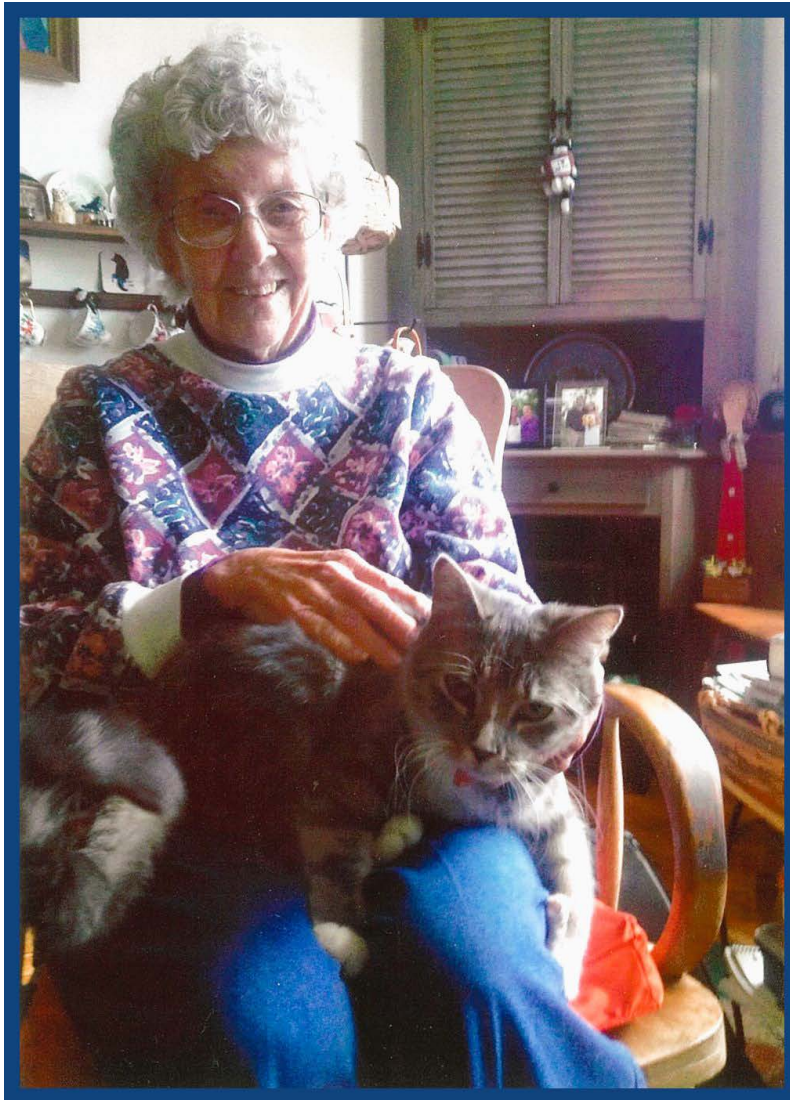


2024
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND



Marilyn Gorman-Town Historian and Beloved Friend

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

**“THE TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND SERVICE PROVIDER”**

Marilyn Gorman

Marilyn was a pillar of the New Portland community from the first, and remained so until the very end, serving over the years in many roles including librarian at the New Portland Library in addition to membership on various town committees including the Planning Board, Bicentennial Committee, Recreation Committee, and Municipal Advisory Committee. She also served as a local ballot clerk, the Town Historian, and contributed to all 3 New Portland's Comprehensive Plans. Later in life she was also an active member of the New Portland Community Church. She was too active to list everything she did, but through it all what Marilyn loved the best was spending time with her family and friends—preferably at a ballgame with her New York Yankees hat on her head. She was the matriarch of her family, logging hundreds of thousands of miles over the years following her kids, grandkids, and friendly kids she met along the way to their various games, plays, presentations, appointments, graduations, and much more.

Marilyn will be greatly missed by so many throughout our community and the time we were fortunate enough to spend with her and the memories that were shared are forever priceless.

TOWN DIRECTORY

Town of New Portland Telephone Numbers & E-Mail Addresses

Town Office Front Desk	628-4441.....	Fax.... 628-4440
Town Manager/CEO - Stacie Rundlett.....	628-4441.....	newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com
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LPI - Dan Gilbert	938-3866	
New Portlander Editor - Dallas Landry	628-4201.....	alderswamp2@gmail.com
Board of Selectmen - Raymond Poulin	491-1250.....	plnsgarage@yahoo.com
Board of Selectmen - David Veilleux	313-1578.....	valux27@hotmail.com
Board of Selectmen, Chair - Janet White	628-2561.....	jerwhite@tds.net
New Portland Community Library.....	628-6561.....	newportlandcl@gmail.com
Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station.....	265-4637.....	Fax.... 265-4626 townclerks@tds.net
Animal Control Officer-Ryan Mulherin	340-8137	
New Portland Post Office	628-4941	
New Portland Fair Contact - Darrell Nix	628-3330	
East Cemetery - Stanley Wills.....	491-5215	
North Cemetery - Charlie Pease	612-9291	
West Cemetery - Matt and Cathy Sleeper.....	696-3139	

Other Telephone Numbers

Somerset County Sheriff's Department		
(nonemergency)	1-877-200-9070	
State Police (non-emergency)	1-800-452-4664	
MSAD #74 Superintendent	635-2727.....	Fax.... 635-3599
Somerset County Commissioners Office.....	858-4216	
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222	

Fire Permit Contacts

Jethro "Kip" Poulin - Fire Chief.....	628-4456
Brian Rundlett - Deputy Fire Chief.....	491-4583

Town Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm
 Thursday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Town of New Portland Website

newportlandmaine.org

2025 Observed Holidays & Dates Observed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20th
 President's Day on Monday, February 17th
 Patriot's Day on Monday, April 21st
 Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th
 Independence Day on Friday, July 4th
 Labor Day on Monday, September 1st
 Indigenous People's Day on Monday, October 13th
 Veteran's Day on Tuesday, November 11th
 Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th
 Christmas Day observed on Thursday, December 25th
 New Year's Eve on Wednesday, December 31st

Meetings

Selectmens Meeting

1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month
at 6:30 pm

New Portland Fire Department Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
When there is an agenda

Kingfield-New Portland

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday
7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Fri 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
November 15th – April 15th
NO Friday hours offered

School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm

NP Community Library Hours

Tuesday and Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 10am-12pm & 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday 9am – 12pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm

New Portland Water District

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

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General Town Information

New Homestead & Veterans Exemption Applications- Need to be in to the Assessor's Agent by April 1st of each year.

Automobile Registrations- Excise tax must be paid at the town office. To re-register, you must provide proof of insurance and vehicle's mileage. To register for the 1st time from a private sale you will need a bill of sale that includes the vehicle's VIN #, year, make, and model of the vehicle, proof of insurance, mileage, and title for 1995 and newer. To register for the 1st time from a dealer you will need to provide the title application (blue paper), proof of insurance, and mileage.

Boats- All watercraft registrations expire on December 31st. Excise tax must be paid on all boats. Registrations are done at the town office.

Snowmobiles & ATV's- Registrations are done at the town office. Snowmobile and ATV registrations expire on June 30th.

Building Permits- Building permits are required for any structure that is going to be 50 square feet or more.

Property Tax Bills- Bills are mailed once the Assessor's and Assessor's Agent have completed the tax commitment. This is typically done around July. Tax bills are **ALWAYS** due on September 30th. Interest begins on Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on October 1st.

Burn Permits- Burn permits are required for any type of outdoor open burning. They are available from the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chiefs, or can be obtained online at the State of Maine Forest Service.

Dog Licenses- All dog licenses expire on December 31st of each year. The cost of a license is \$6.00 if your dog is spayed or neutered and \$11.00 if not. Make sure to license your dog before the deadline of January 31st to avoid paying a \$25.00 late fee per dog mandated by the State of Maine law.

