



**2025**

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND**

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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



# TOWN DIRECTORY

## Town of New Portland Telephone Numbers & E-Mail Addresses

Town Office Front Desk	628-4441	Fax- 628-4440
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Town Clerk – Jacob Pinkham	628-4441	newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com
Assessor’s Agent – Audra Swanson, CMA	628-4441	newportlandassessor@gmail.com
Fire Department (non-emergency)	628-2081	nwprtInd@tds.net
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New Portlander Editor – Dallas Landry	628-4201	alderswamp2@gmail.com
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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-Stacie Rundlett	491-8007	
Code Enforcement Officer	453-4258 ext. 0	
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*

#### 2026 Observed Holidays & Dates Observed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 19th  
President’s Day on Monday, February 16th  
Patriot’s Day on Monday, April 20th  
Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th  
Independence Day on Friday, July 3rd  
Labor Day on Monday, September 7th  
Indigenous Peoples’ Day on Monday, October 12th  
Veteran’s Day on Wednesday, November 11th  
Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th  
Christmas Day observed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
New Year’s Eve on Thursday, December 31st

## Meeting Schedules

### Selectmen's 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 15<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>*

*NO Friday hours offered*

### School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm

### NP Community Library Hours

Tuesday/Friday/Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday/Thursday 3pm – 6pm

### 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. Permits 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 (2028)  
David Veilleux (2027)  
Janet White (2026)

## **Town Manager, Treasurer**

## **Tax Collector, Health Officer**

## **General Assistance Administrator**

Stacie Rundlett (Indefinite)

## **Deputy Town Manager** (Indefinite)

## **Deputy Town Clerk** (2026)

Lori Alyea

## **Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters**

## **Town Warden**

Jacob Pinkham (2026)

## **Regional Code Enforcement Officer**

Jeff Drew (2027)

## **Road Commissioner**

Pat Mitchell (2026)

## **Fire Chief**

Jethro "Kip" Poulin

## **Assistant Fire Chief**

Brian Rundlett

## **Captain**

Harold Gayne/ Kyle Handrahan

## **Lieutenants**

Raymond Jordan/ Keith (Andy) Mudgett Jr.

## **Local Plumbing Inspector**

Dan Gilbert (2026)

## **Animal Control Officer**

Stacie Rundlett (2026)

## **RSU#74 School Board**

Michelle Abbott (2028) resigned

Lynne Cary (2026) resigned

Dallas Landry (2026)

Brenda Stevens (2027)

## **Recreation Committee**

Jianna Pinkham

Dillon Wellman

## **Ballot/Election Clerks**

Jianna Pinkham

Brittany Rundlett

Kimberly Roy

Tiffany Silva

Stephanie Campbell

Andrew Campbell

Nicole Shamaly

Alex Renshaw

Elizabeth Renshaw

Nancy Steuber

Amy Hinkley

## **Planning Board**

Kristin Wallaker (2026)

Gabe Clark (2028)

Harold Gayne (2028)

Brian Rundlett (2026)

## **Budget Committee**

Mary Robinson

Brenda Stevens

Peter Ford

Andrea Reichert

Amy Hinkley

Michelle Abbott

## **Tax Assessor**

Audra Swanson, CMA

**Board of Appeals- vacant**

## Representatives to the County, State, and Federal Government

### **Somerset County Commissioner District #2**

Cyprien Johnson (resigned)  
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Skowhegan, ME 04976  
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### **State Representative to Congress #2**

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## United States Senators

Angus S. King Jr. (I-ME)  
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Russell Black  
Senator, District 5

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve once again as your State Senator from District 5. It is truly an honor to represent our communities, and I remain committed to working on your behalf to protect our way of life, lower taxes, support local tourism and agriculture, and address the issues that matter most to the people of this region.

The First Regular Session and First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature adjourned in March and July of 2025, respectively. The Second Regular Session will convene in January 2026. With hundreds of bills carried over, the upcoming session will be busy and will require continued focus on responsible budgeting, natural resource protection, and meeting the needs of rural Maine.

Many of you have contacted me with concerns about the rising costs of energy, child care, property taxes, and housing, among other challenges. As your State Senator, I will continue advocating for commonsense solutions that ease these pressures on Maine families.

I am pleased to report that the Legislature passed several important bills to expand access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also achieved key victories to protect our forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

On a personal note, this session the Legislature enacted legislation I sponsored to address flooding in the Sandy River Watershed. Flooding has threatened homes, roads, farmland, and livestock in our region for many years, and this represents an important step toward long-term solutions.

I would also be happy to host students at the State House. Parents and teachers interested in having students participate in the Honorary Page Program are encouraged to contact me to arrange a visit and learn more about our state government firsthand.

Thank you again for placing your trust in me as your State Senator. Please feel free to contact my office at (207) 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or need assistance with a state agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black  
State Senator, District 5

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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has and remains an honor to serve as your State Representative for District 74 in the Maine House of Representatives for these last seven years. As we begin the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent your interests in Augusta.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and we are preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting housing availability, workforce development, and support for working families, including Maine's high property and income tax burden and rising energy costs. These decisions have a direct impact on our region, and your input is essential. Hearing from the people of District 74 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

I encourage you to stay informed and engaged by visiting the legislative website at [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov). There, you can review bill language and summaries, follow committee schedules, track roll call votes, and watch live streams of House and Senate sessions. Public hearings and committee meetings are also accessible via Zoom, making it easier than ever to observe proceedings or offer testimony.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing you. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at 287-1440 or by email at [Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov) to share your thoughts or concerns. If you would like to receive my regular e-newsletter with updates throughout the year, simply send me your email address and I will be glad to add you to the distribution list.

Serving our community is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Randall C. Hall  
State Representative

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
APPROPRIATIONS  
EDUCATION  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

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](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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RANKING MEMBER, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

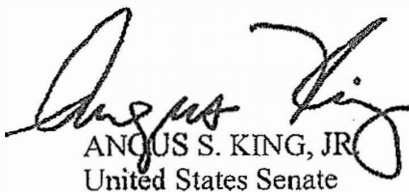
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been 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.  
United States Senate

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you 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.

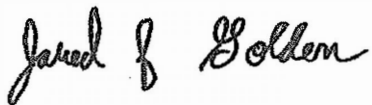
I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

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

## RSU 74

### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

January 1, 2026

Dear RSU 74 Residents,

I am happy to report the state of your schools continues to move in a positive direction. During the 2025 calendar year, the RSU 74 Board of Directors have supported multiple initiatives to continue the work of making improvements in the academics we offer and in our infrastructure.

Each year the students in RSU 74 are tasked with completing the Northwest Educational Assessment (NWEA) as it is the approved instrument to provide State growth in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics to the federal government. Over the past two years our schools have continued to show improvement in their educational growth and achievement. Attendance remains an area of focus as we continue to have a significant number of students who are as defined by the State as being chronically absent, meaning the students miss 10% or more of the seat days. Truancy has improved but remains high. Our staff continue to reach out to families to offer assistance with getting students into their seats on a regular basis.

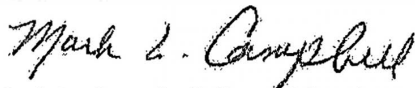
Another project we are working on is the documenting of the curriculum for each of the content areas. This current school year we are attempting to finish up documenting our science and social studies. Once these documents are created, we can then continuously review the student data from the NWEA scores to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and our instructional practices.

