

Annual Report

TOWN OF WADE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2026

Annual Town Meeting

**Washburn Town Office
Conference Room**

March 18, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Town Officers for the Year 2025

Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor

Dwayne Dow, Selectman	Term Expires 2026	207-455-4749
Andrew White, Selectman	Term Expires 2027	207-227-5244
Donna Turner, Selectman	Term Expires 2028	207-227-2663

Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters, Property Tax Collector & Treasurer, Motor Vehicle Registrations/Excise Tax

Town of Washburn 207-455-8485

Road Commissioners

Donna Turner – Dwayne Down – Andrew White

Director of MSAD #45

Jeremiah McIntosh – Term Expires 2028

Constables: Donna Turner, Dwayne Dow, Andrew White

Library Director: Tiffany Wheeler

Animal Control Officer: David Rhinebolt - 207-852-7527

Fire Warden: Bill Sargent – 207-455-4007
or online at www.maine.gov/burnpermit for a fee.

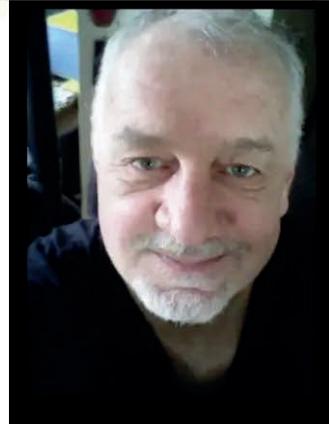
In Memory



Joan Lisa Haines
03/08/62 – 05/25/25



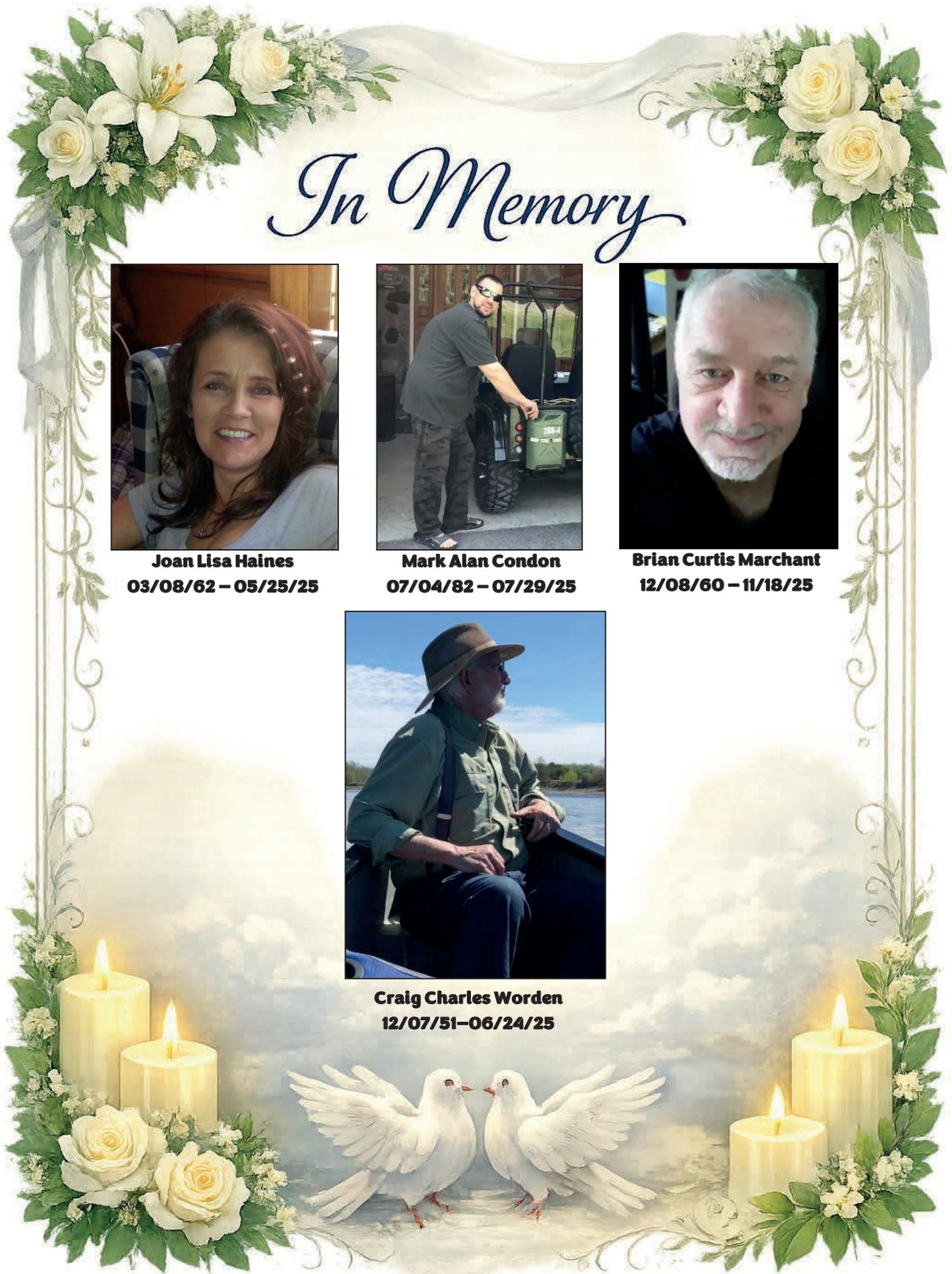
Mark Alan Condon
07/04/82 – 07/29/25



Brian Curtis Marchant
12/08/60 – 11/18/25



Craig Charles Worden
12/07/51–06/24/25



Motor Vehicle Registrations

Motor Vehicle Registrations are still being done at the Washburn Town Office. The Town of Washburn issues the Town of Wade a check weekly for all excise tax collected. Remember, you need to have proof of insurance and your mileage when re-registering your vehicle. Any new vehicles must have excise tax paid at Washburn before you go to Motor Vehicle Office in Caribou.

