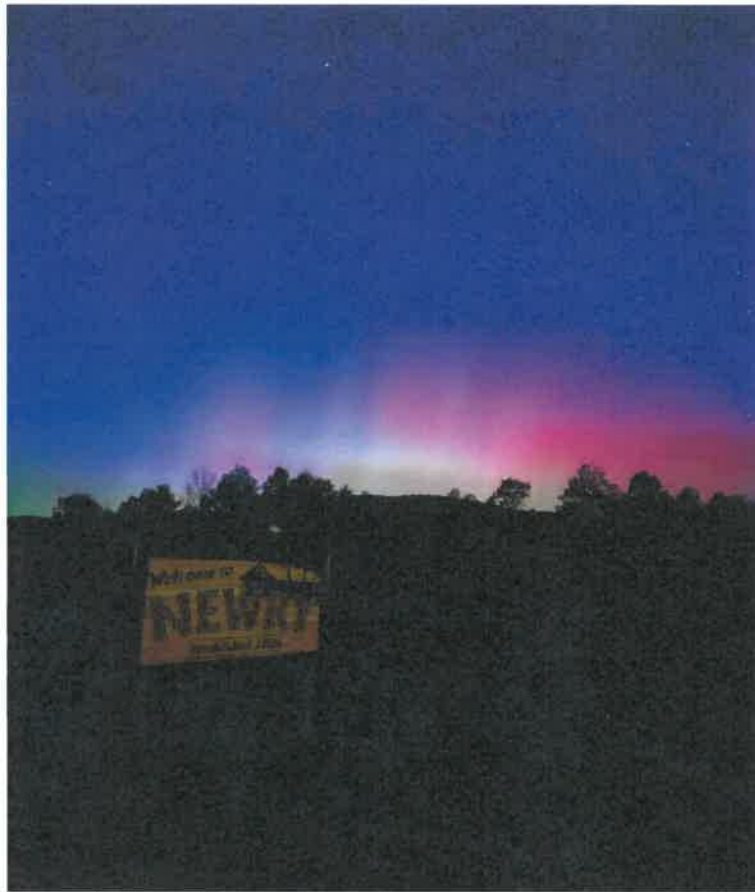


TOWN OF NEWRY OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 DEDICATION CHARLIE BEAN



This year we are dedicating the Town Report to Charlie Bean. Charlie mowed the town cemeteries for many years and made sure they were always looking their best. He also served on the Cemetery Committee. He will be remembered for many things including his Gem shop as well as visiting and giving the girls at the Town Office a hard time.

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

SELECT BOARD MEETS 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

5:30PM

APPEALS BOARD TO BE DETERMINED

CEMETERY COMMITTEE TO BE DETERMINED

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
2025**

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS
3 YEAR TERMS

VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT (Chair) (26)
MANDY BERRY (27)
DAVID BARTLETT (28)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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

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
MARJORIE OSGOOD

DOG OFFICER

ERIC GIROUX

HEALTH OFFICER

JOELLE COREY

CEO, DEPUTY ROAD COMMISSIONER & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

JOELLE COREY

ROAD COMMITTEE

ALAN FLEET
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

ALAN FLEET, CHIEF
JOELLE COREY, ASSISTANT CHIEF
BEN LAIER, FIRE CAPTAIN
LAURA BEGIN-TRAINING OFFICER
ASHLEY CONKRIGHT, SECRETARY

STATE & TOWN FIRE WARDEN

BRUCE PIERCE

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

JOELLE COREY

PLANNING BOARD
3 YEAR TERMS

TED BAKER (Chair) (27)
CINDI WIGHT (28)
HEIDI MAROTTA (26)
MEREDITH HARROP (26) ALTERNATE
VACANT (26) ALTERNATE

PLANNING BOARD RECORDING SECRETERY

BECKY BEAN

APPEALS BOARD

RICHARD NELSON
WALTER HOFFMANN
DAVID BERRY

SCHOOL BOARD

JARRETT CONNORS (26)
MERIDITH HARROP (27)
AMY R. HENLEY (28)

