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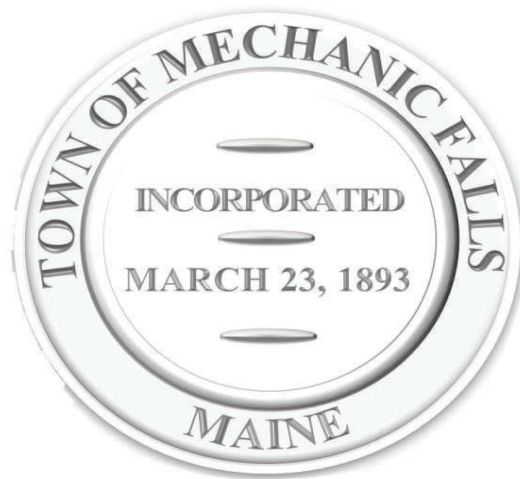
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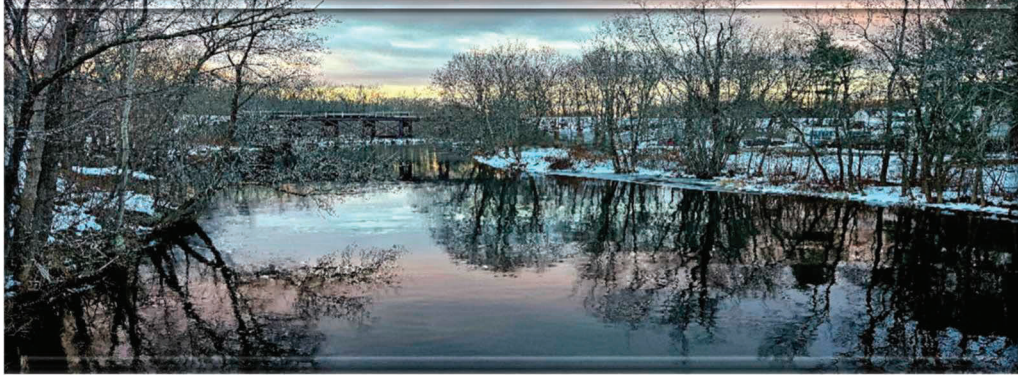


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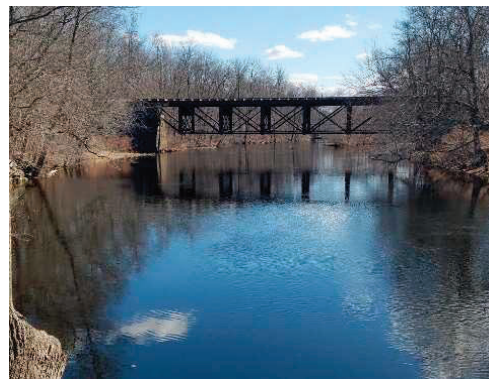
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Community Food Pantry at Daddy O's Diner.

Neighbors helping Neighbors.



**MECHANIC FALLS \*\* ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION \*\***

This 2023-24 Annual Report of the Town of Mechanic Falls  
is dedicated to

**John Rowe**

June 10, 1967 – April 7, 2023

John Rowe starting working for our town at the Public Works Dept. in the summer 2017 until his unexpected passing on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 at his home on Elm Street. His call number was 304 which was retired after his passing.



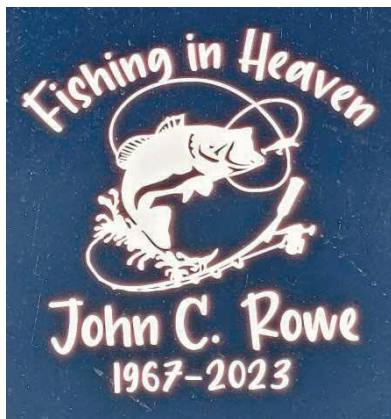
John was raised in Mechanic Falls and spent most of his life here, with the exception of a few years living in Poland. John, his wife Lisa and daughter Cheyenne returned to his family home on Elm Street to watch over his mom.

John loved his job at Public Works and took great pride in taking care of this small town with all his coworkers. He loved to plow snow, the bigger the storm the better, he was always looking forward to the big one.

John enjoyed decorating the town and his home for the holidays. He was an active member of the Sons of American Legion in Mechanic Falls, and always helped put flags on veterans’ graves before Memorial Day in Mechanic Falls and Poland. He was part of the Legion Color Guard and was an officer in the Sons.

He loved this town and was proud to be a resident of the place he grew up. He is sadly missed by his family, friends and all of the guys at Public Works.

It is with great pleasure that the Town of Mechanic Falls dedicates this year’s town report to John C. Rowe. R.I.P.



## MECHANIC FALLS \*\* SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD \*\*

The Mechanic Falls 2023 Spirit of America Recognition is awarded to

### Natalie Kyllonen

The Spirit of America Award was established in Maine in 1990 to honor volunteerism and community service by individuals living in Maine communities. Each year during National Volunteer Month the Town Council recognizes an individual or group in the town who represent excellence in community service and volunteerism to receive this honor.

Natalie certainly deserves the award for the numerous hours each year spent in the service of others. For over 20 years, Natalie has brought people together through her many social events, including her famous July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display, complete with food, fun and of course lots and lots of fireworks.

In addition, Natalie also hosts several other events throughout the year including an annual Easter Egg Hunt, where kids of all ages can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and search for those colorful easter eggs. Plus, every October 31<sup>st</sup>, Natalie puts on a show with her annual Halloween Trunk or Treat where spookiness always lurks and sweet treats can be had.

Natalie is perhaps most famous for her annual “Kyllonen’s Christmas Wonderland”, an epic celebration of the holiday season with a Christmas Light Display featuring over 30,000 lights, a Christmas sleigh, and lots of Christmas decorations for all to enjoy.

It is said that Natalie has a big heart, and simply loves bringing people together. The time, effort, and energy Natalie puts into these events is even more impressive than the events she hosts. Natalie is a true example of what community service is all about.

Natalie resides with her family at 152 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls. **Congratulations to Natalie Kyllonen, this year’s Spirit of America Award Winner.**



# DEMOGRAPHICS

MECHANIC FALLS \* ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY \* STATE OF MAINE



## Form of Government

Charter / Council / Town Manager

Fiscal year: July 1 through June 30

## Population by Census

1980 ..... 2,589

1990 ..... 2,919

2000 ..... 3,138

2010 ..... 3,023

2020 ..... 3,107

## Altitude

Approximately 300 feet above sea level (downtown area) to  
about 600 feet above sea level (Pigeon Hill area)

## Area

Approximately 11.6 square miles

Approximately 21.77 miles of publicly maintained roads



**RSU 16 Central Office**  
Mechanic Falls - Minot - Poland

## Public Schools

Regional School Unit # 16

Mechanic Falls, Minot & Poland

Elm Street School, PreK thru 6

Bruce M. Whittier Middle School, 7 thru 8

Poland Regional High School, 9 thru 12

Goss Berry Farm – 311 Elm St.



# HOURS OF OPERATION

## Town Office

Monday & Tuesday..... 8:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday ..... 8:00am-4:00pm

Thursday..... 8:30am-5:30pm

Friday..... 7:30am-11:30am



## Transfer Station

Wednesday..... 12:00pm-4:00pm

Thursday.....12:00pm-6:00pm

(Thursdays Summer Only May-Sept)

Saturday..... 8:00am-4:00pm

Sunday..... 8:00am-1:00pm



## Library

Monday & Wednesday ..... 9:00am-5:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday ..... 3:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday ..... 9:00am-2:00pm



## Water Department

Monday – Friday .....7:30am- 4:00pm



Androscoggin County Dispatch: 207-753-2500 Option 8

Animal Control Officer: 207-890-4932

Code Enforcement: 207-344-1504

Elm Street School: 207-345-3381

Library: 207-345-9450

Poland Middle School: 207-998-3462

Poland High School: 207-998-5400

Public Works: 207-345-3089

RSU 16: 207-998-2727

Sanitary District: 207-345-3077

Town Office: 207-345-2871

Fax: 207-345-9201

Transfer Station: 207-345-3556

Water Department: 207-345-5351

## MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Appeals			As Needed
Budget Committee		February-April	As Needed
Charter Commission			As Needed
Development Commission	5:30pm	Second Monday	Quarterly
Fire & Rescue	7:00pm	Second Monday	Monthly
Historical Society	7:00pm	Third Wednesday	Monthly
Town Council	6:30pm	First Monday	Monthly
Planning Board	6:00pm	Wednesday following the Council meeting	Monthly
Recreation Committee	6:00pm	Second Thursday	Monthly
Library Trustees	7:00pm	First Thursday	Monthly except July & Aug

## ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

### Town Council

*Term Exp.*

Tarsha Downing, Chair	2024
Darrell Young, Vice Chair	2024
Stanley Morgan	2025
Paula Stotts	2026
Ray Lavoie	2026

### RSU #16 School Board

*Term Exp.*

Mary Martin, Chair	2025
Jessica Smith	2025
Andrea Winn	2025
Stephen Turner	2026
Patrick Irish	2024

### Sanitary District Trustees *Term Exp.*

Michael Baird, Chair	2025
Scott Penney, Vice Chair	2026
Gary Purington	2025
Mark Gary	2024
Anthony Emery	2024



## APPOINTED BOARDS/COMMITTEES

### Planning Board

Term Expires

Walter Goss, Vice Chair	2024
Shannon Snowman, Vice Chair	2024
David Griffiths	2024
Shannon Sturgis	2025
Rebecca Boynton	2026

### Board of Appeals

Martha Wiseman
Eriks Petersons
Christopher Strout
Vacant
Vacant

### Library Trustees

Martha Wiseman
Georgia Randall, Vice Chair
Jenn Durant, Secretary
Janice Earle, Treasurer
Patty Dyer
Ann Hobart
Laura Vincent, Chair

### Development Commission

Michael Baird, President
Walter Berry, Vice President
Stuart Davis, Treasurer
Brenda Coleman, Secretary

### Budget Committee

Thomas Walton
Lou Goulet
Andrea Winn
Cynthia Larrabee
Walter Berry
Vacant
Vacant

### Recreation Committee

Justin Starbird, Chair
Jay Bryant
Robyn Coleman
Craig Smith
Jessica Cummings
Wayne Usher
Jill Starbird

### Historical Society

James Craig
Eriks Petersons
Nancy Petersons
Patricia Dyer
Lindsey Anderson
Dorothy Bouchles
Steve Turner
Rena Berry
Walter Berry



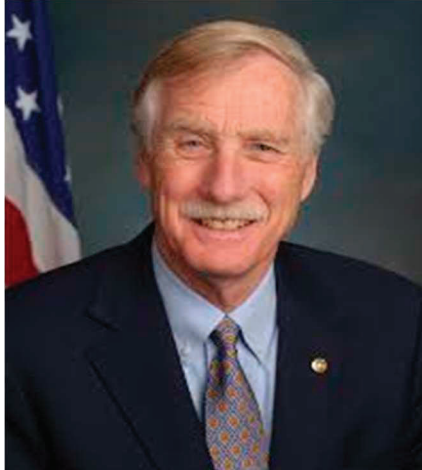
## ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

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US SENATOR



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DISTRICT



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MAINE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 18



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DAVID BOYER  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 87



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855<sup>th</sup> consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,

  
ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senate

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

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I am grateful you have put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 18.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax and the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including the protection Maine's natural resources, increased costs of everyday items, access to health care and child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Richard Bennett  
Senator



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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. It is a pleasure to serve the residents of Poland and Mechanic Falls. Representing you is an honor and a privilege as I work diligently to be your voice in Augusta.

On a positive note, the Legislature did begin tackling some of the funding issues plaguing Maine's roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure by passing LD 259. The new law creates a sustainable source of funding for the Highway Fund by dedicating 40 percent of the 5.5 percent sales tax on vehicle purchases and 40 percent of sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is expected to generate more than \$200 million for infrastructure repairs per biennium.

Unfortunately, the \$10.3 billion budget approved by a simple majority of the Legislature increased spending by roughly 20% from the Governor's proposed budget in 2021. My biggest disappointment is that with at least \$1.5 billion in excess tax revenues, the Legislature did not pass structural income tax reform to let taxpayers keep more of what they earn. Despite this surplus, taxes were raised on Maine small businesses, and I find this unconscionable.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome. With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [David.Boyer@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:David.Boyer@legislature.maine.gov) and I will gladly add you to our list.

I look forward to all the challenges that lay ahead in 2024 as I continue to serve on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Please stay safe and healthy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Boyer".

