



**Town of Bar Harbor
Annual Report
2024**

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Annual Town Meeting
June 3, 2025
Open Town Meeting
Conners Emerson Gym
6:00 p.m.

Please arrive at least 30
minutes before the meeting is
scheduled to begin to check
in and obtain a voter card.

June 11, 2025
Election of Officers
and Vote on Articles 2-8
Municipal Auditorium
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cover photo: Sunrise over
Egg Rock and the Bar Harbor
breakwater by Shane Dorr

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Town Manager's Message

It is my privilege to present this annual report highlighting the Town of Bar Harbor's accomplishments for 2024. My purpose as Town Manager is to ensure that policy decisions align with the goals set by the Town Council and reflect the community's priorities, while demonstrating stewardship, integrity, and accountability in managing public resources.

This report summarizes the coordinated efforts of our professional staff, providing departmental updates, financial statements, and contributions from local legislators and community partners. I am grateful to the staff, the leadership of the Town Council, and the many volunteers whose efforts guide the town's direction.

My role as chief executive officer is to ensure the town delivers essential services, maintains critical infrastructure, protects the environment, supports sustainable economic growth, and manages taxpayer dollars responsibly, while fostering a culture of civility, respect, and cooperation. This includes encouraging both community members and staff to engage in constructive dialogue focused on finding solutions.

Significant infrastructure improvements continued this year, including upgrades to stormwater systems, water and sewer lines, roads, and sidewalks. The town's priority infrastructure bond supported major projects along Main Street, West Street, and Hancock Lane, improving underground utilities, pedestrian safety, and reducing water pollution. Planning also began for future improvements on Cottage Street, and construction progressed on a federally supported Up Island water storage tank to help ensure safe, reliable drinking water for residents.

Work on the *Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan* marked the culmination of extensive community involvement and thoughtful planning. This plan offers clear guidance on future growth, housing, infrastructure, and sustainability, and residents will have the opportunity to vote on its adoption in June 2025.

Housing remains a critical concern. Voters approved zoning amendments to encourage affordable and workforce housing. The town continued collaborating with Acadia National Park on the Town Hill Workforce Housing Project, now supported by a state grant. The Planning Department also expanded housing opportunities, balancing seasonal and year-round needs.

In light of growing public concern about the scale and impact of lodging development, the Town Council enacted a temporary moratorium on new lodging projects. Work is being led by the Planning Department in cooperation with the Planning Board, this pause will allow time to review existing policies and develop thoughtful recommendations that protect neighborhood character, reflect community values, and promote sustainable development. The goal is to establish clear, consistent standards that provide stability for residents and predictability for businesses as the town moves forward.

Transportation planning remained a key priority this year, with the town focusing on strategies to expand and enhance multiple modes of travel. Planning efforts are considering improvements to sidewalks, roads, bike trails, and walking paths, with the goal of creating a safe, accessible, and interconnected transportation network. Supported by a federal grant, the town is developing a transportation safety plan in order to reduce crashes and eliminate

serious injuries, aligning future investments with the community's vision for an inter-connected transportation system.

Several major community projects have begun to take shape. Construction began at the Conners Emerson School, supported by early community fundraising efforts. Collaboration with Acadia National Park on planned water infrastructure improvements at Harden Farms is in progress, with the goal of enhancing local water quality.

The Council adopted the master plan for the Ferry Terminal redevelopment, and final engineering is underway to position the project for construction. Efforts are ongoing to secure state and federal funding for implementation. The town also began evaluating improvements to the Transfer Facility, aiming to increase operational efficiency, enhance sustainability, and ensure equitable distribution of waste management costs among users.

Financially, the town remains strong, earning top-tier ratings from Standard and Poor's (AAA) and Moody's (Aa1). These ratings reflect disciplined financial management and allow for lower

borrowing costs on critical infrastructure and school projects, made possible by the steady guidance of our Finance Director.

All town departments provided exceptional, reliable service this year, demonstrating professionalism, accountability, and a strong commitment to meeting community needs. Their daily efforts ensured essential services and infrastructure were well maintained for residents and visitors alike.

A special thanks is extended to our Town Clerk for redesigning this annual report, greatly enhancing its clarity and usefulness.