TRI TOWN SOLID WASTE BOARD

LORETTA POWERS
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

SEXTON

VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

ROBERT LOWELL
VIRGIL "TINK" CONKRIGHT

SUNDAY RIVER SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE

BAMBI BAKER
JILL KENNEY
DARNITA TAYLOR

AUDITOR

RHR SMITH & CO.
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THE COMPLETE AUDIT MAY BE VIEWED AT THE TOWN OFFICE

2025

Select Board Report

Many things happened in 2025 in the Town of Newry.

An interlocal agreement was signed for Solid Waste. New transfer station passes were implemented that require license plate numbers and now have an expiration date.

An engineer was hired for hazard mitigation of Sunday River.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee started working with AVCOG to update the Comprehensive Plan which was last done in 2005. The committee sent out a survey to all residents and property owners for feedback.

Paving was completed on roads from the December 2023 storm and the loan was paid back to cover the repairs as FEMA money was received.

There were 56 voters present at Town Meeting in May with the Vacation Rental Ordinance turned down by a vote of 15-40.

Gary Wight did not seek reelection for Select Board in June and David Bartlett was elected for the 3-year term.

New chairs were purchased for the Grange Hall with the old wooden chairs that were made at Paris Manufacturing being sold.

Cemetery repairs began at the Head of the Tide Cemetery. Money will be budgeted yearly to continue repairs and clean the headstones.

The town audit was successfully completed.

Virgil "Tink" Conkright

Select Board Chair

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
Town of Newry
2025

Hello Newry citizens and property owners.

Building was still strong for 2024/2025. The larger subdivisions in Town had a lot of activity with new single-family homes, and renovations and additions. The Accessory Dwelling Unit law that went into effect in 2023 isn't having a large impact on our Town. As I write this there are several pieces of legislation going through committee in Augusta that may impact some of Newry's Growth Districts.

Now the official business.

There were 46 building permits issued - 16 were for new single-family homes with permit total permit fees equaling \$22,324.69

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 2021 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, and ADUs.
- ❖ 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
Oxford Code enforcement officer and
Local plumbing inspector #1145

2026 Planning Board Report

Since our last report, your Planning Board has focused on a major modernization of the Unified Development Review Ordinance (UDRO). Originally adopted in 1992, the UDRO has grown "cluttered" over ten subsequent amendments. Our proposed update, UDRO-2026, streamlines the document to make it more user-friendly for residents and developers alike.

Beyond organization, this update is essential to bring our town into compliance with new Maine State laws (LD 427, 997, and 1829). These laws introduce new flexibility for residential housing in commercial zones and set new statewide standards for parking and housing density. We have also taken this opportunity to strengthen our local standards for fire lanes and emergency vehicle access to ensure community safety.

The Planning Board urges your support for the UDRO warrant article this year. We invite you to join us at our meetings—held at 6:00 PM on the first and third Wednesday of every month—to see the vital process of "Home Rule" in action.

For detailed information on the new state requirements, please visit the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments at <https://www.avcog.org>.

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. 0

ROSTER		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		
Newry Fire 07	Laura Begin		
Newry Fire 08	Meganne Radway		
Newry Fire 10	Gary Wight		
Newry Fire 11	Laura Carson		
Newry Fire 14	Ben Croteau		
Newry Fire 17	Ashley Conkright		
Newry Fire 20	Yuma Croteau (Jr FF)		
Newry Fire 22	Zion Croteau (Explorer FF)		