David Boyer  
State Representative

District 87 Mechanic Falls and Poland (part)

March 8th, 2024

To The Citizens of Mechanic Falls:

Progress is in the air throughout Mechanic Falls. I am proud to say that the state of the town continues to be strong. The past year has seen many positive events including the sale of 22 Pleasant Street, and lots of growth town-wide. In addition, we've installed a new compactor at the transfer station along with various equipment upgrades throughout town, created a new 10-year road plan, and a new 5-year capital improvement plan.

I can also report to you that the financial state of the Town of Mechanic Falls continues to be strong. FY '25 Annual Debt Service comes in at just under \$119,000, and we continue to maintain a healthy undesignated fund balance. With any luck, and no curve balls, I project at the end of FY '26 the town will be debt free... that deserves repeating, debt free! The administration, the council, and the budget committee are all working together for that day and to stay debt free as long as possible.

Looking forward... over the next year we expect to finish the scheduled 2023 road work. New projects for 2024 include a rebuilt sidewalk on Elm Street along with some road paving, and we will begin a much needed 2-year road project on North Street.

In addition, "Fix 108" is underway... you will start to see several projects both inside and outside the town office building.

I do want to take a moment and thank our staff for all that they do for the town... they are the soul of our operation, and they all are heroes. Every day they work hard in their respective roles to serve you. Please be sure to thank these folks when you see them. Positive words are always welcome and appreciated. In addition, I also want to thank the Council for their dedication and hard work for the town. They too, deserve your thanks.

As always, know that I have an open-door policy. I will meet with anyone, anytime, to discuss any topic concerning the town. I look forward to another exciting year of challenges and opportunities.

Sincerely,

Vic Hodgkins

Town Manager



## TOWN CLERK – JANICE FERRI

The Clerk's office is responsible for issuing various registrations and licenses such as business licenses, dog licenses, hunting & fishing licenses, vehicle, trailer, ATV, boats and snowmobile registrations.

Many of the services we handle may be done online such as Rapid Renew for vehicle and trailer registrations. ATV, Boat, Snowmobile registrations, Hunting and Fishing licensing as well as Dog licenses, can all be done online for your convenience. All of the links are posted on the town's website: [www.mechanicfalls.org](http://www.mechanicfalls.org). Please do not hesitate to contact us at 207-345-2871 if you have any questions.

### Dates to Remember:

- Snowmobile & ATV registrations expire June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- Boat registrations, hunting & fishing licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- Dog licenses are due every year by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. State mandated late fee charged if not done by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Transfer Station stickers are valid July 1 – June 30, which follows our fiscal year.

### Vehicle & Camper Registrations: *What to bring to the Town Office...*

#### Re-registration

- ❖ Bring the old registration, current (unexpired) proof of insurance, and the exact current mileage of the vehicle.

#### New Registration

- ❖ Dealer Sale – Bring Bill of Sale showing sales tax was paid, blue Title Application form, window sticker, current (unexpired) proof of insurance, and exact mileage of the vehicle.
- ❖ Private Sale – Bring Bill of Sale, Title (1995 and newer), Release of Lien (if applicable), current (unexpired) proof of insurance, and exact mileage of the vehicle.
- ❖ Transfer of Plates – Bring all applicable documents/information above PLUS registration from old vehicle.

Last year we registered 2862 vehicle registrations.

#### Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

174 Hunting/Fishing licenses

94 Boat Registrations

172 ATV Registrations

111 Snowmobile Registrations



## VITAL STATISTICS

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for the care and preservation of the town's records. State law requires that the clerk maintain certain records such as birth, death and marriage certificates. Certificates are \$15 for one and \$6 for each additional one issued at the same time. Marriage licenses cost \$40 and require approximately 30 minutes to complete.

*Congratulations to those  
Married in 2023*



<i>Desiree Kendrick &amp; Dustin Chapman - 1/17</i>	<i>Paul Linscott &amp; Catherine Steele - 8/12</i>
<i>Lauren Callas &amp; Dylan Hilliker - 1/21</i>	<i>Sasha Seal &amp; Trenten Hunt - 8/26</i>
<i>Sasha Brown &amp; Brandon Rimpl - 2/25</i>	<i>Megan LeGault &amp; John Wright - 9/08</i>
<i>Jennifer Giroux &amp; Craig Mercier - 3/24</i>	<i>Jennifer Landry &amp; Zachery Daigle - 9/09</i>
<i>Michael Houle &amp; Nicole Duncan - 4/01</i>	<i>Brandon Perry &amp; Janie Burkett - 9/10</i>
<i>Lindsay Ball &amp; William Barker - 4/08</i>	<i>Gabrielle St. Hilaire &amp; Joshua Bernier - 9/30</i>
<i>Emily Swartz &amp; Devin Hillock - 4/19</i>	<i>Valerie Emery &amp; William Mattor - 10/01</i>
<i>Phoebe Gouette &amp; Daniel Edwards - 4/22</i>	<i>Keith Moxcey &amp; Allison Morris - 10/14</i>
<i>Morgan Lepak &amp; William Gerding - 5/01</i>	<i>Gabrielle Guerard &amp; Chase Thibault - 10/26</i>
<i>Hannah St. Hilaire &amp; Storm Ellis - 6/10</i>	<i>Drue Lowery &amp; Shawna Bishop - 10/28</i>
<i>Eric Smith &amp; Jaime Dupuis - 6/25</i>	<i>Jessica Sullivan &amp; Logan Hand - 10/28</i>
<i>Katelyn Dufour &amp; Everett Bertrand - 7/07</i>	<i>Steven Revock &amp; Jamie Ulery - 10/31</i>
<i>John Field &amp; Abigail Bland - 7/08</i>	<i>Evan Adams &amp; Jenna Mack - 11/04</i>
<i>Emily Cleveland &amp; Harold Burrington - 7/21</i>	<i>Pamela Virgin &amp; Thomas Boyce - 11/04</i>
<i>Kristina Jones &amp; William Lahr - 7/22</i>	<i>Marcella Levasseur &amp; Christopher Severy - 11/11</i>
<i>Mercedes Roy &amp; Zachary Michaud - 7/27</i>	<i>John D'Amour &amp; Terryl Jensen - 11/18</i>
<i>Jessica Hilliard &amp; Judson Harmon - 8/12</i>	<i>Amber Michaud &amp; Devynn Maurais - 12/31</i>
<i>Jonathan Proulx &amp; Danielle Girouard - 12/21</i>	

*Mechanic Falls welcomed 32 babies  
in 2023. Congratulations to the  
new parents!*





*We lost 32 residents in 2023. Our heartfelt condolences go to the families and friends of those who lost loved ones in 2023.*

Robert Leslie Abbott	76	Jessica Lane Durant	40	Rebecca M. Reece	49
Calvin W. Ames	64	Paul J. Elliott	64	Francis. J. Richard	90
Kevin J. Arsenault	60	Deane I. Fifield	66	Robert Alfred Robichaud	89
Stacy D. Ballard	84	Richard E. Garneau	76	John C. Rowe	55
Bruce G. Brousseau	68	Paul Alan Holt	64	Paul R. Saucier	64
Kenneth C. Carlin	93	Patricia Ann Keough	80	Donna L. Stowe	66
Gary Cotton	79	Linda J. Kirk	76	Vickie Parker Swanson	69
Elizabeth A. Coulter	55	Melissa S. Lally	45	Clarence M. Taylor	79
Jean Cox	92	Leon J. Nickerson	49	Thomas W. Timberlake	86
Timothy Dennison Dean	62	Daniel Ray Palmer	70	Harriett Elaine Wilcox	80
Hannelore W Dumont	89	Lendall Horace Parsons	92		

## ELECTIONS/REGISTRAR

The Clerk's office is also responsible for the recording of all proceedings and votes cast at Town Meetings; The minutes from all Council Meetings and Planning Board Meetings are recorded by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, then posted on the Town's website. Municipal registrars play a crucial role in maintaining accurate voter registration records and ensuring the integrity of local elections. Our responsibilities include the administration of elections, overseeing voter registration, attending training, and managing the central voter registration system.

You may register to vote in person at Town Hall, by mail, or at the polls on Election Day. You may be asked to provide proof of identity (such as your Maine Driver's License, State ID or the last four digits of our Social Security Number) and/or proof of your Mechanic Falls residency (such as your Maine Driver's License showing your current Mechanic Falls address, or a utility bill) to complete your voter registration record.

2280 Registered Voters: 768 Republican, 539 Democrat, 138 Green Independent, 19 Libertarian, 16 No Labels and 800 Unenrolled.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

For over 29 years Robert Larrabee has been our Animal Control Officer. State Law requires the licensing of all dogs, as you can imagine, this also creates the requirement for someone to enforce these laws. He generally visits the Town on a daily basis to check in, answer domestic animal complaints, and enforce dog licensing requirements.

### Total # of complaints: 239

38 Cat Complaints  
7 Animal Bites  
8 Animal Trespass  
26 Dog pick-ups

### Registered Dogs

57 Unaltered  
240 Spayed/Neutered  
3 Service Dogs  
2 Kennel Licenses

## ***RABIES IS FATAL – PLEASE VACCINATE YOUR PETS!***

All dogs MUST (by State Law) be licensed within the municipality of which their owner resides annually by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost to license is \$11 for unaltered and \$6 if spayed/neutered. **After January 31<sup>st</sup>, a \$25 late fee, per dog, is assessed.** Service dogs, although they do not require the annual fee, must still be licensed by December 31<sup>st</sup> and will still be assessed the late fee as applicable.

**Please bring current rabies certificate (furnished by your vet) when licensing your dog.**





## Mechanic Falls Fire/Rescue

### Town Report 2023

Hello from the Mechanic Falls Fire. As usual it's hard to believe that another year has passed and I hope you all made it through the winter safely. This winter did not give us a lot of snow, but the storms we had were quite a challenge. We had a lot more rain than normal that came with high winds causing many trees and limbs to come down taking power lines with them. One even caused the center of town to be without power for a while, which usually doesn't happen. We are thankful to have a great Public Works Department that never fails to jump in and help with clean-up. The power crews certainly earned their keep this winter.

This shows that we all have to be prepared and ready to take care of ourselves for at least 3 days, in case of an extended power outage. It's good to have extra food and water, a generator and sump pump ready, or have a place to go if you have no back-up heat source or have medical needs. Always be prepared.

The town has been approved by the state for our Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will help us to be able to receive Federal funds and grants when available. This was a long process, involving many town departments, but we all worked together to get it done for the town's benefit.

I hope everyone enjoys a great Maine summer. Remember, disasters can happen but being prepared is the key to surviving them.

Take Care.

Fred C. Sturtevant III  
Fire Chief Mechanic Falls  
Fire/Rescue





## Emergency Management/Safety

<https://www.maine.gov/mema/>

EMA Town Report Letter 2023



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I hope everyone enjoys a great Maine summer. Remember, disasters can happen but being prepared is the key to surviving them. <https://www.maine.gov/mema/todays-tip> for the Tip of the Day and start your plan today.

Take care, be safe and remember **if you see something, say something**. Report it.

Fred C. Sturtevant III  
Town EMA director



## Code Enforcement 2023

Hello, residents of Mechanic Falls. My name is Ryan Smith, and I am your code enforcement officer and local plumbing inspector. As a part of this annual report, I would like to inform residents of what has been going on, along with giving an outlook on what is to come!

### Land Use Ordinance Changes

Over the past year and a half, we have been making positive changes to our ordinances. **Many of these changes come from resident inquiries.** I encourage everyone to contact me or attend a planning board meeting if you would like to see a specific ordinance change. With that said, we have also had to implement mandatory changes because of a recent state rule, LD2003. Because of these changes, **more opportunities to build housing and split your land are available.** Please contact my office if you want to know how or if these changes impacted your property.

Over the coming year or so, we will continue to evaluate and make positive changes to our ordinances. **There are many items that need to be updated to the newest state rules, simplified, and reorganized.** The planning board will be working diligently over the coming year to ensure our community's ordinances are fair and understandable.

**Speaking of boards, we need Board of Appeals members and Planning Board alternate members!** The Board of Appeals meets on an as-needed basis, which normally amounts to once or less per year. It is a very necessary part of the due process aspect of our community. The planning board meets monthly (or less!) to review new developments coming to town and new businesses that want to set up shop in Mechanic Falls. **If either of these boards sound interesting to you, please contact me for more information.**

### Code Office Statistics for 2023

Building Permits – 68

Internal Plumbing Permits – 29

External (Septic) Plumbing Permits – 9

### Complaints

As the code enforcement officer, I have been fielding and responding to many complaints. These range from junkyards, which are not allowed in Mechanic Falls, to habitability conditions within rental units, and to other land use violations. Although there is more to “clean up” around town, **I have been working with multiple property owners to bring their properties into compliance with our ordinances and state law.** If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to me so we can discuss them! I keep a well-documented list of ongoing issues and notes, so each issue is dealt with properly. Although the conclusion is not always what is desired, I can at least look at the violations and see the process through.