Dogs

State of Maine Law requires that ALL dogs, six months of age and older must be licensed in the town where the dog owner resides. This license must be obtained annually. The fee for the male/female dog is \$11.00 and a neutered/spayed male/female is \$6.00. A current rabies immunization record and a neutered/spayed certificate, if applicable must be presented.

All dogs must be licensed by January 31st or be subject to a late fee of \$25.00

Dates to Remember

April 1, 2026	Deadline to file Tax Exemptions (Veterans, Homestead, Blind) if you do not currently have one on file.
Nov. 1, 2026	Interest starts on 2026 Property Taxes
Jan. 31, 2027	Final day to register your dog before late fees begin. Final day to pay property taxes before the Town books close.

Property Taxes

Please notify the Town office prior to **April 1, 2026** if a building has been burned or torn down or has been moved. If the information has not been relayed to the town prior to that date you will be charged for it on your 2020 tax bill. Our tax year runs April 1st to March 31st of the following year. Requests for changes in assessments must also be requested before **April 1st, 2026**.

Building Permits

Remember, if you are planning to build or add on to an existing structure you need a building permit. There is no charge for it but we do need to have one on file. Applications may be picked up at the Washburn Town Office. Building permits are also necessary when placing an Amish building on premises as well.

Tax Club

Tax Club Payments will start when you get your tax bill. You will receive a form to fill out and return. Payments will run from August thru June (11 months). As long as you make your monthly payments you will not be charged any interest and your name will not be in the book if not paid by January 31.

Selectmen's Letter Year in Review

This past year marked the completion of the Town of Wade's paving project. Every mile of Wade Road is now paved. This achievement not only improves our roadways, but also benefits residents by reducing wear on vehicles, increasing property values, and significantly enhancing the overall value of the Town of Wade. This was a major undertaking, and it would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the Town of Washburn Highway Department.

All four members of the Washburn Highway crew worked throughout the summer alongside Wade, preparing every road for paving. This included installing numerous culverts, completing ditching work, placing and rolling gravel and crushed asphalt in multiple locations, and addressing drainage issues. The cooperation and teamwork between the two towns made this project possible. Now that both towns have completed their paving projects, we expect road maintenance budgets to decrease substantially, which will help offset and pay down the bond used to fund this work.

During preparation for paving, significant issues were discovered with the bridge located on Gardner Creek Road at the bottom of Roscoe's Hill. Although the bridge was only seven years old, photographs taken by the Highway Department revealed concerning defects. These were sent to the engineer responsible for the original project, who then contacted the contractor. A solution was reached, and the bridge was repaired prior to paving.

Earlier in the year, I applied for a grant to address the small bridge at the very end of Gardner Creek Road. I am pleased to report that the Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$282,300 to replace the existing large culverts and construct a new bridge, with no matching funds required from the Town of Wade. This new bridge will be higher and longer, which should significantly reduce flooding issues in that area. Historically, residents living beyond this crossing have often been stranded during the spring thaw, sometimes for a week or more. We are hopeful that this project can be completed this summer and provide a long-term solution.

With the construction of Washburn's new public safety building, remaining funds are being applied toward the construction of a new highway garage. A loan will be required for a portion of the project, and the Town of Wade has the opportunity to participate in this joint effort. Wade's share would be 31.25 percent, with Washburn holding the loan and Wade paying an annual amount of approximately \$22,500, should the Town vote to proceed. I believe this represents a strong opportunity for Wade. I would also note that Washburn has expressed interest in purchasing Wade's existing highway building if we move forward.

I want to be clear about my commitment to Wade. I have lived here my entire life, and my priority has always been and will always be the Town of Wade. Every decision and idea is carefully considered with Wade's best interests in mind. I firmly believe that the partnership between Wade and Washburn has been exceptional. Together, the two towns have accomplished far more than either could have alone, and these efforts have directly improved the value and efficiency of our community.

Under our current partnership, the Town of Wade pays only its proportional share of expenses related specifically to Wade. We do not pay for Washburn-only items. Major shared purchases have included a backhoe, a pickup truck, and a Karcher heated pressure washer. We also share the cost of sand and salt. Each town maintains its own plow truck; however, earlier this winter when Wade's truck was down for several weeks awaiting a warranty repair, Washburn provided a truck to cover Wade's roads at no additional cost. This is a clear example of the two towns working together in a practical and mutually beneficial way.

When the paving project was first proposed, I estimated a tax increase of 1.5 to 2.5 mills. At this time, with all known expenses accounted for, except for Education and County taxes, the projected increase stands at 1.9 mills. This estimate ALSO includes the potential cost of participating in the highway garage project, should the Town vote in favor.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Deryle Sponberg for the significant role he played in the paving project. He prepared and managed the entire bid packet and was present on-site each day throughout the paving process, ensuring that the work was completed properly and that the Town received exactly what was specified. His dedication and attention to detail were greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to stop by my office at any time. As I have always said, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Donna Turner

Selectman, Town of Wade



WASHBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Washburn Fire Department is committed to providing the highest level of fire service to the residents of Washburn, Wade, and Perham. Our team consists of 18 dedicated volunteer firefighters, with over 70% certified at the Firefighter I or Firefighter II level.

To ensure a rapid and effective response, we operate six fire suppression vehicles, including a ladder truck, a rescue truck equipped with the Jaws of Life, and two brush trucks for wildland fire suppression. Additionally, through our collaboration with the Washburn Snowmobile Club, we utilize a snowmobile and rescue toboggan, enhancing safety on our well-maintained trails.