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

Incident reports Jan. - Dec. 2025

Newry	12AM-4AM	4AM-8AM	8AM-12PM	12PM-4PM	4PM-8PM	8PM-12AM	
Smoke/Fire Alarms	1	10	10	6	21	12	60
CO Alarm	2		2	2	4	2	12
Water Flow Alarms	2			5	2	2	11
Odor investigation				1	1		2
Motor Veh Accidents	2	2	4	7	5	2	22
Outside Fires			3	2	3		8
Wires or Trees Down (elec haz)		1	1	4	2	3	11
Trees in the road						1	1
Locked out of car							0
Smoke investigation					1		1
Lightening strike							0
Fal/Hiker rescue		1		3	2		6
Medical asst			1	1		3	5
Citizen asst				1	1		2
Structure Fire				2		1	3
							144

Mutual Aid calls

Bethel		1	4	5	9	4	23
Hanover					1	1	2
Woodstock							0
Rumford							0
Peru			1				1
Grafton		1	2	6	5	3	17
Riley	1		1	2	1	1	6
Total by Time of Day	8	16	29	47	58	35	

Grand Total of Calls 170

**REPORT OF CLERKS
07-01-2024 TO 06-30-2025**

	2024 JULY-JUNE 2025	2023 JULY- JUNE 2024	2022 JULY-JUNE 2023	2021 JULY-JUNE 2022	2020 JULY-JUNE 2021
BIRTHS	0	2	3	3	0
MARRIAGES	0	1	0	3	1
NON RESIDENT MARRIAGES	7	9	14	10	6
DEATHS	5	3	4	2	2
NON RESIDENT DEATHS	2	1	2	2	0
FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES SOLD					
HUNTING	5	5	6	2	4
FISHING	10	11	8	9	18
COMBO	20	23	27	18	19
ARCHERY	1	1	0	2	1
JR LICENSE	1	0	0	0	1
MUZZLELOAD	8	3	6	3	2
BEAR PERMITS	4	3	1	0	1
SPRING/FALL TURKEY	3	1	1	2	1
COYOTE	0	0	0	1	1
MILITARY	0	1	0	0	1
NON RESIDENT					
FISHING	4	4	2	0	0
HUNTING	1	3	0	1	1
COMBO	3	1	0	0	0
JR LICENSE	0	0	0	0	0
1 DAY FISH	0	3	0	1	0
3 DAY FISH	0	4	0	0	0
7 DAY FISH	0	0	0	1	0
BOATS, ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES					
RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE	44	33	43	34	46
NON RESIDENT SNOWMOBILE	22	9	39	19	19
NON RESIDENT 3/10 SNOWMOBILE	5	3	2	0	0
ATV	49	16	34	27	33
NON RESIDENT ATV	5	6	1	3	0
BOATS WITH MILFOIL	47	45	47	26	34
DOG LICENSES					
DOGS	96	71	74	67	69
KENNELS	3	3	3	4	4
VOTERS					
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	337	353	341	336	342
REPUBLICAN	95	101	100	104	108
DEMOCRATIC	97	108	108	115	119
UNENROLLED	128	130	121	105	104
GREEN INDEPENDENT	14	13	11	12	11
LIBERTARIAN	0	0	1		

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I step into my eighth 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.

As I have mentioned in previous years, our calls to service have continued to increase in volume as well as their complexity. Our patrol division handled over 16,000 calls to service this past year, with more calls regarding mental health concerns since 2020. This speaks to the need for state funding for services for our communities and our sheriffs' offices throughout the state, to keep individuals needing help, and others around them, safe.

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.

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.