I am deeply grateful to the residents who participated in meetings, provided feedback, and engaged with town processes throughout the year. It is an honor to serve Bar Harbor, and I remain confident in the strength of our organization, the professionalism of our team, and our shared commitment to a successful future.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Smith



Seated, from left, Town Manager James Smith, Council Chair Valerie Peacock, Vice Chair Maya Caines; standing, from left, Councilors Meagan Kelly*, Matthew Hochman, Joe Minutolo, and Randy Sprague*. Not pictured: Earl Brechlin.

*Appointed to fill vacancies following resignations of Kyle Shank and Gary Friedmann.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk’s office serves as a sort of connective tissue between departments, the Town Council, boards and committees, and others who interact with town government. We also create and steward town records, assisting town leadership and the public in making good decisions for the future by accessing information about what has been done in the past and what is happening in the present.

- Maintaining the Municipal Code (ordinances) and preparing amendments for codification
- Administering town licensing programs (e.g. taxi, Special Amusement)
- Managing records requests as Public Information Officer
- Administering the General Assistance program

Deputy Town Clerk Lynn Kenison Higgins, left, and Town Clerk Liz Graves.



Vital Statistics

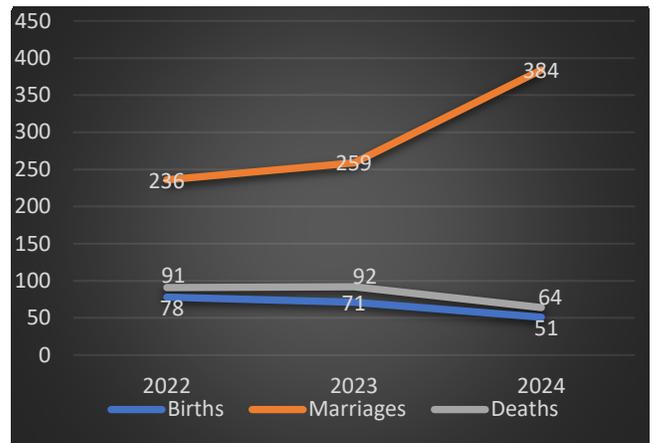
	2022	2023	2024
Resident births	10	25	31
Non-resident births	68	46	20
Total births	78	71	51
Resident marriages	24	38	34
Non-resident marriages	212	221	350
Total marriages	236	259	384
Resident deaths	58	60	43
Non-resident deaths	33	32	21
Total deaths	91	92	64

The Clerk’s Office, as required by state law, is responsible for:

- Administration of elections
- Custody and management of town records
- Recording and maintaining birth, death, and marriage records
- Administering state licensing programs (shellfish harvesting, dog registration, hunting and fishing)

Under the Town Charter and ordinances, and by assignment of the Town Manager, the Clerk’s office is also responsible for:

- Administrative support for the Town Meeting, Town Council, and Warrant Committee



Election Results

June 2024 Annual Town Meeting

Town Council	
Two for 3-year terms	
488	Boland, Michael
648	Friedmann, Gary
743	Minutolo, Joseph
248	Sidman, Charles
582	St. Germain, Nina
354	Young, Nathan

Superintending School Committee	
One for 3-year term	
1,179	Yarborough, Marie

MDI High School Trustee	
One for 3-year term	
1,157	Jordan, Robert Jr.

MDI High School Trustee	
One for 2-year term	
1,614	(No candidates)

Warrant Committee	
Five for 3-year terms	
700	Blomquist, Brooke
723	Boucher, Steven Jr.
713	Dunphey, Barbara
566	Jennings, Gary
874	Kelly, Meagan
766	Stillman, Bailey

LUO Amendment - Employee Living Quarters	
Yes	1,212
No	297

LUO Amendment - Shared Accommodations	
Yes	934
No	575

LUO Amendment - Housing Opportunities	
Yes	978
No	530

LUO Amendment - Design Review	
Yes	1,258
No	224

*31% of our 5,202 registered voters cast ballots in this election

November 2024 Special Town Meeting

Bond Amendment - Improvements to town properties	
Yes	2,652
No	784

LUO Amendment - Transient Lodging	
Yes	2,639
No	697

LUO Amendment - Cruise Ship Disembarkation*	
Yes	1,714
No	1,779
Blank	160

*Results following November 11, 2024 recount

LUO Amendment - Filing and Approval	
Yes	2,756
No	500

LUO Amendment - Submissions	
Yes	2,767
No	496

*67% of our 5,430 registered voters cast ballots in this election

Boards and Committees

Members as of 4/1/2025

Appeals Board

Anna Durand, Chair
Claire Fox
Cara Ryan
Robert Webber
Michael Siklosi

Board of Assessment Review

Kevin Knopp, Chair
Stewart Brecher
Charles Saul

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Greg Cox, Chair
Elissa Chesler
Jacquie Colburn
Kevin DesVeaux
Cherie Galyean
John Kelly
Jim Mahoney
David Woodside
Mike McKernan
Kristin Murphy
Misha Mytar
Valerie Peacock
Allison Sasner
Kyle Shank