With our highly trained personnel and specialized equipment, we remain a leader in fire service, dedicated to protecting our communities.

FIRE CHIEF

Nathan Allen
540-3707

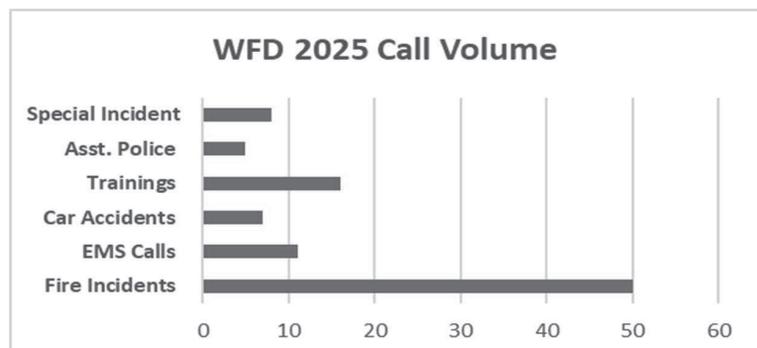
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From the Chief's Desk

This past year was extremely busy for the Washburn Fire Department, highlighted by the construction of our new fire station and the significant effort required to transition operations into the new facility. The process of relocating apparatus, equipment, records, and essential documents was a major undertaking, and one that could not have been accomplished without the dedication of our members.

I would like to sincerely thank every member of the Washburn Fire Department who contributed time and effort to ensure the move was completed safely and efficiently. Your commitment and teamwork exemplify the professionalism of this department.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the strong local support we continue to receive from our community. Additionally, I extend my gratitude to the Town Manager and Town Council for their continued support and leadership throughout this transition. Their commitment to public safety has played a critical role in the successful completion of this project and the ongoing success of the Department.





Washburn Fire Department

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Nathan Allen
Fire Chief
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nateallen58@hotmail.com

Washburn Fire Department – End-of-Year Report (2025)

In 2025, the Washburn Fire Department achieved several important milestones that strengthened both operational readiness and community engagement. A major accomplishment during the year was the successful transition into the Department's new fire station. This project represents a significant investment in firefighter safety, operational efficiency, and the long-term protection of the Town of Washburn. The relocation of apparatus, equipment, and departmental records was completed through the dedicated efforts of our members, ensuring continuity of service throughout the process.

Community involvement remained a cornerstone of the Department's mission. Members participated in the annual August Fest celebration by hosting a children's carnival activity. This event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with local families, build positive relationships, and reinforce the Department's presence within the community we proudly serve.

Fire prevention and public education continued to be a top priority. Department personnel conducted fire safety education at Washburn Elementary School, delivering age-appropriate instruction and interactive learning activities. As part of Fire Prevention Week, students participated in a fire escape plan drawing contest designed to promote home safety planning. Contest winners were recognized for their efforts and awarded Washburn Fire Department T-shirts, encouraging continued awareness and enthusiasm for fire safety practices.

To close out the year, the Department was honored to host "Santa in the Park," an event that brought holiday cheer to children and families throughout Washburn. This annual tradition reflects the Department's ongoing commitment not only to emergency response, but also to fostering community spirit and connection.

Overall, the accomplishments of 2025 reflect the Washburn Fire Department's continued dedication to public safety, education, operational improvement, and meaningful community engagement.

Nathan Allen
Fire Chief

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Throughout the year there was a variety of different programs that were offered for both adults and children.

During the winter months there was basketball during the week for children in grades 3-4. The program lasted six weeks. There was a variety of drills that the participants participated in to work on their dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. The 3-4th grade group got to experience playing games against Easton. The 5-6th grade program consisted of a season full of games against other communities. They ended the season by participating in the County Tournament that was held at the Caribou Wellness Center. I would like to thank Derek Richardson for coaching the boys team.

On Mondays each week for six weeks I transported children to Quoggy Jo Ski Center for ski lessons. Quoggy Jo provided the ski instructors.

Another program that was offered was a Hot Shot Basketball competition. This program was offered to children ages 9-15. Thank you to Mr. Shea for allowing me to use his Physical Education classes to host the local competition. The top four boys and girls in each age division qualified to compete at the State Competition that was held at the Caribou Wellness Center.

Throughout the year there was adult pickleball that was held on Wednesday evenings. This is a fun and noncompetitive program for all adults from beginners to intermediate.

During school vacations the children partake in a variety of field trips such as: roller skating at Melody Roller Rink in Caribou, ice skating at the Forum, mini golf and corn maze at Goughans Farm, bowling at Northern Lanes in Presque Isle, swimming at Gentile Hall and Limestone pool, movies at Big Bang Theater in Caribou, the Children's Museum in Caribou, Lego Club at Easton Rec. Center and Legacy Ranch. Also, Hunter Bothers, and Presque Isle Airport where the children had the opportunity to have a ride in an airplane.

Our summer staff program consisted of Natalie Charette, Jaici-Rosi Carney, Derek Richardson, Madelyn Johnston, and Gage Espling. The programs that were offered were t-ball, minor league baseball, junior softball, arts and crafts, cooking, basketball, soccer, track and field, and swimming lessons at Mapleton Pool. Every Friday during the six-week program the children had the opportunity to attend field trips. The trips that were offered were: Mini Golf at Goughans Farm, Hartt Island in Fredericton, Paradise Island in Grand

Falls, Birch Point in St. David, and Portage Lake. I would like to thank Bruce Blakney for the use of the church van for field trips on Fridays and swimming lessons.