Last year our district objective was to finish developing and implementing 5-10 year improvement plans for buildings, grounds, and busing. While the plans did not call for a new bus in the current budget, if fiscally possible we will be asking to replace two from our fleet in the coming budget year. Again, our plan is to remove those that are costing us more than others so the ones being replaced may not be the oldest. Our buildings and grounds project undertaken in the latter half of 2025 included installing an outside pellet hopper at CCS to allow us to reinstall a 5,000-gallon heating oil tank in the pit where in the original construction plan for that building housed such a tank. This project saved us \$3,000 on our first filling for the 2025-2026 winter. Both Garret Schenck and Solon had the stretched and tattered rugs removed and new flooring put in that can be washed daily. All four buildings received an upgrade in security systems with additional cameras installed and swipe card entry systems.

This fall, the Board agreed to enter into an agreement with the Town of Anson to permit the use of CCS as an emergency shelter. Working with the Anson Board, Anson Fire Department, and the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Anson, an agreement was reached that permits the building to be opened up to allow residents to seek shelter if situations arise where their own home isn't the best place to remain in an emergency. The agreement will require the Town of Anson to reimburse the district for costs associated with the use. For example, if there is no power, our generator will kick on and we will be able to inform the Town how much propane was consumed and at what our price is in order to recoup the cost to operate the facility. While the agreement is with Anson, it is expected that other community members also have access through collaboration between fire departments/emergency management personnel.

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.



Integrity      Respect      Fairness      Dedication  
SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### 2024 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

January 1, 2025 begins my 10<sup>th</sup> year as your Sheriff. I want to personally thank everyone for your continued support for the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. It is a privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County, and our visitors.

The Office of Sheriff oversees the operations of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. This year, I began my 2-year term as immediate past President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I continue my appointment to the Board of Directors for (NESPIN) New England State Police Information Network. I am also a board member for the Statewide County Corrections Professional Standards Council.

I would like to report that the Somerset County Sheriff's Office continues to be an accredited law enforcement agency through the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The Sheriff's Office law enforcement policies and procedures are best practice for the State of Maine. I want to take this opportunity to thank staff and Deputies for their diligent efforts to obtain this accreditation.

In 2024 the Somerset County Sheriffs Office added two School Resource Officers (SRO). We provide an SRO to SAD 59, Madison and to SAD 54, Canaan and Norridgewock.

The Sheriffs Office collaborates with Somerset Public Health to provide a Care Coordinator for Substance Use Disorder. When Deputies respond to incidents that have addiction related components, they now have an imbedded caseworker that can process referrals for treatment.

The Sheriffs Office procured a drone, through grant funding, to assist Deputies with the investigation of crime scenes and motor vehicle crashes.

#### Law Enforcement

The Patrol division is comprised of 14 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have 2 Deputies dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The Patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Patrol Division conducted 1,275 traffic stops and covered 987 reportable accidents. The patrol division arrested/summonsed 835 individuals in Somerset County. The Sheriff's Office assigns 1 Deputy per shift to patrol the Town of Madison. We have a 32-hour Secretary/Dispatcher assigned to Madison. We had a total of 4 Deputies graduate from the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Program (BLETP) at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy this year. The Criminal division is comprised of 4 Detectives, 1 Domestic Violence Investigator assigned to the Somerset County District Attorney's Office, and is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Criminal Division. Presently, that position is not filled. The Sheriff's Office has 1 trained accident re-constructionist along with 1 forensic mapper. The Sheriff's Office has 2 canines, one assigned to each division.

Throughout 2024, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities. This year the Criminal Division obtained 63 search warrants and charged 68 people with illicit drug charges. The Criminal Division charged 60 people with crimes such as, burglary, theft, sexual assault, fraud etc. Between January and December, the Criminal Division executed 22 illegal marijuana cultivation drug search warrants. These warrants have been executed in the Towns of Cornville, Norridgewock, Madison, Anson, Solon, Ripley, St. Albans, Skowhegan, and Canaan. In 2024 the Criminal Division seized approximately 28,000 marijuana plants, approximately 250 pounds of processed marijuana, approximately \$50,000 in cash, and 5 motor vehicles. In 2024, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 27 sex offense complaints. 19 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. As a result of these investigations, and working with the District Attorney's Office prosecuting these cases, we were able to get substantial sentences in a number of child abuse cases. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracks individuals who are



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## SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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required by law to register as sex offenders. 3 individuals were charged/arrested with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

### Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 3 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff. The Somerset County Jail is now 17 years old. The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In 2024 the Somerset County Jail recorded 1,319 total bookings, a 3.2% increase since 2023. We are currently still working with the State of Maine in administering Sublocade to inmates who identify with an Opioid Use Disorder. The Somerset County Jail has a robust programs division. Services provided include parenting classes, alcohol treatment, education and mental health counselling. In 2024 we collaborated with Somerset Public Health, funded by New Balance, inmates work growing a variety of vegetables that get processed on site by our kitchen workers and distributed to local schools.

### Civil Process

In 2024, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,325 papers to process and serve. That is a 23% decrease from 2023.

### Calls for Service

- In 2024, the Sheriff's Office received 17,479 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 4.3% decrease from 2023.
- During 2024, the Sheriff's Office responded to 318 calls for service from the Town of New Portland, which is a 22% decrease from 2023. These calls included 2 motor vehicle stops, 64 motor vehicle accidents, 5 calls requesting citizen assistance, 3 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for burglary, theft, criminal threatening, assault, harassment, welfare checks, and requests for other police services.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.

**ADMINISTRATION SELECTMEN'S BUDGET REPORT**

\*Appropriations for 2024, 2025 and Tentative 2026

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Town Salaries	114,554.00	128,078.00	136,205.00
Town Charges	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Town Office	12,920.00	12,878.00	15,365.00
Social Security	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Insurance	37,779.00	26,000.00	39,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>187,253.00</b>	<b>188,956.00</b>	<b>212,570.00</b>
Fire Truck Payment	30,407.00	30,407.00	0.00
Kennebec Valley Council of Government	1,268.00	1,319.00	1,319.00
Maine Municipal Association	2,046.00	2,126.00	2,323.00
Assessing	13,075.00	2,275.00	1,500.00
Ambulance	23,178.00	29,336.00	33,790.00
Audit	9,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
Summer Roads	78,800.00	78,800.00	78,000.00
Winter Roads	235,000.00	255,000.00	290,000.00
Paving	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Summer Roads Equipment		15,000.00	15,000.00
Street Lights	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
Fire Department	47,220.00	50,500.00	50,500.00
Fire Training	1,710.00	6,700.00	2,810.00
Fire Station Payment	5,993.00	5,993.00	5,993.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cemetery Improvement	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Library	8,500.00	12,000.00	11,000.00
Newsletter	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Transfer Station	71,289.00	81,780.00	91,466.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Animal Control	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Trio License	13,870.00	18,220.00	19,132.00
Food Cupboard	2,500.00	3,000.00	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	0.00	0.00
Town Historian	500.00	0.00	0.00
Town Office Addition			10,000.00
Sand Salt Shed	500.00	500.00	6,700.00
<b>TOTAL FROM MEETING APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>809,549.00</b>	<b>871,352.00</b>	<b>910,543.00</b>
Educations, RSU/SAD #74	991,266.00	1,030,836.00	
County Tax	228,894.54	237,656.24	
Overlay	<u>39,798.30</u>	<u>42,444.63</u>	
	<b>1,259,958.84</b>	<b>1,310,936.87</b>	
<b>NEW ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT</b>	<b>2,069,507.84</b>	<b>2,182,288.87</b>	
<b>OTHER TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Road Grant Fund	37,000.00	37,000.00	
Excise Taxes	178,000.00	<u>198,800.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2,284,504.84</b>	<b>2,418,088.87</b>	