Task Force on the Climate Emergency

Ezra Sassaman, Chair
Norm Burdzell
Jennifer Crandall
Anabel Curry
Taylor Ehrlich, *Student Rep*
Linnea Goh
Valerie Peacock, *Council Rep*
Ruth Poland
Catrina Spruce

Conservation Commission

Lucian Smith
Lars Larson
April Nugent

Design Review Board

Barbara Sassaman, Chair
Francis "Pancho" Cole
Erin Cough
Gary "Bo" Jennings
Andrea Lepcio
Kate Macko
Mike Rogers

Harbor Committee

Micala Delepierre, Chair
Jon Carter
Francis "Pancho" Cole
Robert Garland
Andrew Keblinsky
Jeff Miller
Kaitlyn Mullen
Larry Nuesslein III
Jamie Weir

Bar Harbor Housing Authority

Richard Fox, Chair
Cindy Flye
Janet Hamel

Kevin Knopp
Kenneth Smith
Dee Whitmore
Christine Witham

Marine Resources Committee

Chris Petersen, Chair
John Avila
Fiona de Koning
Joanna Fogg
Matt Gerald
Natalie Springuel
Scott Swann

Parks & Recreation Committee

John Kelly, Chair
Erin Cough
Jeff Dobbs
Ann Tikkanen, *YMCA Representative*
Greg Veilleux

Planning Board

Millard Dority, Chair
Guy Dunphey
Ruth Eveland
Kathy St. Germain
J. Clark Stivers
Theresa Wagner



Warrant Committee from left, Kevin DesVeaux, Vicki Smith, Secretary Louise Lopez, Bailey Stillman, Barbara Dunphey, Ali Sasner, Chair Christine Smith, Brooke Blomquist, Shaun Farrar, Vice Chair Julie Berberian, Jeff Young, Carol Chappell, Eben Salvatore. Not pictured: Steven Boucher, Robert Chaplin.

Finance

The Finance Department provides treasury functions of cash management and investments, tax collection, motor vehicle registration and the collection and billing for most town departments. The department's role also includes accounting functions of budgetary management, accounts payable, payroll, cash disbursement and ambulance billing.

The department oversees Human Resources and technology services for the town as well as the Municipal Building itself. Finance provides administrative services for the Water and Wastewater funds—these are “enterprise” funds, meaning they are 100% supported by the users and not property taxes—as well as the Parking and Cruise Ship funds.



Finance staff, from left, Business Manager Jillian Knight, Ambulance Agent Jennifer Turcotte, Finance Accountant Elizabeth Barnhart-Sweeney, Tax Collector Betsy Spear, Technology Systems Administrator Ben Stevenson, and Finance Director Sarah Gilbert. Not pictured: Randy Stanley, building maintenance, and Stan Short, video systems operator.