Town Officers

Moderator

Ernie Hilton

Board of Selectmen

Raymond Poulin (2025)

David Veilleux (2027)

Janet White (2026)

Town Manager, Treasurer Tax Collector, Health Officer, General Assistance Administrator, CEO

Stacie Rundlett (Indefinite)

Deputy Town Manager (Indefinite)

Assistant Town Clerk (2024)

Lori Alyea

Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Town Warden

Jacob Pinkham (2026)

Deputy Town Clerk

Brittany Rundlett (2026)

Road Commissioner

Ronald Nunes (2025)

Fire Chief

Jethro "Kip" Poulin

Assistant Fire Chief

Brian Rundlett

Fire Captain

Kyle Handrahan

Fire Lieutenants

Harold Gayne

Local Plumbing Inspector

Dan Gilbert (2025)

Animal Control Officer

Ryan Mulherin (2025)

RSU#74 School Board

David Royce (2025)

Dallas Landry (2026)

Brenda Stevens (2027)

Recreation Committee

Jianna Pinkham

Dillon Wellman

Ballot/Election Clerks

Marilyn Gorman

Jianna Pinkham

Brittany Rundlett

Winona Emery

Kimberly Roy

Tiffany Silva

Stephanie Campbell

Andrew Campbell

Nicole Shamaly

Alex Renshaw

Elizabeth Renshaw

Nancy Steuber

Planning Board

Kristin Wallaker (2026)

Kyle Handrahan (2024)

Gabe Clark (2024)

Harold Gayne (2025)

Brian Rundlett (2023)

Budget Committee

Mary Robinson

Brenda Stevens

Peter Ford

Gabe Clark

Andrea Reichert

Amy Hinkley

Michelle Abbott

Tax Assessor

Audra Swanson, CMA

Board of Appeals - vacant

Representatives to the County, State, and Federal Government

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(207) 622-8292

Susan M Collins (R-ME)
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Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-8414





Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored and humbled to continue serving as your State Senator for a fourth term. The trust you have placed in me is something I do not take lightly, and I remain committed to being a strong voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

I am happy to continue my work on the Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Committee, I will continue to focus on ensuring accountability in key state programs, with a particular emphasis on the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on December 4, 2024, with our swearing-in ceremony led by Governor Janet Mills. It was a day filled with tradition, attended by family and friends of incoming members, as we set the stage for the work ahead.

Many of you have reached out to me about the challenges you are facing—rising costs of energy, housing, child care, and concerns about education, mental health, substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety. As your State Senator, I am committed to working with my colleagues to find common-sense solutions to these pressing issues.

In addition, addressing Maine's anticipated budget gap and setting priorities for the next biennium will be a significant focus this session. I am confident that through collaboration, we can work to balance fiscal responsibility with investments in the well-being of all Mainers.

Once again, I want to thank you for re-electing me to represent you in the State Senate. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help, whether it's navigating state programs or working to address issues important to you and our community.

Sincerely,

Russell Black
State Senator



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

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TTY: (207) 287-4469

Randall C. Hall

P.O. Box 42

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Home Phone: (207) 860-8431

Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov

January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are just beginning the first year of the 132nd Legislative session and I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you again as your State Representative.

I am honored to announce my appointment once more to the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee in the Maine State Legislature. This committee oversees crucial areas such as agricultural development, animal welfare, food safety, timber harvesting, state parks, and the Land for Maine's Future Program.

As your representative, my top priority will be advocating for Maine's hardworking farmers, from Aroostook County to York County. I will work tirelessly to ensure that Maine's agricultural sector, including our vital potato, broccoli, and blueberry industries, are supported through sensible policies that promote growth, innovation, and sustainability. I will support legislation that protects farmers from policies that threaten their ability to maintain their way of life, ensuring that their work remains viable and their businesses can thrive for generations to come.

Please know that your voice is valuable to me. I encourage you to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns about state government. I can be reached at Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 860-8431.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall C. Hall".

Randall C. Hall

State Representative

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

January 1, 2025

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

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 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:

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

I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden

Member of Congress

RSU 74

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Carrabec High School ~ Carrabec Community School ~ Garret Schenck School ~ Solon Elementary School

January 23, 2025

Dear RSU 74 Residents,

I am happy to report the state of your schools continues to move in a positive direction. The RSU #74 Board of Directors have supported multiple initiatives in the last calendar year to ensure the work necessary to make improvements in the academics we offer and in our infrastructure that is being done.

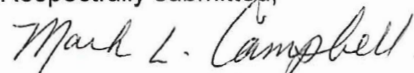
Schools are about academics. In the past 2 plus years we have seen recovery from the pandemic years. Although we are not where we want to be with attendance, the percentage of students who are truant and who meet the definition of chronically absent has dropped significantly. For the school year 2021-2022, our percentage of students who missed more than 10% of the school year was at 45%. Our data for the 2023-2024 school year showed 28% as chronically absent. Truancy for this same time period has dropped from 26% to 12.5%. We still have work to be done, but as a former high school Social Studies teacher once shared with me as his principal, "you get them in my classroom, I will teach them." His words resonate with the work the district is doing with improving attendance as our student's State assessments scores are also showing positive growth. Each school saw an increase in the percentage of students who met or exceeded their growth goals as identified by NWEA, the State assessment. More importantly, we saw an increase in the percentage of students who are at or above grade level with their achievement in ELA and Mathematics as measured by NWEA. Staff in K-8 settings have worked hard to review the fall scores of students and placed each in the appropriate level of intervention. During intervention sessions, students needing additional work on prior concepts in ELA and math are provided this in small groups and at times in individual settings.

One of our district objectives was to develop and implement 5 to 10-year improvement plans for buildings, grounds and busing. We have a bus fleet that was in the process of delivering a second generation of students as some of the fleet was approaching 20 years old. Our 10-year plan was designed to replace the buses that were costing us in the maintenance line as well as those that were approaching 20 years of age. Besides replacing 3 buses in the fleet since May of 2022, the district hired a full time mechanic to do preventive maintenance as well as a majority of the minor repairs in house versus sending buses out. These two steps, newer buses and proper and timely preventive maintenance has allowed us to reduce the contracted repair line. As well, the first time in a significant amount of time, a plan was enacted to begin maintenance of our buildings. Three of the four buildings saw at least one project completed that addressed issues causing concerns around safety of students and staff. Solon Elementary had a new driveway. Carrabec Community School has new floor tile in the K-5 section and there is new exterior lighting at the high school. Our maintenance department noted the rotted framework holding the large windows in the Solon Elementary tower and replaced the wood structure and windows this fall.

We are currently building a budget for the 2025-2026 school year with our focus in the same areas for attendance, academics and maintaining buildings, grounds, and reliable transportation.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Together we are creating responsible adults for our communities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The school community of RSU #74 will work together to raise the aspirations of all students by providing them with lifelong skills that they may become self-sufficient contributing members of society.

ADMINISTRATION SELECTMEN'S BUDGET REPORT

*Appropriations for 2023, 2024 and Tentative 2025

	2023	2024	2025
Town Salaries	111,014.00	114,554.00	128,078.00
Town Charges	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Town Office	12,920.00	12,920.00	12,878.00
Social Security	11,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Insurance	32,700.00	37,779.00	26,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	179,634.00	187,253.00	188,956.00
Fire Truck Payment	30,407.00	30,407.00	30,407.00
Kennebec Valley Council of Government	1,268.00	1,268.00	1,319.00
Maine Municipal Association	2,046.00	2,046.00	2,126.00
Assessing	2,275.00	13,075.00	2,275.00
Ambulance	19,865.00	23,178.00	29,336.00
Audit	8,400.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
Summer Roads	78,000.00	78,800.00	78,800.00
Winter Roads	235,000.00	235,000.00	255,000.00
Paving	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Summer Roads Equipment			15,000.00
Street Lights	5,000.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
Fire Department	29,453.00	47,220.00	50,500.00
Fire Training	3,000.00	1,710.00	6,700.00
Fire Station Payment	5,993.00	5,993.00	5,993.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund			10,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cemetery Improvement	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Library	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Newsletter	4,800.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Transfer Station	64,858.00	71,289.00	81,780.00
Legal Fees	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Animal Control	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Trio License	12,004.00	13,870.00	18,220.00
Food Cupboard	3,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Abatements	1.00	1.00	1.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bond Payment	28,239.00	28,239.00	28,239.00
TAN Interest	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Town Historian	500.00	500.00	0.00
Sand Salt Shed	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL FROM MEETING APPROPRIATIONS	761,443.00	809,549.00	867,852.00
Educations, RSU/SAD #74	910,215.00	991,266.00	
County Tax	224,024.38	228,894.54	
Overlay	38,590.37	39,798.30	
	1,172,829.75	1,259,958.84	
NEW ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT	1,934,272.75	2,069,504.84	
OTHER TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS			
Road Grant Fund	37,000.00	37,000.00	
Excise Taxes	160,000.00	178,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	2,131,272.75	2,284,504.84	

**Assessor's Report
2024 Valuation**

Taxable Valuation of Real Estate

Value of Land	48,162,700.00
Value of Buildings	64,596,700.00
TOTAL REAL ESTATE VALUE	112,759,400.00

Taxable Valuation of Personal Property

Product machinery and Equipment	360,800.00
Business Equipment	5,700.00
All other Personal Property	<u>8,600.00</u>
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE	375,100.00