During the fall there was soccer for children in grades 1-6. Grades 1-2 worked on developing their skills through a variety of drills and fun games. They had the opportunity to experience games against Easton. Grades 3-4 experienced playing against other communities such as Easton, Mars Hill and Ashland. The 5-6th grade traveling team participated in round robins each Saturday for six weeks and ended with a County Tournament that was held in Fort Fairfield.

To celebrate the holiday season, there was holiday ornament making for children in grades 1-4 at the Rec. Center. Each child was able to make four ornaments to give to either a family member or friend.

There is a very active senior citizen group in town. We meet once a month either at the Recreation Center or go on a field trip. In August, we have made it a tradition to invite Easton and Ashland Recreation Departments for a barbeque at Thomas Brewer Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie Barbarula

Recreation Director

Washburn Memorial Library

Enriching Lives. Inspiring Minds. Creating Community.

1290 Main Street # 207-455-4814

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 4pm

Library Director: Cara Miller

Here's what your library card gets you!

Access to over 15,500 Items

- Free patron library cards
- Free internet access + Maine Digital Library
- We offer special collection sections such as Maine authors, large print books, and more!
- Printing, copying, faxing
- Seed Gardening Library
- Interlibrary Loan
- Book Fairs
- Adult Yoga Classes: Chair Yoga (Ages 60+), Beginner's Yoga, and Advanced Yoga
- Use of Book Locker and Book Drop Box
- Book Clubs: Teatime Virtual Book Club and Books & Brews Social Hour (for ages 55+)
- Youth Summer & Winter Reading Programs
- Raised Beds Gardening for youth
- Youth Programs of Toddler Story Time and Homeschool Groups
- August Fest events (raffles, fundraisers, author book signings, children's events, and more)!
- Valentine's Blind Date with a Book
- Genealogy (with access to Ancestry.com in-house)
- Book Locker: We now offer a Book Locker for book pick-ups that patrons can access after-hours. Our new Book Locker will allow patrons to get the books they want when they want them!
- CloudLibrary (offers free online e-books and audio books)

<https://ebook.yourcloudlibrary.com/library/WashburnMemorial/Featured>

Digital Maine Library

The Digital Maine Library provides access to online resources that include a collection of full text articles and abstracts from newspapers, journals, and references. It also provides higher education resources and learning tools for students and educators on topics such as: <https://digitalmainelibrary.org/>

Ancestry

Gardening

Learning Express

Maine News

Nation Geographic Kids

Religion & Philosophy

Business Collection

Hobbies & Crafts

Gale Legal Forms

MEDLINE Plus

Peterson's Career Prep

Nursing & Allied Health

Chilton's Automotive

Home Improvement

Maine Memory Network

My Heritage

Pronunciation Language Learning

World Book

Programs and Events: In Just One Year Washburn Memorial Library

- Welcomed over **3,177** people.
- Offered access to over **15,000** materials.
- Loaned over **4,000** items.
- Provided technology support with **1** public laptop + **1** Chromebook, and **24/7** wireless access.
- Printing, copying, faxing, and scanning services were used **220** times.
- We served **230** children at the annual Trunk or Treat.
- Children's programs included Storytime, Homeschool Groups, and Summer Reading Program. We reached a total of approximately **500** children + adults this year through our children & family programming.
- August Fest and our Books & Baskets Raffle reached **80+** people.
- We have **2** dedicated staff, providing over **2,700** hours of service to the public.
- Yoga Class for ages 55+ reached over **300** students this year (this includes participants in the yoga series; we are partnering with the Aroostook Area Agency on Aging Access Points).
- Other adult programs include: A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention, Game Day, Recreation Dept. Ladies Group, Craft Classes, Paint Classes, Teatime Book Club, Seed Library, and Books & Brews Social Hour these programs combined reached a total of approximately **200** participants.
- **We partner with:** Aroostook Area Agency on Aging and the National Digital Equity Center.
- **Washburn Memorial Library was awarded a grant in 2025:** Stephen King Grant for children's programming.

Community Space

- Barbara Porter Room

Technology

- High Speed Internet Access
- 24/7 WIFI
- 1 public laptop
- Printers and Scanners
- FAX Machine
- Photocopier
- Device charging station



Memorials & Donations 2025

The following books were donated by Rita Kingsbury in loving memory of Jessie & Jeremy Fox:

- [This Moose Belongs to Me](#), by Oliver Jeffers
- [Oh, Chickadee!](#), by Jennifer Richard Jacobson
- [The Trouble with Children \(According to Dog\)](#), by Katie Weever
- [Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon](#), by Kate DiCamillo
- [Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln](#), by Kate DiCamillo
- [Eugene Lincoln and the Unexpected Package](#), by Kate DiCamillo
- [The Mosquito Burrito](#), by Didi Dragon

The following books were donated by Jackie O'Clair in loving memory of Calvin O'Clair and Eric Thibodeau:

- Fates Divide, by Veronica Roth
- I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906, by Lauren Tarshis
- One Dark Window, by Rachel Gillig
- Two Twisted Crowns, by Rachel Gillig
- Hemlock, by Kiersten Modglin
- Where the Darkness Goes, by Kiersten Modglin
- Isola, by Allegra Goodman
- We All Live Here, by JoJo Moyes
- After Life, by Gayle Forman
- Swordheart, by T. Kingfisher
- The Summer Guests, by Tess Gerritsen



Thank you to Judy and Cliff Boudman for donating a large rotating puzzle board to our library!

Laura and Randy McPherson for donating a beautifully crafted cribbage board to our library!