**Assessor's Report  
2025 Valuation**

<b>Taxable Valuation of Real Estate</b>		
Value of Land		53,180,200.00
Value of Buildings		65,686,200.00
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE VALUE</b>		<b>118,866,400.00</b>
 <b>Taxable Valuation of Personal Property</b>		
Product machinery and Equipment		380,200.00
Business Equipment		2,600.00
All other Personal Property		5,500.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE</b>		<b>388,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE</b>		<b>119,254,700.00</b>
 <b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
County Tax		237,656.24
Municipal Appropriation		875,552.00
Local Education Appropriation		1,030,836.00
Overlay		42,444.63
<b>TOTAL 2025 APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2,186,488.87</b>
 <b>Less Specific Amounts Allowed by Law</b>		
State Municipal Revenue Sharing		-155,074.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement		-76,602.25
BETE Reimbursement		-1,839.35
Other Revenue: Veterans Exemption, Franchise Fee, Interest on taxes		-271,482.00
<b>NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT</b>		<b>1,681,491.27</b>
 <b>Real Estate</b>		
	118,866,400.00 X 0.0141=	1,676,016.24
<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>388,300.00 X 0.0141=</b>	<b>5,475.03</b>
		<b>1,681,491.27</b>

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

**ABATEMENTS****Receipts**

From Overlay		8,592.41
Taxation		1.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,593.41</b>

**Expenditures****2025 Real Estate Abatement**

Jonathan & Yorn Chesnut	1,835.82	Denise Quirion	278.75
Lori Alyea & Herbert Mcleod	27.27	Mark Scribner	3,521.59
Castanza Roberts	28.20	Susan & Gregory Shaw	1,027.89
Daniel Ruggiero & Shania Campbell	1,782.24	Kendall & Joyce Knowles	84.60
		Susan Gates	5.64
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,592.00</b>

**2025 Personal Property Abatement**

Elavon, Inc.		1.66
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.66</b>

**COMBINED REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT**

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,593.41</b>
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT****2025 Assessment**

2025 Net Assessment for Commitment		1,681,491.27
2025 Taxes paid in 2024		8,338.37
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,673,152.90</b>

**2025 COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS**

2025 Real Estate Taxes Collected		1,467,312.22
2025 Personal Property Taxes Collected		5,119.16
2025 Real Estate Taxes Receivable		200,365.65
2025 Personal Property Taxes Receivable		355.87
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,673,152.90</b>

**OTHER YEARS COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS**

2024 Real Estate Taxes		188,275.60
2023 Real Estate Taxes		35,668.44
2022 Real Estate Taxes		3,023.86
2024 Personal Property Taxes		155.61
2023 Personal Property Taxes		4.26
2022 Personal Property Taxes		.95
2026 Real Estate Taxes		3,080.52
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230,209.24</b>

## 2025 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

506 MAIN STREET REALTY, LLC	208.40	FOSS, DAWN PAMELA ET	1,538.31
ABBOTT, MICHELLE G	381.37	FOYE, JOHN T	855.87
ANDERSON, ALBERT G	139.59	*	1,632.78
ANDERSON, ALBERT G	1,181.58	GILL, RICHARD A	2,199.60
ANDREI, JOSHUA C	1,136.21	GLASER, MARK	950.34
ATWOOD, DAVID R	824.85	GOFF, NORMAN	377.76
ATWOOD, DAVID R	486.45	GOFF, NORMAN	582.33
BARDEN, ELLIOTT SR	812.16	GOFF, ORRIN	315.84
BEAULIEU, EVELYN	618.99	GORDAN, ETHEL VITALE	341.22
BLACK, DONALD	473.76	Gordon, Joseph R	1,223.88
BLAKE, DEREK M	1,390.26	Gordon, Joseph R	627.45
BOUCHER, STEVEN W	5,651.28	GROVER, JR., RANDY	816.39
BRENNAN, ESTHEL C	889.71	GROVER, RANDY C SR	1,518.57
BROWN, DARRYL SR	362.37	*	417.36
BRUCKER, JOHN	1,718.79	HANDRAHAN, KYLE	554.13
BRUCKER, JOHN	1,104.03	HANDRAHAN, KYLE	380.70
BRUNTON, KATIE EMERY	875.61	HARRIMAN, JAMES S	768.45
BUMPUS, JOSHUA	326.16	HASELGARD, BETHANY R	421.59
BUNKIN, HANNAH CLAIR	236.88	HASELGARD, BETHANY RO	1,398.72
BURNS, SAMANTHA	2,863.71	HAYWARD, WYATT NED	2.82
BURNS, SAMANTHA	439.92	HEATH, PAULA M	1,800.57
BURNS, SAMANTHA	21.15	*	671.16
CAIRNIE, JESSICA L	2,710.02	HOWARD, WILLIAM K. &	767.04
CARTER, AMANDA J., ESTATE OF,	1,435.38	HUNTLEY, LEE	1,562.28
CHOUINARD, CLAUDE J	360.27	HUTCHINS, RONALD A	1,078.65
*	1,873.89	JORDAN, VIVIAN L	548.49
*	325.71	KALISTA, DENISE D	1,174.53
COLLINS, CHRISTINA M	1,212.60	LABELLE, DYLAN S	698.95
COLLINS, MARK E	255.21	LAMBERT, AARON S	1,074.42
COSTA, PHILIP	886.89	LAROCHE, RONALD S	898.17
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM 111	3,133.02	LAWHON, LAURA & ASS	420.18
DAH 2012 TRUST#2 TATZ, TRUST	362.37	LEBEAU, BREANNA	5.64
DAVID A TERVO & DARILYN M TE	1,044.81	LEBEAU, BREANNA	844.25
DELANEY, RYAN	1,185.81	*	36.05
DENTICO, MICHAEL A	1,790.70	MCKENNEY, DAVID S	397.62
*	513.24	MEAD, MARGARET ELIZAB	1,524.21
EMERY, DONALD W	2,049.05	MEARS, FRED	222.78
EMERY, DONALD W	1,047.63	MITCHELL, KRISTEN	778.32
EMERY, JASON W	767.04	MUDGETT, KEITH A JR	109.98
EMERY, LEISA D	946.11	MUDGETT, KEITH A. JR. &	573.87
*	8,496.66	NEAL, PETER	2,553.40
*	2,749.50	NEILSEN, ROBERT J	2,917.29
ESTES, MICHAEL	2,790.39	NEUREUTHER, AMANDA A	561.18
EVENSON, MICHAEL A	1,707.51	NICONCHUK, MELISSA R	3,750.60
FISCHER, CORWIN L	2,536.59	PIERCE, MICHAEL	1,266.86
FORSLEY, CHRISTINE M	2,126.28	PORTER, ARYKE L	315.84
FOSS, DAWN P	315.81	POULIN, CHRISTOPHER H	2,632.47

