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# Town of Starks



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**'Winter Sunset'**

Taken by: Carol Coles from her home on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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# DEDICATION

## Maryanne Gawlinski



During their first year of marriage, they were VISTA Volunteers and lived in an Inuit village in Napaskiak, Alaska. Their first child, Alexie, was delivered after a dogsled trip to the nearby hospital in Bethel; and their daughter, Abby, marched out on Armistice Day after they returned to Massachusetts in 1968.

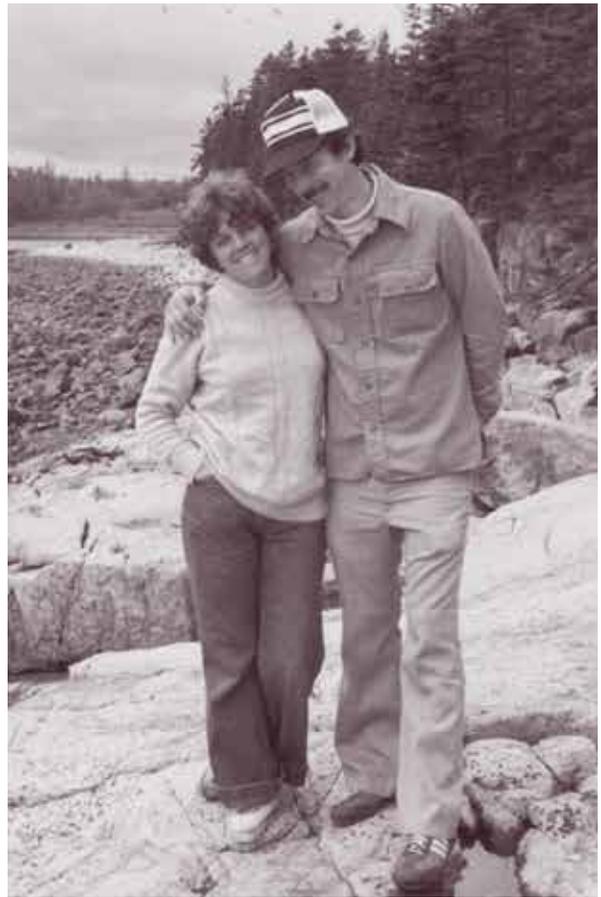
They moved to Starks in 1974 where they built a vertical log cabin on the Beans Corner Road. Both of their children attended schools in Starks and then Madison. Abby and her husband Patrick Michaud have two children and live in Madison. Alexie and his wife Bobbi McCarthy also have two children and live in Rome, Maine. They have four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Grammie Ginks loves her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and they all love her. She follows them as they participate in a variety of activities; and since they live nearby, the family gets together often. Next to her offspring, Maryanne loves all their dogs. This past Christmas she had a Dog Christmas Tree, commemorating all family dogs, past and present.

**M**aryanne Gawlinski, one of 5 girls, was raised in an Italian/Polish family in Medford, Massachusetts. When she was little, she couldn't pronounce her last name. She said she was Maryanne Ginks. The nickname stuck. People who have known her for years call her Ginks. She comes from a family of acrobats and swimmers. Maryanne and Joe McCarthy met in Latin class at Medford High School in 1960. After high school, they attended colleges and stayed close. Joe proposed to her in a laundromat in 1966, and they were married that year. She kept her maiden name, Maryanne Gawlinski. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 26th 2026.

“  
As you grow older, you will discover  
that you have two hands  
—one for helping yourself, the other  
for helping others.”

-Audrey Hepburn”

Maryanne has been involved with banking most of her life. After her family moved to Maine, she earned her BS in Math at UMF. She went on to manage what is now TD Bank in Farmington; oversee all of Fleet Bank's ATMs throughout Maine; and eventually retire after working as a systems analyst for TD Bank in Lewiston. During her years in banking in Farmington, she served on a variety of community committees, including the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way. Maryanne is such an amazing person. She's kind, generous, intelligent and hardworking. Starks has been very fortunate to have her serve in a variety of roles. Beyond her official duties, Maryanne is a quietly devoted volunteer whose generous spirit shows up in countless small acts that keep our town humming. She has snuck into and cleaned the Community Center kitchen after SEEdS events; painted and stained the gazebo at the CC in memory of Kerry Hebert alongside her husband Joe; and taken on innumerable other projects that most people never see---the steady, loving work that defines her service to Starks



Early on, she worked with the Starks Library group. In addition to her excellent organizational skills, she has provided the library with a very large number of mysteries, which she loves to read. She has also provided Jenn Hebert with relief as Town Clerk and Tax Collector, jobs that require a great deal of knowledge and skill. She has participated in budget planning meetings. and is always instrumental in the tax commitment process.

When asked to be on the Appeals Board and convinced that it was a lowkey committee, she agreed and went on to deal with the Abijah Hill Cell Tower and the CMP Corridor appeals. So much for lowkey. Since then, she has worked on the Starks E911 address system and is in her second, three-year term as an Assessor. Whatever the town asks, she is there. Her total commitment, depth of knowledge, organizational skills and pleasant personality shine in whatever role she plays.



# MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

## **Selectmen - 3 year**

Joseph Hayden 3-2026  
Ernest Hilton 3-2027  
Byrne Wright 3-2028

## **Assessors - 3 year**

Joseph Hayden 3-2026  
Byrne Wright 3-2027  
Maryanne Gawlinski 3-2028

## **Tax Collector - 3 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2027

## **Town Clerk - 3 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2028

## **Registrar of Voters - 2 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2027

## **Treasurer - 3 year**

Erin Norton 3-2026

## **Planning Board - 5 year**

Ken Lust 4-2027  
Tiffany Bellefleur 4-2028  
Claire Nelson 4-2028  
Joe Hartigan 4-2029  
Gwen Hilton 4-2030  
Edward Hebert (Alt) 4-2026  
Phillip Cole (Alt) 4-2026

## **Plumbing Inspector - 3 year**

Jonathan Arnold 3-2027

## **Fire Chief - 1 year**

Tim Thayer 1-2027

## **Town Fire Warden - 1 year**

Carl Irvine, Jr. 3-2026

## **GA Administrator**

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2026

## **Town Report Administrator**

Erin Norton 3-2026

## **Animal Control Officer - 1 year**

Danielle Pressey 3-2026

## **CEO - 1 year**

Jonathan Arnold 3-2026

## **Health Officer - 1 year**

Laura Albertson 1-2027

## **E911 Addressing Officer-**

Byrne Wright

## **Building Superintendent - 1 year**

William Pressey 3-2026

## **Town Sexton - 1 year**

Danielle Pressey 3-2026

## **Warrant Officer - 3 year**

William Pressey 3-2026

## **RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year**

Katie Martikke 7-2027

## **Appeals Board - 5 year**

George Martikke 9-2025  
Sara Brusila 9-2025  
James Giusti 9-2027  
Maryanne Gawlinski 9-2027  
Jared Norton 9-2028  
VACANT (Alt) 9-2030

## **Budget Committee - 1 year**

Danyel Clark 3-2026  
Paul Frederic 3-2026  
Ken Lust 3-2026  
Kevin McGillicuddy 3-2026  
Charlene Pressey 3-2026

## **Water District - 3 year**

Joe Hartigan Operator  
Ashley Hayden 11-2028  
Anna Matilda Simone 11-2028  
Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2028  
Jared Norton 11-2026  
Erin Norton 11-2026



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**OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD**

**March 14, 2026**

**Roads:** 2025 was a busy year. Most notably extensive road work was done on that portion of Chicken St from Paul Frederic’s house to the corner with the Emery Road- about ¾ mile. All the pavement and rocks were ground up, culverts replaced, fabric was laid down and gravel put on top. That project was further toward converting all town roads to gravel as being easier and less expensive to maintain. We also replaced culverts, laid fabric and rebuilt about a half mile section of the Mayhew Road extending from Gene Tweedie’s up around and towards Didson meadow. On Sterry Hill road we replaced a large culvert at the foot of the hill. Having purchased a new rubber-tired excavator, we used it not only for the culvert replacements, but also to do about a mile of ditching. As director of Public Works, Joe Hayden performs a Herculean effort and does it well.

For 2026, road work will include replacement of the large culvert on the Mayhew Road near the Pelton Brook bridge; road rebuilding and gravel work on the Dill Road up to and west of the old Dill farm; rebuilding and gravel work on the Lynds Road; and, critically, a lot of work in and around the Williamson bridge over Lemon Stream on the Sandy River Road. It appears the abutment to that bridge are being scoured and undermined, and, aftr consultatiion with a DOT bridge engineer this past summer, a plan for installing large rip-rap in and around those abutments as well as re-sealing joints and repainting will be undertaken. The rubber-mounted excavator acquired last year has been a tremendous help in all of this work.

**Resilience and Energy:** Last fall a special town meeting was held to see if the town wanted to use existing funds to install solar panels on the roof of the Community Center to displace all the electrical energy the town uses. That article failed, but is on the warrant again this spring. We are also embarking on “Resilience” grants. This is a state-wide effort to build greater climate resilience into our communities to save energy, reduce the town’s carbon footprint and save tax dollars. The three major culverting projects we’ve done over the last six years have been climate resilience projects, all completed at little or no cost to the Town. We have put in a grant application for up to \$50,000 to be put toward insulating the town garage and the fire station, both of which are woefully inadequate and are costing the town way more than necessary to heat. We may not hear a result until after town meeting.

**Valuation:** The NECEC 320 kV, 1200 MW DC line was completed and started carrying power from Quebec to Massachusetts in mid-January, 2026. While none of that energy stops in Starks, the tax base it represents is considerable. Further as to tax base, the town completed its town-wide revaluation and issued its first tax bills based on that revaluation this past fall, 2025. The town had not been through a complete revaluation since sometime in the 1980s.

**Lemon Stream Dam:** Many of you may realize a project is underway to remove the dam on Lemon Stream in the village. The long time owner has appointed a not-for-profit group as his agent to obtain permits from the town (Shoreland Zoning), from the state Department of Environmental Protection, from the US Army Corps of Engineers and from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. An initial public meeting took place on January 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. It appears dam removal won't be taking place before 2027 or 2028.

**First Park** in Oakland continues to be problematic. One significant positive development is the Executive Director retired this past year. He has been replaced by Kristine Logan who comes with experience from the redevelopment of the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

As in the past, members of the Board are active in a number of other municipal or quasi-municipal organizations. We're all on the board of AMS (the local ambulance board), and KVRWC (the recycling operation) of which Joe oversees the day-to-day operation. In addition, Ernie works with Ken Lust on the First Park board.

We generally meet every first and third Monday evenings in the Town Office at the Community Center (including some holidays) at 7 PM and welcome people coming in with their questions, comments and concerns.

*Ernie Hilton  
Joe Hayden  
Byrne Wright*



Hitachi Loader purchased new in 2023



Starks Public Works Fleet 2026



# Town of Starks

## Town Meeting Warrant

To: William Pressey, a resident of the Town of Starks, in the county of Somerset, State of Maine,

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the **Town of Starks**; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at 11:30 AM then and there to act upon Articles 1 then by Australian ballot on article 2, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the annual Town Business Meeting will be held the following day, **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026** beginning at **11:00 AM** to act on Articles 3 to the end of the warrant.

### Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

### Article 2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers needed for the current year.

### Article 3

To elect five **Budget Committee** members from the floor.

### Article 4

Shall an ordinance entitled ***“Moratorium Ordinance for the Town of Starks: Battery Energy Storage Systems”*** be enacted?

### Article 5

Shall an ordinance entitled ***“Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance for the Town of Starks”*** be enacted?

### Article 6

A. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed **3/12 of the annual budget** in each budget category of the 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027 to the 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

- B. To see if the Town will vote to make **taxes due** sixty days after the date of commitment. And to begin charging interest thereon at a rate of **7%** annually.
- C. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for a **Tax Anticipation Note**, if needed, to pay current expenses and to pay any interest and costs from overlay.
- D. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pay **abatements** from overlay.
- E. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506-A will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.
- F. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and pay no interest thereon.
- G. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to **sell and dispose** of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- H. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$1,000 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets to be emailed to an available email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.
- I. To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes (vehicle and boat), tax interest, miscellaneous revenue, and other available revenues determined by the Treasurer and Assessors, to lower the commitment.
- J. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **100% of the refund** of Snowmobile Registrations, received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for the improvement and maintenance of trails, on condition that those trails be open to the public, and to be used at the discretion of the Anson / North Anson Snowmobile Club.
- K. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts, grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and any other sources, and apply the funds

to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Select Board deems reasonable.

Potential Revenues	
Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing	General Assistance Funds
Tree Growth Reimbursements	Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds	FEMA Reimbursements
State and Federal Grants	Civil Emergency Funds
State Aid to Education	Any Other Funds or Gifts

- L. To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.
- M. To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the Community Center rentals and donations to the Building Improvement fund.
- N. To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2026.

### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract to install a **photovoltaic system** on the roof of the Starks Community Center, and to appropriate from the Building Improvement Fund the sum of up to \$87,500 for the project, with any rebate money going back into the building Improvement Fund.

*Building Improvement Fund Balance as of 12/31/2025 \$104,263.92*

### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$139,549** for **Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

Description	Taxation/Requested
FICA	\$13,500
Medicare	\$3,200
Paid Family Medical Leave	\$2,000
Worker's Compensation	\$7,500
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000
Training	\$750
Unemployment Tax	\$100
Postage	\$2,500
Dues	\$2,200
Office Supplies	\$2,300
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$10,200
Trio Software Renewal	\$14,115
Legal Services	\$8,000

Tax Maps Updates	\$3,000
Town Report	\$1,678
Legal Ads	\$200
Xerox Maintenance & Toner	\$2,600
Water Rent & Hydrant Use	\$7,000
Kennebec Valley Waste Recycling	\$13,046
Large Item Drop off – 2X annually	\$12,500
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,500
Property & Casualty	\$24,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139,549</b>

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for the **Legal Expenses of Code Enforcement** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO Legal	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

### Article 10

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for **Salaries** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Code Enforcement	\$8,550	\$8,800
Deputy-Clerk TC & Treas.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Elections	\$4,500	\$5,000
Assessor Chair	\$5,000	\$5,140
Assessor	\$5,000	\$5,140
Assessor	\$5,000	\$5,140
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,112
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,112
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,112
Town Clerk	\$11,500	\$12,850
Tax Collector	\$15,500	\$15,940
Treasurer	\$15,500	\$15,940
Building Superintendent	\$6,950	\$7,150
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sexton	\$100	\$100
GA Administrator	\$650	\$670
Town Report Administrator	\$650	\$670
Public Works Director	\$36,050	\$37,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$131,750</b>	<b>\$136,736</b>

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$25,450** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$23,000	\$25,450

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$67,150** for the **Fire Department** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$55,500	\$67,150

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,140** for the **Fire Chief's** Salary in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$5,000	\$5,140

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$3,840**, and carry forward the Animal Control Fund Balance of **\$469** for **Animal Control Expenses**, for a **total budget of \$4,309** in the current year.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend

Description	Breakdown
Animal Control	\$2,470
FC Animal Shelter Contract	\$1,839
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$4,309</b>
Carry Forward Fund Balance	(469)
<b>From Taxation</b>	<b>\$3,840</b>

**Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$15,122** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$12,453	\$15,122

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,300** for **Street Lights** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,300	\$1,300

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from **taxation, \$348,959.30**, appropriate from **LRAP \$18,840.70**, for a total budget of **\$367,800** for the **Public Works Department** in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Appropriation/Taxation
Equipment	\$110,000	\$110,000
Garage	\$20,000	\$20,000
Summer Roads	\$72,500	\$72,500
Winter Roads	\$100,000	\$100,000
Dump Mowing	\$300	\$300
Capital Roads	\$67,700	\$65,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$370,500</b>	<b>\$367,800</b>
LRAP appropriation	(\$33,000)	(\$18,840.70)
Undesignated appropri (FEMA)	(\$24,397.22)	\$0.00
<b>Total Taxation</b>	<b>\$313,102.78</b>	<b>\$348,959.30</b>

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, up to \$65,000 to replace the roof on the town garage to better insulate the building.

Recommended by Select Board

**Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$3,338.97**, and carry forward the General Assistance Fund Balance of **\$661.03** for **General Assistance Expenses**, for a **total budget of \$4,000** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
General Assistance	\$4,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
Carry Forward Fund Balance	(\$661.03)
<b>From Taxation</b>	<b>\$3,338.97</b>

## Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for **Rec Sports** and **Library Membership** reimbursements in the current year.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Explanation: This article is meant for reimbursement to any Starks resident who participates in recreation sports provided by other communities at cost. Additionally, residents are permitted to purchase a library card at a library of their choosing and get reimbursed by the Town.*

## Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,500** for Third Party requests and **Social Organizations** in the current year.

Description	Board of Selectmen	Budget Committee
Food Insecurity	50/50 Starks-Winslow \$1,500	50/50 Starks-Winslow \$1,500
Family Violence	\$250	\$250
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,400	\$600
Memorial Day Wreath	\$150	\$250
Spectrum Generations	\$250	\$250
KVCAP Agency	\$500	\$500
Hospice Volunteers Somerset	\$250	\$250
Hospice Volunteers Androscoggin	\$250	\$250
Farmington SAPARS	\$200	\$200
The American Red Cross	\$100	\$100
Life Flight	\$550	\$550
Maine Public Broadcasting	\$100	\$0
<b>Taxation</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$4,700</b>

## Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$26,956** for **debt service** in the current year.

Description	Breakdown
Sand and Salt Shed	\$9,787
Excavator	\$17,169
<b>From Taxation</b>	<b>\$26,956</b>

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Sand & Salt Shed bond pay off date: January 15<sup>th</sup> 2029  
Excavator pay off date: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2032*

**Article 23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$10,000**, for the **Fire Department Capital Reserve**.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Fire Department Capital Reserve balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 \$66,000*

**Article 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$10,000**, for the **Capital Improvement Reserve**.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$0	\$10,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Capital Improvement Reserve balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 \$5,036.21*

*Explanation: This fund is used for capital purchases and projects*

**Article 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$10,000**, for the **Revaluation Reserve**.

Description	2025 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Revaluation Reserve	\$0	\$10,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Revaluation Reserve balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 \$0*

*Explanation: This fund is in anticipation of a future town-wide revaluation to maintain real-estate values at statutory requirements. Starks Assessors expect this to be 10+ years from 2026.*

**Article 26**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** to pay for **Unanticipated Expenses** and emergencies in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

**Article 27**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **Undesignated Funds, \$108,106** to lower the tax commitment.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee.

*Explanation: The amount requested in this article represents all the unexpended balances from the 2025 Annual budget.*

**Article 28**

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2027.



## *From the Treasurer's Desk*

Hi friends,

Early in the year, we once again gathered to begin the process of building the Town's budget and warrant for our annual Town Meeting. Sound financial planning is a collaborative effort, and your participation helps ensure that we are balancing fiscal responsibility with the services our community depends on. Every dollar matters, and involvement strengthens our decision-making.

With an eye toward long-term planning, I have recommended we begin contributing toward our reval reserve again in preparation of the Town's next revaluation. While we hope that effort is still ten or more years away, planning ahead now will help reduce financial strain when the time eventually comes. Both reserves reflect a commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking stewardship of Town resources.

On a personal note, I continue to take advantage of training opportunities that strengthen my ability to serve the Town effectively. The responsibilities of the Treasurer's role continue to grow, and I remain committed to staying current on best practices in municipal finance and financial management. Other towns often reach out to us for support and assistance which is a nod to our experience and depth of knowledge regarding municipal government and fund accounting. My goal is always to ensure transparency, accuracy, and careful planning on behalf of the residents of Starks.

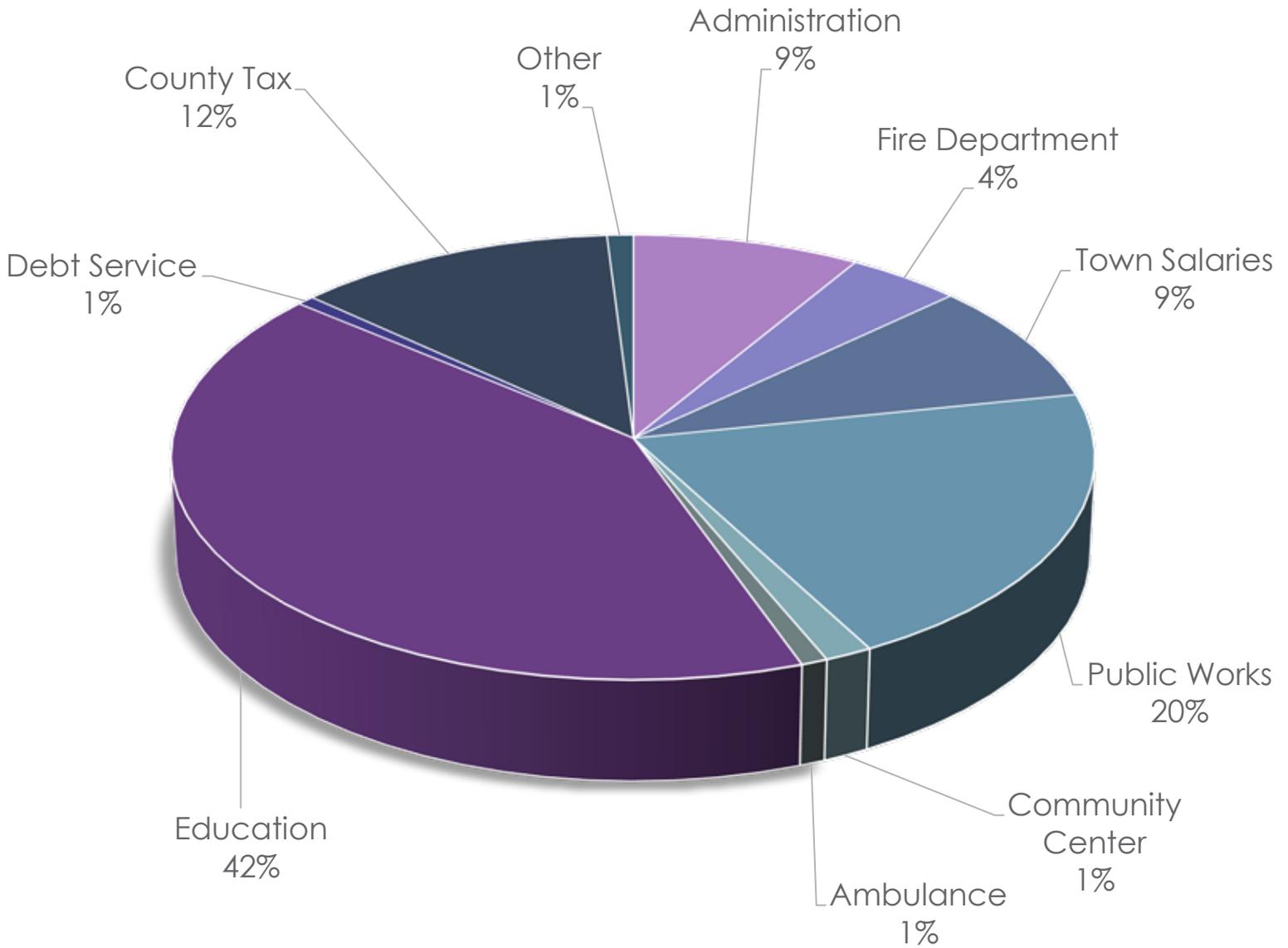
As always, I am deeply grateful for the trust you place in me. I would also like to thank Jennie, my dad, Joe, Ernie, Byrne, Maryanne, Bill, the Budget Committee, and all town employees for their dedication, professionalism, and teamwork throughout the year. It is truly a privilege to work alongside such a committed group of people in service to our community.

Thank you for your continued engagement, and support. I look forward to the work ahead in 2026 and to continuing our shared efforts to keep the Town financially sound and well prepared for the future.