Pounds A Weigh group donated funds for the following books in memory of L. Alexander Christie and John Dow:

- Fates Divide, by Veronica Roth
- The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris, by Evie Woods
- Shelter, by Harlan Coben
- Seconds Away, by Harlan Coben
- Beach Read, by Emily Henry

Carla and Bryant Rossignol donated the following books in memory of Harold Marr:

- The Writer, by James Patterson
- 25 Alive: Women's Murder Club, by James Patterson

The following books were donated by MSAD #45 in memory of Tom Olson:

- The Ghostwriter, by Julie Clark
- Made in Maine, by Shawn Henry
- The Boxcar Librarian, by Brianna Labuskes
- Don't Let Him In, by Lisa Jewell
- The Truth about Bats, by Eva Moore
- Penguin Puzzle, by Judith B. Stamper

Pounds A Weigh gave a donation in memory of Tom Olson. A lovely table and chair set were purchased with this gift.

The following books were donated by Timothy & Carolyn O'Donnell in memory of Tom Olson:

- The Dearly Beloved, by Cara Wall
- Insect Invaders, by Anne Capeci
- Amazing Magnetism, by Rebecca Carmi
- The Great Shark Escape, by Jennifer Johnston
- Giant Germ, by Eva Moore
- The Search, by Eva Moore
- Expedition Down Under, by Rebecca Carmi
- Dinosaur Detectives, by Judith B. Stamper



The Rotary Club of Washburn donated the following book in memory of Fred Tompkins:

- The Maple Syrup Book, by Janet Eagleson & Rosemary Hasner

The Rotary Club of Washburn donated the following book in memory of Kenneth Fox:

- The Power of Three Gorges: World's Largest Dam and its Impact, by Shah Rukh

Charlotte Griffin donated the book, Presque'ile by Barry S. Wright, to the memory of Ronald & Betty Wright.

Dan & Kathy Washington donated the following books in memory of Tom Olson:

- Tomorrow's Shining Dream (Texas Promise), by Naomi Rawlings
- Tomorrow's First Light (Texas Promise), by Naomi Rawlings
- Tomorrow's Lasting Joy (Texas Promise), by Naomi Rawlings
- Tomorrow's Constant Hope (Texas Promise), by Naomi Rawlings
- Tomorrow's Steadfast Prayer (Texas Promise), by Naomi Rawlings
- Storekeeper's Daughter (Daughters of Lancaster County), by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Thank you to Wayne Kennard for donating a beautiful stained-glass piece, entitled ***Last Dance***, as well as two Abraham Lincoln book ends.

Mary Jane Johnson and Family donated the following books in memory of Tom Olson:

- The Impossible Fortune: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery, by Richard Osman
- Warriors Graphic Novel: The Prophecies Begin #3, by Erin Hunter
- The Secrets We Kept: A Novel, by Lara Prescott
- Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate
- The Enchanted Greenhouse, by Sarah Beth Durst
- The Lord of The Rings Deluxe Edition, by J.R.R. Tolkien
- For Richer for Poorer: A Novel, by Danielle Steel
- The Correspondent: A Novel, by Virginia Evans

Courtney Howe donated the following book in memory of Kenneth Dean:

- And to All a Good Bite: An Andy Carpenter Mystery (An Andy Carpenter Novel, #32), by David Rosenfelt

The following books were donated in memory of Tom Olson:

- The Secret: Jack Reacher Novel, by Lee Child
- In Too Deep: Jack Reacher Novel, by Lee Child
- Sharp Force, by Patricia Cornwell

Donated by Bette Olson, Cory Olson, Sarah Olson, Brandon Gresham, RaeAnn & Dawson Sperr, Shannon Olson, and Shelly Gresham

The following books were donated by Gene and Londa Brown in memory of Amie Christine, a true warrior in this world:

- Not the Breast Year of My Life, by Cara Sapida
- Dear Friend- Letters of Encouragement, Humor, and Love for Women with Breast Cancer, by Gina L. Mulligan

Pounds A Weigh donated the following books in memory of Terry Winger:

- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: A Festive Guide to Celebrating the Holidays (Recipes, Crafts, and More!), by Harper Celebrate
- Painting Calm: Connect with nature through the art of watercolors, by Inga Buividavice
- Gift Wrap Green: Techniques for Beautiful Recyclable Gift Wrapping, by Camille Wilkinson
- Holiday Puzzles, 300 pieces each

The following books were donated by Mary Miller, in honor of Anna Diette, whom she described as, "A young, wonderful reader who celebrated her thirteenth birthday on Oct. 16th!"

- Stars Above (Lunar Chronicles), by Marissa Meyer
- The Lost Library, by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass
- The Mirror Drifters, by D.D. Snows

Jane Humphrey made a generous donation in memory of Timothy Humphrey and Keith W, Humphrey.

Cara Miller donated the following book in memory of Ginny Kingsbury:

- After Paris, by Mary Ellen Taylor

Donna and Robert Umphrey gave a generous annual donation.

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

www.collins.senate.gov



Sue Bernard
Senator, District 1

THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 28, 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving our community in the Maine Senate. I am humbled by the trust you placed in me to be your voice in Augusta.

The First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature adjourned in March and July, respectively. The Second Regular Session convened on January 7, 2026. It is already shaping up to be a busy session with 415 bills carried over, 90 bills submitted by executive departments and 98 bills accepted for consideration by the Legislative Council, the administrative body of the Legislature.

In support of Aroostook County families and institutions, I sponsored legislation to help the Francis Malcolm Science Center and the Maine School of Science and Mathematics as well as cosponsored measures to bolster our economic development. One of these measures, "An Act to Promote Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and Create Jobs," was signed into law and will directly support industrial growth in Aroostook County.

When I was traveling the district in 2024, I heard from many about the cost of electricity. To that end, I supported reforms to the Net Energy Billing program which will save ratepayers \$67 million annually. Ratepayers are still on the hook for \$153 million in subsidies and I am eager to support stronger actions this session to decrease that amount.