## 2025 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES (CONT'D)

POULIN, RAYMOND	1,323.99	*	2,222.77
PRIME, TANYA T	1,593.30	TIMMERMAN, WILLIAM	645.78
RAFFERTY, JAVIER A	979.95	TINDALL, JAMES MORGAN	1,818.90
RANKIN GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	331.35	TOLMAN, KENNETH	2,193.96
RANKIN GROUP DEVELOPMENT LLC	327.12	TOLMAN, MARK S	1,811.85
RANKIN GROUP DEVELOPMENT, LLC	324.30	TOLMAN, MARK S	325.71
*	947.42	TOZIER, HAROLD	329.94
RICCIO, TIMOTHY J	1,797.75	TOZIER, HAROLD	1,281.69
RICKER, MICHAEL D	862.92	TOZIER, TREVOR	587.97
RISTANO, LORRAINE C	506.19	TOZIER, TREVOR ET AL	1,834.41
RISTANO, LORRAINE C	2,191.14	TRANTEN, NICHOLAS R	187.53
ROBERTS, JOSHUA	1,001.10	TRUDEL, ALAN S	210.09
ROBERTS, JOSHUA	153.69	TURNER, THOMAS D	632.08
RODERICK, GILL W	1,353.60	TUTTLE, NOELLE	2.82
RODERICK, GILL W	400.44	TUTTLE, PATRICIA B	387.20
SCHEVE, MATTHEW G	1,228.11	TYLL, ROBIN L	2,931.39
SCHINZEL, MARK A	1,818.90	VEILLEUX, PAMELA A	29.93
SCHMIDT, FRANK D	552.72	VILLACCI, REGINA M	1,326.10
*	490.68	*	2,295.48
SERAFINO, WILLIAM V	1,622.91	*	156.51
SIBLEY, ROGER	1,660.98	WALES, MICHAEL S	2,777.70
SLEEPER, LUKE JOHN CURTIS	1,010.97	WALES, MICHAEL S	714.87
SMART, JESSICA M	1,029.30	WARREN, RALPH F III	1,156.20
SMITH, MARK L	21.15	WAYE, NANCY J	93.98
SPOONER, DEREK	1,810.44	WELCH, HERBERT	826.26
SQUIBB, AMY B	2,103.72	*	3,337.47
STEWART, KENNETH	527.34	WHITE, JAROD A	1,153.38
SWEENEY, MICHAEL S JR	404.67	WIESE, JOHN	1,294.38
SWEENEY, MICHAEL S JR	1,488.96	WILLIAMS, KENNETH	208.68
TALON, SHAUN	5,537.07	WILLS, DANA	166.38
TAYLOR, ASHLEY G.	752.94	WILLS, RODERICK	1,016.61
TAYLOR, CALEB J	1,108.36	WILLS, STANLEY	992.64
*	727.56	WIRICK, WENOHAN M	1,243.86
*	1,366.29	*	91.65
THOMPSON, STACI G	1,639.83	YOUNG, ELIZABETH ROSE	2,487.24
*	132.54	YOUNG, ORIN W	6,002.37
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193,396.10</b>

## 2024 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

ANDERSON, ALBERT G	809.49	LAMBERT, AARON S	695.31
BEAULIEU, EVELYN	58.76	LAWHON, LAURA & ASSOCI	462.58
BURNS, SAMANTHA	3,068.72	MCKENNEY, DAVID S	431.48
BURNS, SAMANTHA	511.96	MUDGETT, KEITH A JR	168.79
BURNS, SAMANTHA	110.46	MUDGETT, KEITH A. JR. &	56.85
CAIRNIE, JESSICA L	2,744.59	NICONCHUK, MELISSA R	3,771.73
DAVID A TERVO & DARILYN M	88.44	PRIME, TANYA T	1,777.53
*	504.30	RICCIO, TIMOTHY J	1,692.88
ESTES, MICHAEL	2,979.29	SARNER, RONALD K	898.65
EVENSON, MICHAEL A	1,009.07	SCHEVE, MATTHEW G	1,334.36
FORSLEY, CHRISTINE M	2,162.07	SCHINZEL, MARK A	1,952.40
GILL, RICHARD A	2,242.62	SERAFINO, WILLIAM V	1,730.82
GLASER, MARK	982.24	SIBLEY, ROGER	1,767.32
GOFF, ORRIN	352.37	SPOONER, DEREK	1,856.88
Gordon, Joseph R	1,340.45	TINDALL, JAMES MORGAN	1,839.98
Gordon, Joseph R	728.50	*	2,495.57
GROVER, JR., RANDY	864.32	*	229.86
GROVER, RANDY C SR	1,635.86	WALES, MICHAEL S	2,947.82
HARRIMAN, JAMES S	847.91	WALES, MICHAEL S	770.29
HASELGARD, BETHANY R	453.87	WELCH, HERBERT	879.25
HASELGARD, BETHANY ROSE	1,489.71	WIESE, JOHN	1,374.78
HOWARD, WILLIAM K. & JULIE	579.83	WILLIAMS, KENNETH	291.18
HUNTLEY, LEE	1,635.98	WILLS, STANLEY	1,068.80
HUTCHINS, RONALD A	1,179.13	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,875.05</b>

## 2023 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

GOFF, ORRIN	260.82	PRIME, TANYA T	1,699.40
ESTES, MICHAEL	2,888.02	*	177.48
GROVER, JR., RANDY	719.38	*	104.05
HARRIMAN, JAMES S	763.70	WELCH, HERBERT	772.42
HASELGARD, BETHANY ROSE	1,372.50	WILLS, STANLEY	560.14
MCKENNEY, DAVID S	427.85	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,484.94</b>

## 2022 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

MCKENNEY, DAVID S	393.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>393.34</b>

## 2021 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

MCKENNEY, DAVID S	460.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>460.40</b>

### 2025 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AT&T MOBILITY LLC	165.52	POULIN'S GARAGE	47.94
BOUCHER, STEVEN W	19.74	TINDALL'S COUNTRY STORE	19.74
DISH NETWORK LLC	46.53	WILLS, DANA T	50.76
GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	5.64	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355.87</b>

### 2024 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194.58</b>
TIME WARNER CABLE INTERNET LL	1.41		

### 2023 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT LLC	2.76	TIME WARNER CABLE INTE	1.38
DISH NETWORK LLC	60.52	TINDALL'S COUNTRY STORE	22.08
RAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	8.16	WILLS, DANA T	49.68
POULIN'S GARAGE	46.92	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191.50</b>

### 2022 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	7.40	WILLS, DANA T	53.28
POULIN'S GARAGE	50.32	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111.00</b>

### 2021 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	12.78	WILLS, DANA T	555.45
POULIN'S GARAGE	17.82	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>555.45</b>

### 2020 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CONOPCO INC.	4.17	WILLS, DANA T	355.53
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>359.70</b>

### 2019 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ADT LLC	7.64	WILLS, DANA T	206.55
DISHNET SATELLITE BROAD	1.91	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216.10</b>

### 2018 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

COWAN, GARY R & PEGGY A	59.73	WILLS, DANA T	280.51
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340.24</b>