*Erin Norton*

## Expense Report 2025

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
10	Administration	\$136,992.00	\$125,084.48	\$11,907.52	91.31%
11	CEO Legal	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
12	CEO Salary	\$8,550.00	\$8,550.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector	\$3,000.00	\$756.25	\$2,243.75	25.21%
12	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,504.00	\$996.00	77.87%
12	Assessors	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Selectmen	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Director of Public Works	\$36,050.00	\$36,050.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Clerk	\$11,150.00	\$11,150.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Tax Collector	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Treasurer	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Building Superintendent	\$6,950.00	\$6,950.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
12	Sexton	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	GA Administrator	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	100.00%
12	Town Report Administrator	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	100.00%
13	Community Center	\$23,000.00	\$22,387.52	\$612.48	97.34%
14	Fire Department	\$55,000.00	\$48,667.22	\$6,332.78	88.49%
15	Fire Chief Salary	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
16	Animal Control	\$4,179.00	\$4,179.00	\$0.00	100.00%
17	AMS Ambulance	\$12,453.00	\$12,453.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Street Lights	\$1,300.00	\$836.45	\$463.55	64.34%
19	Public Works	\$370,500.00	\$294,405.05	\$76,094.95	79.46%
20	New Excavator & Debt service	\$30,000.00	\$23,583.42	\$6,416.58	78.61%
21	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$434.90	\$3,565.10	10.87%
22	Recreation/Library	\$2,500.00	\$1,284.09	\$1,215.91	51.36%
23	Social Organizations	\$3,850.00	\$3,800.00	\$50.00	98.70%
24	Salt Shed Debt Service	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
25	Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
27	Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$592.98	\$4,407.02	11.86%
Assessment	First Park	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$176,561.34	\$176,561.34	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$601,023.58	\$601,023.58	\$0.00	100.00%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,587,895.92</b>	<b>\$1,469,789.76</b>	<b>\$118,106.16</b>	<b>92.56%</b>



# Town of Starks 2025 Tax Payer Funded Expenses

## 2025 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account	Credit
001 - Property Tax	1,190,386.95
002 - Supplemental Tax	560.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,190,947.58</b>

### Revenue Summary

Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
099 - Over Short	\$42.65	\$32.88	-\$9.77
100 - MV Excise	\$37.50	\$136,914.85	\$136,877.35
101 - Boat Excise	\$0.00	\$563.80	\$563.80
102 - Agent Fees	\$0.00	\$4,393.80	\$4,393.80
103 - Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$613.20	\$613.20
104 - Tax Interest	\$0.00	\$5,777.41	\$5,777.41
105 - Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$3,155.42	\$3,155.42
106 - Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$469.00	\$469.00
107 - Plumbing Permits	\$30.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,590.00
108 - Building Per	\$200.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,250.00
115 - Homestead	\$0.00	\$66,092.99	\$66,092.99
116 - Veterans Exemption	\$0.00	\$239.00	\$239.00
117 - First Park	\$0.00	\$2,702.00	\$2,702.00
118 - Tree Growth	\$0.00	\$18,269.82	\$18,269.82
120 - Xfer Cem Int	\$0.00	\$52.20	\$52.20
122 - Operating In	\$0.00	\$8,604.31	\$8,604.31
123 - Revenue Shar	\$0.00	\$87,019.53	\$87,019.53
130 - FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
132 - Worker's Comp Refund	\$0.00	\$336.00	\$336.00
200 - Xfer in BIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
201 - Xfer in LRAP	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
445 - Driveway Per	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
998 - Undesignated	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
999 - Misc. Rev.	\$0.00	\$3,131.86	\$3,131.86
15 - Community Services	\$0.00	\$661.03	\$661.03
50 - Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$3,973.58	\$3,973.58
72 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$311.14	\$311.14
85 - LRAP	\$0.00	\$52,312.00	\$52,312.00
87 - Building Improvement Fund (BIF)	\$25.00	\$1,680.00	\$1,655.00
91 - FD Capital	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
95 - Cemetery Trust	\$0.00	\$175.35	\$175.35
97 - Locke Cemetery	\$0.00	\$26.10	\$26.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$335.15</b>	<b>\$444,627.27</b>	<b>\$444,292.12</b>

Total Revenue Received by Starks      **1,635,239.70**  
*(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)*

## 2025 FUND BALANCES

2025 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/24	As of 12/31/25
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	609,911.76	782,624.00
General Fund Sweep Account	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 709,911.76</b>	<b>\$ 882,624.00</b>

2025 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/24	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/25
Local Roads Assistance	19,783.30	33,942.60/33,000	18,840.70
Re-Valuation Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Roads Reserve	367.44	0.00	367.44
Capital Improvement Reserve	5,036.21	0.00	5,036.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	56,000.00	10,000.00	66,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	117,540.14	1,655/14,931.22	104,263.92
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	0.00	4,610.97
Locke Cemetery Assoc. Perpetual Care	17,380.37	26.10	17,406.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,718.43</b>	<b>45,623.70/47,931.22</b>	<b>216,525.71</b>

### Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - Revenue received from DOT and applied to PW budget

Re-Val - No activity

Capital Improvement - No activity

Fire Department - \$10,000 2025 Appropriation from Taxation

BIF - \$1,655 in Rental Income \$\$8,760 Expended on Driveway Paving \$6,171.22 on Boiler Repairs

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted by the Town in 2017

Locke Cemetery - \$26.10 CD Interest 2025

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 10/31/24	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/25
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	260,652.25	23,111.02	283,763.27

## Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2025

\$10,175.35

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2024 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$88.66
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$2.24
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$3.37
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$5.61
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$2.24
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$1.12
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$8.98
Total	<b>\$6,331.48</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>\$112.22</b>
<b>Locke Cemetery</b>			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$1.26
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$1.89
Calvin Bryant Fish & Henrietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$1.89
Arthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.84
Robert R nichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$1.89
Frank Sterry Fund-Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Total	<b>\$1,149.38</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$21.04</b>
<b>Tupper or Williamson Cemetery</b>			
Captain Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Cook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
Total	<b>\$524.79</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$8.77</b>
<b>Brake Hill Cemetery</b>			
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$3.47
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$10.57
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$1.74
Total	<b>\$908.02</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$15.78</b>
<b>Churchill Cemetery</b>			
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$17.54
Total Trust	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$175.35</b>
Issued to Frederic Cemetery			\$112.22
Issued to Locke Cemetery Fund Balance			\$21.04
Issued to Town of Starks			\$42.08
Transferred to the General Fund on January 8th, 2025			\$175.35
Prepared by Erin Norton			

# TOWN CLERK REPORT

Thank you to the townspeople of Starks! My 15<sup>th</sup> year as Town Clerk was a busy one.

The Community Center continues to be the heart of the town. The once-a-month Saturday Mug Up is more fun than ever, I recommend stopping by on the first Saturday when town office is open and having a chat with your neighbors. The Library Committee and SEEdS have been reinvigorated this year with some new members assisting the hard-working long-time members in coordinating and sponsoring fun events for children and adults. Some highlights include:

Easter Crafts	BOOKS AND PLANTS at the CC
MUD UP! For All	July 4 <sup>th</sup> – Free Kids Party
WETLANDS HABITAT ADVENTURE	Paul Talk -The Stories and Schisms of Starks
Soup-er-natural Potluck and Spooky Program	Halloween Party
Whirl and Twirl – A Starks Contradance	Ornament Making Workshops
The Annual Christmas Program	Mug Up! - 1st Saturday of the Month, 9-11 AM
PICO Ledge Hike and Picnic	Winter Movie Showings for Kids

Other public events included:

Free Community Dinners	Baked Bean Supper
FD Free NARCAN Training	FD Indoor Yard Sale
FD Family Fun Day	Western Mountain Jujitsu Society – Weekly Classes for Children (scholarships available) and Adults

Isn't this an incredible list! Shout out to the wonderful folks who take the time and effort to offer these amazing events. Especially, **Linda LaRose, Joe McCarthy, Maryanne Gawlinski, Nancy Lagin, Val Comstock, Maria James, Carol Coles, Ann Cole, Phil Cole, Penny Conlon, Joe Conlon, Betty Frederic, Paul Frederic, Tiffany Bellefluer, Brad Bellefluer, Pheobe Rogers, Ryan Hayden, Darlene Taylor, Diane Russo, Bill Pressey, Danielle Pressey, Starks FD, Kyle Green, Kasey Green, Jesalyn Greene, Kimberley Sterry, Rusty Sterry, Jasmine Bickford, Dale Bickford, Erin Norton and Ron Small.** I'm sure I missed some folks, please know you are appreciated too. What a community we have! Attendance has been high for many of these events. Proving that, post-pandemic, people still value connecting with their neighbors, learning and growing with in person events. Small town Maine is a special place to live and Starks is uniquely wonderful. I hope you take the time to join us at these events. They are worthwhile.

Remember, the gym is also available for rent for private parties or groups. Call the Town Office during our scheduled hours if you are interested in renting the gym for your event. Our mobile friendly website, [www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com) - is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from **paying your taxes online, re-registering your cars, trucks and trailers, dog licenses, ATV, snowmobile and boat**

**re-registrations, hunting and fishing licenses**, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, and planning board activities to upcoming events/deadlines is at your fingertips. **Check it out**

Other ways we try to help you stay informed of town happenings are the electronic sign outside the CC, the official Town of Starks Facebook page, the casual Facebook group “ALL THINGS STARKS” (not town affiliated) and a town wide email list. If you haven’t utilized these great ways to keep in touch, check out the Facebook pages, and/or send an email to [townofstarks@gmail.com](mailto:townofstarks@gmail.com) and request to be added to receive town wide emails.

This was a light election year with municipal elections in March, the school budget referendum in June and the Statewide referendum election in November. Our stalwart team of experienced Election Workers got us through the long days with grace and efficiency. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Erin Norton, Charlene Pressey, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens, and Barbara Vischer.** Kudos to **Bill Pressey** as well for all the extra time spent setting up and cleaning.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Bryne** and **Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. And, as always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton.**

Vital records for 2025 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am.** I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some – so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me (578-0341) or email me at [mthungermaine@gmail.com](mailto:mthungermaine@gmail.com) and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I hope to see you at the **Annual Town Meeting. Voting is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12 – 8 PM and the Annual Business Meeting is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.** I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jenn*

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2025**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	10	Adams, Kaitlyn N	\$ 108.15	\$ (0.38)	\$ 108.53
	330	Albertson, Laura	\$ 1,592.17	\$ (5.56)	\$ 1,597.73
	19	Anger Jr. Robert K	\$ 1,354.86	\$ 905.64	\$ 449.22
	711	Ashby, Deborah	\$ 240.51	\$ (0.84)	\$ 241.35
	345	Atkinson, Michael T	\$ 805.25	\$ (2.81)	\$ 808.06
	26	Atwood, John T	\$ 1.13	\$ -	\$ 1.13
	162	B AND T WOODLAND MANAGEMENT LLC	\$ 477.92	\$ (1.67)	\$ 479.59
	577	Bavolar, James R	\$ 405.92	\$ (1.39)	\$ 407.31
	46	Belmore, Thomas G	\$ 710.39	\$ (2.48)	\$ 712.87
	52	Benton, Jonathon A	\$ 1,032.88	\$ 100.11	\$ 932.77
**	90	BERRY, SCOTT	\$ 1,722.98	\$ -	\$ 1,722.98
	74	Berto, Daniel A	\$ 953.16	\$ 0.94	\$ 952.22
	611	Bessey, Craig J	\$ 965.63	\$ (3.37)	\$ 969.00
	561	BICKFORD, DALE J	\$ 884.77	\$ (3.09)	\$ 887.86
	834	Brackett, Kevin	\$ 1,507.51	\$ (5.27)	\$ 1,512.78
	634	Brockett, Cameron	\$ 222.48	\$ (0.78)	\$ 223.26
	791	Brown, Steven E Jr	\$ 1,032.99	\$ (3.61)	\$ 1,036.60
	479	Bucciano Daniel	\$ 533.64	\$ (1.86)	\$ 535.50
	702	Bushey, Jason B	\$ 547.55	\$ (1.91)	\$ 549.46
**	824	Cerrone, Stephen	\$ 234.84	\$ 228.08	\$ 6.76
	79	Cesario, James E	\$ 661.88	\$ (2.31)	\$ 664.19
	87	Churchill, Caleb	\$ 519.12	\$ (1.81)	\$ 520.93
	89	Churchill, William CSr	\$ 2,955.59	\$ (7.27)	\$ 2,962.86
	91	Clancy, Barbara M	\$ 370.80	\$ (1.30)	\$ 372.10
	70	CLARK, ARNOLD J	\$ 403.97	\$ 63.30	\$ 340.67
	416	Clark, Kelly D	\$ 731.82	\$ (2.56)	\$ 734.38
	337	Coconis, Michael	\$ 1,467.96	\$ (5.13)	\$ 1,473.09
	98	Colburn, Gary	\$ 2,645.45	\$ (9.24)	\$ 2,654.69
	317	Coombs Walter, E	\$ 626.14	\$ (2.19)	\$ 628.33
	111	Costigan, Julie L	\$ 1,010.12	\$ 502.56	\$ 507.56
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	\$ 364.62	\$ (1.27)	\$ 365.89
	136	Deming, Roi A	\$ 620.68	\$ (2.17)	\$ 622.85
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	\$ 239.37	\$ (0.84)	\$ 240.21
	167	Dube, Brad A	\$ 1,914.87	\$ (6.69)	\$ 1,921.56
	123	DUBOIS, ANTHONY P	\$ 1,083.15	\$ (3.78)	\$ 1,086.93
	169	Duhaime, Deanne	\$ 449.08	\$ 2.76	\$ 446.32