Since last session, I have been travelling the district to hear how I can better serve you. I have enjoyed meeting members of the community throughout our district. Thank you to all who have taken a moment to share your concerns. Your input will be very helpful throughout this session.

I am happy to host students at the State House. Parents and/or teachers who are interested in having students participate in our Honorary Page Program can contact me to set up a visit to learn about our government firsthand.

Thank you for trusting me to serve as your State Senator. Rest assured your concerns are at the forefront of everything I do in Augusta. I want to hear from you to better pursue the common good in our community. Please contact me by calling 207-287-1505 or emailing me at Susan.Bernard@legislature.maine.gov with any of your comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Bernard".

Sue Bernard
State Senator, District 1



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Timothy C. Guerrette

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Timothy.Guerrette@legislature.maine.gov

January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains my honor to serve as your State Representative for House District 4 in the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature. I take this responsibility seriously and look forward to working hard for the people I represent.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and is preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting our farming and agricultural economy, housing availability, workforce development, and support for working families, including Maine's high property and income tax burden and rising energy costs. These decisions have a direct impact on our region, and your input is essential. Hearing from the people of District 4 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

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

I will continue serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, where we work on issues important to our district and state.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Guerrette".

Timothy Guerrette
State Representative

District 4 Caribou, Wade & Washburn

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Dear Friends,

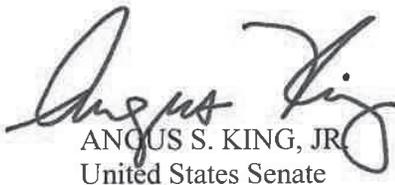
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

2025 Income Budget/Actual with 2026 Proposed Income Budget

Account	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	2026 Budget	Inc/Dec +/-
10 - Administration/Town Office					
101 - Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 57,348.63	\$ 8,348.63	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
104 - Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
105 - Tax Interest	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,963.70	\$ 563.70	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 600.00
106 - Boat Excise	\$ -	\$ 63.80	\$ 63.80		\$ -
114 - Dog Licenses	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00		\$ -
115 - Lien Reimbursement	\$ 800.00	\$ 834.17	\$ 34.17	\$ 800.00	\$ -
125 - Bank Interest	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,960.91	\$ 360.91	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ 56,800.00	\$ 65,211.21	\$ 8,411.21	\$ 63,600.00	\$ 6,800.00
40 - Highway/Public Works					
401 - Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 17,750.00	\$ 18,332.00	\$ (582.00)	\$ 17,750.00	\$ -
50 - Code Enforcement					
501 - Building Permits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
502 - Plumbing Permits	\$ -	\$ (187.50)	\$ 187.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
503 - Septic Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (187.50)	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (300.00)
90 - Other/Outside Agencies					
100 - State General Assistance Reimb	\$ -	\$ 10.43	\$ 10.43		
120 - Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 62,319.59	\$ (680.41)	\$ 63,000.00	\$ -
130 - Tree Growth	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 49,116.19	\$ 1,116.19	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
140 - Veterans Exemption Reimburse	\$ 200.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
160 - Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,706.21	\$ (2,293.79)	\$ 29,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
165 - BETE Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 97.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ 141,200.00	\$ 139,476.42	\$ (1,723.58)	\$ 141,400.00	\$ 200.00
99 - RE Taxes					
100 - Anticipated Taxes	\$ 337,777.00	\$ 370,737.70	\$ 32,960.70	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 47,223.00
102 - Tax Discounts		\$ (4,626.03)	\$ 4,626.03		\$ -
103 - Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ (765.85)	\$ 765.85		\$ -
	\$ 337,777.00	\$ 365,345.82	\$ 38,352.58	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 47,223.00
Final Totals	\$ 217,250.00	\$ 365,345.82	\$ 38,352.58	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 167,750.00