### 2017 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

TR DILLON LOGGING	59.07	WILLS, DANA T	101.46
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160.53</b>

### 2014 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

ROAD RUNNER HOLD CO			1.41
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.41</b>

STATE OF MAINE REIMBURSEMENT

Receipts

Tree Growth Reimbursement		68,670.71
Veteran's Reimbursement		1,582.00
	TOTAL	70,252.71

Expenditures

Used to reduce Tax Commitment		60,582.00
Lapse to Surplus		9,670.71
	TOTAL	70,252.71

BOAT EXCISE TAXES

Receipts

2025 Excise Taxes Received		1,244.80
	TOTAL	1,244.80

Expenditures

Lapse to Surplus		1,244.80
	TOTAL	1,244.80

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Receipts

2025 Motor Vehicle Excise Received		215,609.97
	TOTAL	215,609.97

Expenditures

Transferred to Winter Roads		145,000.00
Transferred to Summer Roads		53,800.00
Lapsed to Surplus		16,809.97
	TOTAL	215,609.97

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Receipts

2025 Receipts		106,827.73
	TOTAL	106,827.73

Expenditures

Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine		106,827.73
	TOTAL	106,827.73

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE REGISTRATIONS

Receipts

2025 Receipts		20,882.95
	TOTAL	20,882.95

Expenditures

Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine		19,919.69
Lapse to Surplus		963.26
	TOTAL	20,882.95

OFFICER'S SALARIES

Receipts

2025 Town Meeting Appropriations		128,078.00
From Overlay		1,759.67
Income from T.I.F.		1,600.00
	TOTAL	131,437.67

Expenditures

Selectmen		9,000.00
Town Manager		54,335.67
Deputy Town Manager		24,652.00
Fire Chief		2,000.00
Assistant Fire Chief		500.00

OFFICER'S SALARIES (CONT'D)	
Code Enforcement Officer	6,000.00
Town Clerk	4,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk's	750.00
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00
Assessor's Agent	23,200.00
Road Commissioner	4,000.00
TOTAL	131,437.67

TOWN CHARGES

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation	12,000.00
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees/IF&W Agent Fees/Copier & Postage Fees	7,760.02
Lien Fees	6,717.98
Refunds from T.I.F. Account	904.60
TOTAL	27,382.60

Expenditures

Registry Recording Fees	2,652.00
Mileage	1,684.00
Supplies, Cleaning	7,275.00
Postage (Includes bulk mail permit)	5,031.54
Training/Membership Dues	335.59
Town Report Printing	990.00
Ballot Clerks	4,484.20
Website	904.60
Copier Lease/Contact	2,512.29
Electricity for West Village Storage Building	955.42
Lapse to surplus	557.96
TOTAL	27,382.60

SOCIAL SECURITY

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation	10,000.00
Maine State Tax Withholding	2,643.84
Federal Tax Withholding	14,784.78
FICA/Medicare Tax Withholding	11,009.14
From Overlay	1,009.14
TOTAL	39,446.90

Expenditures

Paid to Internal Revenue Services	36,803.06
Paid to Treasurer, State of Maine	2,643.84
TOTAL	39,446.90

TOWN OFFICE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation	12,878.00
From Surplus	920.71
TOTAL	13,798.71

Expenditures

Trash Removal	232.45
Telephone	4,042.33
Internet	1,440.00
Heat	4,114.11

## TOWN OFFICE (CONT'D)

Electricity		2,668.03
Alarm Monitoring		270.00
Office Supplies		1,296.05
Cleaning		1,100.00
Building Maintenance		1,000.00
Mowing		150.00
	TOTAL	13,798.71
INSURANCE		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Town Meeting Appropriation		26,000.00
Carry Forward from 2024		9,621.00
	TOTAL	35,621.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Property & Casualty Pool		16,339.00
Worker's Compensation		3,281.00
MMA Health Insurance		15,241.32
Unemployment		114.00
Carry Forward to 2026		645.68
	TOTAL	35,621.00
ASSESSING		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Carry Forward From 2024		18,827.00
Town Meeting Appropriation		2,275.00
	TOTAL	21,102.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Training		584.15
Tax Maps		12,000.00
Carry Forward to 2026		8,517.85
	TOTAL	21,102.00
EDUCATION		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Assessments		1,030,836.00
	TOTAL	1,030,836.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
R.S.U. #74		1,030,836.00
	TOTAL	1,030,836.00
KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT(KVCOG)		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Town Meeting Appropriation		1,319.00
	TOTAL	1,319.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Paid to KVCOG		1,319.00
	TOTAL	1,319.00
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (MMA)		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Town Meeting Appropriation		2,126.00
Frcm Overlay		115.00
	TOTAL	2,241.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Paid to MMA		2,241.00
	TOTAL	2,241.00

TRIO SOFTWARE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		18,220.00
	TOTAL	18,220.00

Expenditures

Paid to Harris Computers		17,460.06
Lapse to surplus		759.94
	TOTAL	18,220.00

PLANNING BOARD

Receipts

Carry Forward from 2024		5,673.00
Income		2,240.00
	TOTAL	7,913.00

Expenditures

Carry Forward to 2026		7,913.00
	TOTAL	7,913.00

LIBRARY

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		12,000.00
	TOTAL	12,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to the Library		12,000.00
	TOTAL	12,000.00

AMBULANCE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		29,336.00
From Overlay		1,143.00
	TOTAL	30,479.00

Expenditures

Paid to Franklin Memorial Hospital		30,479.00
	TOTAL	30,479.00

STREET LIGHTS

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		3,500.00
Carry Forward from 2024		3,360.00
	TOTAL	6,860.00

Expenditures

Paid to Central Maine Power Company		4,024.21
Lapse to Surplus		2,835.79
	TOTAL	6,860.00

WINTER ROADS

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		405,000.00
From Overlay		27,743.25
	TOTAL	432,743.25

Expenditures

Paid to J.R. Davenport Trucking & Plowing		354,000.00
JR Nunes Winter Sand		54,075.00
Paid to New England Salt		21,103.56
Paid to CMP		3,564.69
	TOTAL	432,743.25

ANIMAL CONTROL

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		1,500.00
Carry Forward from 2024		4,886.00
Income		336.00
	TOTAL	6,722.00

Expenditures

Paid to Franklin County Animal Shelter		2,426.00
Carry Forward to 2026		4,296.00
	TOTAL	6,722.00

TRANSFER STATION

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		81,780.00
Frcm Overlay		992.50
	TOTAL	82,772.50

Expenditures

Paid to Town of Kingfield		82,772.50
	TOTAL	82,772.50

COUNTY TAXES

Receipts

2025 Assessment		237,656.24
	TOTAL	237,656.24

Expenditures

Somerset County Treasurer		237,656.24
	TOTAL	237,656.24

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		2,000.00
From Overlay		1,869.01
	TOTAL	3,869.01

Expenditures

GA-2025-1		1,372.50
GA-2025-2		800.00
GA-2025-3		796.51
GA-2025-4		900.00
	TOTAL	3,869.01

AUDIT

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		10,000.00
From Overlay		2,300.00
	TOTAL	12,300.00

Expenditures

Paid to Purdy Powers & Company		12,300.00
	TOTAL	12,300.00

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

Carry forward from 2024		7,980.00
	TOTAL	7,980.00

Expenditures

Carry forward to 2026		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		60,076.00
	TOTAL	80,076.00