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE NOTICE

The municipality of Mechanic Falls administers a General Assistance Program for the support of the poor.



adopted

Pursuant to Title 22 MRSA 4304, the Municipal Officers have an ordinance establishing that program. A copy of this ordinance is available for inspection at the Mechanic Falls Town Office. Also available for inspection, is a copy of the State's General Assistance Statutes, as copies of the State law are made available to the municipality by the Maine Department of Human Services.

### **PERSONS WISHING TO APPLY FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE MAY DO SO AT THE MECHANIC FALLS TOWN OFFICE – Second Floor**

**Vic Hodgkins**  
G.A. Administrator  
**345-2871**

Applications accepted in Person Monday -Thursday from 8 am – 4 pm  
Friday from 8 am – 11 am  
(EMERGENCY cases considered by application)

#### **For Emergency After Hours Situations Only**

Call Dispatch at 207-753-2599 – Ask for Mechanic Falls G.A.

The municipality's General Assistance Administrator must issue a written decision regarding eligibility to all applicants within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving application.

The toll-free number to call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), with questions regarding the General Assistance Program, is:

**1-800-442-6003**

**ALL GENERAL ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS MUST BRING ALL PAY STUBS, RECEIPTS SHOWING USE OF INCOME, ANY UTILITY BILLS AND LANDLORD INFORMATION IF GENERAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR SUCH.**

This notice is posted pursuant to Title 22 MRSA 4303-4305

## LIBRARY

The Police Department has been busy with various types of complaints over the past year. We have responded to everything from citizen complaints of motorists speeding in their neighborhoods to an attempted murder. The vast variety of calls that we handle keep us busy. The number of mental health related calls seems to have increased significantly over the past year. We investigated 245 criminal offenses, 1403 traffic stops and 79 crash investigations. Pleasant Street had the most crashes with 23. Lewiston Street and North Main Street were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 12 and 11 respectively. Pigeon Hill Road had the greatest number of traffic violations with 365 followed by Lewiston Street with 357 and Pleasant Street with 226. We had calls for service and traffic violations during every hour of the day.



We continue to build the department but have had some set-backs as some officers leave for other employment opportunities. We finished out 2023 down one officer. We will look to fill that position despite the anemic qualified pool of applicants. The hiring process is an extensive and timely process that can often take up to 6 months from the application being turned in until the officer is sworn in and beginning their training with the department. This does not include the 18-week Maine Criminal Justice Academy training. We continue to seek grants to help pay for equipment and training classes to help alleviate the budget. With changing times comes new mandates for the department that require more training than ever before. Mental Health calls can be very time consuming and depending on the nature of the call can require hours and not minutes to handle.

The world we live in today with technology has made our lives easier to some extent but it has also bred a whole new criminal as well. Scammers who utilize computers to steal money from you are common place. These are very difficult crimes to solve as they often originate in different countries. They will use addresses in this country but often they have never set foot in the United States. Anyone telling you that you need to pay for a service or pay a fine or past due taxes with gift cards is a scam. Do not fall for these attempts to steal your money. If someone calls you and says a family member has been in a crash or has been arrested and needs money for any reason, call the person using phone numbers that you have. Never a number supplied by the caller. Also call the police department. I have often been told that they were embarrassed and did not want us to know. If you have a family member who is allegedly going to be arrested or has been arrested than there is a very high probability that we will know about it. Do not fall for these scams. Beware of any messages online where they tell you that your computer has been compromised and you need to give them access to fix it. They will get into your files and could access your banking information. Beware of anything that you have to give control of your computer over to someone who is online and that is not known to you.

Please report suspicious activity or a crime being committed. Neighbors need to look out for each other. Help keep Mechanic Falls safe!

*Jeffrey Goss*

Chief of Police

The mission of the Mechanic Falls Public Library is  
“Providing Lifelong Enjoyment of Learning,  
Exploring, and Reading.”

The Mechanic Falls Public Library is located in the Mechanic Falls Town Office on the third floor. The Library has been in this location for 12 years and is easily accessed by the elevator.



No fee library cards are issued to all residents of Mechanic Falls. Proof of address is the only requirement. This past July, 2023, we joined the reciprocal borrowing program within the Maine State Library System. The program allows the library cardholders to request books from member libraries. After requesting the books, they are delivered by a van system directly to the library. After we receive the books, we call for the pickup. The average wait for books is usually one week. Your card now allows borrowing from MILS libraries and the books can be returned through the Mechanic Falls Library van pickup. Please inquire at the desk for more details and to update your card. A card also allow access to the Cloud Library at no charge.

I am in the process of ordering the Maine Student Book Award Books chosen by the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Libraries and Library Educators. They are for juvenile and young adult readers, and are on the summer reading book lists for junior and senior high school classes.

Our weekly story time for preschoolers is every Monday (other than holidays). Age-appropriate books and a seasonal craft is offered.

Our monthly adult reading group meets at the library the second Thursday of the month. The books are provided the month before. We read a variety of books and are happy to have new people join. Inquire at the circulation desk for more information.

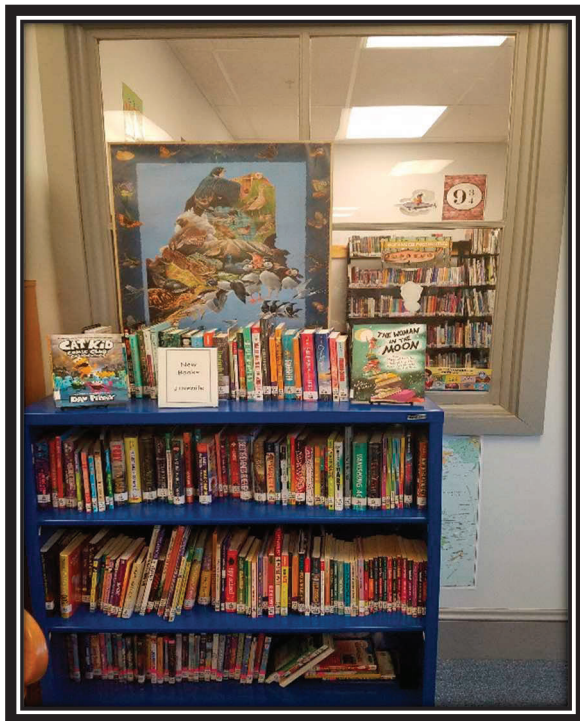
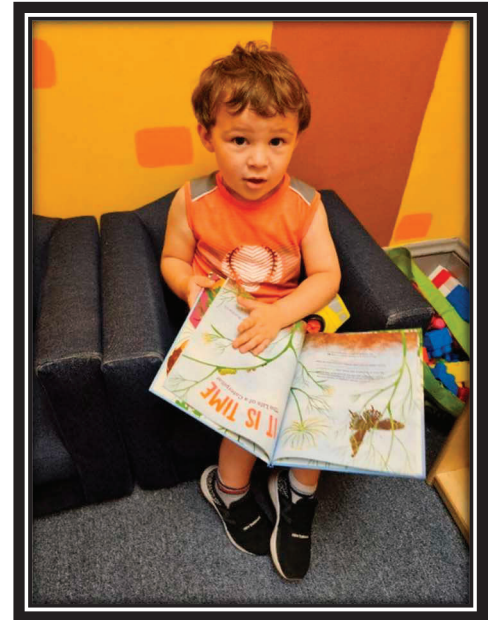
The library offers discounted passes to current cardholders to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray and the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. They are available on a reserve basis. Call or stop in at the library for more information.

The Mechanic Falls Public Library had 3,129 patron visits. It circulated 3,143 Adult books, and downloaded 150 electronic and audio books. The children’s section, Juvenile and young adult circulated

3,842 books. DVD's circulated 330 times. Wireless access and computer use numbered 1,483. By using the information above and applying it to the "Library use calculator" from the Maine State Library, the library services to the Town of Mechanic Falls had an estimated value of \$157,857.00.

Stop in for a visit to see what we have to offer.

Nancy Petersons  
Mechanic Falls Public Library Director  
108 Lewiston Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Mechanic Falls, Maine  
[mechanicfallslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mechanicfallslibrary@gmail.com)  
207-345-9450



*Show me a family of readers and I will show you people who move the world. - Napoleon*

YEARLY REPORT OF THE MECHANIC FALLS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. 2023-24



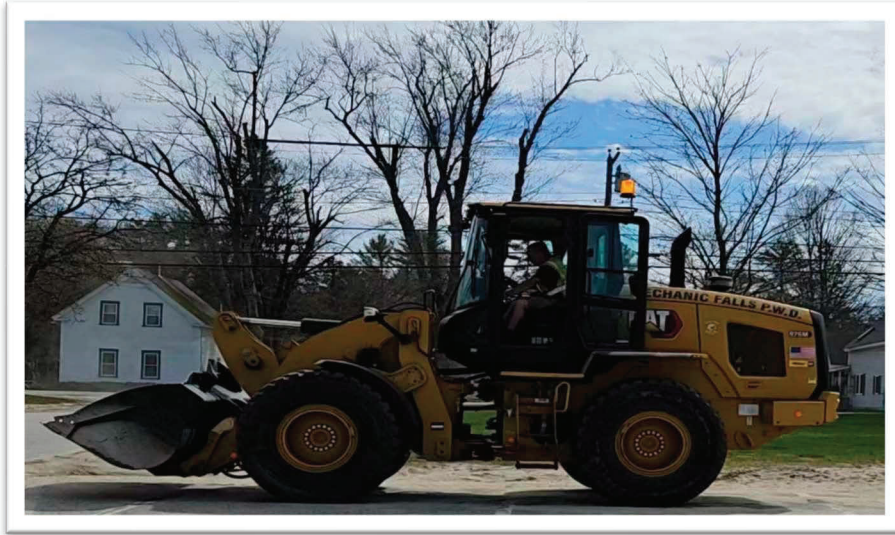
The last year at Public Works has been different to say the least. From getting more rain than we have seen in years during the summer months (almost 50 inches in 2023) to suddenly losing one of our crew members in the spring due to a medical issue, this has been a tough year.

We do so many different things throughout the year it is impossible to get bored. Each season has different things that need to be taken of and we try to do a professional job at each task. In the spring we clean up sand left from treating the roads in the winter. Then we work on the roads; painting lines all over town, ditching, prepping for paving, road side mowing, patching, building new bases under roads. We also help out departments in town, like digging for the Water and Sewer Dept., mowing ballfields and parks, helping the Transfer Station guys when they need it, carpentry work where needed, mechanic work that we can do, working on the buildings and anything else that comes up. Then of course we have to maintain our trucks and equipment, prepare for winter and deal with whatever winter weather comes our way. We also have to keep the sidewalks clear, which is quite a job because the state keeps filling them in; we usually have them mostly clear for walking within a day after a storm.



There are a lot of long nights over the course of a winter. Weekends, holidays, it does not matter, when the weather is bad, we are out there making your drive safer if you have to be out there. We take great pride in how we take care of the roads in the winter; my guys are very particular and do an outstanding job making them as safe as possible. We have worked a few nights helping the other depts. with water main breaks or sewer breaks, it doesn't matter we are always willing to help.

The last couple winters have been down on snow totals but up on ice and slop which is very hard to deal with but no matter what mother nature throws at us we will endure.

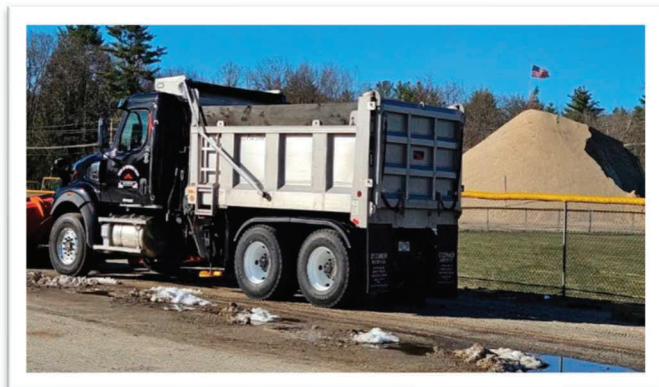


I hope that we make most of you happy with how we handle things, if you're not happy or have a problem please let me know and I will do my best to address the situation. Our telephone number is 345- 3089.