TOTAL REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE
113,134,500.00

APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax	228,894.54
Municipal Appropriation	806,550.28
Local Education Appropriation	991,266.00
Overlay	<u>39,798.30</u>
TOTAL 2024 APPROPRIATIONS	2,066,509.12

Less Specific Amounts Allowed by Law

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	-177,244.03
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	-74,459.05
BETE Reimbursement	-1,972.58
Other Revenue: Veterans Exemption, Franchise Fee, Interest on taxes	<u>- 217,637.00</u>

NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT

	1,595,196.45
Real Estate	112,759,400.00 X 0.0141= 1,589,907.54
Personal Property	375,100.00 X 0.0141= <u>5,288.91</u>
	1,595,196.45

Respectfully Submitted by:
New Portland Board of Selectmen
Janet White, Raymond Poulin, David Veilleux

**ABATEMENTS
Receipts**

From Overlay		3,107.98
Taxation		1.00
	TOTAL	3,108.98

Expenditures

2024 Real Estate Abatement

Melanie Ford	49.35	Norman Goff	273.50
Richard & Barbara Parker	279.18	Mark Smith	88.51
Elaine & Robert Perkins	50.76	Gabe Clark	2,064.24
Mark Smith	270.72	Brook Gardner	31.02
	TOTAL		3,107.32

2024 Personal Property Abatement

Elavon, Inc.	1.66		
	TOTAL		1.66

COMBINED REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT TOTAL 3,108.98

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2024 Assessment

2024 Net Assessment for Commitment	1,595,196.45
2024 Taxes paid in 2023	9,582.51
TOTAL	1,604,778.95

2024 COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS

2024 Real Estate Taxes Collected	1,417,970.15
2024 Personal Property Taxes Collected	4,938.72
2024 Real Estate Taxes Receivable	181,519.89
2024 Personal Property Taxes Receivable	350.19
TOTAL	1,604,778.95

OTHER YEARS COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS

2023 Real Estate Taxes	152,691.23
2022 Real Estate Taxes	39,762.26
2021 Real Estate Taxes	7,343.70
2023 Personal Property Taxes	344.19
2022 Personal Property Taxes	46.54
2025 Real Estate Taxes	8,338.37
TOTAL	208,526.29

2024 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

506 MAIN STREET REALTY, LLC	127.57		DICENSO, PAUL	628.86
ABELL, KATHRYN	1,607.40		*	792.42
*	878.32		*	104.34
ANDERSON, ALBERT G	1,130.82		EARLE, DALE E	4,747.47
ANDERSON, WOODY F	439.92		EASTBROOK TIMBER CO. INC.	410.01
ANDREI, JOSHUA C	1,006.39		EDWARDS, MICHAEL MARK	761.40
ATWOOD, DAVID R	772.68		EMERY, DONALD W	1,124.76
ATWOOD, DAVID R	424.41		EMERY, DONALD W	82.77
ATWOOD, SHEILA K	489.27		EMERY, LEISA D	895.35
BEAULIEU, EVELYN	565.41		EMSWILER-BRYSON, SUSAN M	338.45
BECKWITH, REBECCA	1,142.10		ESTES, MICHAEL	2,748.09
BLACK, WAHLEYAH A	853.05		EVENSON, MICHAEL A	1,646.88
*	1,340.91		*	204.45
BOTTI, NICOLI	1,424.10		*	272.13
BROWN, DARRYL SR	308.79		FLAHERTY, JOHN A	287.64
BRUCKER, JOHN	1,680.72		FORSLEY, CHRISTINE M	1,976.82
BRUCKER, JOHN	1,096.98		FORTIN, JENNIFER G	929.19
*	775.50		FOSS, DAWN P	3.96
BUMPUS, JOSHUA	280.39		FOSS, DAWN PAMELA ET AL.,	21.44
BURBANK, CHRISTOPHER D	2,429.43		GILL, RICHARD A	2,130.51
BURNS, SAMANTHA	2,814.36		GLASER, MARK	861.51
BURNS, SAMANTHA	399.03		GOFF, ORRIN	266.49
BURNS, SAMANTHA	19.74		GORDAN, ETHEL VITALE	289.05
CAIRNIE, JESSICA L	2,656.44		Gordon, Joseph R	1,199.91
CARTER, AMANDA J., ESTATE	1,370.52		Gordon, Joseph R	621.81
CHOUINARD, CLAUDE J	372.45		GOULD, RAYMOND	1,838.64
COBURN, FREDERICK P	1,824.54		*	263.67
COBURN, FREDERICK P	274.95		*	101.52
COLLINS, CHRISTINA M	1,192.86		GROVER, JR., RANDY	750.12
COLLINS, MARK E	592.20		GROVER, RANDY	844.59
CONNELL, ERIC J	1,252.08		GROVER, RANDY C	1,724.43
COOMBS, ARYKE L	266.49		GROVER, RANDY C SR	1,460.76
COSSABOOM, PHILLIP JR	1,298.61		HARRIMAN, JAMES S	734.61
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM 111	3,434.76		HARRINGTON, TRAVIS	1,608.81
CROSS, JOY A	249.99		HASELGARD, BETHANY R	362.37
DAVID A TERVO & DARILYN M	17.46		HASELGARD, BETHANY ROSE	1,340.91
DELANEY, RYAN	1,057.50		HEM, BUNNARITH	1,323.62
DENTICO, MICHAEL A	1,737.12		HILENSKI, WALTER	303.15

2024 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES (CONT'D)

HILENSKI, WALTER P	2,248.95	*		1,415.64
HOGAN, JOHN W	755.76		RODERICK, GILL W	1,294.38
HOWARD, WILLIAM K. & JULIE	696.54		RODERICK, GILL W	342.63
HUBBELL, MEGAN	1,066.31		ROURKE, ELIZABETH	19.67
HUNTLEY, LEE	1,479.09		SARNER, RONALD K	782.55
HUTCHINS, RONALD A	1,029.30		SCHEVE, MATTHEW G	1,175.94
KAZANJIAN, MORRIS N., C/O	564.00		SCHINZEL, MARK A	1,778.01
LABELLE, DYLAN S	759.99		SCHMIDT, FRANK D	501.96
LAMBERT, AARON S	1,022.25		SERAFINO, WILLIAM V	1,569.33
*	848.82		SIBLEY, ROGER	1,603.17
LAWHON, LAURA & ASSOCIATES	370.83		SMITH, THOMAS G	2,364.57
LEBEAU, BREANNA	5.64		SOVA, BERNARD A	2,624.01
LEBEAU, BREANNA	771.59		SPOONER, DEREK	1,687.77
MCKENNEY, DAVID S	341.22		STEWART, KENNETH	482.22
MITCHELL, KRISTEN	733.20		SWEENEY, MICHAEL S JR	346.86
MUDGETT, KEITH A JR	93.06		SWEENEY, MICHAEL S JR	1,462.17
MUDGETT, KEITH A. JR. &	527.34		TALON, SHAUN	5,472.21
NEAL, PETER	2,506.98		TAYLOR, ASHLEY G	754.35
NEWELL, BERNARD V	318.66		TAYLOR, CALEB J	1,900.68
NICONCHUK, MELISSA R	3,496.70	*		882.66
NILE, DAYLE A. C/O RAYMOND	731.21	*		727.56
PHILLIPS, SHERI & TORR, T. &	42.30	*		2,026.17
PIERCE, MICHAEL	809.06	*		1,036.35
POULIN, CHRISTOPHER H	2,530.95	*		375.06
POULIN, RAYMOND	1,228.11	*		52.17
POULIN, RICHARD JR	1,102.62		TFCC PROPERTIES LLC	641.55
PRIME, TANYA T	1,576.38		TFCC PROPERTIES LLC	1,221.06
QUESADA, MICHAEL S	287.64		THORNDIKE, ROBERT A	131.13
QUIRION, DENISE	9.87		THORNDIKE, ROBERT A	2,099.49
*	961.62		TINDALL, JAMES MORGAN	1,790.70
READ, GAIL F	1,752.63		TOLMAN, KENNETH	2,127.69
*	2,456.22		TOLMAN, MARK S	1,762.50
RICCIO, TIMOTHY J	1,660.98		TOLMAN, MARK S	274.95
RICKER, MICHAEL D	767.04	*		1,459.90
*	439.92		TOZIER, HAROLD	300.33
*	2,134.74		TOZIER, HAROLD	1,177.35
ROBERTS, BARUCH A	157.92		TOZIER, TREVOR	587.97
ROBERTS, JOSHUA	936.24		TOZIER, TREVOR ET AL	1,646.88
ROBERTS, JOSHUA	129.72		TRANTEN, NICHOLAS R	157.92
*	1,902.09		TURNER, THOMAS D	555.54