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 Sheriffs Office

2025 Call For Service

Newry

Nature of Incident	Incidents		
Abandoned Vehicle	4	Traffic Accident w/ Dam	8
Agency Assistance	6	Peace Officer Detail	3
Burglar Alarm	60	Protection From Abuse O	2
Fire, Smoke, CO, Etc...	1	Traffic Accident, w/ In	7
Animal Problem	6	Plowing Complaint	1
Assault	1	Property Damage, Non Va	7
Attempt to Locate	1	Abnormal Behavior	1
Cardiac or Respiratory	2	Request Call	23
Heart Problem	1	Request Officer	5
Citizen Assist	2	Sex Offense	1
Citizen Dispute	4	Illness	1
Civil Complaint	2	Building Fire	2
Convulsions or Seizures	1	Suspicious Person/Circu	12
Criminal Mischief	3	Theft	1
Detail Stone Garden	3	Auto Theft	1
Detail Traffic	2	Threat	1
Disabled Vehicle	4	Traffic Complaint	7
Disorderly Conduct	1	Traffic Hazard	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1	Traffic Violation	1
TELEPHONE HANG UP CALL	136	Trespassing	2
Fireworks	2	Unknown Problem Person	2
Discarded Items	1	Unwanted Tenant	4
Found Property	3	Criminal Mischief	1
Fraud	5	Passenger Car, Truck, Bus	2
Harassment	2	Vehicle Off Rd	8
Information Report	2	Violation of Papers	1
Accident	21	Welfare Check	3
Lost Property	5	Total Incidents	412
Wrong Number	17		
Missing Person	1		
Disturbance	3		
Service Of Papers	1		



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your governor for the past seven years. We have faced many challenges together, from confronting a global pandemic, to healing from a horrific tragedy in Lewiston, to rebuilding from unprecedented storms that damaged homes and businesses across the state. But we have done so with the strength, courage, and kindness that is at the essence of Maine people, the same community spirit that will sustain us in the years to come.

Our towns and cities are the essence of community and the foundation of our democracy. In my last year as governor, I will push to continue fully funding revenue sharing and public schools so those costs are not added to the property tax bills. We will continue to make record investments in housing to bring down the cost of home ownership. We will continue to deliver tax relief to working people and lift the burden of student debt off the shoulders of younger people to encourage them to stay here, pay taxes here and invest in our state.

I fundamentally believe that our strongest asset is you – the people of Maine – which is why my Administration’s approach has always been, and will always be, to make this state the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses. And my

staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

- **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

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.


I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of 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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Dear Friends,

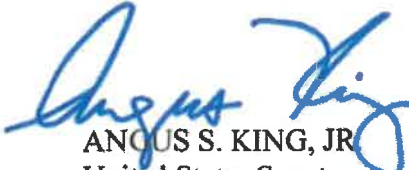
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been our strength, and the past year proved that once again we are stronger when we work together.

However, it is difficult to recall a year more challenging than the one we just experienced – a year that required a steady focus on our founding principles and shared values. For these reasons, I spent hours on the Senate Floor reminding my colleagues—and many of you back home—about the vision our founders demonstrated when they laid the blueprint for the American experiment. A cornerstone in their understanding was a duty to civic engagement and community. I often refer to Maine as a big town with long roads, and in my travels throughout our state, I am reassured by the grassroots participation in our civic process and the neighborly feel that makes Maine unique.

My legislative priorities remain largely the same: supporting Maine veterans, small businesses, and our heritage industries like agriculture, forest products and the marine economy. Additionally, I am grateful to have an exceptional team across Maine ready to assist you with issues involving the federal government. Whether you are facing challenges related to veterans' services, Social Security, the IRS, passports or other matters, I encourage you to reach out to our offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a stronger and more prosperous future for our state and nation. Thank you for being one of the many reasons Maine is such a special place. It is truly an honor to serve you and to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2026.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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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.

I was officially sworn in as your State Senator on December 4, 2024. After ending the First Regular Session in March, the First Special Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature adjourned in July. With 415 bills carried over to the next session—including more than 200 still pending in committees—we have a significant workload ahead when we return for the Second Regular Session in January.

Throughout my campaign for office, 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. I promise to continue working to address these issues.

I'm pleased to report the Legislature passed several critical bills aimed at expanding access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also secured key wins to protect our vital forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

I encourage you to continue to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about state government. Your input greatly helps 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



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Michael Soboleski

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January 2026

House of Representatives District 73

Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank the residents of District 73 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 Second 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".