I am Thankful for my great crew; without them things would not run as smooth as they do. I am grateful to have been here as long as I have and am proud of this town and its people.

Thank you for the support.

Scott R. Penney  
Road Commissioner



## The Mechanic Falls Water Department

2023



Hello from your water department staff Michelle, Derek, Matt and myself. 2023 started off with hiring a new employee here at the water department, Matt Tirrell. Matt grew up in Mechanic Falls and now lives just up the road in Oxford with his family. After Matt's first weekend on-call we weren't sure how long he would stick around as we had more service line breaks over that weekend than anyone can ever remember. He has stuck it out however and has been an asset to the department over his first year. Derek and Matt have spent a lot of time in 2023 going to classes to learn the trade and prepare themselves to become licensed operators.

Over the winter months while we weren't shoveling hydrants or fixing freeze-ups we remodeled the office. First, we painted the walls then we installed a new vinyl plank flooring. We were having to wax the old tile floor at least twice a year and it was just worn out; this will eliminate having to empty the office out and shut it down during these times along with the hours and materials it costs having to do so.

In the spring we were notified by MDOT that paving would occur along routes 26 and 11. This meant that we would have to install gate box risers in each of our gate boxes that are located in the pavement. Unfortunately, this is not as easy as it sounds, the pavement around the box has to be cut out, the boxes then have to be broken down so the extensions will fit into them. With a small crew working on route 26 is no easy task but we were able to complete the job safely.

Our two main projects for the year were GPS locations for service boxes (shut offs) and the lead service line inventory (both will continue into 2024). As we GPS each service box we try to repair the box if it is found to be bent, or damaged. We also take pictures of the location and confirm that the old records are accurate while we are there. All of the data is then put in to our GIS (global information system) system for good record keeping and easy access when needed. The EPA is requiring us to come up with a service line inventory, due in October of 2024. This is a requirement throughout the country to eliminate any lead service lines in water systems. We have been working on this since 2022, we have narrowed the list down to approximately 30 unknowns on the customers side and about 50 on our side, no lead has been found. The data we collect from this also goes into our GIS system. We were able to keep track of our time while doing this and received \$3,360 back from the state, not a lot but better than nothing.

A few other projects that were accomplished over 2023 were: We installed a new hydrant on Oak St., this replaced a very old hydrant that had only 2 outlets, the new hydrant flows over 1,000 gallons per minute compared to the old one at well under 500 gallons per minute. We only have one more of those hydrants with 2 outlets on Judson St., the plan is to replace that one in 2024. We are flow testing hydrants throughout town to have accurate and up to date data as well, MRWA has been assisting us with this. Pine Tree Engineering is continuing to engineer Libby Rd. for us (this main was installed in the 1890's), we are always searching for grant money for that project. The hope for this project is to get started at the latest in 2026 as our current bond will mature that year, we hope to use that payment towards the new bond. We finished 2023 off with 7 new services

and turned on a couple places that had been vacant for years so things are looking up. Looking forward to 2024 we see having about the same number of new services hook up as 2023 maybe more if things go well.

One thing we would like to remind customers of is that it is the customers responsibility for the pipe, valves, and even the meter from the curb stop (shut off) at the street all the way into the home. This means that if anything should break in this area it is the customers responsibility to fix it. We will come change the meter if it should break however the cost of that is on the customer. So, please especially in the winter months be sure your pipes, valves, fittings and the meter are kept warm enough and protected to prevent freeze ups and/ or breaks from occurring.

Once again, we thank the customers and council for their support along with the public works and sanitary district for their help throughout the year.

Jake Verrill

Superintendent



### Mechanic Falls Transfer Station



There have been a few changes to the crew at the Mechanic Falls Transfer Station: Left to right: Norman Lowe (Manager), Sheila Bosse, Dennis Mazurkiewicz, Armand Arsenault. Pictured below: David Greenlaw.

We have been working with Haley Ward in conjunction with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to make sure our transfer station is in compliance with the state standards and rules. Our last inspection determined that the “entire site was in good general condition.” They stated that the fencing surrounding the site and the gates to limit access by unauthorized people was suitable. Further, there was no evidence of special or hazardous wastes not specifically licensed to accept observed. The following recommendations were made and have been implemented:

- Each “waste stream” should clearly indicate where it is to be disposed of. Adding signage to the paper, cardboard, tin can, etc. roll offs will reduce any confusion and mixing of wastes.
- It is required that ash be in a covered, leakproof container. Current containers can be replaced with ones with better fitting tops.
- The waste oil collection container needs to be secured (locked) when not in use to minimize the chance of inappropriate dumping and should be clearly labeled “USED OIL.” The collection container should be protected from vehicular traffic by bollards or similar devices.



# Reduce + Reuse + Recycle

In 2023 we recycled:

64,266 lbs. of cardboard

12,020 lbs. of clear glass

28,609 lbs. of mixed paper

14,091 lbs. of newspaper

4,508 lbs. of tin cans

5,640 lbs. of HDPE N&C

This amounted to 64.57 TONS of waste that did not go into the landfill or the compactor. All in all, the town does a very good job recycling, which saves us money. The more that gets recycled, the less we pay to have removed.

We can now accept #1 plastic in addition to the #2 plastic we have been taking in.

We moved 489.69 tons of solid waste materials (trash) this year. The bulky waste, which consists of construction debris, furniture such as couches, recliners, etc. was 42.25 tons.

Again, we would like to extend our thanks to the Public Works Department for their help throughout the year. They help us with various projects such as plowing and using their equipment on the grounds of the transfer station. We appreciate all that they do.

We have a great crew here, who work very well together. They are focused on the citizens' needs and are always willing to help. Because of their hard work, we have a good relationship with the citizens of Mechanic Falls. I could not ask for a better team.

Respectfully,

Norman Lowe

Transfer Station Manager



## SANTA FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Santa Program has been assisting Mechanic Falls families in need for 32 years. The funding for this program comes from donations from individuals and businesses in Mechanic Falls. This year we were able to assist 15 families (33 kids) with Christmas presents. This is the greatest number of children we have had in need in my time with this program. We utilized the Amazon Wish List for the first time and had great results and will definitely be using again. Next year we will be seeking sponsors for children as shopping for 33 children takes a lot of time to shop and coordinate presents. And looking at the numbers for this program the need is increasing each year.



This was the third year for the Senior gift bags. We were able to surprise 39 senior citizens! The feedback from this program is very heartwarming and look to increase the availability in the years to come. A special thank you to the Public Works and Water Department who assisted with these deliveries.

A special thank you to Jen Kyllonen, Jackie Ahlquist, Sarah Jones and Janice Ferri who assisted with wrapping. Thank you to Julie Cushman who assisted with assembling the senior gift bags. And thank you to my daughter Summer Hyland who spent the day shopping with me! Shopping for this many children is not an easy task.

Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop off new unwrapped toys, clothing, books, arts & crafts, wrapping paper at the Town Office any time throughout the year.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following people for your generous donations:

American Legion #150 SAL, Terri Arsenault, Michael Baird, Sandra & Stacy Ballard, Janice Biardi, Dottie Bouchles, Bryant Energy, Naomi Cesare, Cindy Charloff, Chandler Funeral Home, Shelly Comeau, Dad's Place, Day Motors, Depot Square Hardware, Patty Dyer, Earle's Heating Oil, Penny & Bud Emery, Janice Ferri, Elissa Guy, Vic Hodgkins, Jen Kyllonen, Glenda LaBrack, Lion's Club, Walter Lowe, Winnie McMorrow, Mechanic Falls Fire Association, Michelle Paladino, Lori Plummer, Amanda Stoddard, Paula Stotts, Darlene Tucker, Kind & Co. and Carrie White.

Michelle Emery

Program Coordinator

*Christmas isn't about candy canes, or lights all aglow, it's the hearts that we touch,  
and the care that we show - Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas*

## SANITARY DISTRICT

Greetings. The photo to the right is that of the Director of your Sanitary District. I'll be 70 soon; it's time for me to step aside. You will be in the culpable hands of Brian Ahlquist and Tanya Paradis.

Brian and I cleaned and flushed all seven miles of the town's sewer lines in 2023. In many cases, we cleaned and flushed many of the same lines several times. We appreciate very much that you slow down and give us plenty of room as you drive by. It's difficult to keep an eye on traffic while our focus is inside the manhole.

"Over-flow" into the Little Androscoggin River during 2023 was 232,081 gallons. That was 100,593 gallons more than 2022. "Over-flow" usually occurs in the spring months when snow melt combines with heavy rains. When that happens, it decreases our ability to process the flow. We process on average 200,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD), while in the spring months our flow may increase to 800,000 GPD to 1.5 million GPD. Our worst month in 2023 was December; in a 10-day period we received 8.51" of rain. We had snow fall, then a quick snowmelt with temperatures reaching 50 degrees on December 18<sup>th</sup>, along with 3.44 inches of rain and wind gusts up to 60mph added to that. It all made for a nightmare scenario at the plant. Total rainfall for 2023 was 49.32" of rain, the second highest since 2005.

This last year we disposed of 1,964 pounds of grease. This was a decrease of 476 pounds from the year before. We send the grease to Maine Waste to Energy in Auburn, which is then processed into fuel. We also disposed of nearly 400 pounds of baby wipes, dental floss and other hygiene products. This too, was a decrease from last year. Thank you. Even "Swiffer Sweeper" towelettes are being flushed into the system. Please do not flush these products, as they put a tremendous strain on our delicate system. Please rethink about what you flush, your toilet is not a garbage disposal.

Our biosolids are now being sent to the Anson-Madison Waste Water Treatment Plant for processing. For over 30 years we land applied our sludge. The "forever" chemical Polyfluoroalkyls (PFAS) has been detected in many areas of our state that also land applied their biosolids. The farm that we used has been tested several different times. The test results for the farm's water, grain and milk all came in below the State of Maine's stringent limits. For additional information on PFAS or any other concerns about your Mechanic Falls Sanitary District, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nick Konstantoulakis, Director

Brian Ahlquist, Operations Manager

Tanya Paradis, Finance & Administration

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Gary Purington

Mark Gary

Scott Penney

Anthony Emery



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

The 2023 Rec Year was nothing short of a success for the community. With nearly 150 participants across the different sports from the town of Mechanic Falls, many said it felt like participation was at a 10-year high!



It was exciting to see the continued growth of the combined Mechanic Falls & Poland soccer program. Together, we have formed one of the most well-run organizations in the area with the number of participants nearly doubling since the towns initially combined.

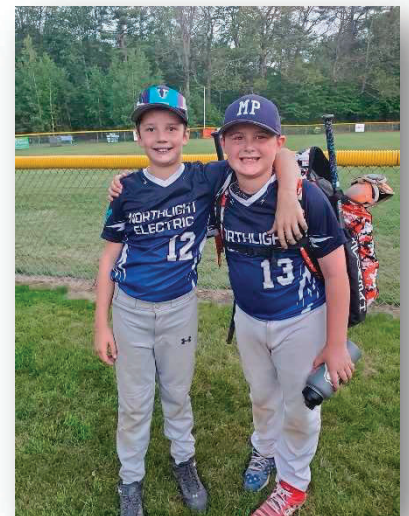
The winter season saw basketball return and field the most teams

we have had in several years. Although girls' basketball numbers are low in the 5th/6th grade level, we had a 3rd/4th grade team for the first time in a couple of years. Also, the PreK+K and the 1st/2nd grade groups were in line with where they were pre-COVID. This is the only program that is not combined with Poland Recreation.



With the pooled Mechanic Falls/Poland resources, there are now up to 9 fields available across the different levels in the two towns. Last year those fields supported 20 teams from ages 5-17. This year (2024) we have 21 confirmed teams! We are thrilled to share that 3 of the Mechanic Falls fields have irrigation on them to better maintain them through the summer. Additionally, more progress is being made on Field 4 to make it available for more sports and longer seasons.

The spring sports season is a HUGE undertaking and it wouldn't be possible without the combined work of the two towns. From Mechanic Falls, the volunteer work that Jay Bryant, Andy Coleman, and Jessica Cummings do each year is incredible. From creating standard operating procedures to planning maintenance and scheduling travel teams, the amount of time, effort, and energy



that goes into the programs is amazing. Also, a special thank you to Poland Recreation and Director Scott Segal and Assistant Vanessa Harlow for their hard work coordinating between players, parents, coaches, and officials in the area.