Expenditures

Paid to Paving Solutions		63,583.25
Carry forward to 2026		16,492.75
	TOTAL	80,076.00

SUMMER ROADS

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		168,800.00
FEMA/MEMA Carry Forward from 2024		62,237.27
Funds received from FEMA/MEMA in 2025		62,849.76
	TOTAL	293,887.03

Expenses

Gravel/Stone for Rds		24,917.19
Grader Fuel & Maint		13,818.39
Brush/Tree cutting		11,450.00
Pickup		2,621.56
Foreman/Labor		8,844.39
Backhoe\excavator		20,249.12
Trucking		16,374.54
Misc		7,314.30
Calcium		26,180.70
Sweeping		1,500.00
Culverts and Installation		8,817.76
FEMA/MEMA funds to carry forward to 2026		125,087.03
Carry Forward to 2026		26,712.65
	TOTAL	293,887.03

FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation		6,700.00
Carry Forward from Reserve Account		7,744.00
	TOTAL	14,444.00

FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING (CONT'D)

Expenditures

Paid for Training	2,810.00
Carry Forward to 2026 in Reserve Account	11,634.00
TOTAL	14,444.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Carry Forward from 2024	21,257.63
Town Meeting Appropriation	50,500.00
From Revenue for approved expenditures	8,206.00
TOTAL	79,963.63

Expenditures

Electricity	3,583.74
Telephone/Internet	2,422.73
Gas/Oil	1,896.55
Equipment	8,434.00
Equipment Maint	27,993.27
Payroll	9,915.00
Trash	232.45
Building Maint.	6,070.08
Carry forward to 2026	19,415.81
TOTAL	79,963.63

RECREATION

Receipts

Carry Forward from Reserve Account	1,371.00
TOTAL	1,371.00

Expenditures

Rec funds for Softball	142.43
Carry Forward to Reserve Account	1,228.57
TOTAL	1,371.00

LEGAL FEES

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation	3,000.00
From Overlay	442.50
TOTAL	3,442.50

Expenditures

Paid to Burnstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson	3,442.50
TOTAL	3,442.50

PEOPLE WHO CARE FOOD CUPBOARD

Receipts

Town Meeting Appropriation	3,000.00
TOTAL	3,000.00

Expenditures

Paid to People Who Care Food Cupboard	3,000.00
TOTAL	3,000.00

SNOWMOBILE GRANTS

Receipts

Received from the State of Maine	16,152.30
TOTAL	16,152.30

Expenditures

Paid to the Wire Bridge Sno Travelers	16,152.30
TOTAL	16,152.30

## DEDICATED SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

### Paving Fund

1/1/2025 Balance	60,575.00
Deposit of 2025 Town Meeting Appropriation	20,000.00
Interest Earned	238.69
Transferred to General Fund Account for 2025 expenses	63,583.25
12/31/2025 Balance	17,230.44

### Firefighter Training Fund

01/01/2025 Balance	7,744.00
Deposit of 2025 Town Meeting Appropriation	6,700.00
Transferred to General Fund Account for 2025 expenses	2,810.20
Interest Earned	90.38
12/31/2025 Balance	11,724.18

### Fire Truck Replacement Fund

1/1/2025 Balance	83.45
Interest Earned	.97
12/31/2025 Balance	84.42

### Recreation Fund

01/01/2025 Balance	1,371.00
2025 Expended	142.43
Interest Earned	14.20
12/31/2025 Balance	1,242.77

### Grant Matching Fund

01/01/2025 Balance	23,037.23
Interest Earned	267.20
12/31/2025 Balance	23,304.43

### Legal Fees Fund

01/01/2025 Balance	0.12
Town Meeting Appropriation	3,000.00
2025 Expended	3,442.50
12/31/2025 Balance	0.00

### Road Grant Fund

01/01/2025 Balance	12,869.87
Interest Earned	149.27
12/31/2025 Balance	13,019.14

### Williams Fund SSB CD 01-40-1457

01/01/2025 Balance	10,992.02
Interest Earned	22.00
12/31/2025 Balance	11,014.02

### Town of New Portland Inhabitants SSB CD 01403973

01/01/2025 Balance	10,000.00
Interest Earned	39.71
To be transferred to Cemetery Trust Fund	39.71
12/31/2025 Balance	10,000.00

DEDICATED SPECIAL ACCOUNTS (CONT'D)

Cemetery Trust Fund SSB CD 1030018460

01/01/2025 Balance	1,700.00
Interest Earned	11.81
To be Distributed to Cemetery Associations	11.81
12/31/2025 Balance	1,700.00

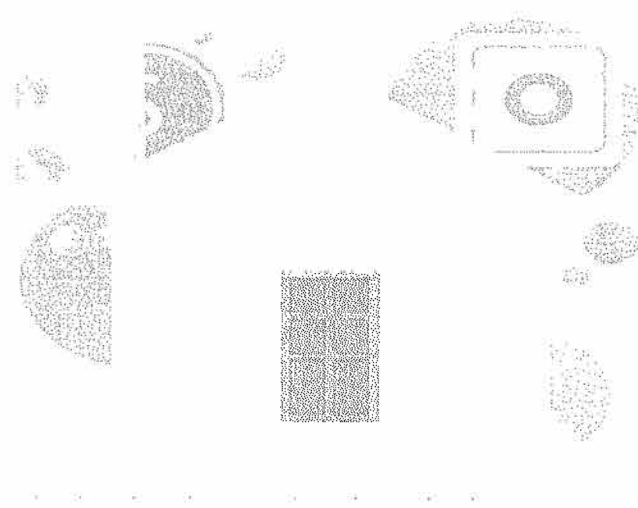
*\*\*Base Fund is 1,700.00\*\**

Joseph William Fund SSB Passbook 30055428

01/01/2025 Balance	308.76
Interest Earned	.01
12/31/2025 Balance	308.77

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

01/01/2025 Balance	35,948.05
Due to the Town's General Fund for Approved Expenditures	1,600.00
Interest Earned	5.69
12/31/2025 Balance	34,354.74



## Town Clerks Report for 2025

### New Portland Community:

Thank you to everyone that participated in our local voting polls. Every vote really counts! A big thank you to the ballot clerks of 2025, the service you give is appreciated! It was quite a year! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your town clerk these 3 years I've been in office. It is great learning about our towns history by going through all of the old town books. Thank you to those showing their support and signing my papers to be on the official ballot in the 2026 town vote for re-election. If voted back into office I look forward to continuing my service to this community. I have lived in New Portland for more than half my life and it will forever be my home. Here's to a prosperous and safe 2026 for us all!

Jacob Pinkham – Town Clerk

### Dogs

2025 had 3 Kennel Licenses and 150 Dog Licenses Issued.