Michael A. Soboleski
State Representative



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December 15, 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, 2025. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and have been excerpted from the 2025 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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Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 2,175,744	\$ 2,175,744	\$ 2,175,744	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	5,652,325	5,652,325	5,740,957	88,632
Excise taxes	210,600	210,600	142,984	(67,616)
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	28,903	28,903	30,711	1,808
Homestead exemption	8,560	8,560	8,827	267
Local road assistance	14,596	14,596	14,784	188
Tree growth	65,200	65,200	65,202	2
Business equipment tax exemption	232,346	232,346	250,556	18,210
Other	192	192	268	76
Interest income	35,000	35,000	63,641	28,641
Interest on taxes/lien costs	10,000	10,000	13,255	3,255
Charges for services	93,657	93,657	82,432	(11,225)
Other revenues	23,263	23,263	37,175	13,912
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>8,550,386</u>	<u>8,550,386</u>	<u>8,626,536</u>	<u>76,150</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	659,553	659,553	614,410	45,143
Public safety	163,737	163,737	112,568	51,169
Public works	314,000	314,000	269,737	44,263
Education	4,025,401	4,025,401	4,025,401	-
County tax	921,277	921,277	921,277	-
Health and sanitation	259,000	259,000	237,793	21,207
Unclassified	107,130	107,130	6,218	100,912
Capital outlay	4,000	4,000	-	4,000
Transfers to other funds	508,476	508,476	532,576	(24,100)
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>6,962,574</u>	<u>6,962,574</u>	<u>6,719,980</u>	<u>242,594</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 1,587,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,587,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,906,556</u>	<u>\$ 318,744</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 494,500	\$ 494,500	\$ -	\$ (494,500)
Utilization of assigned fund balances	93,432	93,432	-	(93,432)
	<u>\$ 587,932</u>	<u>\$ 587,932</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (587,932)</u>

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

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,908,564	\$ 44,933	\$ 1,953,497
Investments	1,072,177	-	1,072,177
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	62,046	-	62,046
Liens	43,855	-	43,855
Other	309	354,540	354,849
Prepaid items	411	-	411
Due from other funds	288,615	1,092,240	1,380,855
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,375,977	\$ 1,491,713	\$ 4,867,690
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 72,518	\$ -	\$ 72,518
Other liabilities	6,786	-	6,786
Bond anticipation note payable	233,432	-	233,432
Due to other funds	1,092,240	288,615	1,380,855
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,404,976	288,615	1,693,591
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	4,309	-	4,309
Deferred tax revenue	60,136	-	60,136
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	64,445	-	64,445
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	411	-	411
Restricted	-	40,177	40,177
Committed	-	1,045,606	1,045,606
Assigned	-	117,315	117,315
Unassigned	1,906,145	-	1,906,145
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,906,556	1,203,098	3,109,654
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,375,977	\$ 1,491,713	\$ 4,867,690

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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, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 5,740,957	\$ -	\$ 5,740,957
Excise taxes	142,984	-	142,984
Intergovernmental	370,348	23,571	393,919
Interest income	63,641	-	63,641
Charges for services	82,432	-	82,432
Other	50,430	481,608	532,038
TOTAL REVENUES	6,450,792	505,179	6,955,971
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	614,410	-	614,410
Public safety	112,568	-	112,568
Public works	269,737	-	269,737
Education	4,025,401	-	4,025,401
County tax	921,277	-	921,277
Health and sanitation	237,793	-	237,793
Unclassified	6,218	49,116	55,334
Capital outlay	-	670,479	670,479
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,187,404	719,595	6,906,999
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	263,388	(214,416)	48,972
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	532,576	532,576
Transfers (out)	(532,576)	-	(532,576)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(532,576)	532,576	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(269,188)	318,160	48,972
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2,175,744	884,938	3,060,682
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,906,556	\$ 1,203,098	\$ 3,109,654