Additionally, THANK YOU to the Mechanic Falls Public Works Department for all of their hard work, effort, and energy to help maintain our fields with a dedicated group of volunteers. Scott Penny, Andy Coleman, and the whole Public Works Team continue to put time in on their off days to help with things like mowing and clean-up.

It goes without saying that the success of the programs depends on the volunteer coaches, assistants, and recreation committee members who work tirelessly to keep the players motivated, engaged, and involved while they participate.

Additionally, a tremendous thank you is due to the parents, guardians, and fans of our players as well. No doubt, our event attendees from Mechanic Falls are some of the best in the region and are diligent to exercise great attitudes, sportsmanship, and empathy to our officials, referees, and other volunteers that are the cornerstone of our community. Without everyone pulling in the same direction, we would not be nearly as successful.



## THANK YOU!

Justin Starbird

Recreation  
Committee Chair



# Mechanic Falls Community Days

1st Friday & Saturday  
of August

The Community Day Committee was so excited to return post-pandemic and host a wonderful community event in Mechanic Falls. In 2023 we voted to shift the event from the first weekend in June to the first weekend in August to avoid overlap with the PRHS graduation. The events began Friday August 4, 2023 with the A. W. Strout Family Social. We shared desserts and viewed historical town scrapbooks created by Edith Raymond and Ruth Snyder showcasing the history of Mechanic Falls from 1941 - 1993. This event was sponsored by the Plummer Family and ended with a pecan pie raffle, in memory of Dot and Jim Plummer.

- Saturday August 5, 2023 included a pancake breakfast, vendor & craft fair, kid zone, Stanley Steamer Automobile rides, Bog Hoot quilt show & yard sale, music in the park, fried dough at the American Legion, a classic car show at Napa Auto, snow cones at Dirigo FCU, a Sparks Arc performance, a fireman's gear race, a pie eating contest, a bubble party with Realty One Group, lobster rolls with Kathy's Diner, and our favorite - the parade.



The theme for our 2023 parade was "back in time". Thank you to our many sponsors, including AW Strout & Plummer family, Here's Your Sign, The Log Yard Dairy Bar, Bryant Oil & Propane, David Boyer, Whispering Winds Farm, Aubuchon Hardware, The Dirt Store, Depot Square Hardware, Stephanie Bates at Realty One Group, and Future Foods.



Everyone loves the parade!  
Come out August 3, 2024 and  
join the fun!!

### Our plans for 2024:

- The Community Day Committee has already begun meeting and planning for this year's event, which will be August 2-3, 2024. Our parade theme will be "our hometown". If you have ideas and would like to get involved, please follow us on Facebook Mechanic Falls Community Days or email us at [mechanicfallscommunitydays@gmail.com](mailto:mechanicfallscommunitydays@gmail.com).



## MUNICIPAL REVENUES RECEIVED

**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

Motor vehicle excise	\$616,583.00	Special Amusement	\$200.00
Boat excise	\$1,969.00	Cable Franchise Fee	\$36,136.00
Motor vehicle license	\$14,815.00	Transfer Station Fee	\$4,906.00
Snow/ATV license	\$336.00	CEO Citations	\$10,001.00
Boat license	\$112.00	Police Fines	\$50.00
Cash Mgmt. interest	\$11,568.00	Late fee dogs	\$875.00
Real estate interest	\$15,055.00	Service Charges	\$0.00
Lien Costs	\$5,879.00	RSU 16 Winter Maintenance	\$0.00
Will/fax/notary fees	\$69.00	Municipal Gym Rent	\$120.00
Postage/copies/voter	\$1,378.00	USCTC Rent	\$7,844.00
Trfr Station stickers	\$4,470.00	Head start rent	\$1,863.00
Driveway Entrance	\$160.00	Tennis lights	\$0.00
Pole Permits	\$10.00	Roll off Can Rent fee	\$1,827.00
Building Permits	\$13,809.00	Insurance Reimburse	\$10,987.00
Plumbing Permits	\$2,730.00	Recycling Reimburse	\$18,062.00
Electrical Permits	\$1,990.00	Welfare Reimburse	\$0.00
Conditional Use Per	\$354.00	Police Reimburse	\$0.00
Hunt/Fish License	\$242.00	Business Advertising	\$0.00
Weapons Permits	\$122.00	Sold items	\$0.00
Birth/Death	\$1,040.00	Ball Field Lights Reimb	\$0.00
Marriage License	\$720.00	Reserve Bank Accts	\$0.00
Business License	\$30.00	Sale Town Owned	\$0.00
Liquor License	\$270.00	Tax Acquired Prop	\$0.00
Marriage Certificate	\$442.00	Payment in Lieu of Tax	\$3,868.00
Burial Permits	\$658.00	Veteran's Exemption	\$1,528.00
Add Certified Copies	\$812.00	Tree Growth Reimb	\$3,872.00
Dog License	\$659.00	BETE Tax Reimburse	\$41,634.00
Dog Fees	\$365.00	Highway Block Grant	\$23,420.00
Public Safety Reports	\$518.00	State Revenue Share	\$618,749.00
Fire Works Permits	\$100.00	State Welfare Reimb	\$2,571.00
Marijuana Fee	\$7,283.00	Homestead Reimb	\$222,651.00
Zoning Fee	\$150.00	Snowmobile Refund	\$1,039.00
Court Fee	\$194.00	State Burn Permits	\$0.00
Water Admin Fee	\$21,000.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00
Home Occupation	\$0.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$15.00
Sign Permit Fee	\$76.00		
	\$725,968.00		\$1,012,218.00
		<b>Total Revenues Rec</b>	\$1,738,186.00
		Total Anticipated (budgeted)	\$1,402,178.00
		% Revenues Rec.	123.96%



### FY '25 Budget Letter

To: The Town Council, Budget Committee, Staff, and Citizens

First, I once again, want to extend a big thank you to Lisa Prevost for her invaluable assistance in the creation of this proposed FY '25 Budget. Second, I also want to thank all of the Department Heads for working with us, and taking the time to comb through this budget line by line.

As many of you know, creating a municipal budget is indeed a balancing act of providing necessary town services weighed against the ability of the taxpayer to afford those services. In the end, while no budget is perfect, I hope you'll agree that all involved gave a good faith effort to achieve a livable balance.

The FY '25 budget journey begins with a few important themes to keep in mind and they are as follows:

1. **Surplus** – FY '25 will see a reduction of available surplus dollars for capital items. Surplus will go from \$380k down to only \$178k. This is why I continue to stress the importance of a fully funded capital budget. To compensate, I have reduced capital expenditures from the current year by \$49,000.
2. **Employees** – They are the soul of our operation, and this FY '25 budget continues the quest to keep good people... with a 3% cola, and ongoing wage adjustments.
3. **5 Year CIP** – I am happy to announce the creation of a 5-year capital improvement plan. This plan will help us navigate needed capital expenses now and in the future.

As of the writing of this letter, on the expense side, the overall general fund budget for FY '25 is up less than \$16k, with 5 budgets less than the current year, and an increase of the current net to be raised number at under \$146k. We are still waiting on the final 2024 number from the County.

On the revenue side... We continue to forecast with a conservative eye. We estimate FY '25 total revenues to be a little over 1.5 million dollars. This includes all estimated State and local revenue sources. Updated revisions of course may make this number increase or decrease.

A reminder to all, it is normal and commonplace for some of these presented numbers to change as a part of the budget process. Better and updated information can result in a line-item number change, as well as further direction from the Council or Budget Committee.

We will do our best to keep everyone informed and up to date with the latest and greatest information. I look forward to working with you on completing the Town of Mechanic Falls FY '25 Budget.

Feel free to reach out anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.

Vic Hodgkins

Town Manager



<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$2,590,526	\$2,258,704	\$2,456,860	\$2,788,545	\$2,809,091	\$20,546
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	\$223,000	\$228,060	\$251,136	\$270,522	\$282,975	\$12,453
<b>RESERVES BUDGET</b>	\$245,300	\$333,375	\$284,050	\$554,000	\$505,000	\$49,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$3,058,826	\$2,820,139	\$2,992,046	\$3,613,067	\$3,597,066	\$16,001
<b>APPLIED REVENUES</b>	\$1,385,857	\$1,202,857	\$1,202,857	\$1,513,254	\$1,587,070	\$73,816
<b>APPLIED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$195,000	\$245,000	\$245,000	\$380,000	\$178,000	\$202,000
<b>NET TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$1,477,969</b>	<b>\$1,372,282</b>	<b>\$1,544,189</b>	<b>\$1,719,813</b>	<b>\$1,831,996</b>	<b>\$112,183</b>

General Fund Expense= 0.7%  
County Tax = 4.6%  
CIP Expenses=-8.8%  
Total Expenditures=-0.4%  
Applied Revenues= 4.9%  
Applied Fund Balance=-53.2%



Audited Financial Statements and  
Other Financial Information

**Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine**

June 30, 2023



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town Council  
Town of Mechanic Falls  
Mechanic Falls, Maine

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Emphasis of Matter*

As discussed in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the financial statements of the Mechanic Falls Water Department are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only the business-type activities of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine that is attributable to the transactions of the Mechanic Falls Water Department which are presented as of their last audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022. They do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of the Mechanic Falls Water Department as of June 30, 2023 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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## *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise doubt about the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB information on pages 5 through 12 and 67 through 72 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 4, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*RHR Smith & Company*

Buxton, Maine  
January 4, 2024

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**(UNAUDITED)**

The following management's discussion and analysis of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

**Financial Statement Overview**

The Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine's basic financial statements include the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes required supplementary information which consists of the general fund budgetary comparison schedule, pension and OPEB information and other supplementary information which includes combining and other schedules.

**Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include financial information in two differing views: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. These basic financial statements also include the notes to financial statements that explain in more detail certain information in the financial statements and also provide the user with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Town's operations in a manner that is similar to private businesses. These statements provide both short-term as well as long-term information in regards to the Town's financial position. These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus takes into account all revenues and expenses associated with the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements include the following two statements:

The Statement of Net Position - this statement presents *all* of the government's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference being reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities - this statement presents information that shows how the government's net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Both of the above mentioned financial statements have separate columns for the two different types of Town's activities. The types of activities presented for the Town of Mechanic Falls are:

- *Governmental activities* - The activities in this section are mostly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (federal and state grants). Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental activities, which include general government, public safety, public works, community services, education, county tax and unclassified.
- *Business-type activities* - These activities are normally intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and/or charges to external users for goods and/or services. These activities for the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine include the Mechanic Falls Water Department.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

*Governmental funds:* Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information will be useful in evaluating the government's near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this approach, revenues are recorded when cash is received or when susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred and due. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's finances to assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Town.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this

comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on the page immediately following each governmental fund financial statement.

The Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine presents five columns in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The Town's major governmental funds are the general fund, the ARPA fund, the fire/rescue reserve fund and the highway reserve fund. All other funds are shown as nonmajor and are combined in the "Other Governmental Funds" column on these statements.

The general fund is the only fund for which the Town legally adopted a budget. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund provides a comparison of the original and final budget and the actual expenditures for the current year.

*Proprietary Funds:* The Town of Mechanic Falls maintains one proprietary fund, the Mechanic Falls Water Department. This fund is used to show activities that operate more like those of commercial enterprises. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. Like the government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements use the accrual basis of accounting. No reconciliation is needed between the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities and the proprietary fund financial statements.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and the Fund Financial Statements. The Notes to Financial Statements can be found following the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information, which includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions - Pension, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - Group Life, Schedule of Contributions - OPEB - Group Life and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

### **Other Supplementary Information**

Other supplementary information follows the required supplementary information. These combining and other schedules provide information in regards to nonmajor funds and other detailed budgetary information for the general fund.

## Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Our analysis below focuses on the net position and changes in net position of the Town's governmental activities. The Town's total net position for governmental activities increased by \$139,430 from \$5,584,720 to \$5,724,150. For the business-type activities, total net position increased by \$26,352 from \$4,542,194 to \$4,568,546.

Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements - decreased for governmental activities to a balance of \$3,117,241 and decreased for the business-type activities to a balance of \$275,923.