2024 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES (CONT'D)

*	358.14		WHITE, JAROD A	1,102.62
VILLACCI, REGINA M	847.57		WHITNEY, JANICE	1,095.55
VIRGILIO, JOSEPH III,	2,272.92		WIESE, JOHN	1,232.34
VIRGILIO, JOSEPH III,	132.54		WILLIAMS, KENNETH	208.68
WALES, MICHAEL S	2,700.15		WILLS, RODERICK	965.85
WALES, MICHAEL S	661.29		WILLS, STANLEY	943.29
WARREN, RALPH F III	1,082.88		WULF, HOWARD	88.83
WAYE, NANCY J	647.19		TOTAL	180,398.94
WELCH, HERBERT	764.22			

2023 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

GOFF, ORRIN	260.82		MCKENNEY, DAVID S	327.06
BRUCKER, JOHN	1,062.60		PRIME, TANYA T	1,512.48
BURNS, SAMANTHA	2,451.91		QUIRION, DENISE	9.66
BURNS, SAMANTHA	356.04		READ, GAIL F	1,174.38
BURNS, SAMANTHA	17.94		RODERICK, GILL W	1,174.38
CAIRNIE, JESSICA L	2,511.60		RODERICK, GILL W	328.44
CARTER, AMANDA J., ESTATE	177.09		SCHINZEL, MARK A	1,669.80
COLLINS, CHRISTINA M	980.90		SERAFINO, WILLIAM V	1,447.62
DELANEY, RYAN	964.62		SIBLEY, ROGER	1,475.22
EARLE, DALE E	782.78		TAYLOR, ASHLEY G	11.09
ESTES, MICHAEL	2,652.36		TAYLOR, CALEB J	1,769.16
EVENSON, MICHAEL A	1,558.02		THORNDIKE, ROBERT A	73.24
FORSLEY, CHRISTINE M	1,760.88		THORNDIKE, ROBERT A	47.59
FORTIN, JENNIFER G	798.44		TINDALL, JAMES MORGAN	385.17
GILL, RICHARD A	1,664.54		TRANTEN, NICHOLAS R	154.56
GROVER, JR., RANDY	637.56		TURNER, THOMAS D	517.50
GROVER, RANDY C SR	1,334.46		VIRGILIO, JOSEPH III,	153.60
HARRIMAN, JAMES S	644.50		WALES, MICHAEL S	2,533.68
HARRINGTON, TRAVIS	1,548.36		WALES, MICHAEL S	558.90
HASELGARD, BETHANY ROSE	1,219.92		WARREN, RALPH F III	953.58
HOWARD, WILLIAM K. & JULIE	579.60		WAYE, NANCY J	42.56
HUNTLEY, LEE	1,331.70		WELCH, HERBERT	652.74
HUTCHINS, RONALD A	923.22		WIESE, JOHN	1,149.54
KAZANJIAN, MORRIS N., C/O	525.78		WILLS, STANLEY	839.04
LAMBERT, AARON S	582.50		WULF, HOWARD	36.35
LAWHON, LAURA & ASSOCIAT	233.22		TOTAL	46,382.19
LEBEAU, BREANNA	4.14			

2022 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

HARRINGTON, TRAVIS	1,595.44		MCKENNEY, DAVID S	350.76
LAMBERT, AARON S	403.53		QUIRION, DENISE	7.40
LAWHON, LAURA & ASSOCIATE	197.57		WARREN, RALPH F III	819.92
			TOTAL	3,374.62

2021 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

MCKENNEY, DAVID S	387.66		QUIRION, DENISE	8.52
			TOTAL	396.18

2024 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ARCHER, DOUGLAS	1.41		TIME WARNER CABLE	1.41
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	152.79		TIME WARNER CABLE	1.41
DISH NETWORK LLC	67.68		TINDALL'S COUNTRY STORE	21.15
GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	5.64		WILLS, DANA T	50.76
POULIN'S GARAGE	47.94		TOTAL	350.19

2023 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT LLC	2.76		TIME WARNER CABLE	1.38
DISH NETWORK LLC	60.52		TIME WARNER CABLE	1.38
GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	11.04		TINDALL'S COUNTRY STORE	22.08
POULIN'S GARAGE	46.92		WILLS, DANA T	49.68
			TOTAL	195.76

2022 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	7.40		POULIN'S GARAGE	50.32
GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	0.95		WILLS, DANA T	53.28
			TOTAL	111.95

2021 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	12.78		WILLS, DANA T	555.45
POULIN'S GARAGE	17.82		TOTAL	586.05

2020 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	4.17		WILLS, DANA T	355.53
			TOTAL	359.70

2019 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT LLC	7.64		WILLS, DANA T.	206.55
DISHNET SATELLITE	1.91		TOTAL	216.08

2018 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

COWAN, GARY R.& PEGGY A.	59.73		WILLS, DANA T.	280.51
			TOTAL	340.24

2017 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

T.R.DILLON LOGGING INC.	59.07		WILLS, DANA T.	101.46
			TOTAL	160.53

2014 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Road Runner Hold Co LLC				1.41
			TOTAL	1.41

STATE OF MAINE REIMBURSEMENT	
Receipts	
Tree Growth Reimbursement	64,618.30
Veteran's Reimbursement	1,609.00
TOTAL	66,227.30
Expenditures	
Used to reduce Tax Commitment	58,609.00
Lapse to Surplus	7,618.30
TOTAL	66,227.30
BOAT EXCISE TAXES	
Receipts	
2024 Excise Taxes Received	1,249.60
TOTAL	1,249.60
Expenditures	
Lapse to Surplus	1,249.60
TOTAL	1,249.60
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	
Receipts	
2024 Motor Vehicle Excise Received	218,496.26
TOTAL	218,496.26
Expenditures	
Transferred to Winter Roads	125,000.00
Transferred to Summer Roads	53,000.00
Lapsed to Surplus	40,496.26
TOTAL	218,496.26
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	
Receipts	
2024 Receipts	112,828.33
TOTAL	112,828.33
Expenditures	
Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	112,159.33
From Overlay	669.00
TOTAL	112,828.33
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE REGISTRATIONS	
Receipts	
2024 Receipts	17,948.11
From Overlay	916.25
TOTAL	18,864.36
Expenditures	
Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	18,864.36
TOTAL	18,864.36
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	
Receipts	
2024 Receipts	987.50
TOTAL	987.50
Expenditures	
Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	987.50
TOTAL	987.50
OFFICER'S SALARIES	
Receipts	
2024 Town Meeting Appropriations	114,554.00
T.I.F. Income	1,600.00
TOTAL	116,154.00

OFFICER'S SALARIES (CONT'D)**Expenditures**

Selectmen	9,000.00
Town Manager	48,695.00
Deputy Town Manager	21,718.50
Fire Chief	2,000.00
Assistant Fire Chief	500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	3,000.00
Town Clerk	3,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk's	500.00
Animal Control Officer	2,000.00
Assessor's Agent	22,100.00
Road Commissioner	2,000.00
Lapse to Surplus	1,640.50
TOTAL	116,154.00

TOWN CHARGES**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation	12,000.00
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees/IF&W Agent Fees/Copier & Postage Fees	8,945.81
Lien Fees	5,033.81
Approved ARPA funds	4,700.00
Refunds from T.I.F. Account	335.22
TOTAL	31,014.41

Expenditures

Registry Recording Fees	2,313.50
Mileage	1,850.30
Supplies, Cleaning	5,900.00
Postage (Includes bulk mail permit)	4,116.77
Seminars/Training/Membership Dues	195.00
Town Report Printing	1,210.00
Ballot Clerks	9,095.40
Website	335.22
Copier Lease/Contact	2,621.72
Moderator Fee	100.00
Electricity for West Village Storage Building	605.30
Lapse to surplus	2,671.20
TOTAL	31,014.41

SOCIAL SECURITY**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation	10,000.00
Maine State Tax Withholding	1,807.54
Federal Tax Withholding	7,024.04
FICA/Medicare Tax Withholding	9,250.52
TOTAL	28,082.10

Expenditures

Paid to Internal Revenue Services	25,525.08
Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	1,807.54
Lapse to Surplus	749.94
TOTAL	28,082.10

TOWN OFFICE**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		12,920.00
	TOTAL	12,920.00

Expenditures

Trash Removal		219.40
Telephone/Fax/Internet		4,042.33
Heat		1,804.96
Electricity		2,154.32
Alarm Monitoring		270.00
Office Supplies		655.30
Cleaning		1,200.00
Building Maintenance		1,326.71
Lapse to Surplus		746.98
	TOTAL	12,920.00