Bond Rating

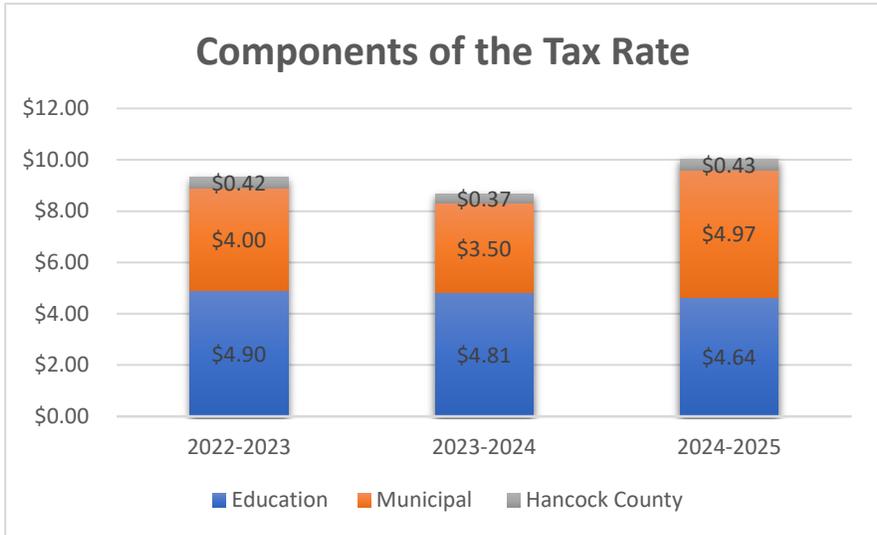
The Town's Standard & Poor's bond rating was re-affirmed AAA in August 2024, their highest rating and upgraded to Aa1 rating by Moody's, their second highest rating; these excellent ratings reflect strong financial health and a low risk of default, which have led to lower interest rates on recent bond sales including infrastructure upgrades and elementary school build.

Property Taxes Receivable

Approximately 60% of the Town's total revenues are raised from property taxation. The 2024 annual uncollected taxes, expressed as a percent, at December 31st are a bit higher than the prior year. At fiscal year-end, June 30th of this past year, the Town's tax collection rate reached 97.9% on its 2024 taxes, with a remaining 77 unpaid properties placed on lien; up from 69 in the prior year.

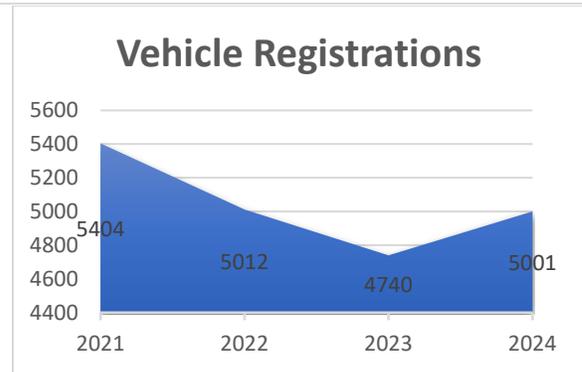
	Outstanding as of Dec. 2023	Percent	Outstanding as of Dec. 2024	Percent
2021	\$28,198	0.10%	\$5,356	0.10%
2022	\$146,431	0.70%	\$26,252	0.10%
2023	\$8,801,418	39.70%	\$148,714	0.70%
2024			\$10,452,176	40.30%

The **property tax rate** for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025) was \$10.04 per thousand dollars of valuation. The final mil rate is a bit different than the estimate in the published budget; this is because the town's total valuation may change between when the budget is prepared and the taxes are committed. The Town Meeting approves the amount to be raised, but the final rate depends on the valuation.



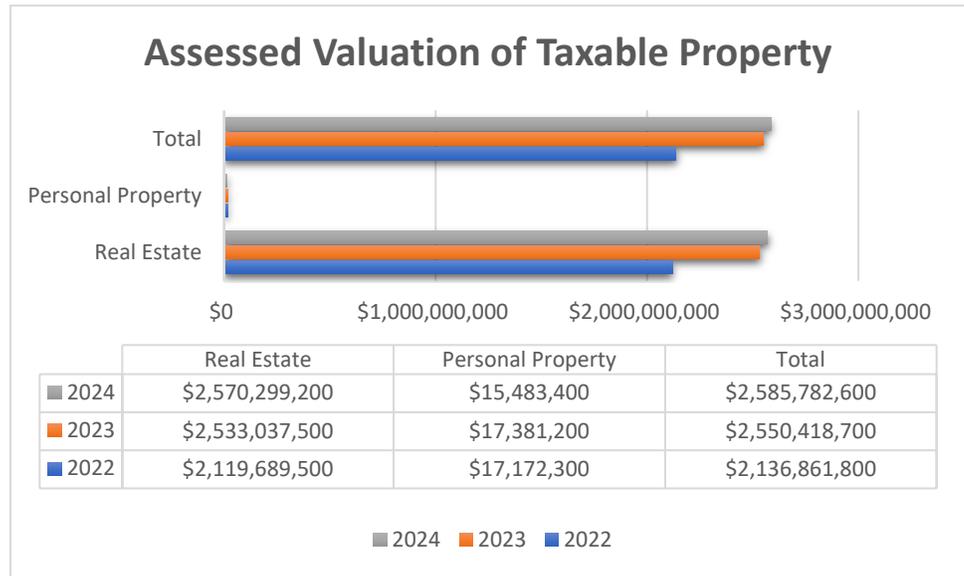
Vehicle Registration

After real estate taxes and parking revenue, vehicle excise taxes are the next largest revenue generator for the town—over \$1.275 million in the last fiscal year.