**Table 1**  
**Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine**  
**Net Position**  
**June 30/December 31,**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2023	2022 (Restated)	2022	2021 (Restated)
<b>Assets:</b>				
Current Assets	\$ 3,590,503	\$ 3,670,712	\$ 323,792	\$ 403,203
Noncurrent Assets - Capital Assets	3,047,841	2,983,491	4,467,755	4,430,290
Total Assets	6,638,344	6,654,203	4,791,547	4,833,493
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>				
Acquisition Adjustment - Net	-	-	-	3,458
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	69,797	103,116	1,970	14,617
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	1,760	1,798	-	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	71,557	104,914	1,970	18,075
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Current Liabilities	341,075	331,141	86,987	96,255
Noncurrent Liabilities	557,045	627,488	134,190	179,820
Total Liabilities	898,120	958,629	221,177	276,075
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				
Prepaid Taxes	15,057	10,274	-	-
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	72,083	204,552	3,794	33,299
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	491	942	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	87,631	215,768	3,794	33,299
<b>Net Position:</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,431,260	2,193,735	4,292,623	4,208,823
Restricted: Nonexpendable trust funds	1,755	1,755	-	-
Expendable trust funds	10,774	10,527	-	-
Grant funds	163,120	253,949	-	-
Unrestricted	3,117,241	3,124,754	275,923	333,371
Total Net Position	\$ 5,724,150	\$ 5,584,720	\$ 4,568,546	\$ 4,542,194

**Table 2**  
**Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine**  
**Change in Net Position**  
**For the Years Ended June 30/December 31,**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Business-type Activities</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
<i>Program Revenues:</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 128,909	\$ 121,095	\$ 422,496	\$ 417,957
Operating grants and contributions	115,092	365,828	-	-
<i>General Revenues:</i>				
Taxes	3,952,889	3,738,150	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	892,044	829,382	-	-
Miscellaneous	94,180	101,026	57,457	16,768
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,183,114</b>	<b>5,155,481</b>	<b>479,953</b>	<b>434,725</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
General government	474,332	453,525	-	-
Public safety	373,039	516,961	-	-
Public works	662,054	639,589	331,982	309,091
Community services	36,026	35,720	-	-
Education	1,885,572	1,781,072	-	-
County tax	251,136	228,060	-	-
Unclassified	602,653	610,682	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	15,077	29,313	5,370	6,010
Depreciation	189,332	252,286	116,249	102,038
Capital outlay	554,463	21,119	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,043,684</b>	<b>4,568,327</b>	<b>453,601</b>	<b>417,139</b>
Transfers	-	6,823	-	(6,823)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>139,430</b>	<b>593,977</b>	<b>26,352</b>	<b>10,763</b>
<b>Net Position - July 1, Restated</b>	<b>5,584,720</b>	<b>4,990,743</b>	<b>4,542,194</b>	<b>4,531,431</b>
<b>Net Position - June 30</b>	<b>\$ 5,724,150</b>	<b>\$ 5,584,720</b>	<b>\$ 4,568,546</b>	<b>\$ 4,542,194</b>

### Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities increased by 0.54%, while total expenses increased by 10.41%. All revenue categories saw increases with the exception of operating grants and contributions and miscellaneous. All expense categories increased except for public safety and interest on long-term debt.

Revenues for the Town's business-type activities increased by 10.40%, while total expenses increased by 8.74%.

### Financial Analysis of the Town's Fund Statements

*Governmental funds:* The financial reporting focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information may be useful in assessing the Town's financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's financial position at the end of the year and the net resources available for spending.

**Table 3**  
**Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine**  
**Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**  
**June 30,**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022 (Restated)</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
General Fund:			
Nonspendable	\$ 31,746	\$ 7,411	\$ 24,335
Committed	380,000	190,000	190,000
Assigned	1,246	1,246	-
Unassigned	1,586,005	1,583,587	2,418
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 1,998,997</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,244</u>	<u>\$ 216,753</u>
ARPA Fund:			
Restricted	<u>\$ 163,014</u>	<u>\$ 253,843</u>	<u>\$ (90,829)</u>
Total ARPA Fund	<u>\$ 163,014</u>	<u>\$ 253,843</u>	<u>\$ (90,829)</u>
Fire/Rescue Reserve Fund:			
Committed	<u>\$ 363,035</u>	<u>\$ 281,716</u>	<u>\$ 81,319</u>
Total Fire/Rescue Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 363,035</u>	<u>\$ 281,716</u>	<u>\$ 81,319</u>
Highway Reserve Fund:			
Committed	<u>\$ 60,845</u>	<u>\$ 319,132</u>	<u>\$ (258,287)</u>
Total Highway Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 60,845</u>	<u>\$ 319,132</u>	<u>\$ (258,287)</u>
Nonmajor Funds:			
Special Revenue Funds:			
Restricted	\$ 106	\$ 106	\$ -
Assigned	258,094	203,959	54,135
Capital Project Funds:			
Committed	394,024	455,183	(61,159)
Permanent Funds:			
Nonspendable	1,755	1,755	-
Restricted	10,774	10,527	247
Total Nonmajor Funds	<u>\$ 664,753</u>	<u>\$ 671,530</u>	<u>\$ (6,777)</u>

The changes to total fund balances for the general fund, ARPA fund, fire/rescue reserve fund, highway reserve fund and nonmajor funds occurred due to the regular activity of operations.

### Budgetary Highlights

The only difference between the original and final budget for the general fund was the use of committed fund balance.

The general fund actual revenues were over budget by \$222,827. This was the result of all revenue categories exceeding budgeted amounts.

The general fund actual expenditures were under budget by \$183,926. All expenditure categories were within or below budget with the exception of public safety and debt service - interest.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

#### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2023, the net book value of capital assets recorded by the Town increased by \$64,350 for governmental activities and increased by \$37,465 for business-type activities from the prior year. The increase for governmental activities was the result of capital additions of \$260,500 less net disposals of \$6,818 and current year depreciation expense of \$189,332. The increase for business-type activities was the result of capital additions of \$144,256 less current year depreciation expense of \$106,791.

**Table 4**  
**Town of Mechanic Falls, Maine**  
**Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)**  
**June 30/December 31,**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021 (Restated)</u>
Land	\$ 627,486	\$ 627,486	\$ 224,240	\$ 224,240
Construction in progress	275,225	275,225	-	-
Buildings and improvements	848,537	885,335	-	-
Machinery and equipment	443,155	355,694	4,243,515	4,206,050
Vehicles	520,060	436,183	-	-
Infrastructure	333,378	403,568	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,047,841</b>	<b>\$ 2,983,491</b>	<b>\$ 4,467,755</b>	<b>\$ 4,430,290</b>

#### **Debt**

As of June 30, 2023, the Town's governmental activities had \$616,581 in bonds payable and a note from direct borrowings payable versus \$789,756 in the prior year. As of December 31, 2022, the Town's business-type activities had \$169,309 in a bond payable versus \$209,993 in the prior year. Refer to Note 6 of Notes to Financial Statements for more detailed information.

## Currently Known Facts, Decisions or Conditions

### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town's has steadily maintained a sufficient unassigned fund balance to sustain government operations for a period of approximately four months, while also maintaining significant reserve accounts for future capital and program needs.

### Contacting the Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, the Treasurer for the Town of Mechanic Falls can be reached at 108 Lewiston Street, Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256.

## STATEMENT A

### TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,996,115	\$ 273,378	\$ 3,269,493
Investments	332,935	-	332,935
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	88,980	-	88,980
Liens	33,540	-	33,540
Other	107,187	3,387	110,574
Prepaid items	26,835	44,959	71,794
Inventory	4,911	2,068	6,979
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,590,503</b>	<b>323,792</b>	<b>3,914,295</b>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and other assets not being depreciated	902,711	224,240	1,126,951
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	2,145,130	4,243,515	6,388,645
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>3,047,841</b>	<b>4,467,755</b>	<b>7,515,596</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,638,344</b>	<b>4,791,547</b>	<b>11,429,891</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to pension	69,797	1,970	71,767
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	1,760	-	1,760
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>71,557</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>73,527</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 6,709,901</b>	<b>\$ 4,793,517</b>	<b>\$ 11,503,418</b>

STATEMENT A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 89,434	\$ 39,126	\$ 128,560
Accrued expense	64,522	-	64,522
Accrued interest	3,865	707	4,572
Current portion of long-term obligations	183,254	47,154	230,408
Total current liabilities	<u>341,075</u>	<u>86,987</u>	<u>428,062</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	417,899	127,978	545,877
Notes from direct borrowings payable	23,945	-	23,945
Accrued compensated absences	25,551	1,806	27,357
Net pension (asset)/liability	88,124	4,406	92,530
Net OPEB liability	1,526	-	1,526
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>557,045</u>	<u>134,190</u>	<u>691,235</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>898,120</u>	<u>221,177</u>	<u>1,119,297</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	15,057	-	15,057
Deferred inflows related to pension	72,083	3,794	75,877
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	491	-	491
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>87,631</u>	<u>3,794</u>	<u>91,425</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	2,431,260	4,292,623	6,723,883
Restricted: Nonexpendable trust funds	1,755	-	1,755
Expendable trust funds	10,774	-	10,774
Grant funds	163,120	-	163,120
Unrestricted	3,117,241	275,923	3,393,164
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>5,724,150</u>	<u>4,568,546</u>	<u>10,292,696</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 6,709,901</u>	<u>\$ 4,793,517</u>	<u>\$ 11,503,418</u>

## TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 474,332	\$ 50,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (424,126)	\$ -	\$ (424,126)
Public safety	373,039	10,194	-	-	(362,845)	-	(362,845)
Public works	662,054	32,373	23,420	-	(606,261)	-	(606,261)
Community services	36,026	-	-	-	(36,026)	-	(36,026)
Education	1,885,572	-	-	-	(1,885,572)	-	(1,885,572)
County tax	251,136	-	-	-	(251,136)	-	(251,136)
Unclassified	602,653	36,136	91,672	-	(474,845)	-	(474,845)
Interest on long-term debt	15,077	-	-	-	(15,077)	-	(15,077)
Capital outlay	554,463	-	-	-	(554,463)	-	(554,463)
Unallocated depreciation	189,332	-	-	-	(189,332)	-	(189,332)
Total government	<u>5,043,684</u>	<u>128,909</u>	<u>115,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,799,683)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,799,683)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water department	453,601	422,496	-	-	-	(31,105)	(31,105)
Total business-type activities	<u>453,601</u>	<u>422,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31,105)</u>	<u>(31,105)</u>
Total government	<u>\$ 5,497,285</u>	<u>\$ 551,405</u>	<u>\$ 115,092</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(4,799,683)</u>	<u>(31,105)</u>	<u>(4,830,788)</u>

## STATEMENT B (CONTINUED)

## TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue	<u>(4,799,683)</u>	<u>(31,105)</u>	<u>(4,830,788)</u>
General revenues:			
Taxes:			
Property taxes, levied for general purposes	3,334,337	-	3,334,337
Excise taxes	618,552	-	618,552
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	892,044	-	892,044
Miscellaneous	94,180	57,457	151,637
Total general revenues	<u>4,939,113</u>	<u>57,457</u>	<u>4,996,570</u>
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	139,430	26,352	165,782
NET POSITION - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>5,584,720</u>	<u>4,542,194</u>	<u>10,126,914</u>
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	<u>5,724,150</u>	<u>\$ 4,568,546</u>	<u>\$ 10,292,696</u>

## TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	ARPA Fund	Fire/Rescue Reserve Fund	Highway Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,920,117	\$ -	\$ 363,035	\$ 60,845	\$ 652,118	\$ 2,996,115
Investments	157,392	163,014	-	-	12,529	332,935
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):						
Taxes	88,980	-	-	-	-	88,980
Liens	33,540	-	-	-	-	33,540
Other	107,187	-	-	-	-	107,187
Prepaid items	26,835	-	-	-	-	26,835
Inventory	4,911	-	-	-	-	4,911
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	106	106
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,338,962</b>	<b>\$ 163,014</b>	<b>\$ 363,035</b>	<b>\$ 60,845</b>	<b>\$ 664,753</b>	<b>\$ 3,590,609</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 89,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,434
Accrued expense	64,522	-	-	-	-	64,522
Due to other funds	106	-	-	-	-	106
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>154,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,062</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Prepaid taxes	15,057	-	-	-	-	15,057
Deferred tax revenues	170,846	-	-	-	-	170,846
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>185,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,903</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Nonspendable	31,746	-	-	-	1,755	33,501
Restricted	-	163,014	-	-	10,880	173,894
Committed	380,000	-	363,035	60,845	394,024	1,197,904
Assigned	1,246	-	-	-	258,094	259,340
Unassigned	1,586,005	-	-	-	-	1,586,005
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,998,997</b>	<b>163,014</b>	<b>363,035</b>	<b>60,845</b>	<b>664,753</b>	<b>3,250,644</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,338,962</b>	<b>\$ 163,014</b>	<b>\$ 363,035</b>	<b>\$ 60,845</b>	<b>\$ 664,753</b>	<b>\$ 3,590,609</b>

\*\* For full audit, please see the town website.

# REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 16



**RSU 16**  
MECHANIC FALLS • MINOT • POLAND

www.rsu16.org

**Todd E. Sanders**, Superintendent  
**Amy Hediger**, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director  
**Stacie Field**, Business Manager  
**John Hawley**, Operations Director

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls, Minot, and Poland,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my first communication for the towns' annual reports in my role as the Superintendent of Schools in RSU 16. I feel very fortunate to join a district which employs so many talented educators, support staff and administrators/supervisors. This year marks my 34th year in public school education, having most recently been the Superintendent of Schools in MSAD 58 since 2019. I am very excited about what this district has to offer me and vice versa.

In addition to my arrival in RSU 16 at the start of this school year, we also have several other individuals assuming new roles at the district level. John Hawley returns to RSU 16 as Director of Operations, a position that he previously held years ago. Stewart Mason has taken on the role of Transportation Director, a position made increasingly challenging by the shortage of school bus drivers. The RSU 16 Special Education Department has two new individuals in the capacity of Special Education Director, Jo St. Peter-Scott, and Special Education Dean, Kim Caron, guaranteeing necessary support for students. Deputy Bernie Westleigh comes to the district as our School Resource Officer (SRO), providing support to students and families at all schools in the district.

The start of the year proved to be a busy one as we worked hard to fill vacant positions with quality staff, as well as focus on the very important decision of what the future configuration of the district would look like. A great number of individuals spent many hours serving on a Futures Task Force and a Steering Committee, facilitated by Assistant Superintendent Amy Hediger, working hard to generate as much information and public input as possible regarding maintaining the current three elementary school configuration or reconfiguring to a two elementary school structure. The RSU 16 School Board spent many hours reviewing information and listening to input from the committees, professional consultants, students, staff, and citizens. After much discussion and deliberation, the Board opted to maintain the current configuration.

The district, as like many in Maine, finds itself with the need to address the challenges of aging buildings to best provide a safe and effective learning environment for students. In addition to these challenges, the district must also make plans to maintain these buildings for years to come as well as staff these buildings with the best possible educators, thus guaranteeing students in RSU 16 opportunities to compete with peers from within the State and across the Nation. These will all need to be serious considerations in the upcoming budget development process.

We still find ourselves facing staff shortages in positions throughout the district. We will continue to work hard to make RSU 16 a district of appeal as we focus on hiring and retaining the best possible candidates.

I encourage you to get to know all the good things going on in the district. Please visit the RSU 16 website, district and school social media pages, or the Community Connections newsletter that is posted on the district website every two weeks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your town or district schools, your town's School Board representative or the RSU 16 Central Office.

There is no doubt that much work needs to be done; however, the greater the challenge, the greater the reward.

With gratitude,

Todd Sanders

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# ELM STREET SCHOOL

**Principal**  
Jess Madsen

**Administrative Assistant**  
Rebecca Adamson

**Dean of Students**  
Amy Jenkins

To the Community of Mechanic Falls,

1/31/24

In my sixth year here as Principal of Elm Street School, I am excited to highlight the accomplishments of our team with the members of our Mechanic Falls community. As educators at Elm Street School, we pride ourselves in being deeply committed to providing our students with a welcoming school community that understands and addresses the diverse needs of elementary students. Over the past six years, our dedicated educators have worked tirelessly to foster an environment where children feel valued, respected, and supported in their academic and personal growth.

I am pleased to inform you that we are currently in our third year of implementing our whole school title model, and we are thrilled to see the remarkable growth and progress our students are making in literacy and mathematics. This holistic approach to education has allowed us to better meet the individual needs of our students and provide them with the tools and resources they need to succeed academically. As a Title School, we were eligible to apply for funding to support a summer learning program. Last summer, we were fortunate to receive a generous \$45,000 grant from the Maine Department of Education to fund an interactive summer school program for our students. Centered around the theme of the Maine ocean and the industries it provides, this program provided our students with a unique and enriching learning experience. The highlight of the program was a culminating field trip to Portland Headlight, where students had the opportunity to conduct research and learn more about this historical landmark within Maine and its connections to our community.

As a school-community, we have been dedicated to providing more community-based events through our Wildcat Family Connection initiatives. This includes after-school events focused on health, nutrition, and staying active, as well as additional dances, movie nights, a Medieval themed Title night and our popular winter story walk for our students and their families. These events have not only strengthened the bond between our school and the community but have also provided valuable opportunities for families to come together and engage in meaningful activities.

This year, our ESS team of educators consists of 16 classroom teachers, 1 SEL teacher, 3 special education teachers, 2 Title intervention teachers, 3 specialist teachers (art, music, physical education), 1 school counselor that we share with Minot Consolidated School, 1 special education social worker, and 1 speech/language clinician. In addition to our teaching staff, we have 15 support staff who serve either in special education, the library, or on our intervention team. This year, we were able to improve our Dean of Students position to an Assistant Principal and our long-time Dean of Students, Amy Jenkins transitioned into the assistant principal role overseeing our new summer program. We also have 1 school nurse and two front office staff. We continue to contract with two outside service providers, Sweetser and Spurwink to provide additional counseling services for our students within the school. We are always looking for substitute teachers, adult book buddies or even regular volunteers! If you have been thinking about working within our schools or just getting involved with our schools, now is a great time to join our team! If you are interested in learning more about how you can help in our school, feel free to reach out to me via phone or email and we can explore a variety of ways to help get you involved in the great work being done within our schools!

As we continue to strive for excellence in education and community engagement, we are grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of the town of Mechanic Falls. Together, we can ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Madsen  
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## Poland Regional High School

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January 2024

Dear Residents of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland,

The 2023-24 school year is Poland Regional High School's 25th school year! On May 31st, the class of 2024 will be the 25th PRHS graduating class. Our seniors will earn their diplomas and we will recognize the many academic, athletic, co-curricular and leadership accomplishments of this class - like the classes since that first graduation in '00. Our students work so hard to achieve their individual academic goals and create a vibrant high school community.

PRHS continues to be committed to offering wide ranging academic offerings from Advanced Placement courses in nearly every subject area, and increased programs through the Lewiston Regional Technical Center that is now offering courses on the new Edward Little High School campus, and developing positive, authentic relationships between students and teachers through our daily Roundtable meetings and curriculum.

At the close of the '22-23 school year, we were sad to say goodbye to social studies teacher Laurie Sevigny, one of the original faculty members who opened PRHS to students in the fall of '99, and long time RSU16 art teacher, Tom Chaisson, who served on the design and planning committee for the high school building. We have been very fortunate to welcome dedicated, professional new teachers to the high school with a wide variety of professional and teaching experiences, including long time BWMS art teacher, Theresa Sampson, who has moved over to the high school.

This year, PRHS has begun the re-accreditation process through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The process is undertaken every ten years with goals that:

- emphasize student learning outcomes,
- encourage a vision for growth and development,
- foster school improvement by encouraging schools to self-reflect, set and work toward goals, and act on feedback for continuous progress toward respective visions for growth,
- and ensure a growth-oriented and inquiry-based approach to school improvement.

On to the next 25 years of Knight Nation!

Sincerely,  
*Erik Anderson*  
Principal

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# WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SHAWN VINCENT - PRINCIPAL



KELLY ADAMS - DEAN OF STUDENTS

December 13, 2023

Greetings from Whittier Middle School!

Whittier Middle School currently serves 280 seventh and eighth graders from Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland.

The Whittier school staff is very pleased with the positive start to our school year. This group of students has truly been a joy to work with. They show great energy and are exhibiting tremendous academic, physical, and social growth.

One of the keys and challenges to a successful middle school is facilitating positive relationships amongst staff and students. All students are part of advisory groups, called Roundtables, which meet every morning with their advisors. Roundtable ensures that every student has opportunities for connection to peers and a helpful adult in the building. Students are more successful academically when they feel safe and included.

At Whittier, students take full-year courses in English language arts, math, science, social studies, and physical education. Seventh grade students take art and technology education for two trimesters each. In eighth grade, students are enrolled in Spanish and Wellness classes. Both grades also complete two trimesters of physical education and writing. Students may choose to participate in band and/or chorus.

Student Council, Drama Club, Tech Team, Yearbook Committee, Green Team, Writing Club, Dungeons & Dragons, and Civil Rights Club are all popular activities for students. Over 70 students participated in field hockey, soccer, and cross-country running in the fall, and 50 students are currently playing basketball. The chance to be active, participate, and compete is very positive for physical and mental health.

Students are currently engaged in the National History Day project, a project emphasizing the development of research skills. Through the project, students learn the essentials for navigating the Information Age by locating appropriate sources, determining the sources' reliability, forming thesis statements, finding evidence to support their ideas and then structuring their evidence and ideas in a compelling, clear way. Students learn to write with purpose, cite sources, edit writing and formally present their original work. You are welcome to join us for our Open House on Monday, February 12th.

We are extremely proud of the teaching, learning, and positive culture of our school, and we thank you for your support and investment in our students and school.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn J. Vincent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

Shawn J. Vincent  
Principal



RSU 16  
ADULT EDUCATION  
Mechanic Falls ~ Minot ~ Poland

Making a Difference Since 1984

January 2024

Dear Residents,

In 2023, Adult Education celebrated the accomplishments of nine new graduates at our cap and gown graduation ceremony on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Friends and family members gathered in the Elm Street School gymnasium to recognize the achievements of these students and to watch as graduates collected their diplomas. Additionally, two students received awards for Persistence and Determination. Prior to receiving their diplomas, graduates personally thanked family and friends for supporting them in their educational journey, by presenting them with a red rose.

During the 2022/2023 school year, which began with a five-week summer session, we served over 60 students in academic High School Diploma and HiSET programming as well as Career Advising. In addition, we also served 162 residents through various community enrichment classes, such as fitness, arts and crafts, outdoor safety education, informational sessions, etc. over the course of the school year. This is almost triple the number of registrations we received in the previous year, as we continue to recover from the lasting effects of the pandemic.

Please watch for our classes in future course catalogs which are mailed to residents twice a year - or visit our website at <http://mechanicfalls.maineadulted.org/> for updates. You can also stay connected with events and programming by finding us on Facebook. If we can be of assistance in any way, please email [jrose@rsu16.org](mailto:jrose@rsu16.org) or call 345-3217. We are grateful for our tri-town community and appreciate your ideas, support and involvement!

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose  
Director

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## TAX INFORMATION

### State Valuation

2007/08	\$155,700,000
2008/09	\$163,750,000
2009/10	\$166,150,000
2010/11	\$166,550,000
2011/12	\$158,550,000
2012/13	\$153,600,000
2013/14	\$146,900,000
2014/15	\$144,350,000
2015/16	\$150,500,000
2016/17	\$152,300,000
2017/18	\$155,150,000
2018/19	\$161,400,000
2019/20	\$178,400,000
2020/21	\$190,050,000
2021/22	\$207,550,000
2022/23	\$237,300,000
2023/24	\$269,500,000

### Tax Commitment

2007/08	\$2,605,930
2008/09	\$2,556,611
2009/10	\$2,465,800
2010/11	\$2,539,785
2011/12	\$2,571,996
2012/13	\$2,815,379
2013/14	\$2,911,010
2014/15	\$3,062,745
2015/16	\$3,134,026
2016/17	\$3,144,796
2017/18	\$3,144,073
2018/19	\$3,225,607
2019/20	\$3,088,033
2020/21	\$3,095,832
2021/22	\$3,188,706
2022/23	\$3,329,341
2023/24	\$3,781,384

### Municipal Valuation

2007/08	\$137,864,855
2008/09	\$139,705,496
2009/10	\$141,712,679
2010/11	\$144,717,137
2011/12	\$147,314,147
2012/13	\$147,178,523
2013/14	\$140,461,609
2014/15	\$142,411,547
2015/16	\$142,776,795
2016/17	\$146,055,324
2017/18	\$144,137,494
2018/19	\$148,329,448
2019/20	\$156,176,157
2020/21	\$156,521,481
2021/22	\$159,622,738
2022/23	\$161,415,187
2023/24	\$270,098,872

### Tax Rate/\$1000

2007/08	\$18.90
2008/09	\$18.30
2009/10	\$17.40
2010/11	\$17.55
2011/12	\$17.55
2012/13	\$18.65
2013/14	\$20.40
2014/15	\$21.20
2015/16	\$21.40
2016/17	\$21.31
2017/18	\$22.00
2018/19	\$21.80
2019/20	\$20.95
2020/21*	\$21.45
2021/22*	\$21.60
2022/23**	\$22.25
2023/24	\$14.00