**Births – 6** \*Due to State Laws Regarding Vital Statistics information, The Childs name, Date of Birth and Parents names are no longer Public Information\*

### Deaths -12

Name	Age	Date of Death
Helen Gertrude Atwood	96	06/13/2025
Harold E Booth, Jr.	86	10/14/2025
Theresa D. Breau	96	01/13/2025
Stephen Thomas Cornell	68	10/17/2025
Stephen Robert Knox	75	02/15/2025
Hazen Milford McMullen	84	03/22/2025
Irene Dorcas Minott	73	10/25/2025
Richard Erwin Parker	80	10/28/2025
Shawn K. Pease	58	09/11/2025
Michael Owen Pierce	73	01/31/2025
Richard Earl Schobel	69	07/29/2025
George W. Waldeck	86	05/10/2025

### Marriages-1

Bride and Groom	Date of Marriage
Merrill Doody & Cheryl Hoegan	08/27/2025

# New Portland Fire Department

## 2025 Annual Report

To the Citizens of New Portland:

During the year 2025 the Fire Department responded to the following 60 calls for assistance, of which 8 were requested for mutual aid, these were made up of structure fires, woods/grass fires & motor vehicle accidents and standby. We experienced an increase of 1 call from 2024 in which we had a total of 59 calls. Of the vehicle accidents 7 of them were tractor trailer incidents

Structure Fires	8	Vehicle Accidents or disabled	19
Brush/Grass Fires	8	Downed Wires/Trees/Debris in Rd	14
Vehicle Fire	2	EMS Assist	3
Fire/CO2 Alarm	2	Mutual Aid/Standby	1
Chimney Fire	1	Back Country Rescue	2

During the 2025 calendar year the department replaced the Hurst tools on E1, we removed the older Hurst tools and replaced them with new Amkus rescue tools a new spreader and cutter. Now both the Rescue and Engine have the same make of rescue tools which helps with training and familiarization with working with similar tools.

During the year, the department had 378 hours responding to calls, a decrease of 52 hours, plus we attended 199 documented meetings which is also an increase of 17 from 2024. The department has moved back to doing most of our training in-house. We are still doing some combined training but not every meeting like before.

We are always looking for new members that would like to serve our community. If you are interested, please contact me. During 2025 we had a few new members join the department and 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

# Summer Road Report

## Town of New Portland

As your newly appointed Road Commissioner as of May 2025, it is my duty to report on the conditions and expenditures of the past summer season.

With only one substantial rain event in late June causing a road washout on Millay Hill Rd, we were able to do normal annual maintenance to your roads. The past few years were spent repairing substantial damage caused by major flooding. When I came on there were FEMA conditions that needed to be finished to prevent future washouts. Those were completed on time to acquire funds for reimbursement of your tax dollars.

As the summer commenced road work was done on a worst-case scenario. Brush cutting for visibility amounted to over 90 hrs. machine time, which will be doubled in the coming year. Freeman Ridge Road was resurfaced last year. Part was a FEMA requirement; the rest was to save the road from total pavement failure. Hundreds of yards of crushed gravel were added to many of the more travelled roads to replace the “crown” for better drainage. More will be placed on the remaining roads this year. Our grader needed a new water pump, and state-of-the-art cutting edges were installed. Our Rock Rake received much needed repairs completed this fall and it is ready to go to work. We just need a vehicle to pull it. At the last Board meeting I was asked a question about the gravels being used. My answer was, #1, it must be a product that compacts to a hard surface from vehicle traffic, as we do not own a vibratory roller. #2, it will be resourced from closest producer to the job area. This reduces waiting time on the machine grading and the trucking time. Two major factors controlling overall costs. A considerable amount of ditching has been done, as well as rock removal from the traveled surface, with much more to come. I reached out to the public looking for suitable sites to take advantage of “free fill”. The response was tremendous. The sites closest to the work areas were chosen thereby reducing the wait times and trucking. Huge savings to your tax dollars.

Now for the Calcium Regiment. Liquid Calcium is 50% less corrosive to your vehicle than salt used on winter roads. It prevents wind and traffic erosion. It helps compact the graded surface and is great for dust control. As you might know Maine & New England experienced one of the worst droughts on record. The most cost-effective application is by 5,000-gal tanker. We applied 3 of these truckloads on the only roads where they could navigate and turn around. To treat our smaller side roads for surface durability and dust control we have to use bag calcium. This is a little more expensive as it is more labor intensive. We also need to acquire a spreader mounted on a trailer for this task. By mounting the spreader on a trailer, it can be loaded by hand from the ground and both can be cleaned more thoroughly preventing unnecessary corrosion.

Pat Mitchell, New Portland Road Commissioner

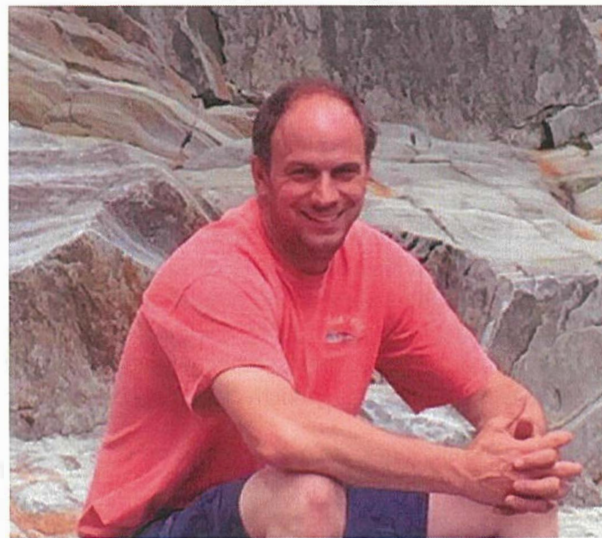
## 2025 NEW PORTLAND SPIRIT OF AMERICA RECIPIENTS

### The New Portland Community Library Committee



**The New Portland Community Library Committee has become a very big part of our community. This group of volunteers has put in a tremendous amount of work from fundraising, so helping operate a small food cupboard. Please feel free to congratulate this group for keeping the “UNITY” in COMMUNITY!**

### David Cary



**David Cary has been an exemplary volunteer in our small community. He never hesitates to lend a hand on any project he is approached about.**

**The Board of Selectmen would like to acknowledge the New Portland Community Library Committee as well as David Cary as the recipients of the 2026 New Portland Spirit of America Volunteer Recipients. We are all very fortunate to have citizens like these who have chosen to be a part of this close community. We appreciate each and everyone of these individuals who are making a difference.**

# 2025 Assessors Report

Citizens of New Portland:

The Town Assessor 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.

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## PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS & PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

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

These forms can be found on the Town of New Portland website @ [www.Newportlandmaine.org](http://www.Newportlandmaine.org)

**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 ratio if it drops below 100%). An application is available in this book and may be obtained 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

The Veterans 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)**. Eustis/Stratton 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 towards their real estate assessment. (The exemption is also adjusted by the certified ratio if it drops below 100%.)

**Please note that the State of Maine has withdrawn the Stabilization Program**

## ASSESSMENT & TAX INFORMATION 2025

Tax Rate \$14.1

Total Taxable Valuation of Real Estate	\$118,866,400
Total Taxable Valuation of Personal Prop	<u>\$388,300</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	<b>\$119,254,700</b>
Total exempt value for Homestead Exemptions(286x\$25000)	\$7,148,400
HS reimbursement value	\$5,432,784
Total Exempt Value of all BETE	\$260,900
BETE reimbursement value	\$130,450
Total Valuation Base	\$124,817,934

### ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	\$237,656.24
Municipal Appropriations	\$875,552.00
TIF Financing Plan	0
Education	<u>\$1,030,836.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$2,144,044.24

### ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$155,074.00
Other Revenues (excise tax, TG reimburse, appropriated surplus)	\$271,482.00
Total Deductions	\$426,556.00
NET TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATE	\$1,717,488.24

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In 2025 there was a total increase of \$6,107,000 in Real Estate Valuation. In 2024 there was a total increase of \$13,200 in Personal Property Valuation.