2025 Expense Budget/Actual with 2026 Proposed Budget

Account		2025 Budget	Additions	Actual	(Over)/Under	2026 Budget	Incr/Decr +/-
01 Salary							
18	Clerk To Washburn	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
05 Supplies							
1	General	\$ -					
2	Office	\$ 900.00		\$ 1,021.66	\$ (121.66)	\$ 900.00	\$ -
3	Computer	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 5,776.33	\$ 223.67	\$ 3,400.00	\$ (2,600.00)
		\$ 6,900.00	\$ -	\$ 6,797.99	\$ 102.01	\$ 4,300.00	\$ (2,600.00)
08 Admin Costs							
2	Dues/Subs	\$ 1,560.00		\$ 1,675.00	\$ (115.00)	\$ 1,701.00	\$ 141.00
3	Lien Recording Fees	\$ 400.00		\$ 272.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
4	Postage	\$ 500.00		\$ 654.60	\$ (154.60)	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00
8	Election expense	\$ 225.00		\$ 96.63	\$ 128.37	\$ 300.00	\$ 75.00
9	Ballot Clerks	\$ 800.00		\$ 540.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 300.00
10	Property Tax	\$ 1,450.00		\$ 1,368.86	\$ 81.14	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -
11	Code Enforcement	\$ 275.00			\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -
12	Animal Control	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 950.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
13	Assessor	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
14	Auditor	\$ 5,250.00		\$ 5,250.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,750.00
15	Selectmen	\$ 7,030.00		\$ 7,030.00	\$ -	\$ 7,030.00	\$ -
16	T/O-Washburn Svc	\$ 4,750.00		\$ 4,750.00	\$ -	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 150.00
		\$ 25,240.00		\$ 24,587.09	\$ 652.91	\$ 29,756.00	\$ 4,516.00
Total Administration		\$ 47,140.00	\$ -	\$ 46,385.08	\$ 754.92	\$ 49,056.00	\$ 1,916.00
40 Highway Department							\$ -
01 Salary							\$ -
2	Wages	\$ 60,800.00		\$ 60,784.77	\$ 15.23	\$ 62,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
90	Health Insurance	\$ 16,300.00		\$ 16,306.44	\$ (6.44)	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 1,600.00
91	MSRS	\$ 5,133.00		\$ 5,132.58	\$ 0.42	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 517.00
92	Medicare	\$ 885.00		\$ 862.23	\$ 22.77	\$ 910.00	\$ 25.00
93	Social Security	\$ 3,773.00		\$ 3,686.77	\$ 86.23	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 122.00
94	Unemp	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00	\$ -		\$ (15.00)
95	Work Comp	\$ 2,088.00		\$ 2,088.00	\$ -	\$ 1,705.00	\$ (383.00)
96	Payroll Prep	\$ 260.00		\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -
	PFML			\$ 296.85	\$ (296.85)	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
		\$ 89,254.00	\$ -	\$ 89,432.64	\$ (178.64)	\$ 93,440.00	\$ 4,186.00
02 Utilities					\$ -		\$ -
1	Electric	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 3,002.68	\$ (802.68)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
2	heat	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 2,494.50	\$ 705.50	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 100.00
5	Water/Sewer	\$ 480.00		\$ 540.00	\$ (60.00)	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00
		\$ 5,880.00	\$ -	\$ 6,037.18	\$ (157.18)	\$ 7,840.00	\$ 1,960.00
04 Maintenance					\$ -		\$ -
1	General	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 699.49	\$ 2,100.51	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,600.00)
7	Garbage	\$ 400.00		\$ 408.00	\$ (8.00)	\$ 408.00	\$ 8.00
		\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,107.49	\$ 2,092.51	\$ 1,608.00	\$ (1,592.00)
05 Supplies					\$ -		\$ -
1	General	\$ 750.00		\$ 40.26	\$ 709.74	\$ 750.00	\$ -
4	Cloth Allow	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,021.15	\$ (521.15)	\$ 500.00	\$ -

2025 Expense Budget/Actual with 2026 Proposed Budget

Account	2025 Budget	Additions	Actual	(Over)/Under	2026 Budget	Incr/Decr +/-
	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,061.41	\$ 188.59	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
07 Sub Cont.						
1 Sub Contract	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,740.00	\$ 39,733.18	\$ 6.82	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (22,500.00)
Drug Testing				\$ -		
3 Haynes Road	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
5 Ditch Mowing	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,414.86	\$ (1,414.86)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 14,740.00	\$ 44,648.04	\$ (1,408.04)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (21,000.00)
08 Administration						
5 Training			\$ 35.00	\$ (35.00)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
09 Vehicle				\$ -		\$ -
1 Maintenance	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 9,645.10	\$ 8,354.90	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)
2 Gas/Oil	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,296.17	\$ (296.17)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 29,000.00		\$ 20,941.27	\$ 8,058.73	\$ 21,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)
# Roads				\$ -		\$ -
Sand/Salt	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 9,523.44	\$ (3,523.44)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Salt	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 2,763.89	\$ 3,236.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
Culverts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 5,776.31	\$ 23.69	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Gravel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,060.00	\$ 9,056.45	\$ 3.55	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Cold Patch	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 1,856.25	\$ 2,943.75	\$ -	\$ (4,800.00)
Calcium	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00		\$ (1,200.00)
	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 10,360.00	\$ 28,976.34	\$ 3,883.66	\$ 13,000.00	\$ (9,500.00)
Paving Loan Pmt					\$ 96,165.00	\$ 96,165.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 179,584.00	\$ 25,100.00	\$ 192,239.37	\$ 12,444.63	\$ 241,803.00	\$ 62,219.00
90 Miscellaneous Appropriations				\$ -		\$ -
2 Ambulance	\$ 14,885.00		\$ 14,885.00	\$ -	\$ 19,465.00	\$ 4,580.00
3 Fire Protection	\$ 6,360.00		\$ 6,360.00	\$ -	\$ 6,360.00	\$ -
4 Insurance	\$ 13,100.00		\$ 12,078.00	\$ 1,022.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 1,150.00
6 General Assistance	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
15 Equip Reserve Acct	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)
18 Education	\$ 209,313.00	\$ 1,446.20	\$ 209,313.00	\$ 1,446.20	\$ 209,313.00	\$ -
19 County Tax	\$ 53,814.00		\$ 53,814.00	\$ -	\$ 53,814.00	\$ -
20 NMDC	\$ 480.00		\$ 497.52	\$ (17.52)	\$ 487.00	\$ 7.00
23 Building Payment	\$ 7,600.00		\$ 7,728.50	\$ (128.50)		\$ (7,600.00)
24 Library	\$ 508.00		\$ 508.00	\$ -	\$ 508.00	\$ -
25 Recreation	\$ 1,268.00		\$ 1,268.00	\$ -	\$ 1,268.00	\$ -
27 Disc/Abatements				\$ -		\$ -
29 2022 Truck	\$ 29,010.00		\$ 29,009.48	\$ 0.52	\$ 29,010.00	\$ -
30 Highway Garage Pmt					\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
92 Outside Agencies				\$ -		\$ -
1 Animal Shelter	\$ 481.00		\$ 480.90	\$ 0.10	\$ 481.00	\$ -
2 Aroostook Agency	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
3 August Fest	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
4 Red Cross	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
5 America Legion	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -
6 ACAP	\$ 38.00		\$ 38.00	\$ -	\$ 112.00	\$ 74.00