INSURANCE**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		37,779.00
Carry Forward from 2023		2,699.00
	TOTAL	40,478.00

Expenditures

Property & Casualty Pool		16,009.00
Worker's Compensation		3,242.75
MMA Health Insurance		10,990.43
Carry Forward to 2025		10,235.82
	TOTAL	40,478.00

ASSESSING**Receipts**

Carry Forward From 2023		6,273.00
Town Meeting Appropriation		13,075.00
	TOTAL	19,348.00

Expenditures

Training		520.61
Carry Forward to 2025		18,827.39
	TOTAL	19,348.00

EDUCATION**Receipts**

Assessments		991,866.00
	TOTAL	991,866.00

Expenditures

R.S.U. #74		991,866.00
	TOTAL	991,866.00

KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT(KVCOG)**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		1,268.00
From Overlay		25.00
	TOTAL	1,293.00

Expenditures

Paid to KVCOG		1,293.00
	TOTAL	1,293.00

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (MMA)

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		2,046.00
From Overlay		80.00
	TOTAL	2,126.00

Expenditures

Paid to MMA		2,126.00
	TOTAL	2,126.00

TRIO SOFTWARE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		13,870.53
From TIF		3,000.00
	TOTAL	16,870.53

Expenditures

Paid to Harris Computers		16,870.53
	TOTAL	16,870.53

PLANNING BOARD

Receipts

Carry Forward from 2023		5,673.00
Income		290.00
	TOTAL	5,963.00

Expenditures

Carry Forward to 2025		5,963.00
	TOTAL	5,963.00

LIBRARY

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		8,500.00
	TOTAL	8,500.00

Expenditures

Paid to the Library		8,500.00
	TOTAL	8,500.00

AMBULANCE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		23,178.50
From Overlay		1,028.00
	TOTAL	24,206.50

Expenditures

Paid to Franklin Memorial Hospital		24,206.50
	TOTAL	24,206.50

STREET LIGHTS

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		4,000.00
	TOTAL	4,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to Central Maine Power Company		3,464.94
Lapse to Surplus		535.06
	TOTAL	4,000.00

WINTER ROADS**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		378,000.00
	TOTAL	378,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to J.R. Davenport Trucking & Plowing		323,266.68
Jordan Excavation for Winter Sand & Tailings		32,841.20
Paid to New England Salt		2,631.10
Paid to Morton Salt Co		14,951.04
Paid to CMP		2,907.13
Lapse to Surplus		1,402.85
	TOTAL	378,000.00

ANIMAL CONTROL**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		1,000.00
Carry Forward from 2023		5,746.00
Income		608.00
	TOTAL	7,354.00

Expenditures

Paid to Franklin County Animal Shelter		1,836.00
Supplies		710.23
Carry Forward to 2025		4,807.77
	TOTAL	7,354.00

TRANSFER STATION**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		71,289.25
	TOTAL	71,289.25

Expenditures

Paid to Town of Kingfield		71,288.50
Lapse to Surplus		.75
	TOTAL	71,289.25

COUNTY TAXES**Receipts**

2024 Assessment		228,894.54
	TOTAL	228,894.54

Expenditures

Somerset County Treasurer		228,894.54
	TOTAL	228,894.54

GENERAL ASSISTANCE**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		2,000.00
From Overlay		399.90
	TOTAL	2,399.90

Expenditures

GA-2022-1		1,490.00
GA-2022-2		909.80
	TOTAL	2,399.90

AUDIT**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		9,000.00
From Overlay		2,400.00
	TOTAL	11,400.00

Expenditures

Paid to Purdy Powers & Company		11,400.00
	TOTAL	11,400.00

CEMETERIES**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		6,000.00
	TOTAL	6,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to E.N.P.		2,000.00
Paid to N.N.P.		2,000.00
Paid to W.N.P.		2,000.00
	TOTAL	6,000.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		3,000.00
Carry forward from 2024		4,980.00
	TOTAL	7,980.00

Expenditures

Carry forward to 2025		7,980.00
	TOTAL	7,980.00

ROAD GRANT**Receipts**

Received from State of Maine		44,464.00
Carry forward from 2024		23,327.00
	TOTAL	67,791.00

Expenditures

Transferred to Summer Roads (to reduce taxation)		37,000.00
Carry forward to 2025		30,701.00
	TOTAL	67,701.00

PAVING**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		20,000.00
Carry forward from 2024		40,314.00
	TOTAL	60,314.00

Expenditures

Carry forward to 2025		60,314.00
	TOTAL	60,314.00

SUMMER ROADS**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		168,800.00
Funds received from FEMA/MEMA		146,456.97
	TOTAL	315,256.97

SUMMER ROADS (CONT'D)**Expenses**

Gravel/Stone for Rds	45,466.80
Grader Fuel & Maint	43,022.00
Brush/Tree cutting	7,800.00
Pickup	2,785.00
Foreman/Labor	19,760.00
Middle Rd Culvert Payment	15,397.59
Backhoe\excavator	18,795.00
Trucking	43,950.99
Misc	35,009.00
Culverts and Installation	21,033.32
Carry forward to 2025	62,237.27
TOTAL	315,256.97

FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation	1,710.00
Carry Forward from Reserve Account	5,926.00
TOTAL	7,636.00

Expenditures

Paid for Training	3,390.00
Carry Forward to 2025 in Reserve Account	4,246.00
TOTAL	7,636.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation	47,220.00
Carry forward from 2024	25,250.00
TOTAL	72,470.00

Expenditures

Electricity	3,199.33
Telephone/Internet	2,253.74
Gas/Oil	2,328.61
Equipment	3,711.57
Equipment Maint	29,201.71
Payroll	7,295.00
Misc./Services	1,173.88
Trash	185.50
Building Maint.	1,863.30
Carry forward to 2025	21,257.63
TOTAL	72,470.00

RECREATION**Receipts**

Carry Forward from Reserve Account	1,950.00
TOTAL	1,950.00

Expenditures

Picnic Tables for Wire Bridge area	596.33
Carry Forward to Reserve Account	1,353.67
TOTAL	1,950.00

LEGAL FEES**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		3,000.00
	TOTAL	3,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to Burnstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson		2,323.00
Lapse to Surplus		677.00
	TOTAL	3,000.00

PEOPLE WHO CARE FOOD CUPBOARD**Receipts**

Town Meeting Appropriation		2,500.00
	TOTAL	2,500.00

Expenditures

Paid to People Who Care Food Cupboard		2,500.00
	TOTAL	2,500.00

SNOWMOBILE GRANTS**Receipts**

Received from the State of Maine		14,589.18
	TOTAL	14,589.18

Expenditures

Paid to the Wire Bridge Sno Travelers		14,589.18
	TOTAL	14,589.18

DEDICATED SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**Paving Fund**

1/1/2024 Balance		20,317.94
Deposit of 2024 Town Meeting Appropriation		20,000.00
Interest Earned		239.76
12/31/2024 Balance		40,557.70

Firefighter Training Fund

01/01/2024 Balance		5,926.00
Deposit of 2024 Town Meeting Appropriation		1,710.00
Transferred to General Fund Account for 2024 expenses		3,390.00
Interest Earned		99.25
12/31/2024 Balance		4,345.25

Fire Truck Replacement Fund

1/1/2024 Balance		82.39
Interest Earned		1.06
12/31/2024 Balance		83.45

Recreation Fund

01/01/2024 Balance		1,950.00
2024 Expended		596.33
Interest Earned		16.97
12/31/2024 Balance		1,370.64

DEDICATED SPECIAL ACCOUNTS (CONT'D)

Grant Matching Fund

01/01/2024 Balance	22,745.10
Interest Earned	292.13
12/31/2024 Balance	23,037.23

Legal Fees Fund

01/01/2024 Balance	0.12
Town Meeting Appropriation	3,000.00
2024 Expended	2,323.00
12/31/2024 Balance	677.12

Road Grant Fund

01/01/2024 Balance	12,706.67
Interest Earned	163.20
12/31/2024 Balance	12,869.87

Williams Fund SSB CD 01-40-1457

01/01/2024 Balance	10,970.04
Interest Earned	21.98
12/31/2024 Balance	10,992.02

Town of New Portland Inhabitants SSB CD 01403973

01/01/2024 Balance	10,000.00
Interest Earned	20.71
To be transferred to Cemetery Trust Fund	20.71
12/31/2024 Balance	10,000.00

Cemetery Trust Fund SSB CD 1030018460

01/01/2024 Balance	1,700.00
Interest Earned	6.16
To be Distributed to Cemetery Associations	6.16
12/31/2024 Balance	1,700.00

Base Fund is 1,700.00

Joseph William Fund SSB Passbook 30055428

01/01/2024 Balance	346.52
Interest Earned	.13
12/31/2024 Balance	346.65

New Portland Flooring Development Fund BSB 1500016308 (T.I.F.)