This amount includes new homes, modular, garages, decks, and all other buildings and outbuildings. PP valuation includes business equipment etc. This amount (especially in the RE portion) is higher in effect of the adjusted cost files on dwellings and outbuildings and adjusted property values.

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 years, and hopefully things will level off, so we are not constantly adjusting.

Any questions or concerns, I am in the office most Wednesdays (sometime out and about doing fieldwork) if for any reason you are unable to reach me, please contact the Town office at 628-4441 or email me @ [newportlandassessor@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandassessor@gmail.com) and leave your contact info. I will get in touch with you ASAP and set up an appointment with you at your convenience.

Thank You,

Audra Swanson

## 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

REQUEST FOR TRUE AND PERFECT LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY PAGE 1

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

Filed Pursuant to 36 M.R.S. 5 706-A

To the assessor of the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am a legal \_\_\_\_\_ resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (Municipality) (State)

2. Real Estate: List briefly each separate parcel owned on April 1 of the year for which this list is filed, and located in the municipality in which this return is filed:

Location	Area of Land	Buildings
(Street and #)	(Approx acreage)	(List of Dwellings and outbuildings)
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____

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

Have any of the buildings listed been constructed or altered since the previous April 1?

YES NO

If "Yes," identify the building and give a brief description of the construction or alteration.

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)

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.

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Location	Buildings	Owner of Land
(Street and number)	(Dwellings or outbuildings)	
a.	<hr/>	
b.	<hr/>	
c.	<hr/>	
d.	<hr/>	

(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 any 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.

<hr/>	<hr/>
Name of Taxpayer Please Print	Account Number or Map/Lot (if known)
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Taxpayer Signature (if signed on behalf of corporation, state your official Date capacity such as president or treasurer)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO

**TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND**

**901 RIVER RD**

**NEW PORTLAND ME 04961**



# 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

- 2a. Names of all property owners (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):

- 3a.  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.

## Selectman's Letter of Committal

At the 2025 Town Meeting the voting citizens of New Portland defeated an ordinance that would have allowed ATVs on town roads. That was the right thing to do until an organized trail system can be established in the town. When that happens then the voters may feel differently.

In the spring of the past year a small group of volunteers took down the rotting old baseball backstop down at the Wire Bridge area. Also, did brush and raking to beautify the picnic area. We welcome the new book walking path. Take a small walk with your children and read a book along the way. This is a nice way to enjoy the Wire Bridge area. Please remember what you bring in, please take back out. No camp fires are allowed.

The Selectmen have been working on replacing the welcome to New Portland signs that are located on Route 27 and Route 16. The new signs will be going into place very soon.

This past year was a difficult one at the Transfer Station. Causing the DEMO container to be shut down for several months. After much clean up, repair work completed, construction of a new burn pile pad, the station reopened. There is now a mandatory sticker required to enter and use the Transfer Station. These can be obtained at the Town Office during business hours.

This year of 2026 we will be fixing the interior walls of the sand and salt shed. Also, we will be building an addition to the Town Office. The addition will be for mandated paper records that we must store in a more fire proof room then we have now.

In January of 2026 we purchased a small pickup truck from surplus. This vehicle will be used in summer maintenance. We are heading towards the town owning its own Public Works Department. Much discussion will take place this year with the Selectmen, MAC committee, and others.

In December of 2025 the Selectmen held a community supper that was well attended. This year of 2026 we will be holding a cookout in August to celebrate the United States of America turning 250 years old. Look for the true date in June and July's New Portland newsletter.

Your selectmen always work hard for the best outcome for all citizens of this great town of ours. Have pride in your town, volunteer if possible. You are the one that will win.

We look forward to seeing you all at the annual Town Meeting, on March 7, 2026 at nine (9) am, location is the fire station. You must be a registered voter of New Portland to vote.

Thank you,  
Submitted by your Selectmen,

Janet White, Ray Poulin, Dave Veilleux

# **Taxpayer's notice**

## **REAL ESTATE:**

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2025 and on or before April 1, 2026, 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, 2026 for the 2026-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, 2026 any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2026 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, 2026. 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, 2026 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, 2026, you may qualify for a homestead exemption. This application must also be received by April 1, 2026 to affect your 2026 tax bill. If you are already receiving this exemption, you need not reapply.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet White, Chairperson  
Raymond Poulin  
David Veilluex  
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.



Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual upkeep of the old dump on Middle Rd for the calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 500.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 500.00**

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads for calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 435,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 435,000.00**

Taxation .....290,000.00

Taxation.....290,000.00

Excise Tax.....145,000.00

Excise Tax.....145,000.00

**Total.....435,000.00**

**.....435,000.00**

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for streetlights for calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 4,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 4,000.00**

Art. 14. 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 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 50,500.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 50,500.00**

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 2,810.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 2,810.00**

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 Fire Truck Replacement Account

**Selectmen Recommend 10,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 10,000.00**

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for animal control for calendar year 2026.

**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 for the calendar year 2026.

**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 2026

**Selectmen Recommend 3,500.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 3,500.00**

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 11,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 11,000.00**

*The library requested 11,000*

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 2026 operating expenses of the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station.

**Selectmen Recommend 91,466.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 91,466.00**

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 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 19,132.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 19,132.00**

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 for the calendar year 2026.

**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 Maintenance for the calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 6,700.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 6,700.00**

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 2026.

**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 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 2,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 2,000.00**

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation for the calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend 1,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends 1,000.00**

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 1.00 for abatements for the calendar year 2026.

**Selectmen Recommend YES**

**Budget Committee Recommend YES**

Art. 31. 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 2026. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 32. 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 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027 to the 2027 annual town meeting. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 33. 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. 34. 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 2026 is 7.00%**

Art. 35. 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. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to appoint a budget committee for calendar year 2027. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 38. 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 2026 tax year.

**Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon. If the deed is executed in favor of the delinquent owner or his/her successor in interest. The deed shall be executed and delivered upon payment of outstanding taxes, interest and costs. Otherwise, the deed shall be executed and delivered only after obtaining bids and after advertising sale in two newspapers or periodicals having a circulation that includes New Portland at least 15 days prior to the date that bids are due. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Art. 40. 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. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1 2026

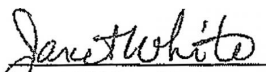
1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State aid for education
4. Public Library state aid per capita
5. Civil Emergency Funds
6. Snowmobile registration monies and grants
7. Tree Growth reimbursement
8. Veteran's exemption reimbursement
9. Homestead exemption reimbursement
10. General 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 8:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX (2026).

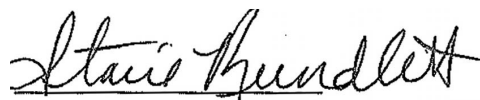
Town of New Portland  
Board of Selectmen

A true copy of the Warrant:

  
Janet White, Chairman

  
Raymond Poulin

  
David Veilluex

  
Stacie Rundlett  
Town Manager  
Warden & Constable

