 1/14/2025**

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

May 13, 2025

6:00PM

Bear River Grange Hall

71 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 46 as set out below, to wit:

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

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Salaries. Rec. Pass \$424,203

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service. Rec. Pass \$19,575

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessors Expense. Rec. Pass \$14,500

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Cemetery. Rec. Pass \$7,500

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Committees and Boards. Rec. Pass \$39,450

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 \$4,400

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

Rec. Pass

FY-2026 ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
AGE FRIENDLY	\$500.00
RED CROSS	\$875.00
ANDRO HOME	\$250.00
BETHEL LIBRARY	\$6,000.00
BETHEL CHAMBER	\$475.00
BETHEL HISTORICAL	\$2,000.00
CANCER RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN MAINE	\$500.00
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$700.00
FLAGS FOR SOLDIERS	\$500.00
PROJECT GRAD	\$500.00
SR. PLUS	\$750.00
TOWN GRADUATES – no grads -	\$0
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
Total	\$24,361.00

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 see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Officers to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2025-2026

Rec. Pass \$2,000

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Grange Hall Maintenance.

Rec. Pass \$13,000

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

Rec. Pass \$839,429

Article 13. 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 \$134,700

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of the Municipal Building.

Rec. Pass \$34,800

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Operation and Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Rec. Pass \$197,564

Article 16. 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 17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Rec. Pass \$1,000

Article 18. 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 19. 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 20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sunday River School House Account.

Rec. Pass \$4,000

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Rec. Pass \$75,000

Article 22. 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 23. 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 24. 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to fund the following capital reserve account with undesignated reserve funds:

Fire Department Reserve Account: \$100,000 Rec. Pass

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Sunday River Hazard Mitigation.

Rec. Pass \$70,000

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 what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for scales at the Transfer Station.

Rec. Pass \$50,000

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the updated Tri Town Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement between the Towns of Bethel, Hanover and Newry?

Rec. Pass

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to use undesignated funds for Personal Property that is uncollectable from the years 2010 to 2020.

Rec. Pass

Keith Durgin d/b/a Bear River Excavating \$25,689.96
PNC Equipment Finance \$48,511.56

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise & appropriate for Town Revaluation Reserve Account.

Rec. Pass \$50,000

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to use funds from the Town Buildings Capital Account.

Rec. Pass.

Town Office \$27,140
Bear River Fire Station \$32,941

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to use the overlay for abatements on taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 36. 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 7.50% on taxes not paid before September 30th and March 31st (2 installment payments)

Rec. Pass

Article 37. 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 38. 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 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 from undesignated funds to offset taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 42. Shall an ordinance entitled "Address Ordinance Town of Newry" be repealed and an ordinance entitled "Addressing Ordinance for the Town of Newry" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 43. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Newry Vacation Rental Registration Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 44. Shall an ordinance entitled "Amendments to Land Use and Building Code Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 45. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Newry Town Road Entrance Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 46. Shall an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Unified Development Review Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass



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 22 day of April 2025 A.D.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Wight


Virgil Conkright


Mandy Berry

Municipal Officers of Newry

A true copy of the warrant,
Attest:


Loretta Powers, Town Clerk
Newry, Maine

Property Schedule Form 706-A
Town of Newry, Maine
Due May 22, 2025

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 22, 2025 with the Town Office. To *mail* filings, send to: Town of Newry 422 Bear River Rd Newry, ME 04261. **Electronic filings are also accepted**, send your completed return by email 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. See our website for a sample filing form.
- **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!

706-A Capital Asset List-Schedule of Business Equipment

Use this form or a comparable substitute to submit your list of assets by May 22, 2025

[illegible]

Filer Signature: _____

Preparer Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Email:

***Attach additional pages as necessary.**