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	170	Duley, Harold C	\$ 757.26	\$ (2.65)	\$ 759.91
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	\$ 1,425.42	\$ (4.98)	\$ 1,430.40
	283	Esposito, Maureen H	\$ 1,340.85	\$ (4.68)	\$ 1,345.53
	109	Esposito, Robert M	\$ 1,802.60	\$ 5.38	\$ 1,797.22
	678	Farrell, Donna M	\$ 2,052.28	\$ (7.17)	\$ 2,059.45
	191	Fenlason, Irene	\$ 1,502.67	\$ (5.25)	\$ 1,507.92
	194	Field, Robert J	\$ 1,033.40	\$ (3.61)	\$ 1,037.01
	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W	\$ 768.07	\$ (2.68)	\$ 770.75
	212	Folsom, Richard K	\$ 724.81	\$ (2.53)	\$ 727.34
	157	Forever Green MP Homes	\$ 1,372.99	\$ (4.80)	\$ 1,377.79
	201	Frederic, Joseph W	\$ 1,899.11	\$ (6.63)	\$ 1,905.74
	205	Friend, Tara M	\$ 616.15	\$ 1.35	\$ 614.80
	472	Frost, Tiffany	\$ 920.92	\$ (3.22)	\$ 924.14
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	\$ 407.88	\$ (1.42)	\$ 409.30
	350	GEORGE E LEMAY, JR. & CARLENE A. LEMAY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 272.02	\$ (0.95)	\$ 272.97
	351	GEORGE E LEMAY, JR. & CARLENE A. LEMAY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 2,910.47	\$ 2,669.78	\$ 240.69
	609	GEORGE E LEMAY, JR. & CARLENE A. LEMAY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 753.96	\$ (2.63)	\$ 756.59
	826	Gilbert, Austin	\$ 197.76	\$ (0.69)	\$ 198.45
	503	GORDON, ROBERT B JR	\$ 1,160.60	\$ (4.05)	\$ 1,164.65
	224	Graef, Adriane H	\$ 626.24	\$ (2.19)	\$ 628.43
	228	Gray, Richard	\$ 2,813.75	\$ (9.83)	\$ 2,823.58
	737	Gray, Richard E	\$ 46.04	\$ (0.16)	\$ 46.20
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	\$ 214.65	\$ (0.75)	\$ 215.40
	419	Haley, Ryan M	\$ 296.64	\$ (1.04)	\$ 297.68
**	240	Hamilton, Thomas H	\$ 286.34	\$ 32.94	\$ 253.40
	241	Hand, Roger	\$ 867.88	\$ (3.03)	\$ 870.91
	570	Harris, David C Jr	\$ 234.84	\$ (0.82)	\$ 235.66
	245	Harris, Nelson N	\$ 26.99	\$ (0.09)	\$ 27.08
	747	HARTIGAN, CASEY R	\$ 428.48	\$ (1.50)	\$ 429.98
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P	\$ 379.35	\$ 3.18	\$ 376.17
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	\$ 725.12	\$ 165.95	\$ 559.17
	417	HEMOND, MICHAEL	\$ 478.33	\$ 26.01	\$ 452.32
	272	Hilton, Paul	\$ 254.20	\$ 202.85	\$ 51.35

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	280	Hogg, Mark E	\$ 1,161.84	\$ 798.74	\$ 363.10
	281	Holmes, Eric G	\$ 680.52	\$ (1.46)	\$ 681.98
	38	HOPKINS, STEPHEN J	\$ 1,786.23	\$ (6.24)	\$ 1,792.47
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	\$ 543.84	\$ (1.90)	\$ 545.74
	207	HOWTON, ANNA	\$ 356.90	\$ (1.25)	\$ 358.15
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr	\$ 125.97	\$ (0.44)	\$ 126.41
	386	Johnson, Christopher	\$ 415.81	\$ 0.17	\$ 415.64
	792	KONOPKA, DANIEL E	\$ 612.13	\$ (2.10)	\$ 614.23
	327	KREBS, DAVID S	\$ 3,160.45	\$ 1,894.72	\$ 1,265.73
	328	KREBS, DAVID S	\$ 490.90	\$ (1.71)	\$ 492.61
	329	KREBS, DAVID S	\$ 369.56	\$ (1.29)	\$ 370.85
	755	Krebs, David S	\$ 593.28	\$ (2.07)	\$ 595.35
	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	\$ 468.96	\$ (1.64)	\$ 470.60
	708	Lane, James	\$ 234.84	\$ (0.82)	\$ 235.66
	315	Lemay Trapper C.	\$ 1,940.31	\$ (6.78)	\$ 1,947.09
	760	Lemay, George E Jr	\$ 1,718.04	\$ (6.00)	\$ 1,724.04
	831	LEMAY, TRAPPER C	\$ 281.19	\$ (0.98)	\$ 282.17
**	733	Lessard, Allen	\$ 197.76	\$ -	\$ 197.76
**	332	Lessard, Allen R	\$ 600.70	\$ -	\$ 600.70
**	365	Locke Hill Land Trust	\$ 302.92	\$ -	\$ 302.92
**	742	Locke, Duane M	\$ 922.67	\$ 297.82	\$ 624.85
	23	Louder, David R., JR	\$ 213.11	\$ (0.74)	\$ 213.85
	574	LUKER, GAIL CHRISTINA	\$ 517.88	\$ (1.81)	\$ 519.69
	368	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	\$ 1,336.63	\$ (4.67)	\$ 1,341.30
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	\$ 42.33	\$ (0.15)	\$ 42.48
	438	MCMURROUGH, BRYAN S	\$ 1,036.18	\$ (3.62)	\$ 1,039.80
	405	McPherson, Wayne	\$ 233.60	\$ (0.82)	\$ 234.42
**	838	MELANCON, CAMERON A	\$ 191.99	\$ -	\$ 191.99
	505	Melancon-Quimby, Robin M	\$ 733.36	\$ (2.56)	\$ 735.92
**	515	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 2,436.36	\$ 79.85	\$ 2,356.51
**	812	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 216.71	\$ -	\$ 216.71
**	813	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 218.36	\$ -	\$ 218.36
**	814	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 215.89	\$ -	\$ 215.89

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
**	815	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 369.77	\$ -	\$ 369.77
**	816	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 215.27	\$ -	\$ 215.27
**	817	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 1,616.07	\$ -	\$ 1,616.07
**	819	Memorable Properties, LLC	\$ 194.67	\$ -	\$ 194.67
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	\$ 600.90	\$ (2.10)	\$ 603.00
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G	\$ 403.76	\$ (1.41)	\$ 405.17
	524	NEAL, JAMES	\$ 692.47	\$ (2.42)	\$ 694.89
	430	Newton, Kirt	\$ 1,331.38	\$ (4.65)	\$ 1,336.03
	675	Nichols, Michael A	\$ 786.92	\$ (2.75)	\$ 789.67
	608	Nichols, William L	\$ 379.04	\$ (1.32)	\$ 380.36
	565	Norton, Jared M	\$ 452.07	\$ (1.58)	\$ 453.65
	436	NORTON, JORDAN D	\$ 236.59	\$ (0.83)	\$ 237.42
	447	Oliver, Dylan	\$ 297.88	\$ -	\$ 297.88
	456	Osgood, Wanda	\$ 1,211.49	\$ (4.23)	\$ 1,215.72
	680	PATENAUDE, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 730.99	\$ (2.25)	\$ 733.24
	483	Perkins, Raymond, E.	\$ 1,661.18	\$ (5.80)	\$ 1,666.98
	32	POIRIER, JARED	\$ 1,126.72	\$ (3.94)	\$ 1,130.66
	762	Prescott, Gerald S	\$ 330.01	\$ (1.15)	\$ 331.16
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 420.24	\$ (1.47)	\$ 421.71
	499	Pressey, Robert M	\$ 430.33	\$ (1.50)	\$ 431.83
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 300.86	\$ (1.05)	\$ 301.91
	256	Quimby, Francis J	\$ 390.78	\$ (1.37)	\$ 392.15
	502	Quimby, Glenda	\$ 1,208.91	\$ (4.22)	\$ 1,213.13
**	510	Rackliff, Michael A	\$ 528.08	\$ -	\$ 528.08
	357	RAINVILLE, MICHAEL S	\$ 548.27	\$ (1.92)	\$ 550.19
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	\$ 404.38	\$ (1.41)	\$ 405.79
	9	Riley, Megan	\$ 71.69	\$ (0.25)	\$ 71.94
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	\$ 160.58	\$ (0.56)	\$ 161.14
	530	Robinson, John	\$ 2,274.03	\$ (7.94)	\$ 2,281.97
	388	Rosie, Nathaniel	\$ 830.59	\$ (2.90)	\$ 833.49
	535	Ross and Paula A. Day, Edward H	\$ 4,340.21	\$ (15.16)	\$ 4,355.37
	777	Ross, Jon A	\$ 2,030.23	\$ (7.09)	\$ 2,037.32
	665	Russo, Diane M	\$ 1,704.44	\$ (5.95)	\$ 1,710.39
	666	Russo, Diane M	\$ 19.78	\$ (0.07)	\$ 19.85
	227	Santiago et al, Barbara	\$ 496.98	\$ 413.86	\$ 83.12

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2025**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	765	Sanville, Andrew	\$ 744.90	\$ (2.60)	\$ 747.50
	443	SANVILLE, ANDREW D	\$ 302.82	\$ (1.06)	\$ 303.88
	525	SAUNDERS LEMON STREAM LLC	\$ 1,280.91	\$ 1,114.45	\$ 166.46
	560	Sherrer, Earskin Estate of	\$ 271.92	\$ (0.57)	\$ 272.49
**	581	Sirois, Robert	\$ 407.88	\$ (1.42)	\$ 409.30
*	582	Sirois, Robert J	\$ 321.36	\$ (1.12)	\$ 322.48
**	583	Sirois, Robert J	\$ 1,005.28	\$ (3.51)	\$ 1,008.79
	731	Smedberg, Elizabeth	\$ 832.45	\$ (2.91)	\$ 835.36
	31	Smith, Perry	\$ 1,266.69	\$ 90.23	\$ 1,176.46
	114	Smith, Perry	\$ 641.48	\$ (2.24)	\$ 643.72
	599	Smith, Perry	\$ 387.28	\$ (1.35)	\$ 388.63
**	421	Sommers, Benjy C	\$ 2,533.08	\$ (8.84)	\$ 2,541.92
	521	Sours, Shane L	\$ 429.00	\$ (1.50)	\$ 430.50
	691	Stevens, Charles L	\$ 831.21	\$ (2.90)	\$ 834.11
	722	Swisher, John R	\$ 404.48	\$ (1.41)	\$ 405.89
	605	Taylor, David E	\$ 1,016.20	\$ (3.55)	\$ 1,019.75
	612	Tedeschi, Albert M	\$ 440.84	\$ 370.56	\$ 70.28
	613	Thayer, James	\$ 2,463.45	\$ (8.61)	\$ 2,472.06
	617	Theberge, Andre	\$ 3,851.27	\$ (13.45)	\$ 3,864.72
	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	\$ 530.35	\$ (1.85)	\$ 532.20
	393	Tracy, Joseph S	\$ 613.57	\$ (2.14)	\$ 615.71
	774	Tracy, Trista A	\$ 177.26	\$ (0.62)	\$ 177.88
	631	Tutt, Dawn	\$ 1,170.60	\$ 23.80	\$ 1,146.80
	615	TYLER, DONALD E SR	\$ 1,054.51	\$ (3.68)	\$ 1,058.19
	282	Viant, Jules	\$ 502.64	\$ 0.13	\$ 502.51
**	640	VOGEL, JENNIFER L	\$ 1,516.68	\$ -	\$ 1,516.68
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	\$ 923.09	\$ (3.22)	\$ 926.31
	493	WAINWRIGHT, RUSSELL L	\$ 928.75	\$ (3.24)	\$ 931.99
	822	Waite, Katrina	\$ 321.36	\$ (1.12)	\$ 322.48
	181	Waite, Nicholas P	\$ 1,450.65	\$ (5.07)	\$ 1,455.72
	352	Webber, Archie L	\$ 210.12	\$ (0.73)	\$ 210.85
	782	Welcome, Cordell	\$ 98.98	\$ (0.35)	\$ 99.33
	781	Welcome, Jeffery	\$ 1,466.10	\$ (5.12)	\$ 1,471.22
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 1,203.86	\$ (4.21)	\$ 1,208.07

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2025**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 1,099.11	\$ (3.84)	\$ 1,102.95
	660	White, Stephen	\$ 491.93	\$ (1.72)	\$ 493.65
	580	Whitmore, Robert	\$ 486.06	\$ (1.70)	\$ 487.76
	667	Winder, Stephen Tenants in Common	\$ 271.92	\$ (0.95)	\$ 272.87
	668	Winder, Stephen Tenants in Common	\$ 828.33	\$ (2.89)	\$ 831.22
	676	Worthley, Melinda	\$ 1,101.79	\$ (3.85)	\$ 1,105.64
	677	Worthley, Melinda	\$ 194.05	\$ (0.68)	\$ 194.73
	516	WRIGHT, BYRNE MADDOC	\$ 1,211.69	\$ (4.23)	\$ 1,215.92
	746	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 687.11	\$ (2.40)	\$ 689.51
	748	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 428.48	\$ (1.50)	\$ 429.98
	748	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 452.74	\$ (1.59)	\$ 454.33
		<b>Total for 182 Accounts:</b>	<b>\$153,006.43</b>	<b>\$9,586.15</b>	<b>\$143,420.28</b>

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2024**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