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 395,709	\$ -	\$ 395,709	\$ 401,101	\$ (5,392)
Town assessor	13,750	-	13,750	13,750	-
Third party requests	43,844	-	43,844	43,319	525
Municipal building improvements	44,300	-	44,300	19,028	25,272
Grange hall maintenance	13,100	-	13,100	4,122	8,978
Insurance	128,200	-	128,200	113,011	15,189
Boards/committees	20,650	-	20,650	20,079	571
	<u>659,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>659,553</u>	<u>614,410</u>	<u>45,143</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire department	141,662	-	141,662	92,887	48,775
Street lights	1,000	-	1,000	922	78
Ambulance services	18,075	-	18,075	17,459	616
Animal control	3,000	-	3,000	1,300	1,700
	<u>163,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,737</u>	<u>112,568</u>	<u>51,169</u>
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highways and bridges	314,000	-	314,000	269,737	44,263
	<u>314,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,000</u>	<u>269,737</u>	<u>44,263</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Sunday River school house	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
EDUCATION					
RSU #44	\$ 4,025,401	-	4,025,401	\$ 4,025,401	-
	<u>4,025,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,025,401</u>	<u>4,025,401</u>	<u>-</u>
COUNTY TAX	921,277	-	921,277	921,277	-
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Transfer station	259,000	-	259,000	237,793	21,207
	<u>259,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,000</u>	<u>237,793</u>	<u>21,207</u>
UNCLASSIFIED					
Tax maps	6,000	-	6,000	-	6,000
Contingency	2,000	-	2,000	100	1,900
Overlay	88,930	-	88,930	1,918	87,012
Recreation	4,200	-	4,200	4,200	-
Cemeteries	6,000	-	6,000	-	6,000
	<u>107,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,130</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>100,912</u>
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
Capital projects funds	508,476	-	508,476	532,576	(24,100)
	<u>508,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>508,476</u>	<u>532,576</u>	<u>(24,100)</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 6,962,574	\$ -	\$ 6,962,574	\$ 6,719,980	\$ 242,594

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF NEWRY, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,933
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	-	354,540	-	354,540
Due from other funds	137,029	954,299	912	1,092,240
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 181,962	\$ 1,308,839	\$ 912	\$ 1,491,713
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 35,949	\$ 252,666	\$ -	\$ 288,615
TOTAL LIABILITIES	35,949	252,666	-	288,615
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	39,265	-	912	40,177
Committed	-	1,045,606	-	1,045,606
Assigned	106,748	10,567	-	117,315
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	146,013	1,056,173	912	1,203,098
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 181,962	\$ 1,308,839	\$ 912	\$ 1,491,713

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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, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 23,571	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,571
Other income	20,852	460,756	-	481,608
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>44,423</u>	<u>460,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>505,179</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	670,479	-	670,479
Other	49,116	-	-	49,116
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>49,116</u>	<u>670,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>719,595</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(4,693)</u>	<u>(209,723)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(214,416)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	122,492	410,084	-	532,576
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>122,492</u>	<u>410,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>532,576</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	117,799	200,361	-	318,160
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>28,214</u>	<u>855,812</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>884,938</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 146,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,173</u>	<u>\$ 912</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,098</u>

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Outstanding Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2025