Assessing

The Assessing Office is responsible for discovering, listing, equalizing, and valuing all taxable property, real and personal, within the Town of Bar Harbor for the purpose of taxation. These duties and responsibilities are completed annually and must comply with Maine State Statutes.



This is accomplished by reviewing property transfers, deeds, surveys, subdivision plans, declarations of value, building permits, as well as performing site evaluations, and annually listing business personal property (business equipment).

State law requires the town to maintain, at a minimum, an average sale to assessment ratio of between 70% and 110%, which is audited annually by Maine Revenue Service. Since 2021 we have been annually reviewing and adjusting assessed values as needed to maintain an average assessment to sales ratio between 91% and 100%. This helps prevent the large “jumps” in valuation that can occur with less frequent value adjustments and may cause significant tax burden shifts.



Assessor Steve Weed and Deputy Assessor Hannah Phelps

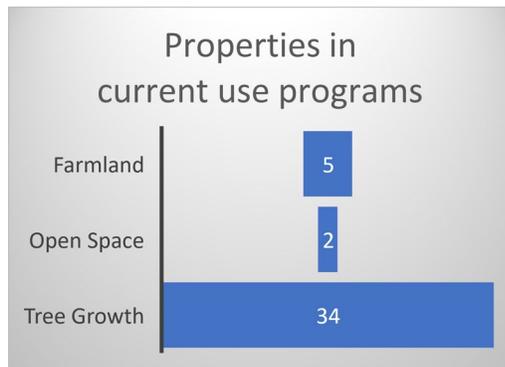
Staff also assist residents with questions about street addresses, property tax exemption and assistance programs, town maps, and deeds.

	2022	2023	2024
Property Tax Rate (per thousand dollars of valuation)	\$9.32	\$8.68	\$10.04
Property Tax Levy	\$19,915,552	\$22,208,345	\$26,076,284
State Valuation	\$1,903,400,000	\$2,040,000,000	\$2,444,400,000
County Tax	\$896,367	\$947,755	\$1,105,370
State Revenue Sharing (actual)	\$473,452	\$512,660	\$528,230

Property tax exemption programs	Granted in 2024
Homestead: A \$25,000 reduction in valuation on the property that is the owners' principal residence.	959
Veterans: Partial exemption for veterans at least 62 years old and widow or widowers of deceased veterans.	83
Parsonage	3
Blind: Partial exemption for residents who are legally blind.	1

Current use programs

Assessments are reduced for land classified as commercially harvested forestland, land in long-term agricultural use, or land providing a defined public benefit through preservation or restrictions on use. Once classified in one of these programs, any change in use or withdrawal results in a supplemental tax penalty.



Abatements and supplements

Property owners are encouraged to review their property record cards to ensure the information on file is accurate. If one believes the assessed value of their property is inaccurate, unfair, or overvalued relative to market value they may request review by the assessor. Following such reviews, 11 tax abatements were issued in 2024. Property owners who disagree with the outcome of a review may appeal to the town's Board of Assessment Review.

A supplemental tax warrant is a correction in the other direction. For example, if we miss an ownership change, we abate the old owner and supplement the correct owner. Four of these supplements were issued in 2024.

Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program

The Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program provides property tax relief to low-income senior citizens who live in the Town of Bar Harbor. To qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age or older and have lived in Bar Harbor for five consecutive years.

Applicants must also have been approved to receive a Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit for the prior tax year.

	2023	2024
Applications received	56	76
Applications approved	38	53
Combined tax relief	\$17,111.50	\$17,553.60

Planning

The Bar Harbor Planning Department had a busy and productive year, advancing key initiatives to support the Town’s sustainability and livability. We supported the Town’s three quasi-judicial boards and assisted developers and residents with their applications submissions. We continued to provide administrative assistance to the Conservation Commission.

In addition, we developed and refined multiple Land Use Ordinance amendments, finished the Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan, and continued efforts to create safer streets and more housing options. Planning staff collaborated with the Town Manager to shape the 2025 Workplan, ensuring a strategic approach to future development. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to thoughtful planning and a thriving future for Bar Harbor.