2025 Expense Budget/Actual with 2026 Proposed Budget

		Account	2025 Budget	Additions	Actual	(Over)/Under	2026 Budget	Incr/Decr +/-
	7	Vet. Cemetery	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	9	Homeless Shelter	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
	11	Historical	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	12	CASWCD	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	13	MPBN	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -		\$ (50.00)
	14	GIFT	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
	15	Aroostook Council fam	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	16	Lifeflight	\$ 229.00		\$ 229.00	\$ -	\$ 229.00	\$ -
TOTAL OUTSIDE AGENCIES			\$ 346,461.00	\$ 1,446.20	\$ 345,334.40	\$ 2,572.80	\$ 365,622.00	\$ 19,161.00
Overall Totals			\$ 573,185.00	\$ 26,546.20	\$ 583,958.85	\$ 15,772.35	\$ 656,481.00	\$ 83,296.00
							Municipal Budget	\$ 393,354.00
							Total Budget Increase	\$ 83,296.00

Warrant

Aroostook:

To Dwayne Dow, Constable of the Town of Wade, in the County of Aroostook and the State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wade, in said County qualified by law to vote on town affairs to meet at the **Washburn Civic Center, Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock** in the evening to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all the necessary town officers and set compensations of each for the ensuing year.

RECOMMENDED:

(a) Selectman - 3 Year Term - Compensation: \$1,000.00/Year.

(b) Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Constables

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Expense.

Recommended: \$49,056.00

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Recommended: \$250.00

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Subsidy to the City of Presque Isle.

Recommended: \$19,465.00 to the City of Presque Isle.

Art. 6. Will the Town vote to go into a joint venture with the Washburn Highway Department on the new highway garage. We would be able to sell our existing building and pay only our portion of the price over the next 20 years. The annual cost would be \$22,500.00.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Department.

Recommended: \$241,803.00

(If Article 6 fails the recommended amount will be \$219,303.00)

2nd Recommendation: Any unused money to go to the Purchase Equipment Fund at the year end.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$8,136.00** and appropriate to the following organizations in the Town of Washburn.

Washburn Fire Department	6,360.00
Washburn Memorial Library	508.00
Washburn Recreation Department	1,268.00

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Insurance.

Recommended: \$14,250.00

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$6,000.00** to go to the Purchase Equipment Fund.

Recommended: \$6,000.00

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$29,010.00** for payment on the new 2022 Western Star Plow Truck.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,884.00** to support the following Aroostook County services:

Recommended:

Aroostook Area on Aging	200.00
Aroostook County Action Program	112.00
Central Aroostook Humane Society	481.00
Sister Mary O'Donnell Shelter	300.00
American Red Cross	100.00
Maine Veteran's Cemetery	100.00
Washburn August Festival (Rotary Club)	300.00
NMDC	487.00
American Legion	125.00

Salmon Brook Historical Society	200.00
Central Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation	100.00
Lifeflight	229.00
GIFT	50.00
Aroostook Council on Healthy Families	100.00

- Art. 13.** To see what time the Town will make taxes due and payable.
Recommended: Taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation of tax bill.
- Art. 14.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen acting on behalf of the Town to borrow in anticipation of taxes if necessary.
- Art. 15.** To see what action the Town will take in regards to allowing a discount on taxes and charging interest on those taxes paid after a certain date.
Recommended: 2% discount on those paid within 30 days of presentation of bill and to follow State of Maine Treasury Department recommendation of charging 7% on those paid after November 1.
- Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative 30 days to repurchase the property for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; if the former owner does not repurchase the property the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process in 36 MRS § 953-C, provided that if the former owner does not timely request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales to someone other than the former owner(s), excess sale proceeds as defined in 36 MRS § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
- Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount equal to 2/12ths of the 2026 budget from February 1, 2026

through March 31, 2026. This will allow the Town to operate during the two (2) months prior to the Annual Town Meeting in 2027.

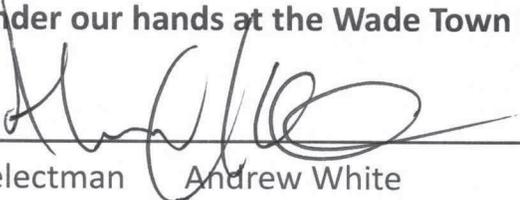
Art. 18. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine Legislature: (30-MRSA-5682)

Amounts Unknown

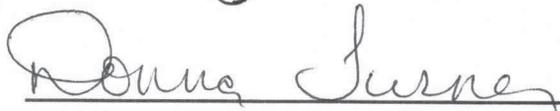
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| Veterans Exemption Refund | Tree Growth |
| LRAP | State Aid to Education |
| State Revenue Sharing | General Assistance |
| Homestead Reimbursement | State Parks Sharing |
| State/Federal Grants or Other Funds | |

Art. 19 To see if the Town will grant the Selectmen the authority to expend from the Purchase Equipment Fund.

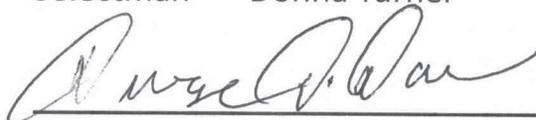
Given under our hands at the Wade Town Office this day of February 25th, 2026.



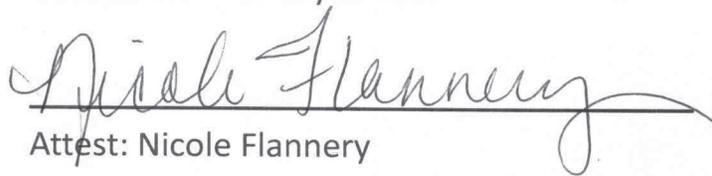
Selectman Andrew White



Selectman Donna Turner



Selectman Dwayne Dow



Attest: Nicole Flannery
Town Clerk, Town of Wade

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