	330	Albertson, Laura	2,021.86	-45.88	2,067.74
	561	BICKFORD, DALE J	872.77	-19	891.77
	634	Brockett, Cameron	66.06	-0.13	66.19
	702	Bushey, Jason B	927.93	-20.05	947.98
	87	Churchill, Caleb	658.18	-14.04	672.22
	416	Clark, Kelly D	736.33	-15.81	752.14
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	367.31	-7.43	374.74
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	623.28	-12.68	635.96
*	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	1,199.15	0	1,199.15
	194	Field, Robert J	969.09	-21.01	990.1
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	512.37	-10.57	522.94
	826	Gilbert, Austin	258.06	-4.62	262.68
	503	GORDON, ROBERT B JR	117.85	-1.34	119.19
	224	Graef, Adriane H	803.26	-17.38	820.64
	737	Gray, Richard E	112.01	-1.21	113.22

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2024**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	241	Hand, Roger	\$ 660.21	\$ (13.78)	\$ 673.99
	245	Harris, Nelson N	\$ 372.11	\$ -	\$ 372.11
	38	HOPKINS, STEPHEN J	\$ 2,812.62	\$ (64.14)	\$ 2,876.76
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	\$ 679.94	\$ (14.49)	\$ 694.43
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr	\$ 339.63	\$ (6.53)	\$ 346.16
	708	Lane, James	\$ 301.98	\$ (5.65)	\$ 307.63
<b>**</b>	365	Locke Hill Land Trust	\$ 611.47	\$ -	\$ 611.47
	574	LUKER, GAIL CHRISTINA	\$ 332.77	\$ (6.37)	\$ 339.14
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	\$ 1,065.49	\$ (23.51)	\$ 1,089.00
	430	Newton, Kirt	\$ 1,554.27	\$ (34.94)	\$ 1,589.21
	456	Osgood, Wanda	\$ 1,188.03	\$ (26.13)	\$ 1,214.16
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 528.83	\$ (10.96)	\$ 539.79
	499	Pressey, Robert M	\$ 1,083.93	\$ (23.94)	\$ 1,107.87
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 657.66	\$ (13.97)	\$ 671.63
	256	Quimby, Francis J	\$ 1,151.28	\$ (25.27)	\$ 1,176.55
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	\$ 652.33	\$ (13.85)	\$ 666.18
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	\$ 168.57	\$ (2.53)	\$ 171.10
	521	Sours, Shane L	\$ 838.44	\$ (17.95)	\$ 856.39
	615	Thayer, Erika L	\$ 1,294.15	\$ (28.87)	\$ 1,323.02
	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	\$ 777.95	\$ (16.78)	\$ 794.73
	393	Tracy, Joseph S	\$ 605.83	\$ (12.76)	\$ 618.59
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	\$ 1,533.99	\$ (34.47)	\$ 1,568.46
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 1,032.55	\$ (22.74)	\$ 1,055.29
	580	Whitmore, Robert	\$ 539.46	\$ (10.96)	\$ 550.42
	746	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 1,080.85	\$ (23.62)	\$ 1,104.47
	748	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 539.81	\$ (11.21)	\$ 551.02
		<b>Total for 41 Accounts:</b>	\$ 32,649.66	\$ (656.57)	\$ 33,306.23

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2023**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	702	Bushey, Jason B	\$ 860.89	\$ 813.74	\$ 47.15
	416	Clark, Kelly D	\$ 711.93	\$ (64.25)	\$ 776.18
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	\$ 563.65	\$ (47.89)	\$ 611.54
	194	Field, Robert J	\$ 900.99	\$ (81.75)	\$ 982.74
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	\$ 493.80	\$ (16.56)	\$ 510.36
	241	Hand, Roger	\$ 600.15	\$ (52.39)	\$ 652.54
	245	Harris, Nelson N	\$ 320.07	\$ 180.18	\$ 139.89
	708	Lane, James	\$ 288.89	\$ (22.96)	\$ 311.85
	574	LUKER, GAIL CHRISTINA	\$ 212.44	\$ (15.50)	\$ 227.94
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	\$ 995.40	\$ 98.53	\$ 896.87
	430	Newton, Kirt	\$ 90.99	\$ (3.65)	\$ 94.64
	456	Osgood, Wanda	\$ 1,114.22	\$ 260.67	\$ 853.55
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 509.83	\$ (44.52)	\$ 554.35
	499	Pressey, Robert M	\$ 1,013.37	\$ (93.67)	\$ 1,107.04
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 598.19	\$ (53.15)	\$ 651.34
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	\$ 592.99	\$ 356.11	\$ 236.88
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	\$ 2,733.64	\$ 1,014.20	\$ 1,719.44
	393	Tracy, Howard S	\$ 584.82	\$ (51.84)	\$ 636.66
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	\$ 1,451.70	\$ (136.45)	\$ 1,588.15
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 1,000.44	\$ (92.41)	\$ 1,092.85
	746	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 1,046.94	\$ (96.00)	\$ 1,142.94
	748	Wyman, Joseph	\$ 530.21	\$ (45.57)	\$ 575.78
		<b>Total for 22 Accounts:</b>	<b>\$ 17,215.55</b>	<b>\$ (1,804.87)</b>	<b>\$ 15,410.68</b>

**Tax Year: 2022**

**As of: December 31, 2025**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	241	Hand, Roger	\$ 501.67	\$ (49.84)	\$ 551.51
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 456.76	\$ (45.80)	\$ 502.56
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 508.48	\$ (50.46)	\$ 558.94
	393	Tracy, Howard S	\$ 522.88	\$ 142.28	\$ 380.60
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 889.33	\$ (84.67)	\$ 974.00
		<b>Total for 5 Accounts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,879.12</b>	<b>\$ (88.49)</b>	<b>\$ 2,967.61</b>

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

Tax Year: 2021

As of: December 31, 2025

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	241	Hand, Roger	\$ 533.34	\$ (103.92)	\$ 637.26
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 494.91	\$ (96.27)	\$ 591.18
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 540.80	\$ (105.41)	\$ 646.21
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 183.44	\$ (34.26)	\$ 217.70
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 1,216.10	\$ (585.95)	\$ 630.15
	<b>Total for 5 Bills:</b>		\$ 2,968.59	\$ (925.81)	\$ 2,722.50

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

Tax Year: 2020

As of: December 31, 2025

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	\$ 605.59	\$ (234.91)	\$ 370.68
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	\$ 563.09	\$ (492.39)	\$ 70.70
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 621.95	\$ (216.27)	\$ 838.22
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	\$ 202.46	\$ (63.36)	\$ 265.82
	<b>Total for 4 Accounts:</b>		\$1,993.09	\$ (1,006.93)	\$1,545.42

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

Tax Year: 2019

As of: December 31, 2025

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 678.55	\$ (257.87)	\$ 936.42
	<b>Total for 1 Accounts:</b>		\$678.55	-\$257.87	\$936.42

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

Tax Year: 2018

As of: December 31, 2025

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	\$ 616.70	\$ (272.50)	\$ 889.20
	<b>Total for 1 Account:</b>		\$ 616.70	\$ (272.50)	\$ 889.20

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# Code Enforcement

To the residents of Starks,

2025 was an average year for construction and permitting, however it was still up from the pre-covid rush that most rural towns in our area saw.

Permits were as follows:

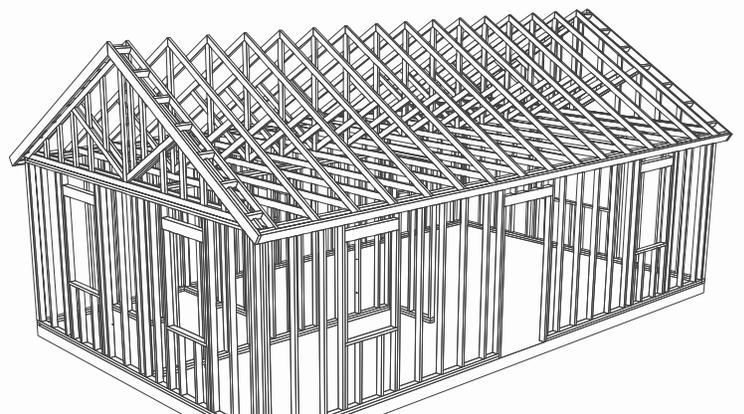
- Garage- 7 permits issued
- Addition- 1 permits issued
- House- 4 permits issued
- Camp- 2 permits issued
- Shed- 5 permits issued
- Barn- 1 permits issued
- Plumbing- 7 permits issued
- Subsurface wastewater- 5 permits issued

With 2026 being a new year, I would like to remind everyone that building permits need to be filled out for most construction projects and are available at the town office. Plumbing permits are also required for internal and external plumbing and can be found online and submitted to myself or the town office.

If you plan to do any building, tree removal, cutting brush or earthwork within 250 feet of any river, lake, pond, stream or brook please contact me first as different laws apply to each. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Arnold

C.E.O/ L.P.I  
207-242-3331  
Jonarnold4477@ymail.com



# STARKS FIRE

2025



## SUBMITTED BY STARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2025, it was a busy and productive year for the STARKS Fire Department. We responded to a high volume of calls while also completing a significant amount of training. Members attended training at the new training center in Farmington, expanding skills and hands-on experience. We distributed carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to residents in need and continue to have detectors available for anyone who may require them. The department collected a large amount of food for the local food pantry and received two pallets of bottled water, which were delivered to town residents during the drought. As always, we proudly hosted our annual Starks Fun Days, including a parade and many activities at the community center. Two members completed EVOG training, and one member successfully completed Firefighter I and Firefighter II. We value our relationship with the community and truly enjoy working alongside those we serve.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

As we move into 2026, the STARKS Fire Department has 20 members on its roster. Every firefighter will be CPR certified, and we will continue to train at the Farmington training center while working closely with surrounding towns. The department is in the process of updating gear and tools and is planning several large fundraisers to help offset these costs. We are grateful for the continued support of our amazing community and look forward to another year of working together.

## STARKS FIRE CALLS 2025

Structure Mutual Aid Calls  
& Structure Fires - 8

### Starks Calls

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 6

Vehicle Fires - 2

Trees Down - 13

Grass/Woods/Brush Fires - 4

Fire Alarms - 0

Medical Calls - 10

Carbon Monoxide - 3

Chimney Fires - 1

**TOTAL CALLS - 47**

## Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277  
Madison, Maine 04950  
(207) 696-5332

To the residents of Starks: The ambulance service responded to 1,988 calls in 2025. 2026 will mark 37 years AMS has been in operation! I have worked for AMS since its inception in 1989, as part time in the beginning and full time for the last 22 years. I have had the pleasure of leading the service for the past 16 and a half years. I will be semi-retiring at the end of June. I plan to stay on to work as a paramedic and to help with the transition. I am proud of our accomplishments and the ability to grow and meet the demands of a 24/7 ambulance service. I would like to thank the current and past board members who have supported me and the service over the years. Their understanding and trust have made for a good working relationship and successful service. The last 16 years have not always been easy as Covid and the lack of EMS providers have been the 2 biggest challenges we have faced. I also want to thank all of our employees over the years. We have had 3 that are now doctors, several who have become nurses and 2 that have become nurse practitioners. I have also had the pleasure of seeing several employees come to us as brand new EMT's and through hard work and desire, become paramedics. Also, a big thank you to our office manager Ramona Hupper. She has worked for AMS 20 plus years and without her abilities and experience, the service would not be successful. AMS has always tried to keep spending in check with you, the tax payers, in mind. Working in my home area has been a blessing as I know a lot of my patients and some since I was a kid. This gives me the advantage of having their trust. But knowing a lot of my patients has also been one of the hardest parts of my job due to the nature of the profession. In closing, I have enjoyed serving this area for all of my career. I look forward to cutting back, enjoying life and family. Thank you to all who have had a part in my success over the years. There are too many to mention by name but I know who you are and appreciate all of you! I am sure that AMS Ambulance will be successful for years to come. Stay safe and have a GREAT year.

George Demchak





## Animal Control

The year 2025 saw relatively few animal-related incidents in town. We addressed occasional reports of roaming dogs, all of which were successfully returned to their owners. Most cats were taken to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, where they received necessary vaccinations and care. This allows them to be placed for adoption or, in accordance with the shelter's no-kill policy, integrated into the managed feral cat community located on the shelter's property.

This highlights the valuable work of the Franklin County Animal Shelter. As you consider charitable giving in 2025, we encourage you to consider supporting this organization. They gratefully accept monetary donations, as well as donations of pet food, litter, toys, blankets, cleaning supplies such as bleach and paper towels, and items from their Amazon wish list. You can find more information about the shelter on their Facebook page.

A reminder regarding dog licensing: Licenses for 2026 are due by January 31st, 2027 and become available in mid October, 2026. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination and the appropriate fee for each dog you own. A late fee of \$25 will be applied to licenses obtained on or after February 1st.

We also encourage residents to consider adoption as a first option when acquiring a pet. Finally, we would like to reiterate the importance of spaying or neutering your pets to help control the pet population.