01/01/2024 Balance	40,860.74
Due to the Town's General Fund for Approved Expenditures	4,935.22
Interest Earned	22.53
12/31/2024 Balance	35,948.05

Town Clerks Report for 2024

New Portland Community:

Thank you to the Election clerks that helped give us smooth voting for the 3 votes we had in 2024. None of these voting events were easy by any means, as they were a Municipal, Primary and General Elections. Thank you to the town folk for being patient while we had some new faces helping with voting. I appreciate everyone being patient with me as well when it came to setting up appointments for clerk services. It has been my pleasure to serve this community in this role for the past 2 years. I look forward to a prosperous 2025 for everyone, and wish everyone well. With the loss of our beloved Marilyn voting has been different, but I still want to shower her with appreciation. She will be forever missed and loved by this community.

Jacob Pinkham – Town Clerk

Dogs

2024 had 3 Kennel Licenses and 182 Dog Licenses Issued.

Births – 5 *Due to State Laws Regarding Vital Statistics information, The Childs name, Date of Birth and Parents names are no longer Public Information*

Deaths -13

Name	Age	Date of Death
Irene Ruth Berry	95	12/26/2024
Donald James Busald	73	09/06/2024
Violet May Coffin	97	02/01/2024
James Albert Glinsky	72	01/11/2024
Jacquita T., Gordon	97	07/26/2024
Marilyn Gorman	91	11/08/2024
Juli Ellen Hunt	62	12/04/2024
Darleen Elise Jamison	67	10/11/2024
Danielle Anita Rawson	65	11/29/2024
Carolyne A. Starker	87	03/08/2024
Gilbert Reginald Taylor	75	01/08/2024
Robert Whitten	90	02/25/2024
Patrick Grant Wyman	29	02/14/2024

Marriages-8

Bride and Groom	Date of Marriage
Alexis Lora Poulin & Cameron Winchenbaugh	09-07-2024
Theresa Marie Poulin & John Edward Anderson	10/26/2024
Courtney Marie Morton & John Ivan Rogachoff	06/29/2024
Kirby Sean Hubbard & Jennifer Mae Miller	07/14/2024
Lucile Pritchard Matthews & Samuel Benjamin Mathes	09/14/2024
Stephanie Hope Cossaboom & Zachary Leonard Lafontaine	10/31/2024
Amy Lee Littlefield & Eric James Connell	01/22/2024
Elijah Roy & Megan Theresa Behnkendorf	11/29/2024

New Portland Fire Department

2024 Annual Report

To the Citizens of New Portland:

During the year 2024 the Fire Department responded to the following 59 calls for assistance, of which 10 were requested for mutual aid, these were made up of structure fires, woods/grass fires & motor vehicle accidents and standby. We experienced a decrease of 7 calls from 2023 which we had a total of 66 calls.

Structure Fires	9	Vehicle Accidents or disabled	16
Brush/Grass Fires	3	Downed Wires/Trees/Debris in Rd	15
Vehicle Fire	1	EMS Assist/Unattended death	8
Fire/CO2 Alarm	4	Mutual Aid/Standby	2
Chimney Fire	1		

With our repeater in operation we have found that communications on NPFDF frequency have been greatly enhanced allowing us to communicate internally over most of our coverage area. With some of the remaining ARPA funds, we were able to replace some of the older portable radios and set up to add radio to our tower to allow Somerset Communications to tone the department directly over our NPFDF frequency instead of going over the county frequency eliminating the need for "County North" tower which relays our alerts and is the worse tower in county network as goes down frequently causing gaps in our communications with the county.

West Bath FD donated a 2 6000 psi bottle cascade system to us, allowing us to replace the currently 4 4500 psi bottles in the station, we need 6000 psi bottles to completely fill our smaller SCBA bottles to the required 4500 psi. After the WBFD bottles are tested they will be placed into service.

During the year, the department had 430 hours responding to calls, an increase of 88 hours, plus we attended 182 documented meetings which is also an increase of 10 from 2023. During 2024 we conducted joint training with KFD, this I believe is good for all communities involved and it also had some unforeseen consequences. Due to being out of the station a large amount of time, we found that things were not being given the attention needed. Also, we found that we were generating less meeting attendance along with less being done at the station. Due to changes in the structure of the training program with KFD with all the trainings to be held at KFD we have elected to pull our training back in house. With that I am putting more emphasis on attendance at both monthly meetings and structuring our training and pay structure accordingly. We will still hold joint training with KFD/AFD in the future.

We are always looking for new members that would like to serve our community. If you are interested, please contact me. I wish to express my thanks, recognition, and appreciation to all the New Portland Firefighters and their families who make up the Fire Department. Our community is indeed extremely fortunate to have them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kip Poulin, Fire Chief

New Portland Community Library - Annual Report 2024

2024 was a bittersweet year for the New Portland Community Library. Many challenges came our way, but we flourished through the adversities in our path. Two central members of the NPCL family, Library Director, Sheila Atwood and Town Historian, Marilyn Gorman passed away. We are grateful for their many years of dedication to the library and the town of New Portland.

Our proposed budget for FY 2024 was just shy of \$21,000. We came in under budget at around \$20,100! With growing expenses, we found ways to stretch our dollar. In order to add more books to our collection, we traded in weeded and unused books at Bull Moose to receive a credit. Doing this has helped tremendously. The library added hundreds of new books to both the adult and children's collections. Thanks to penny donations several Maine title and authors were also added.

The proposed income for FY 2024 was \$21,000, but when the reality set in, we were blown away. Total FY 2024 library income came to \$26,847. \$2,021 came in through donations, \$975 donated in memory of Sheila and Marilyn, \$9,633 in fundraisers, \$118 in returns, \$8,500 allocation from the Town of New Portland, and \$5,600 in grant funding.

New Portland Community Library received a \$5,000 grant through the Dorothy Louise Kyler Fund. "The John Henry Eldred Jr Foundation invests in initiatives to strengthen families and the communities in which they live, work and play." Grant funds go toward circulation materials, children's programming, and furniture for the children's section.

An additional grant of \$600 was given from Nation Digital Equity Center for our commitment to facilitate and host digital skills computer classes. Throughout the year, NPCL hosted 9 digital skills classes.

In 2024 we held an appreciation event for our supporters and volunteers. There was a good turn out and we appreciate each and every one who supports the NPCL. Without our bakers, supporters, and volunteers there wouldn't be a NPCL. You truly keep the doors open, heat and lights on, and the newest additions on the shelf!

The library held several fruitful fundraisers including: 1 toll bridge, a Silent Auction, an abundant Plant Sale, 5 Bake Sales, a booth at United Bikers of Maine, and the New Portland Fair. At the fair we gave away close to 100 children's books and raffled prizes. In 2024 we started a new Fundraiser, the Calendar Raffle, which brought in over \$3,000 to the library! The year wrapped up with our annual Craft Fair which was a success. The library continued to offer free puzzles and books.

The library began a weekly craft and story hour each Friday averaging 5 children. We hosted events for kids including a Frankenstuffy event as well as a Make Your Own Apple Pie event. Both programs were a hit with close to 30 kids in attendance.

Volunteers make the library go round. Thanks to our volunteers, we offered several services including meditation, Reiki, and added a Book Club. Our Maine Non-Fiction collection also received a revamp.

Marketing has continued to climb as we use social media to advertise. We created Facebook events as well as printing flyers and placing each strategically through New Portland and surrounding communities.

Interlibrary loan numbers dropped in 2024 due to a brief interruption in services due to a courier change. Unfortunately, we no longer receive deliveries at NPCL. However, UMF was gracious enough to partner with us so we can continue to provide this excellent service to our patrons.

Wi-Fi numbers are about the same as last year. We averaged 400 individuals over the 2024 year using this service. Roughly 200-400 logins per month.

CloudLibrary is a free electronic lending library service offered through the Maine State Library. Utilization of this service skyrocketed this past year with over 133 eBooks and 209 audiobooks checked out.

Even with the adversities, our patrons never wavered. New Portland has and continues to support us through the trials and day to day ventures. I, Mindy Newman, was hired as the Library Director in June 2024. Thank you to every patron, volunteer, and supporter who has helped and encouraged me along this journey. I look forward to next year's adventure.

Respectfully,

Mindy Newman, Library Director.