As of: 06/30/2025

Acct Name -----	Year	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
* 1242 48 VIKING VILLAGE, LLC	2025	6,227.59	0.00	6,227.59
2532 617 DEVELOPMENT LLC	2025	1,169.20	0.00	1,169.20
* 12 BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2024	143.33	0.00	143.33
* 12 BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2025	131.06	0.00	131.06
* 106 BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2024	113.29	0.00	113.29
* 106 BROWN, ROBERT - ESTATE	2025	106.78	0.00	106.78
* 40 BROWN, ROBERT A -ESTATE	2024	327.15	0.00	327.15
* 40 BROWN, ROBERT A -ESTATE	2025	248.02	0.00	248.02
* 2486 BULLOCK, BETSY V	2025	3,712.85	0.00	3,712.85
* 1340 DOHERTY, ANDREA L	2024	460.44	0.00	460.44
* 1340 DOHERTY, ANDREA L	2025	1,001.68	0.00	1,001.68
* 962 JENNINGS LIVING TRUST	2025	933.36	883.72	49.64
* 3542 JONAITIS, LOUISE	2024	2,253.65	0.00	2,253.65
* 3542 JONAITIS, LOUISE	2025	1,773.28	0.00	1,773.28
* 1237 KENNEALLY, MATTHEW R	2024	2,137.89	885.50	1,252.39
1237 KENNEALLY, MATTHEW R	2025	2,316.17	0.00	2,316.17
* 1557 KNIGHT, PAUL C.	2024	2,322.43	0.00	2,322.43
* 1557 KNIGHT, PAUL C.	2025	2,326.36	0.00	2,326.36
* 1680 LAWLOR, BENJAMIN	2025	6,138.47	0.00	6,138.47
* 3329 LOCKE SUMMIT ESTATES, LLC	2025	151.18	0.00	151.18
* 3342 LOCKE SUMMIT ESTATES, LLC	2025	129.11	0.00	129.11
* 2364 MAINE MOUNTAIN HOMES LLC	2025	579.90	0.00	579.90
3232 MAJOREK, NATHALIE	2025	927.19	0.00	927.19
727 NELSON, RICHARD H	2025	595.90	0.00	595.90
* 1393 OLIVERIO, ROBERT	2025	593.14	0.00	593.14
* 1871 PIGNOLET, DAVID	2025	7,038.06	0.00	7,038.06
* 979 ROSE MOUNTAIN LLC	2025	1,559.21	0.00	1,559.21
* 1874 ROSE MOUNTAIN, LLC	2025	592.59	0.00	592.59
* 1144 SEVERANCE, DAVID S	2025	366.92	0.00	366.92
* 946 WEISS, JONATHAN S	2025	1,010.81	0.00	1,010.81
* 1351 WHITTIER, MICHAEL M - TRUSTEE	2025	1,692.10	0.00	1,692.10
Total for 31 Bills:	24 Accounts	49,079.11	1,769.22	47,309.89

Lien Summary

2024-1	7	6,872.68
2025-1	24	40,437.21
Total	31	47,309.89

***Paid as of 3/17/2026**

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

May 12, 2026

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 43 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 \$556,905

(FY26: \$424,203)

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service. Rec. Pass \$24,075

(FY26: \$19,575)

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessors Expense. Rec. Pass \$15,250

(FY26: \$14,500)

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Cemetery. Rec. Pass \$14,920

(FY26: \$7,500)

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

(FY26: \$39,450)

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Assistance.

Rec. Pass

ORGANIZATION	FY-2026	FY-2027
AGE FRIENDLY	\$500.00	\$500.00
RED CROSS	\$875.00	\$875.00
ANDRO HOME	\$250.00	\$250.00
BETHEL LIBRARY	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
BETHEL CHAMBER	\$475.00	0
BETHEL HISTORICAL	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
CANCER RESOURCE CENTER	\$500.00	\$500.00
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$700.00	\$700.00
FLAGS FOR SOLDIERS	\$500.00	\$500.00
PROJECT GRAD	\$500.00	\$500.00
SENIOR PLUS	\$750.00	\$750.00
TOWN GRADUATES	\$0	\$2,000.00
WCBB-MPBN local PBS	\$300.00	\$450.00
WINDY VALLEY	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
HARVEST HILLS	\$411.00	\$411.00
LIFE FLIGHT	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
BETHEL FOOD PANTRY	\$1,600.00	\$800.00
MAHOOSUC KIDS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
BETHEL RECREATION	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
HAILEY'S HUGS	\$0	\$100.00
SAFE VOICES	\$0	\$500.00
Total	\$28,761.00	\$28,236.00

Article 8. 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 \$13,683.89

(FY26: \$ 14,857.74)

Article 9. 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 2026-2027

Rec. Pass \$2,000

(FY26: \$2,000)

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Grange Hall Maintenance.