## Who to call

Animal Control  
Officer Dispatch  
207.474.7400

Franklin County  
Animal Shelter  
207.778.2638

Animal Poison Control  
1.888.426.4435

Starks Town Office  
207.696.8069



## ASSESSORS' CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the pages herein, numbered from 1 to      inclusive, contain a list and valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Starks for county, district, and municipal taxes for the fiscal year 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025 as they existed on the first day of April 2025.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands at Starks this 15 day of October, 2025.

Joseph Hayden  
Maryanne Goufinski  
Byrnie Wright

Municipal Assessor(s)

## MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

State of Maine Municipality Starks County Somerset  
To Jennifer Hebert, Tax Collector

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to collect of each person named in the list herewith committed to you the amount set down on said list as payable by that person.

### Assessments:

1. County Tax	173,561.34	
2. Municipal Appropriation	816,246.00	
3. Tax increment financing plan amount	0.00	
4. Local Educational Appropriation	601,023.58	
5. Overlay (Not to Exceed 5% of "Net To Be Raised" (see tax rate calculation #16)	40,822.35	
6. <b>Total Assessments</b>		1,631,653.27

### Deductions:

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	88,665.58	
8. Homestead exemption reimbursement	47,580.62	
9. Business Equipment Tax Exemption reimbursement	0.00	
10. Other Revenue	305,020.31	
11. <b>Total Deductions</b>		441,266.51
12. <b><u>Net Assessment for Commitment</u></b>		1,190,386.76

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

The Starks Planning Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Starks Community Center. When necessary, additional meetings are held to address business before the Board, and if there is no business, meetings may be canceled. The Board sends out meeting notices via email and places notices on the *All Things Starks* Facebook page. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

**Permitting Activity during 2025 included:** None

**Ordinance Updates:** The Planning Board is responsible for proposing amendments to existing ordinances and developing new ordinances, as relates to land use. Input from town officials and the public is critical in any of the Board's work. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to ordinances. All ordinances and amendments to existing ordinances must be voted upon by the citizens, usually at a town meeting. Ordinance activity in 2025 included:

- Proposed Moratorium Ordinance: Battery Energy Storage Systems
  - This temporary ordinance places a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) with a storage capacity of more than 250 kWh. It does not affect in any way a residential or other solar array kWh storage capacity less than 250 kWh.
  - If enacted, this moratorium will give the Planning Board time to research BESS with the possibility of enacting regulations for this type of use.
  
- Proposed Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance for the Town of Starks
  - These amendments will bring our ordinance into compliance with state law.
  - The new definition of a "subdivision" eliminates the need for a subdivision permit for:
    - the division of a new structure or an existing structure on a parcel into 4 or fewer dwelling units,
    - the construction or placement of 4 or fewer dwelling units on a parcel, and
    - the division of a structure(s) previously used for commercial/industrial use into 4 or fewer dwelling units.

*Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Office and will be posted on the Town's website prior to the 2026 Town Meeting. All applications for permits, decisions, minutes, policies, and Town ordinances are available on the Town of Starks website at: [www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com) or can be obtained from the Town Office.*

**Enforcement:** Enforcement of the Town's Ordinances is done by the Starks Code Enforcement Officer under the direction of the Selectboard. The Planning Board has no enforcement authority.

Respectfully submitted,

The Starks Planning Board: Gwen Hilton (Chair), Ken Lust (Vice Chair), Claire Nelson (Secretary), Joe Hartigan, Tiffany Bellefleur, Phil Cole (Alternate), Eddie Hebert (Alternate).

# Annual Report 2025



## KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL WASTE CORP.

FROM TREASURER JOE HAYDEN

Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation is the recycling outfit co-owned by Anson and Starks. It's Board and officers are made up of the Boards of Selectmen in both towns as well as two local citizens.

The recycling plant is located on route 201 in Bingham where more than one hundred twenty tons of recycled materials generated by Anson and Starks residents, are processed each year. There are just over one hundred participating residents in Anson/North Anson and just under one hundred participating residents in Starks.

Scott Merrill performs the curbside collection for KVRWC and we're very happy to have him.

Volume of recycled materials remained consistent in 2025 with a few new participants. We predict and hope for even more participation in 2026. Revenue from the sale of recyclables has remained steady. It totals between \$1,500-\$3,000 each year. Those revenues are used to reduce costs for residents.

In November of 2024 the Starks board of Selectmen secured a \$7,500 matching grant from the Maine Municipal Association for a new Recycling trailer. We also purchased a new forklift the year prior to that. The truck used for collection is still in good working condition.

If you're interested in recycling a schedule for pick up in your area can be found at the Town Office. If you have any other questions please feel free to call Joe Hayden or the Anson Board of Selectmen.

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PHONE 207.431.5471

PO Box 91  
Anson, ME 04911

# Recycled Materials & Sorting

Please follow the instructions below when preparing and separating recycled materials. Protect your materials from the rain, wind, and snow. Place materials curbside by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day. Feel free to bundle newspapers, magazines and mixed paper together.

please no styrofoam coffee cups and no trash



## PLASTIC

**Allowed:** #1 PET & #2 HDPE Plastic bottles & jugs except no petroleum (oil etc.) containers.  
**Not Allowed:** Other types of plastic, including plastic bags or film, no bowls or trays.  
**Preparation:** Rinse/wash containers clean.



## CARDBOARD

**Allowed:** Corrugated cardboard and paper grocery bags.  
**Not Allowed:** Mixed paper and waxed cardboard  
**Preparation:** Flatten all boxes. Keep clean and dry. Bundle large quantities.



## ALUMINUM CANS

**Allowed:** all metal cans, foil, and metal jar lids.  
**Not Allowed:** fuel containers, propane tanks, aerosol cans and heavy steel.  
**Preparation:** Rinse/wash containers clean



## NEWSPAPER

**Allowed:** Newspapers with inserts, phone books magazines and catalogs.  
**Not Allowed:** Waxy magazines and pages  
**Preparation:** Bag or bundle, keep clean and dry. Please keep separate from mixed paper.



## UNIVERSAL WASTE

**No Universal Waste Pickup!**  
You must make other arrangements with your town wise large item pickup or dump. Items that will not be picked up include all bulky ate such as fluorescent light tubes, TVs, computers, monitors, peripherals and non-mercury containing devices may be recycled.

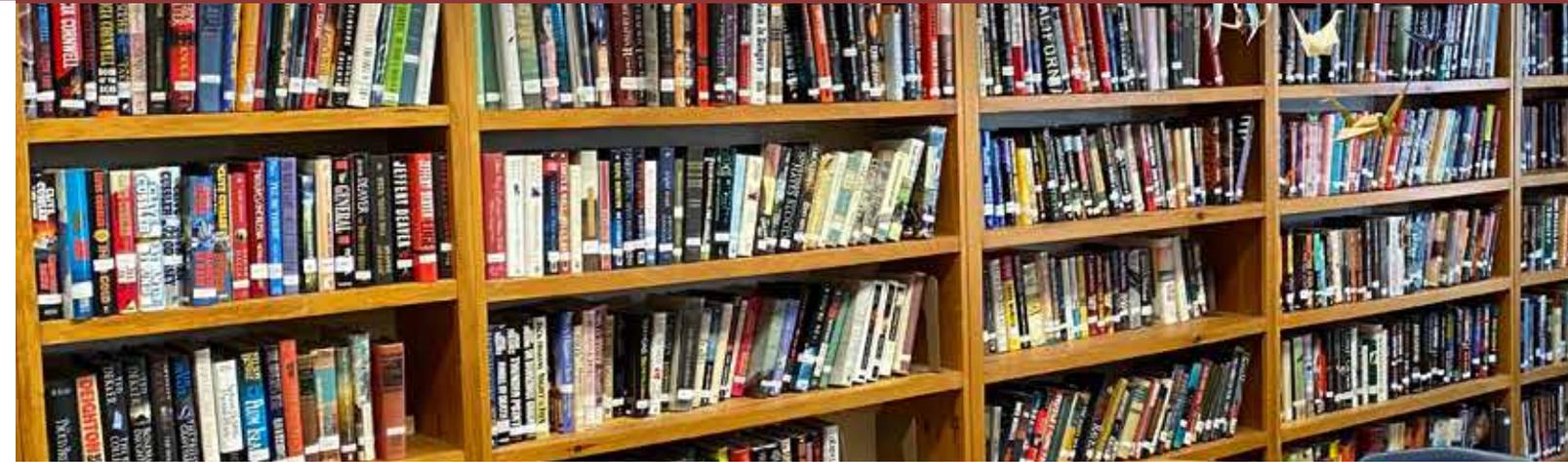


## MIXED PAPER

**Allowed:** Boxboard/paperboard cereal/cracker boxes, paper towel tubes, foreign cardboard, show boxes and similar items. Paper egg cartons, all types of office and school paper, brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, mail - including junk and similar items.  
**Not Allowed:** Paper layered with plastic, waxed paper, paper towels, napkins or wet soiled paper.  
**Preparation:** Keep clean and dry. flatten boxes. Must be bagged and separated from other materials

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## Starks Town Library



You are welcome to visit the Starks Town Library during Town Office hours. Come in, look around, browse through the books, sit a bit, and enjoy the comfort of the library while you make your book choices.

The downstairs library area consists of books by Maine authors for adults, youth, and children; fiction and non-fiction sections for adults and youth; and books in large print. The children's section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. Seasonal children's books are on display in our cozy reading nook. Computers are available in the library and the hallway leading to the upstairs. Free books and other give-aways are located in the downstairs library area.

A variety of books including westerns, gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, education, sports (hunting, fishing, baseball, etc.), and international crime can be found in the upstairs hallway.

Our library not only provides books but also offers a variety of activities for all ages. The library activities group was very busy in 2025 with organizing movies and refreshments in January and February; bunnies & baskets activity in April; and book sales for the Indoor Yard Sale and the Plant & Book Sale both held in the community center during May. Young and young at heart enjoyed "Mud-Up" with mud related stories, play-doh, song, and dessert in June. July was busy with an action packed and well attended Starks Kids Independence Day Party and an L.C.Bates Museum presentation on Wetlands, a wetlands story, and outdoor activities. A gentle hike and picnic was shared in September followed by a busy October with our first Paul Talk about Starks, full moon kayaking, a soup-ernatural evening (with a chili & soup potluck, viewing of the Dead Files Show episode in Starks, Q & A), and a family friendly Halloween Party with games, treats, and books. A fantastic Whirl and Twirl Contradance was held in November. December brought us the joy of crafting our own ornaments & decorations and the magic of our annual Christmas Holiday Celebration highlighted by local talent and family involvement ~ even shadow puppets with the littles ~ and, of course, Santa with his helper elf!

Mug-Up was enjoyed in the library on the first Saturday of each month. This is a time of coming together for coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and delicious treats along with friendly conversation with other Starks residents.

The Starks Library Committee appreciates all those that have supported and contributed to the library over the years with special thanks to SEEDs for making our endeavors possible and to the Starks Fire Department volunteers for their assistance. We sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers from the youngest to the oldest and are especially grateful to our library activities group: Joe, Carol, Val, Betty, Maria, Ann, Tiffany, Penny, Kasey, Jesalyn, Phoebe, and Diane.

# Sexton Report

## CALENDAR YEAR 2025



Greetings Starks,

In 2025, routine maintenance activities were conducted at all town cemeteries, consistent with previous years. These activities included groundskeeping, mowing, minor headstone repairs, brush removal, and addressing fence damage.

Currently, all town cemeteries are maintained in fair to good condition. Efforts are ongoing to secure a qualified contractor that can provide estimates and work on more extensive headstone restorations. Additionally, work on comprehensive solutions for existing fencing issues are on-going. Weather and winter pose new problems each spring.

We anticipate favorable conditions in 2026 that will allow for continued effective cemetery maintenance in addition to new cemetery signs that are being donated by an organized group of volunteers and donors.

### TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

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Brake Hill Cemetery

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Churchill Cemetery

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Didson Cemetery

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Fairbanks Gravesite

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Greenleaf Cemetery

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Piper-Williams Cemetery

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Tupper-Williamson Cemetery

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Locke Cemetery

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# COMMUNITY CENTER

## BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



### Bill Pressey

Greetings,

Your community center hosted a lot of various activities this year. The increase in activity from local groups and individuals who utilized this great space was good to see. The library continues to be a great resource and is well taken care of. It hosted the fire department annual event, homeschooling, Jiu-Jitsu classes, the always popular Mug Up, the yearly Christmas program, activities for our children, and a variety of private events.

The building is in good condition and I want to thank Jeremy Winkley for the improvements to the heating system. The boiler is in good condition and the work done to simplify and improve the circulation system was definitely needed and I am pleased that it has been taken care of.

I hope that the folks in town continue to make use of this building and the grounds surrounding it.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill

**Starks Food Cupboard**  
a subsidiary of  
**East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.**  
a federal 501c3 organization

Starks Food Cupboard began 2025 facing federal cuts to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). We received smaller food deliveries this year. We were able to purchase food at a discount from Good Shepherd Food Bank, supplemented by local grocery store purchases. We also pick up a Fresh Rescue donation from the Madison Hannaford.