2025 Assessor's Agent Report

To the Taxpayers of the Town of New Portland:

The Town Assessor's Agent acts as an agent of the State and is governed by State statute and local management policy. The office is responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership and equitable valuation of taxable real estate and personal property located in the Town of New Portland. This office maintains permanent records setting forth title information, descriptions of land and buildings, the valuation of all properties (taxable and exempt), tax maps showing lot size, and a list of all personal property used in trade and manufacturing. Accurate record keeping of the property cards, tax maps, deeds and transfer documents from the State is ongoing. Change in title from the deeds and declaration of value are processed on a monthly basis. Land splits and new subdivisions are tracked and recorded on all proper documents, i.e. property cards (hard copy and computer copy) and tax maps.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS & PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

There are several forms of property tax relief available for New Portland Residents.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: (TITLE 36, M.R.S.A. SECTION 863): Homeowners whose principal residence is in the State of Maine are eligible for a \$25,000 exemption on their property assessment. (This exemption is also adjusted by the certified ration if it drops below 100%). An application is available in this book and also may be attained at the Town Office. In order to qualify for the exemption, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

The applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Maine.

The Homestead must be for a permanent place of Residence.

The applicant must have owned property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1st, of the year for which the application is made.

Those who qualify need not reapply annually; it will apply to qualified property owners until they sell, move, or the State changes the program.

VETERANS EXEMPTION: (TITLE 26, M.R.S.A. SECTION 653): Any US Veteran that actively served during a federally recognized war, including those honorably discharged or retired, and is at least sixty-two (62) years of age, may be eligible for a partial tax exemption on their primary residence. Veterans receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for a total disability, whether service, or non-service related, may also qualify. A widow, minor, or mother of a deceased veteran may also qualify for an exemption. Applications may be obtained at the Assessor's Agents office and must be filed with a copy of military discharge papers, such as a DD214, driver's license or State ID, and birth certificate on or before April 1st of that year.

The Veteran exemption is \$6,000. Paraplegic veterans can obtain an exemption of \$50,000 toward special adaptive housing (the exemption is adjusted by the certified ratio if it drops below 100%).

BLIND EXEMPTION (TITLE 36 M.R.S.A. SECTION 654): New Portland residents certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional or the Dept. of Education Division for the Blind and Visually impaired may file for an exemption of \$4,000 toward their real estate assessment. (The exemption is also adjusted by the certified ration if it drops below 100%).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- An individual must file a completed application, including any proof of qualification, with their local Assessor by December 1
- The Assessor will determine if the applicant qualifies for the program and will notify the applicant whether they have been approved or denied

TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS

Maine Law allows an Assessor to request a list of property possessed by taxpayers as of April 1 of the taxable year, called a true and perfect list, and to request additional information about the property that may be taxable to the owner. On the following page is a REQUEST FOR TRUE AND PERFECT LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY. Please take the time to fill this out and return to:

- Town of New Portland
Attn: Assessor
901 River Rd
New Portland, ME 04961

If you have torn down or built anything in the past year, please inform me at the Assessor's office so we can make the appropriate changes.

As most are aware, with the trending and fluctuating Real Estate market, comes some adjustments in Property valuations. These will continue to adjust over the next couple of year, and hopefully things will level off, so we are not constantly adjusting.

Any questions or concerns, I am in the office most Wednesdays (sometimes out and about doing fieldwork) if for any reason you are unable to reach me, please contact the Town Office at 628-4441 and leave your contact information, I will get in touch with you as soon as possible and set up an appointment with you at your convenience.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the last year.

Respectfully,

Audra Swanson, CMA
Assessor's Agent
Town of New Portland

PLEASE FILE WITH THE SELECTMEN ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1ST, 2025

REQUEST FOR TRUE AND PERFECT LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

(Taxable property includes property subject to exemption under the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program)

FILED PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, M.R.S.A. SECTION 706

To the Assessors of the Municipality of New Portland:

1. I am a legal resident of _____
(Municipality) (State)
2. Real Estate: List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation on April 1st, 2025 and located in New Portland, Me.

LOCATION (Street and #)	AREA OF LAND (Approx. lot size)	BUILDINGS (Dwellings, sheds, outbuildings)
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____

(If additional space is needed please use a blank sheet)

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered (include damaged) Since April 1st, 2024?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, identify building, construction, alteration or damages.

Is your land subject to any enforceable restrictions that limit its use?

YES _____ NO _____

If “yes” what is the nature of the restriction:

(Check all appropriate boxes)

- Zoning Ordinance**
- Recorded Contractual provisions**
- Subdivision restrictions**
- Other (Please Explain)**

REQUEST FOR TRUE AND PERFECT LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY PAGE 2

3. Structures on land you do not own: List property in this municipality you own on April 1 located on leased land or land you do not own, including dwelling houses, house trailers, camps, stores, storehouses, or any other structures. Identify the landowner and location in each case.

LOCATION (Street and #)	AREA OF LAND (Approx. lot size)	BUILDINGS (Dwellings, sheds, outbuildings)
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____

(If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet.)

The foregoing is submitted in compliance with 36 M.R.S.5 706-A, and is true, correct, and complete to the best of my belief as of April 1 of the current year.

I understand that the assessor may require me to make an oath of the foregoing, and that the assessor may require me to answer, in writing, questions as to the nature, situation, and value of nay property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine or subject to exemption pursuant to 36 M.R.S chapter 105(4-C); and that my refusal or neglect to answer and attest to such questions may result in forfeiture of my right to appeal.

I understand that the assessor (or any of them) may require me to make oath of the foregoing and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine, and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquiries and subscribe the same will be an appeal to the County Commissioners.

(Signature of Taxpayer (s))

Account Number or Map/Lot (if known)

(Please Print Name of Taxpayer)



APPLICATION FOR MAINE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

36 M.R.S. §§ 681-689

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

SECTION 1: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- 1a. I am a permanent resident of the State of Maine.
- b. I have owned a homestead in Maine for the past 12 months.
 - (1) If you owned a homestead in another municipality within the past 12 months, enter the address (street number, street name, municipality): _____
- c. I declare the homestead in this municipality is my permanent residence and I am not claiming or receiving a homestead property tax exemption for any other property.

(Summer camps, vacation homes, and second residences do not qualify)

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

SECTION 2: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 2 a. Names of all property owner (names on your tax bill): _____
- b. Physical location of your homestead (i.e. 14 Maple St.): _____
 City/Town: _____ Telephone# _____
- c. Mailing Address, if different from above: _____
 City/Town: _____ State _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____

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

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

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

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

Signature of Homestead Owner(s) _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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

DEFINITIONS

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

Municipality. "Municipality" means any city, town, plantation, or any location in the unorganized territory.

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

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

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

Town Manager's Notes to Taxpayers:

Dear Community members,

We certainly all had a very busy 2024 year. Multiple elections, busy summer roads work, along with our regular daily business. We worked hard to improve our internet connection issues we have had in the past at the office. We have also added a digital signage to the property to improve ways of communicating with the public. All of our departments have worked diligently to complete their daily tasks and multiple projects. Our numbers might be small but we give 110% when trying to make our community great and getting thing done.

I want to personally thank all of our Select Board members, and office staff for being the caring people that they are for their community. Volunteers are hard to come by with the busy everyday life that we all seem to have, but for those who do volunteer in our small town your time and efforts are so greatly appreciated.

I look forward to a great 2025 year and wish our residents a happy and healthy year.

Respectfully submitted

Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager

Selectman's Letter of Committal

Greetings to the citizens, neighbors and friends of New Portland.

We the Selectmen submit our annual letter of committal, with great hope for a healthy, happy New Year for the beautiful town of New Portland.

This past year we were still trying to repair dirt roads that were damaged in floods from over a year ago. Finally, 18 months later we have received FEMA money that can now be use on designated areas in town. We are working hard to get a working road plan ahead of the summer months.

This year the Selectmen were approached by a new ATV club. There will be a question on this year's town warrant at our annual Town meeting. Do we allow ATVs on many of our Town roads?

The Tannery Bridge is now allowing a single snowmobile to cross at a time and walking traffic. Thank you to the local snowmobile club for all their work with signage and barricades. No ATV traffic will be allowed on the bridge.

We the Selectmen used State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to accomplish a few things without cost to the tax payers. We have purchased some new hand-held radios for the fireman's use. We had a new electronic Town Office sign installed near the roadside. Also, we can communicate with you better daily and during an emergency with this signage.

We look forward to a great 2025, with high hopes for this wonderful little Town. Remember that we are all neighbors, so show kindness to all. Thank you for your support.

Respectively the New Portland Selectmen,

Janet White, Ray Poulin, Dave Veilleux

Taxpayer's notice

REAL ESTATE:

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2024 and on or before April 1, 2025, please notify the Town Office at 628-4441.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:

If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Town Office. In accordance with Title 36, Section 706 of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before dates requested will bar one's right to an abatement of taxes.