20/21 & 21/22 CERTIFIED RATIO @ 85%

\*22/23 CERTIFIED RATIO @ 80%

\*23/24 CERTIFIED RATIO @ 100%

# UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

## Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

HARVEST HILL FARMS	2014	\$1,035.83
HARVEST HILL FARMS	2015	\$4,613.52
HARVEST HILL FARMS	2016	\$5,122.75
HARVEST HILL FARMS	2017	\$5,613.70
POLAND, DANIEL	2018	\$155.27
THE CROOKED HOOK TAVERN	2018	\$63.42
DANNY BOYS AUTO SALES	2019	\$152.03
KATHY'S DINER	2019	\$288.42
SHUGA SHACK, LLC	2019	\$244.18
THE CROOKED HOOK TAVERN	2019	\$172.53
CITIZENS ASSET FINANCE INC	2020	\$134.48
KATHY'S DINER	2020	\$332.03
SHUGA SHACK, LLC	2020	\$221.45
THE CROOKED HOOK TAVERN	2020	\$156.48
HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS	2021	\$30.07
KATHY'S DINER	2021	\$319.68
SHUGA SHACK, LLC	2021	\$213.21
KATHY'S DINER	2022	\$301.52
SHUGA SHACK LLC	2022	\$201.10
JASIM, LLC	2023	\$350.94
KATHY'S DINER	2023	\$259.71
MECHANIC FALLS AUTO SUPPLY	2023	\$252.67
SHUGA SHACK, LLC	2023	\$184.13
THE MILL HOUSE PUB	2023	\$364.51
BRYANT ENERGY	2024	\$269.22
EGGCEPTIONAL	2024	\$60.59
JASIM, LLC	2024	\$214.86
KATHY'S DINER	2024	\$158.99
MECHANIC FALLS AUTO SUPPLY	2024	\$154.70
SHUGA SHACK, LLC	2024	\$112.73
THE MILL HOUSE PUB	2024	\$223.16

## Real Estate Liens 2022

<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
14 PEARL ST RESIDENTIAL LAND TRUST	1,277.67
ANDREWS, WAYNE	715.25
ARRIS, ROBIN	3,675.00
BECVAR, KEVIN	631.63
BLAKE FOREST LLC	1,702.08
BRAY, CYNTHIA M	1,519.33
BROW, SIRENA	1,201.26
BROWN, KEARSTON	919.82
BROWN, MICHAEL A	799.90
CALABRESE, BRETT M	340.26
CARTER, DONALD R & JENNIFER	1,922.33
CRANE, JOYCE E	675.27
D & D MANAGEMENT, LLC	1,313.57
FREEMAN, KEVIN W & LEONA	1,570.62
GAUDET, ANGELA & ELDRED, E	956.99
HEIRS OF BISBEE, LELAND R	504.19
HOBBS, GREG	566.50
JORDAN, BELA JR HEIRS OF	632.21
LARKIN, ELIZABETH	1,612.45
LEONARD, JOYCE	1,298.64
MABERRY, MICHAEL	1,631.24
MADORE, RANDAL L JR	912.37
MERRILL, ROBERT S	811.89
MORRELL, EUGENE L	316.03
O DONNELL, RICHARD & ANDREA	2,725.40
PARSONS, JENNIFER	6,315.65
PEARL, CHAD A	462.14
PRESSEY, ROBERT J	1,486.58
SEVELT, DANIEL LAWRENCE	3,050.05
STIMSON, NINA M	486.81
THIBAUT, CHASE M	631.64
TIBBETTS, RICHARD	2,177.57
WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	546.10

## Real Estate first half 2024

14 PEARL ST RESIDENTIAL LAND TRUST	2024	713.86
44 PIGEON HILL LLC	2024	7,612.71
9 NORTH MAIN STREET LLC	2024	2,220.40
ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND	2024	72.91
ALLEN, TAWNIE	2024	83.00
ALLEN-PARKER	2024	107.86
ANC GROUP LLC	2024	910.24
ANDREWS, WAYNE	2024	836.52
ANKETELL, SETH W	2024	179.31
ARNTSEN, BEKAH	2024	115.59
ARRIS, ROBIN	2024	1,671.08
BDE HOLDINGS LLC	2024	1,770.41
BECVAR, KEVIN	2024	671.93
BLACK CAT HOLDINGS LLC	2024	130.44
BLAKE FOREST LLC	2024	999.57
BLAQUIERE, HANNAH M	2024	2,728.44
BOURGET, LILLIAN M	2024	1,348.12
BOYNTON, REBECCA J	2024	1,973.14
BRAY, CYNTHIA M	2024	866.39
BRICK FALLS LLC	2024	1,139.43
BROOKS, THOMAS A	2024	1,292.83
BROW, SIRENA	2024	1,101.76
BROWN, KEARSTON	2024	463.09
BROWN, MICHAEL A	2024	976.00
CALABRESE, BRETT M	2024	278.64
CARTER, DONALD R	2024	1,203.74
CHARA PROPERTIES LLC	2024	2,014.11
CHINNOCK, MARK C	2024	3,121.47
CHINNOCK, MARK C	2024	2,243.69
CLUKEY DANIEL A	2024	44.13
COHEN, MICHAEL	2024	561.98
CONANT, ROXA A	2024	1,385.73
CRANE, JOYCE E	2024	300.04
D & D MANAGEMENT, LLC	2024	858.17
DAMON, JONATHAN P	2024	225.40
DOUGLASS, RACHEL J	2024	137.41
ELLINGTON, KRISTEN K	2024	391.05
ELLIOTT, CAROL E	2024	49.45
FEELEY PROPERTIES LLC	2024	164.54
FOLEY, ERIC G	2024	184.88
FREEMAN, KEVIN W	2024	1,130.55

## Real Estate First Half Cont'd

GAGNON, DAVID E JR	2024	662.43
GAUDET, ANGELA M	2024	600.18
GEORGE, ANDREW M	2024	216.74
GOMES, OWEN S	2024	977.73
HACKETT, WAYNE	2024	210.05
HACKETT, WAYNE D	2024	880.79
HASKELL, MICHAEL G	2024	989.80
HEIRS OF BISBEE, LELAND R	2024	667.06
HERLIHY, JOSHUA	2024	1,423.81
HOBBS, GREG	2024	345.98
HUDNALL, KAREN	2024	501.41
IKOSSI, MARIA	2024	734.98
SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	2024	796.97
JOHNSON, CLEVELAND R	2024	1,044.51
JORDAN, BELA JR HEIRS OF	2024	290.08
JUST RITE INC	2024	488.25
KENDRICK, JAMES E	2024	20.64
LARKIN, ELIZABETH	2024	1,319.26
LARRABEE, ASHLEY A	2024	787.49
LEGERE, NANCY E	2024	104.48
LEONARD, JOYCE	2024	793.63
MACHIAS MOTEL LLC	2024	5,845.38
MADORE, RANDAL L JR	2024	874.13
MAINE HEATED SELF STORAGE	2024	5,031.13
MERRILL, ROBERT S	2024	713.19
MICHAUD, SCOTT L	2024	1,411.70
MORRELL, EUGENE L	2024	537.60
NELSON, RICHARD	2024	28.74
NEWELL, WAYNE	2024	1,038.82
O'DONNELL, RICHARD P	2024	1,465.87
PEARL, CHAD A	2024	281.35
PIKE, SAMUEL M	2024	723.56
PLUMMER, RANDY HEIRS OF	2024	389.54
PORTER, ROBERT L	2024	1,198.87
PRESSEY, ROBERT J	2024	682.50
RICHARDSON, ROBERT	2024	41.65
RIGGINS, DARREN	2024	7.03
RIVARD, DANIEL R	2024	1,114.79
ROSS, TODD C.	2024	682.17
RUSSELL, HOLLY	2024	488.82

SALLEY, VIRGIL L	2024	127.04
SEVELY, DANIEL LAWRENCE	2024	1,948.49
SMALL, TROY M	2024	1,093.60
SMITH, KAREN M	2024	445.77
STIMSON, NINA	2024	162.61
STOPA, MARK T, TRUSTEES OF THE M&M RANCH	2024	2,587.73
STUART, HOPE	2024	197.65
THEBERGE, ALAN	2024	426.95
THIBAULT, CHASE M	2024	479.79
TIBBETTS, RICHARD	2024	907.70
TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	2024	5.32
WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	2024	188.22
WILLSON, BRUCE W	2024	35.89
YATES, MATTHEW W	2024	59.25
YEATON, TANYA	2024	268.15

\*Payments made after 5/20/24 are not reflected



# MUNICIPAL WARRANT

## MUNICIPAL TOWN BUDGET WARRANT MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS

**June 11, 2024**

To: Michelle Emery, a resident of the Town of Mechanic Falls, in the County of Androscoggin, State of Maine,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mechanic Falls in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 A.D., at seven forty-five o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1.

Article 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Then, to act by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 31 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, said articles being the following:

**Article 2:** Shall the Town fix the date the first half of FY 2024-25 annual taxes to be due and collectible on or before October 15, 2024 or 45 days from commitment whichever is later, and the second half of taxes to be due on or before May 15, 2025, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 505(2)?

**Article 3:** Shall the Town set a rate of 8.5% interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after approved due dates, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 505(4)?

**Article 4:** Shall the Town set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on collected then abated taxes at a rate that is 4% less than the rate charged for unpaid taxes for FY 2024-2025, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506(A)?

**Article 5:** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, and pay no interest thereon, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506?

**Article 6:** Shall the Town authorize the Town Council to approve any necessary abatement amounts from Overlay and to accept any Supplemental taxes owed for FY 2024-2025?

**Article 7:** Shall the Town apply **\$759,472** of anticipated general revenues (excluding Homestead and BETE Reimbursement) to the overall approved town budget for FY 2024-2025?  
(Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

**Article 8:** Shall the Town apply estimated and anticipated State Revenue amounts from Revenue Sharing **\$591,598** to the overall approved town budget for FY 2024-2025?  
(Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

**Article 9:** Shall the Town vote to increase the LD1 property tax levy limit in the event that the municipal budget approved will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit?  
(Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

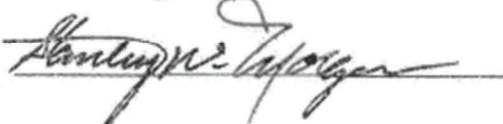
<b>Article 10:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$13,569</b> for Boards and Council Budget? (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>Article 11:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$12,000</b> for Legal Services Budget? (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>Article 12:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$128,772</b> for Municipal Complex Budget? (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 13:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$122,486</b> for Town Clerk/Elections Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 14:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$165, 380</b> for Administration Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 15:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$160,930</b> for Utilities Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 16:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$68,599</b> for Code Enforcement and Planning Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 17:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$41,290</b> for Public Library Budget (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 18:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$7,500</b> for Social Services Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 19:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$28,250</b> for Assessor Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 20:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$10,500</b> for Auditor Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 21:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$10,000</b> for Contingency Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 22:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$118,962</b> for Debt Service Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 23:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$532,273</b> for Pensions and Insurances Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 24:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$11,225</b> for Animal Control Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")
<b>Article 25:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$182,933</b> for Fire Department Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")

<p><b>Article 26:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$553,649</b> for Police Department Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>
<p><b>Article 27:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$499,821</b> for Public Works Department? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>
<p><b>Article 28:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$140,952</b> for Transfer Station Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>
<p><b>Article 29:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$327,000</b> for Capital and Reserves Budget? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>
<p><b>Article 30:</b> Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation and other revenue sources <b>\$282,975</b> for Androscoggin County Tax Assessment? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>
<p><b>Article 31:</b> Shall the Town appropriate <b>\$178,000</b> from the Fund Balance "Surplus" to accounts in the Capital and Reserves Budget, to be allocated at the Council's discretion? (Council and Budget Committee Recommend "Yes")</p>

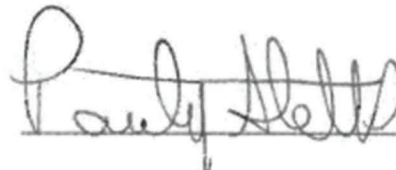
Adopted this 1st Day of April, 2024.



Darrell Young, Chair



Stanley Morgan, Council Member




Paula Stotts, Council Member



Ray Lavoie, Council Member

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: 

Janice Ferri, Town Clerk of Mechanic Falls



Town of Mechanic Falls – Municipal Office  
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