Each month our neighbors receive an approximately 60 pound box of staple foods (pasta, rice, canned goods, shelf-stable milk, dried fruits, nuts, etc.) along with frozen meats and fruit. Plus a neighbor can come anytime we are open (twice a month) to choose from the Fresh Rescue produce, fruit, salads, sandwiches, breads and bakery items.

We regularly restock the refrigerator at the Fire House.

In addition, the Winslow Food Trailer parks at the Community Center once a month for an hour to offer fresh produce, and often bakery items to anyone. They are very generous, trying to empty the trailer before they head home.

In October/November the off and on- again SNAP (Food Stamps) program had several effects. More neighbors came to the food cupboard. And we were blessed with a significant uptick in donations, both cash and food goods. We especially thank the Starks Fire Company for their "Stuff the Truck" drive. These donations and the town taking over the land led to our financial stability for 2025.

The year ended on a sad note with the passing of our dedicated and hard-working coordinator, Dan Palmer. We miss him! But new volunteers have stepped up and in January 2026, we served more neighbors than ever.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Bivans, Temporary Coordinator, Treasurer (610) 217-7762

<b>2025 Households Served</b>
32 Households - 74 people Average 18 Families/month - 44 people

<b>2025 Food Distributed</b>
Distribute >1000 Pounds Staples, Meat, Produce & Bakery each Month

<b>2025 Income &amp; Expense</b>	
Income	
Donations	10779.44
Interest	5.44
Expenses	
Food	1987.02
Insurance	897.15
Heating Oil	370.49
Electric	975.00
Plowing	80.00
Charter Fee	35.00
Furnace Cleaning	205.50
Misc.	15.00

**Starks Water District Annual Report**

The Starks Water District is available by phone and by email as needed and will respond to non-emergency requests within 24 hours. If you need to make a payment arrangement, please call. Payments can be made by mail with a check or money order or by phone using a debit or credit card. Please note that the Water District is a separate entity from the Town at this time, so payments should be made out to **Starks Water District**.

***If you have a problem with your water service please let us know and we will address it as soon as possible.***

We meet virtually or in person every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Interim meetings will be posted at the Town Office and the All Things Starks Facebook page. The Starks Water District Board of Trustees pre-scheduled meetings for 2026 will be as follows:

January 21	May 20	September 16
March 18	July 165	November 18

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted on the All Things Starks Facebook page one week in advance. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will be rescheduled. If you will be attending a board meeting, please call ahead and the meeting connection information can be sent to you.

Starks Water District income from water service, fees, and transfers for 2025 was \$10,212.97 and our total expenses were \$11,234.49 resulting in a net loss of \$1,021.52. We would like to thank our customers who pay their water service bills in a timely manner so that we can continue to provide clean, safe, affordable drinking water to our community.

Please notice we have changed our address to the Town Office at 57 Anson Rd, Starks, ME 04911. We are hoping to begin the transition to a municipal water district, transferring ownership to the Town of Starks. Any required public meetings will be posted, emailed or mailed to Starks residents.

We currently have a full Board of Directors/Trustees, appointed for 3 year terms:

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	Robin Melancon-Quimby
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	Jared Norton
Anna M. Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	

Our licensed Water Operator is: Joseph Hartigan

A copy of the Terms and Conditions and current rates and fees are available on request.

Report prepared by:

Anna M. Simone, M.Ed., D.D.  
Clerk/Treasurer

## RSU9 Mt Blue Regional School District

The Town of Starks has been one of ten towns in RSU9 since 2012.

I started serving as a Board Member in July of 2024 to represent Starks on the board. The board meets twice per month and has three standing committees that meet monthly; the Operations committee, Personnel & Finance committee, and Educational Policy committee. There are also special meetings as the board finds necessary.

I remain a member of the Educational Policy committee. This year the committee has collaborated to continue the effort to update policies to align with the Strategic Plan, with changes to state and federal laws, and with long-term goals. We have continued work to reduce chronic absenteeism and implement recommendations that came out of an audit of the ELA curriculum.

The school board faced a difficult budgeting year, with changes in valuations and adjustments to salaries and insurance. Through many hours of hard work and research, the increases to the budget were greatly reduced from initial estimates and attention was given to strategies that can be utilized in future budgeting.

Other celebrations from 2025:

- The summer meal program served more students than ever before and funding was secured to provide an after school nutrition program for students who are involved in activities such as sports, tutoring, and clubs.
- Several of the district sports teams continue to receive sportsmanship awards.
- Standardized testing scores are seeing improvements across the district.
- Chronic absenteeism is decreasing in all schools.
- Communities of Practice have been initiated among faculty and staff to increase the depth of our professional development and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

After having completed a full year of service on the RSU9 school board, I have renewed respect for the complexity and breadth of all that it takes to keep a rural, Maine school district running. I look at the other representatives on the board, a diverse and passionate group, and am honored to work with them to support the faculty, staff, administration, and students and am honored to represent this town.

Respectfully,

*Katie Martiffe*

207-577-9002



# SOMERSET COUNTY

*Maine*

Somerset County Government is proud to serve the public good by providing services to our nearly 52,000 residents every day. County governments are making news around the state as budgets come under scrutiny. In 2025, the Somerset Budget Committee approved a county budget that had no net increase to the taxpayer.

The County Commissioners are committed to making decisions with the property taxpayer in mind. In the spring of 2025, the county partnered with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) to provide regional Code Enforcement services to towns with populations under 4,000. The program is up and running with services being offered in several Somerset towns.

The County invested \$15,000 in Code Enforcement Software to help KVCOG streamline the permitting process. This was one of several Community Benefit grants awarded by the Commissioners. \$280,000 in grant funding was awarded to 26 groups representing 16 communities in Somerset. Applications for the next round of funding need to be submitted by May 8, 2026. More information on the Community Benefit Matching Grant program can be found on the county website <https://somersetcountyme.gov/funding-opportunities/>

In late 2025 District 2 Commissioner Cyp Johnson stepped away from his seat as he moved out of the district and could not continue to represent the Towns of Madison, Anson, Starks, Smithfield, Mercer and New Portland. A special caucus of municipal officers was held in November. Don Skillings from Madison was appointed to fill the vacancy. The District 2 seat will be up for election in the fall of 2026 along with Districts 3, 4 and 5.

Long time Emergency Management Director Mike Smith retired at the end of 2025 with over 25 years of service to the County. Eric Plourde also joined the ranks of the retired after serving in Somerset's I/T department for 15 years. We wish them the very best in their new ventures.

On behalf of all County employees, it is our pleasure to serve our communities.



Tim Curtis

Somerset County Administrator



Integrity      Respect      Fairness      Dedication

## SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### 2025 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

January 1, 2026 began my 12<sup>th</sup> year as your Sheriff. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County.

The Office of Sheriff oversees the operations of the law enforcement division, the County Jail, 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. In 2025, I finished my 2-year obligation as Immediate Past-President of the Maine Sheriff's Association (MSA). This year, I was selected by my peers to remain on the MSA Executive Board as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I continue to serve on 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.

#### Law Enforcement

The Patrol Division is comprised of 15 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. The Unorganized Townships have 2 Patrol Deputies dedicated to patrolling that large geographic area. The Town of Madison funds 3 Patrol Deputies, a 32-hour Secretary/Dispatcher, and 1 School Resource Officer. The Patrol Division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Patrol Division conducted 1,566 traffic stops and covered 1,087 reportable motor vehicle crashes. The Patrol Division arrested/summonsed 862 individuals in Somerset County. The Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy graduate from the 48<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. The Sheriff's Office has 1 K9 unit, 1 Drug Recognition Expert, 1 crash reconstructionist, 1 forensic mapper, 1 drone operator, and 3 firearms instructors. In 2025, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office law enforcement division transitioned from the brown and tan uniform to a new green and tan uniform.

The Criminal Division is comprised of 5 Detectives, 1 Detective is assigned to the District Attorney's Office, and 1 Detective is dedicated to investigating crimes against persons. The Criminal Division is overseen by a Detective Sergeant and a Detective Lieutenant. In 2025, the Criminal Division obtained 59 search warrants pertaining to numerous criminal investigations. The Criminal Division executed 42 illegal drug related search warrants in 2025 which resulted in the seizure of over 1,260 grams of Fentanyl and cocaine, methamphetamine, controlled pills, approximately 2,100 pounds of processed marijuana, \$24,000.00 in suspected illegal drug proceeds, 2 motor vehicles, and 9 firearms, and 44 individuals being charged with illegal drug related crimes. From January, 2024 to date, the Criminal Division has obtained and executed 25 drug search warrants relating to suspected illegal marijuana plant cultivation/processing activities throughout Somerset County. To date, approximately 30,000 marijuana plants, 2,600 pounds of processed marijuana, approximately \$53,000.00 in suspected illegal drug proceeds, and 8 motor vehicles have been seized, and 16 individuals have been arrested/charged with illegal marijuana plant cultivation/trafficking activities. In 2025, the Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robbery, burglaries, thefts, aggravated assaults, and sexual abuse cases. The Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. 2 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.



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## SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### 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. At the time of this report, the Jail is fully staffed. The Somerset County Jail is now 18 years old. In January 2026, the Jail underwent an American Corrections Association audit. The Jail had 100% compliance on mandatory standards and will remain nationally accredited. The Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In December 2025, the Jail entered into a multi-year contract to house 40 Waldo County inmates. The first-year revenue to Somerset County will be approximately \$1.4 million. The Jail continues administering Sublocade to inmates who identify with an Opioid Use Disorder as part of our medically assisted treatment program. In 2025, we administered 415 Sublocade injections. The Jail also successfully transitioned 32 individuals directly from jail into residential treatment programs. The Sheriff's Office continues to collaborate with Somerset Public Health to provide a Care Coordinator for Substance Use Disorder. In 2025, the Jail also collaborated with Somerset Public Health in planting gardens and growing more than 4,000 pounds of fresh produce. The food was donated to local elementary schools to help combat food insecurity among students in our communities. In 2025, 4 inmates earned their high school equivalency diplomas while incarcerated. In 2025, the Jail recorded 1,519 total bookings, a 14% increase from 2024.

### Civil Process

The Civil Division is comprised of 1 full-time Coordinator/Secretary and 4 part-time Civil Deputies. In 2025, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,469 papers to process and serve. That is a 10.3% increase from 2024.

### Calls for Service

- In 2025, the Sheriff's Office received 13,432 calls for service from our residents.
- During 2025, the Sheriff's Office responded to 670 calls for service from the Town of Cornville. Calls included 27 motor vehicle stops, 98 motor vehicle accidents, 16 calls requesting citizen assistance, 6 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for burglary, theft, criminal threatening, assault, harassment, welfare checks, and requests for other police services.
- In 2025 the Sheriff's office transitioned to a new records management system.

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

# *Kennebec Regional Development Authority*

## *Report to the Town of Starks 2025*

### **Kristine Logan named new Executive Director**



Starks is one of 23 remaining of the original 24 central Maine communities that are members of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA). The KRDA was established by an act of the Maine Legislature almost three decades ago having been created to spur economic development in the region. The Town's representatives to the KRDA's General Assembly are Ken Lust and Ernie Hilton (alternate). Starks owns less than one percent of the project so our ability to influence its direction, on our own hook, is extremely limited. KRDA's keystone project is the 285-acre commerce and technology park known as FirstPark, located in Oakland. Lots are priced at \$12,000 per acre and 13 of the original 23 lots remain unsold.

The headline in this year's report is the hiring of Kristine M. Logan to replace former Executive Director Jim Dinkle, who retired in 2025. Cynthia Cloutier is the Executive Assistant. The office can be contacted at (207) 859-9716.

2025 was another flat year for KRDA. The Purchase and Sale Agreement referenced in last year's report to communities for Lot 4 for a prospective daycare facility fell through so that lot is back on the market. FirstPark ended 2024 in contract for the sale of Lot 15B. There was no other sales activity during the year. The listing contract with a broker in Portland expired and was not renewed. At this time the remaining lots are not listed with any broker. 13 of the original 23 lots remain unsold. According to an appraisal done in 2018, the appraiser estimated it would take 14 more years [from 2018] to fully sell out the remaining inventory or by 2032. That estimate is difficult to validate given the prolonged lack of sales and continued low level of market traction for the site. The Executive Board remains resistant to considering alternate strategies. Administration costs are ~\$435,000 annually.

FirstPark's annual operating budget the past year remained the same over previous years at \$435,000 and was basically a break-even budget as has been the case in recent years. At this writing the '26/'27 annual budget, which is expected to be flat, has not been submitted. Expenses are wages & benefits, grounds maintenance, utilities, marketing and professional services including bookkeeping, legal and auditing. KRDA spends \$435,000 per year to maintain operations. The primary source of income is a 99 year revenue sharing agreement [of real estate taxes] with the Town of Oakland.