EXEMPTIONS:

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the assessors aware of the legal category of exemption the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption shall be made no later than April 1, 2025 for the 2025-tax year. In the case of property owned by individuals, possible exemptions for certain veterans and blind persons are described below.

VETERANS:

All veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, 2025 any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2025 should contact the Town Office to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Any veteran who is receiving 100% disability pension from the Veterans Administration should call to see if they are eligible for an exemption. Applications for veteran's exemption must be made to the Town Office on or before April 1, 2025. If you are currently receiving a veteran's exemption, you need not reapply.

BLIND:

Any person who is declared blind by a licensed doctor should notify the Town Office on or before April 1, 2025 to see if he or she is eligible for a tax exemption. If you are already receiving such an exemption, you need not reapply.

HOMESTEAD:

If your primary residence is located in New Portland, and you have owned a home in Maine for at least the twelve months prior to April 1, 2025, you may qualify for a homestead exemption. This application must also be received by April 1, 2025 to affect your 2025 tax bill. If you are already receiving this exemption, you need not reapply.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet White, Chairperson
Raymond Poulin
Dave Veilleux
New Portland Board of Selectmen

Rules of the New Portland Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator. No one may speak until they have been recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendation of the Budget Committee will be stated. An affirmative motion will be stated. An affirmation motion will be made by an identified voter and seconded by identified voter. No negative motion, including a motion to pass over will be accepted. Voting will be done by a showing of hands. The vote will then be announced. The vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. It can be overruled by a majority vote of the voters.

General town meeting provisions *(Maine Revised Statutes Title 30)*

The following provisions apply to all town meetings:

1. Qualified voter. Every registered voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.
2. Moderator elected and sworn. The clerk, or in the clerk's absence, a selectman or constable shall open the meeting by:
 - Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot;
 - Receiving and counting votes for moderator;
 - Swearing in the moderator.
3. Moderator presides. As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.
 - ***All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before that person is recognized by the moderator. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.***
4. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable until the meeting is adjourned. That person may also be fined.
 - When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make it certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
 - The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.
5. Votes recorded by the clerk. The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting. • If the clerk is absent, the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.
6. Written ballots. The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color, and must be blank except that 2 squares with "yes" by one and "no" by the other may be printed on them.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of Maine
 February 04, 2025
 County of Somerset

To Stacie Rundlett, Warden, a resident of New Portland, the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of New Portland, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Community Room of the Fire Station, on Saturday, the first day of March, 2025 at nine o'clock (9:00 a.m.) in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 01. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 02. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration charges for the calendar year 2025

Selectmen Recommend 188,956.00	Budget Committee Recommends 188,956.00
Officer's Salaries.....128,078.00128,078.00
Town Charges.....12,000.0012,000.00
Town Office.....12,878.0012,878.00
Social Security.....10,000.0010,000.00
Insurance..... <u>26,000.00</u>26,000.00
Total.....188,956.00188,956.00

Art. 03. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments annual membership dues for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 1,319.00	Budget Committee Recommends 1,319.00
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Art. 04. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for annual dues to the Maine Municipal Association for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 2,126.00	Budget Committee Recommends 2,126.00
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Art. 05. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing, tax mapping, and tax billing for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 2,275.00	Budget Committee Recommends 2,275.00
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Tax Map Update.....1,200.00
Consulting Services.....400.00
Mileage.....375.00
Training..... <u>300.00</u>
Total.....2,275.00

Art. 06. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to subsidize the operation costs of an Ambulance/Rescue service for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 29,336.00	Budget Committee Recommends 29,336.00
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Art. 07. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Audit for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 10,000.00	Budget Committee Recommends 10,000.00
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Art. 08. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer roads for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 168,800.00

Budget Committee Recommends 168,800.00

Taxation.....78,000.00
Road Grant.....37,000.00
Excise.....53,800.00
Total..... 168,800.00

Art. 09. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing road Paving account for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 20,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 20,000.00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 400,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 405,000.00

Taxation.....255,000.00
Excise Tax.....145,000.00
Total.....400,000.00

Taxation.....260,000.00
Excise tax.....145,000.00
Total.....405,000.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer Roads equipment.

Selectmen Recommend 15,000.00

Budget Committee Recommend 15,000.00

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 3,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 3,500.00

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operating expenses of the New Portland Fire Department for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 50,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 50,500.00

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Replacement Account.

Selectmen Recommend 10,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 0.00

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing Fire Fighter Training Account.

Selectmen Recommend 6,700.00

Budget Committee Recommends 6,700.00

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the loan payment for the fire station.

Selectmen Recommend 5,993.00

Budget Committee Recommends 5,993.00

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the loan payment for the 2014 fire truck.

Selectmen Recommend 30,407.00

Budget Committee Recommends 30,407.00

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for animal control for calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 1,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 1,500.00

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the betterment and upkeep of cemeteries.

Selectmen Recommend 6,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 6,000.00

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Fees for the calendar year 2025

Selectmen Recommend 3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 3,000.00

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the New Portland Community Library.

Selectmen Recommend 8,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 8,500.00

The Library requested 12,000

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses to produce the New Portlander newsletter.

Selectmen Recommend 5,200.00

Budget Committee Recommends 5,200.00

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Town's share of the 2023 operating expenses of the Kingfield/ New Portland Transfer Station.

Selectmen Recommend 81,780.00.00

Budget Committee Recommends 81,780.00

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the TRIO software licensing fees for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 18,220.00

Budget Committee Recommends 18,220.00

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maine Municipal Bond payment for the Sand Salt Shed.

Selectmen Recommend 28,239.00

Budget Committee Recommends 28,239.00

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sand Salt Shed.

Selectmen Recommend 500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 500.00

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the People Who Care Food Cupboard for the Calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 3,000.00

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance Program for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend 2,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 2,000.00

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 1.00 for abatements for the calendar year 2025.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Budget Committee Recommend YES

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase corporate bonds for the treasurer and tax collector for the calendar year 2025. *Selectmen Recommend YES*

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2025 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2026 to the 2026 annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and treasurer to use overlay for accounts exceeding appropriated amounts. *Selectmen Recommend YES*

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to charge the maximum rate of interest allowed by law on all unpaid taxes beginning thirty days after commitment of said taxes or on October 1st, whichever is later.

Selectmen Recommend YES, the maximum rate allowed for 2025 is 7.5%

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of 3% at which interest will be paid on refunds of taxes paid but later rebated. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to appoint a budget committee for calendar year 2025. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to use Surplus (Undesignated fund balance) to reduce taxes as they deem necessary for the 2025 tax year.
Selectmen Recommend YES

Art. 38. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Advisory Committee for the Town of New Portland, Maine" be adopted?

Art. 39. Shall an Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officers" be adopted?

Art. 40. Shall an Ordinance entitled "New Portland Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance of 2025" be adopted?

Art. 41. The registered voters of the Town of New Portland give permission for an organized ATV (all-terrain vehicles) club to operate on the following New Portland owned roads; South Road, New Portland Hill Road, Bennett Road, Chick Road, Colegrove Road, River Road, Katie Crotch Road, Middle Road, Wire Bridge Road, Old Kingfield Road, School Street (RT. 146), Bog Road (RT.16), Long Falls Dam Road , Hancock Pond Road, George E. Cole Road. These rules will need to be followed. ATVs will be allowed on Town roads from the Friday of Memorial Weekend till the Thursday before youth hunting day in the fall. ATVs can operate from 7am till 10pm, no night riding allowed. Every two (2) years an organized ATV club must come before the citizens of New Portland, to extend the agreement. This will take place at the annual Town Meeting, held on the first Saturday of March. If no organized ATV club is in operation, in New Portland at the end of any two-year period, the agreement will become invalid.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for New Portland by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

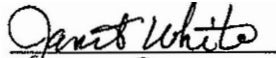
1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State aid for education
4. Public Library state aid per capita
5. Civil Emergency Funds
6. Snowmobile registration monies and grants
7. Tree Growth reimbursement


8. Veteran's exemption reimbursement
9. Homestead exemption reimbursement
10. General Assistance reimbursement
11. State grant and other funds (this category includes all funds that are not included in items 1 through 11 above)

The Registrar of voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS FOURTH (4th) DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE (2025).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen


Janet White, Chairman


Raymond Poulh,


David Veilleux

A true copy of the Warrant:


Stacie Rundlett

Town Manager
Warden & Constable

**The current audit report was not
available during the time of printing this report.**

When the report is ready, copies will be available at the town office.

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