Rec. Pass \$13,500

(FY26: \$13,000)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to move three (3) Special Revenue accounts to the Capital Projects Road Reserve account.

Scholarship account	\$1,301.00		
Canopy Grant	\$70.83		
Town Celebrations	\$1,658.00	Total \$3,029.83	Rec. Pass

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to use Capital Projects Reserve accounts to offset the paving projects.

Simonds Brook Reserve	\$976.49		
FEMA	\$101,874.24	Total \$102,850.73	Rec. Pass

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

Rec. Pass \$830,278

(FY26: \$839,429)

Article 14. 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 \$148,119

(FY26: \$134,700)

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

Rec. Pass \$32,000

(FY26: \$34,800)

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Operation and Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Rec. Pass \$190,200

(FY26: \$197,564)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to continue having MSW for all dumpsters and curbside pickup located in the Town of Newry.

Rec. Not Pass \$136,000

In prior years this was always included in the Solid Waste Contract

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 \$250,000

(FY26: \$259,000) included MSW dumpsters & curbside

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

(FY26: \$ 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

(FY26: \$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 \$2,500

(FY26: \$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 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 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 transfer \$200,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance and move to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account?

Rec. Pass

(FY26 \$100,000)

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements related to the Sunday River Road Hazard Mitigation for fiscal year 2026-2027

Rec. Pass \$300,000

(FY26: \$70,000)

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Reserve Account. Rec. Pass \$5,000

(FY26: \$5,000)

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Animal Control officer? Rec. Pass \$2,000

(FY26: \$3,000)

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Revaluation Reserve account? Rec. Pass \$50,000

(FY26: \$50,000)

Article 31. 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 32. To see if the Town will vote to use the overlay for abatements on taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 33. 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 7.00% on taxes not paid by September 30th and March 31st (2 installment payments)

Rec. Pass

Article 34. 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 35. 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 36. To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or the designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00.

Rec. Pass

Article 37. 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 38. 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. 39. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance to reduce taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 40. To see if the Town will accept estimated revenues, including, but not limited to federal, state, local, non-property tax revenues, and undesignated donations, to reduce the FY27 property tax commitment, as described below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated 2027</u>
Auto Excise	\$150,000
Boat Excise	\$ 500
Agent Fee	\$ 3,800
Clerk Fees	\$ 850
Planning Board Fees	\$ 10,000
Interest Income Bank /Investments	\$ 50,000
Interest Income Taxes	\$ 7,500
Veterans Exemption	\$ 200
Plumbing Fees	\$ 5,000
Building Permits	\$ 10,000
Tree Growth	\$ 30,000
Cannabis Revenue	\$ 4,100
Liquor Licenses	\$ 100
Misc Income	\$ 10,000
LRAP	\$ 14,500

Total Estimated Revenues \$296,550

Article 41. Shall the ordinance entitled “Unified Development Review Ordinance for the Town of Newry, Maine” adopted May 13, 2025, be repealed and replaced with an updated version of the “Unified Development Review Ordinance for the Town of Newry, Maine”? (The proposed ordinance exceeds 10 pages in length and so copies of the text of the ordinance are not posted but are available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office during normal business hours.)

Rec. Pass

Article 42. Shall an ordinance entitled “Board of Appeals Ordinance” be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 43. Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendment to Land Use and Building Code 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 21st day of April 2026 A.D.

Respectfully submitted,


Virgil Conkright


Mandy Berry


David Bartlett

Municipal Officers of Newry

Attest:


Loretta Powers, Town Clerk

Property Schedule Form 706-A
Town of Newry, Maine
Due May 14, 2026

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 14, 2026 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.
- **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!