Liquidity is strong with just over \$2.2 million in cash on hand. There are no plans in the near term to dividend any of that cash back to the member towns. The 2024-25 Audit was conducted by Maine-based RHR Smith who reported no issues. Copies of the audit are available by emailing your request to [exdirector@firstpark.com](mailto:exdirector@firstpark.com).

At present the officers elected by the KRDA General Assembly are President Michelle Flewelling (Fairfield); Secretary Peter Mills (Cornville); Treasurer James Jurdak (Oakland); and Assistant Treasurer Ken Lust (Starks). Mike Roy (Waterville) is the immediate Past-President

The upcoming fiscal year shows no signs of progress though with a new executive director we continue to be hopeful of forward movement.

Visit the website at [www.firstpark.com](http://www.firstpark.com) for the latest on what's developing in FirstPark and sign up for the quarterly e-newsletter at <https://firstpark.com/e-newsletter/>.

Respectfully submitted

*Ken Lust*  
*March 14, 2026*



June 11, 2025

Selectboard  
Town of Starks  
Starks, Maine

We have been engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and are auditing the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and have been excerpted. A complete copy will be available for inspection at the Town Office upon completion of the audit.

Included herein are:

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

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Duley Brook Road Grant	Moved from Nonmajor Fund Building Capital Improvements	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 649,612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 659,612
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes	137,165	-	-	-	137,165
Liens	46,119	-	-	-	46,119
Tax acquired property	1,446	-	-	-	1,446
Due from other funds	508	-	117,540	83,358	201,406
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 834,850</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,540</b>	<b>\$ 93,358</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,748</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Due to other governments	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26
Due to other funds	200,898	-	-	508	201,406
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>200,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>201,432</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Prepaid taxes	4,103	-	-	-	4,103
Deferred tax revenues	114,545	-	-	-	114,545
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>118,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,648</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	1,446	-	-	-	1,446
Restricted	-	-	-	31,918	31,918
Committed	1,390	-	117,540	61,403	180,333
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficits)	512,442	-	-	(471)	511,971
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>515,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,540</b>	<b>92,850</b>	<b>725,668</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 834,850</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,540</b>	<b>\$ 93,358</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,748</b>

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

## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Duley Brook Road Grant	<i>Moved from Nonmajor Fund</i> Building Capital Improvements	Other Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 1,125,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise	120,096	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenues	197,801	-	-	54,479
Charges for services	12,182	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	22,488	-	705	2,520
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,478,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>56,999</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	260,449	-	-	-
Public safety	63,745	-	-	-
Public works	362,771	-	-	-
Community service	2,416	-	-	-
Education	581,890	-	-	-
County tax	163,021	-	-	-
Unclassified	18,137	-	-	64,706
Capital outlay	-	-	8,155	10,000
Debt service:				
Principal	8,213	-	-	-
Interest	1,573	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,462,215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>74,706</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,450)</b>	<b>(17,707)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	67,683	-	-	26,000
Transfers (out)	(26,000)	-	-	(67,683)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>41,683</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(41,683)</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>57,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,450)</b>	<b>(59,390)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)- JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>	<b>398,781</b>	<b>(58,049)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396,429</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE CORRECTION</b>	<b>58,929</b>	<b>58,049</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>(120,891)</b>
<b>CHANGE WITHIN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,298</b>	<b>(123,298)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED</b>	<b>457,710</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,990</b>	<b>152,240</b>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 457,710	\$ 457,710	\$ 457,710	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	1,113,076	1,113,076	1,125,533	12,457
Excise taxes	122,355	122,355	120,096	(2,259)
Intergovernmental revenues:		-		
State revenue sharing	98,262	98,262	93,983	(4,279)
Homestead exemption	52,523	52,523	54,604	2,081
Tree growth	18,121	18,121	18,233	112
Veterans exemption	270	270	273	3
First park	2,768	2,768	2,549	(219)
General assistance	-	957	957	-
FEMA/MEMA	-	-	24,397	24,397
Snowmobile reimbursement	-	305	305	-
SC flood relief	-	2,500	2,500	-
Interest income	3,645	3,645	12,720	9,075
Interest on taxes	10,118	10,118	4,262	(5,856)
Charges for services	8,486	8,919	12,182	3,263
Miscellaneous revenues	5,000	5,000	5,506	506
Transfers from other funds	72,178	72,178	67,683	(4,495)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,964,512</u>	<u>1,968,707</u>	<u>2,003,493</u>	<u>34,786</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	282,090	282,090	260,449	21,641
Public safety	77,374	78,287	63,745	14,542
Public works	370,478	370,478	362,771	7,707
Community service	4,280	6,957	2,416	4,541
Education	581,890	581,890	581,890	-
County tax	163,021	163,021	163,021	-
Unclassified	24,748	27,553	18,137	9,416
Debt service:				
Principal	8,213	8,213	8,213	-
Interest	1,574	1,574	1,573	1
Transfers to other funds	25,000	26,000	26,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,538,668</u>	<u>1,546,063</u>	<u>1,488,215</u>	<u>57,848</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 425,844</u>	<u>\$ 422,644</u>	<u>\$ 515,278</u>	<u>\$ 92,634</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 29,666	\$ 27,672	\$ -	\$ (27,672)
Utilization of carry forward	2,200	7,394	-	(7,394)
	<u>\$ 31,866</u>	<u>\$ 35,066</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (35,066)</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 127,281	\$ -	\$ 127,281	\$ 107,817	\$ 19,464
New computers	6,859	-	6,859	6,859	-
Code enforcement officer	8,300	-	8,300	8,300	-
Legal services	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
Deputy clerk	3,000	-	3,000	1,833	1,167
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	4,500	-
Plumbing inspector	-	-	-	2,790	(2,790)
Assessors	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Selectboard	12,000	-	12,000	12,000	-
Town clerk	11,150	-	11,150	11,150	-
Tax collector	15,050	-	15,050	15,050	-
Treasurer	11,150	-	11,150	11,150	-
Janitor	6,700	-	6,700	6,700	-
Health officer	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
Sexton	100	-	100	100	-
General assistance overseer	600	-	600	600	-
Town report administrator	600	-	600	600	-
Road foreman stipend	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	-
Community center	21,000	-	21,000	21,000	-
	<u>282,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,090</u>	<u>260,449</u>	<u>21,641</u>
Public safety -					
Fire department	57,500	-	57,500	44,791	12,709
Fire chief	4,400	-	4,400	4,400	-
Animal control	1,820	913	2,733	2,300	433
AMS service	12,454	-	12,454	11,267	1,187
Street lights	1,200	-	1,200	987	213
	<u>77,374</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>78,287</u>	<u>63,745</u>	<u>14,542</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	110,000	-	110,000	116,760	(6,760)
Garage	20,000	-	20,000	14,620	5,380
Summer roads	72,500	-	72,500	84,552	(12,052)
Winter roads	100,000	-	100,000	85,750	14,250
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
Capital roads	67,678	-	67,678	60,789	6,889
	<u>370,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,478</u>	<u>362,771</u>	<u>7,707</u>
Community service -					
General assistance	2,280	2,677	4,957	1,165	3,792
Recreation and library	2,000	-	2,000	1,251	749
	<u>4,280</u>	<u>2,677</u>	<u>6,957</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>4,541</u>
Debt service -					
Principal	8,213	-	8,213	8,213	-
Interest	1,574	-	1,574	1,573	1
	<u>9,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>9,786</u>	<u>1</u>
County tax	163,021	-	163,021	163,021	-
Education -					
RSU #9	581,890	-	581,890	581,890	-
	<u>581,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,890</u>	<u>581,890</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	3,148	-	3,148	3,148	-
Social services	5,000	-	5,000	4,973	27
Snowmobile	-	305	305	305	-
Contingency	5,000	-	5,000	4,429	571
SC flood relief	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Overlay/abatements	11,600	-	11,600	1,187	10,413
Lien costs	-	-	-	1,595	(1,595)
	<u>24,748</u>	<u>2,805</u>	<u>27,553</u>	<u>18,137</u>	<u>9,416</u>
Transfers to other funds -					
Capital projects funds	25,000	1,000	26,000	26,000	-
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,538,668</b>	<b>\$ 7,395</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,063</b>	<b>\$ 1,488,215</b>	<b>\$ 57,848</b>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Due from other funds	-	61,403	21,955	83,358
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,403</u>	<u>\$ 31,955</u>	<u>\$ 93,358</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 471	\$ 37	\$ 508
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>508</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	31,918	31,918
Committed	-	61,403	-	61,403
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficits)	-	(471)	-	(471)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,932</u>	<u>31,918</u>	<u>92,850</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 61,403</u>	<u>\$ 31,955</u>	<u>\$ 93,358</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 20,951	\$ 33,528	\$ -	\$ 54,479
Interest income	-	-	20	20
Other	2,500	-	-	2,500
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>23,451</u>	<u>33,528</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>56,999</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	10,000	-	10,000
Other	64,693	-	13	64,706
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>64,693</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>74,706</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(41,242)</u>	<u>23,528</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(17,707)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	26,000	-	26,000
Transfers (out)	-	(67,678)	(5)	(67,683)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,678)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(41,683)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(41,242)</u>	<u>(18,150)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(59,390)</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	47,679	316,834	31,916	396,429
FUND BALANCE CORRECTION CHANGE WITHIN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY	(6,437)	(114,454)	-	(120,891)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,298)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,298)</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED	<u>41,242</u>	<u>79,082</u>	<u>31,916</u>	<u>152,240</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,932</u>	<u>\$ 31,918</u>	<u>\$ 92,850</u>

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Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

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

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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SUBCOMMITTEE  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
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.  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

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 our state's 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



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



Russell Black  
Senator, District 5

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

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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 blue ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black  
State Senator, District 5

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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains my honor to serve as your State Representative for House District 66 in the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature. I take this responsibility seriously and, once again, look forward to working hard for the people I represent.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and is preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting our small business economy, 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 66 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

I encourage you to stay informed and get involved with what is going on in Augusta. When citizens speak up and stay engaged, it helps create change. I believe this growing involvement can lead to a Legislature that focuses more on the needs of everyday Mainers. Visit the legislative website at [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov), where you can review bill language and summaries, follow committee schedules, and watch the House and Senate sessions. Public Hearing and committee meetings are also accessible via Zoom and live streamed for your convenience.

I will continue serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, where we work on issues important to our district and state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. Your thoughts and concerns matter to me. Please feel free to reach out if I can help you in any way. If you would like to receive updates by email, you may contact me at [Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert W. Nutting'.

Robert W. Nutting  
State Representative

District 66 Oakland, Mercer, Smithfield, Starks & Sidney (part)





### **Town Office Hours**

Mon. 10 am - 2 pm  
Wed. 3 pm - 7 pm  
1st Sat. of the Month  
8 am - 11 am



### **Selectmen Meetings**

1st & 3rd Mondays - 7 pm  
**Board of Assessors**  
1st & 3rd Thursdays - 7 pm  
Phone: 207-696-8069  
Fax: 207-696-8201

### **Important TAX Information from the Board of Assessors**

Dear Starks Citizens,

This years residential property valuations are based on KRT Proposed Values with a recommended rate reduction by the Board of Assessors. Your new valuation and mil rate is displayed on the tax bill.

Last day to make 2025 Tax Payments without incurring interest will be December 14, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding your new valuation, please contact the Board of Assessors.

Respectfully,

Your Board of Assessors

*Joe, Maryanne, and Byrne*

### **2025-2026 Dates to Remember:**

- Dec 1:** 2026 Hunting/Fishing Licenses and 2025-26 Snowmobile Registrations available to purchase.
- Dec 3:** Nomination Papers will be available for the 2026 Town Election of Officers. 2026 Elections include **Selectman**, and **Assessor** (3 year terms).
- Dec 13:** **Last day to make 2025 Tax Payments** without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date).  
*Call for a payoff amount if paying after.*
- Jan 12:** Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2026 Town Election.
- Jan 31:** Last day for Dog Licensing without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)
- Mar 13:** Liens for 2023 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process.
- Mar 13:** Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.
- Mar 14:** Annual Town Business Meeting begins at 9 am.
- Apr 1:** Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors.
- Apr 15:** Board of Assessors begins annual site visits to properties.

**Town Office Address:**  
**57 Anson Road**  
**Starks, ME 04911**

Pay Online -Fees Apply  
[www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com)

**Don't forget to include**  
**ADDRESS CHANGES**  
**with your tax payment!**

### **Town Office** **Closed**

**Nov 26 - Day Before Thanksgiving**  
**Dec 31 - End Of Year Close the Books**  
**Jan 19 - ML King Day**  
**Feb 16 - Presidents Day**  
**May 25 - Memorial Day**  
**July 4 - Independence Day Weekend**  
**Sept 7 - Labor Day**  
**Oct 12 - Indigenous People's /Columbus Day**  
**Nov 11—Veteran's Day**

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