Quasi-judicial boards

The Planning Department staffs three quasi-judicial boards – Appeals Board, Design Review Board and Planning Board. We are grateful to the members of these boards for the substantial time and work involved in reviewing the 79 projects that came before them in 2024.

The **Appeals Board** reviews and decides on appeals related to zoning, land use, and permitting decisions made by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Planning Board, and the Design Review Board. It provides a legal avenue for residents and property owners to challenge decisions they believe are incorrect. In 2024, the Board received five applications, two of which were withdrawn. Of the remaining three, two were appeals

of violation notices issued by the Code Enforcement Officer – both of which were denied. The third application, requesting the relocation of a non-conforming structure, was approved.

Design Review plays a key role in preserving the architectural and aesthetic character of Bar Harbor. The **Design Review Board’s purpose** is to review and approve proposed changes to buildings and other exterior elements within designated areas of the Town to ensure they align with the design standards of the Land Use Ordinance. In 2024, the voters passed an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance that largely transferred signage review from the Design Review Board to the Code Enforcement Officer. As a result, the Design Review Board only reviewed signs during the first half of the year, leading to fewer project approvals than in 2023. In total, the Board approved thirty-three projects in 2024.



From left, Housing and Community Planner Cali Martinez, Staff Planner Hailey Bondy, Administrative Assistant Tammy DesJardin, and Planning Director Michele Gagnon. Not pictured: Max Moreno

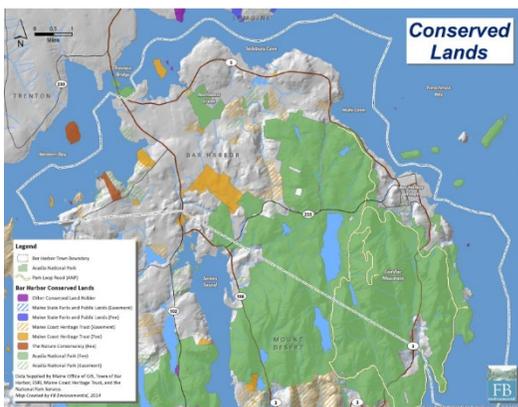
The **Planning Board** reviews development proposals, ensures that projects adhere to land use regulations, helps shape future growth by advising on zoning amendments and land use policies, and holds public meetings where residents can voice their concerns or support for development projects.

In 2024, we worked on thirty-one projects. The Planning Board approved three major site plans and four major subdivision plans while the Planning Director approved thirteen minor modifications to board-approved plans – seven minor site plans and five minor subdivision plans. The Planning Director also denied one minor site plan application. In addition, we helped eleven property owners in initiating the application process.

Planning Board approval was given for ten new lots, an 18-unit one-bedroom apartment building, a warehouse expansion, and a lobster storage facility. Additionally, approval was granted to The Jackson Laboratory for the consolidation and expansion of the Rare Disease Translational Center.

Conservation Commission

Generally, the Conservation Commission works to enhance the conservation of natural resources and enhance the value of open spaces. In 2024, the commission held eight meetings.



Land Use Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Department, working in concert with the Planning Board, proposed seven amendments to the Land Use Ordinance in 2024. All were approved by the voters. The Employee Living Quarters, Shared Accommodations, and Increased Housing Opportunities amendments expanded housing options. The Design Review, Filing and Approval and Submissions amendments enhanced efficiency and process. The Transient Lodging Accommodation Uses amendment consolidated nineteen transient lodging accommodation uses into seven.

In addition, six amendments were drafted in 2024 to be voted on in June 2025:

- 1) **Offensive Language** – would remove the term "grandfathered" due to its negative historical connotations;
- 2) **Salisbury Cove Corridor Setback** – would reduce the minimum front setback;
- 3) **Time Frames and Phasing** – would extend project commencement and completion timelines;
- 4) **Multifamily Definitions** – would clarify the definitions of Multifamily I and II;
- 5) **Short-Term Rental** – would clarify terminology and remove obsolete language; and
- 6) **Fire Protection** – would increase the maximum allowable distance between subdivision lots and a fire hydrant.

Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan

After three years of hard work and deep community engagement, the Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan is done! The plan reflects the hopes of our residents. Its adoption will be decided by the voters on June 10, 2025. Led by the Comprehensive Planning Committee, made up of fifteen dedicated locals, this plan is more than just a document – it is a roadmap for creating a sustainable, livable, and thriving Bar Harbor for generations to come.

Since December 2021, the committee has worked together with Town staff and expert consultants to create a plan rooted in values of stewardship, prosperity, equity, and sustainability. From public forums to workshops, surveys to newsletters, every step of this process has been guided by your feedback.

The Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan is designed to be both flexible and actionable, providing clear guidance for the Town's growth while adapting to changing needs and opportunities. On October 25, 2024, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry affirmed that the plan aligns with Maine's Growth Management Law. Explore the full plan and learn more about how it will shape Bar Harbor's future at [Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan](#).



Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Between 2019 and 2023, Bar Harbor experienced five fatal crashes and seventeen crashes resulting in incapacitating injuries – an unacceptably high number. In response, the Town of Bar Harbor secured a Safe Streets for All planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant is funding the development of a Safety Action Plan aimed at eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. One of the key components of the plan is the adoption of a “Vision Zero” Policy – a commitment to achieving zero roadway fatalities.

In late July of 2024, the Town contracted with Stantec, an engineering consulting firm with experience in transportation safety planning. With Stantec's expertise, the Town began work on comprehensive data collection, community engagement

and public survey participation. This data-driven approach will help shape effective community-informed solutions to improve roadway safety in Bar Harbor. Work will continue through 2025.

Housing Policy Framework

In 2024, we continued expanding housing options and made progress on four of the strategies outlined in the Housing Policy Framework.

1. **Remove Zoning Barriers to Housing and Provide Zoning Incentives for Low- and Moderate-Income Workforce Housing:** To align with LD 2003 and LD 1706 — statewide efforts to increase housing supply by removing regulatory barriers — voters passed the **Increased Housing Opportunities Land Use Ordinance amendment.** Under certain conditions, this amendment allows property owners to build additional dwelling units on their lots and provides a density bonus for developers who include housing units affordable to median-income households.
2. **Facilitate and Support Retention and Creation of Low- and Moderate Income and Workforce Housing:** The Town and Acadia National Park collaborated to advance housing development on the National Park Service parcel in Town Hill. Town-hired consultants conducted an existing condition analysis, including a boundary survey, identification of wetlands and vernal pools, and a preliminary right-of-access assessment. Additionally, the Town was

awarded a \$50,000 grant from the State to support the Town Hill Affordable Workforce Housing project, with work set to begin in 2025.

3. **Collaborate with the Acadia Region Group:** Staff took part in the MDI Housing Solutions Summit to identify collective challenges and solutions for the Island’s housing needs. Additionally, staff began fostering relationships with local organizations, including the Bar Harbor Housing Authority, YWCA, and the Musson Group to explore potential collaboration and support for future projects.
4. **Balance Seasonal Employee Housing Needs with Year-round Housing Needs:** The Employee Living Quarters and Shared Accommodations Land Use Ordinance amendments expanded the areas where these housing types are allowed. Designed to incentivize new construction, these options provide businesses with an alternative to buying single-family homes for employee housing.

2025 Workplan

In 2024, the Town Council, with staff support, prioritized key initiatives to address lodging regulations, sustainable tourism, rural development while protecting water and sensitive resources, adequacy of parking requirements, and short-term rental impacts on residential neighborhoods. These efforts aim to enhance residents' quality of life while promoting balanced growth. Each initiative emphasizes data-driven decision-making, community engagement, and regular updates to ensure transparency and effectiveness.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division administers local, state, and federal laws related to land use and development. These codes include the building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and fire codes, and also the town Land Use (zoning) and Short-Term Rental Registration ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer also serves as the town's Local Health Officer, coordinating with community and state partners to improve and care for public health.

The Code Enforcement Division consists of a full-time Code Enforcement Officer and Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, and an administrative assistant that is shared with the Planning Department.

The staff continually strive to be more effective and efficient, and to ensure that the public is informed of how Code Enforcement procedures relate to everyday life in regards to safety. Staff attend a variety of training programs to stay up to date on federal, state, and local codes as they relate to providing safety and code compliance.

2024 Building Permit Activity

New dwellings	32
Plumbing permits	153
Electrical permits	224
Site Inspections	727
Scheduled conferences in office	253
Violation letters sent	65

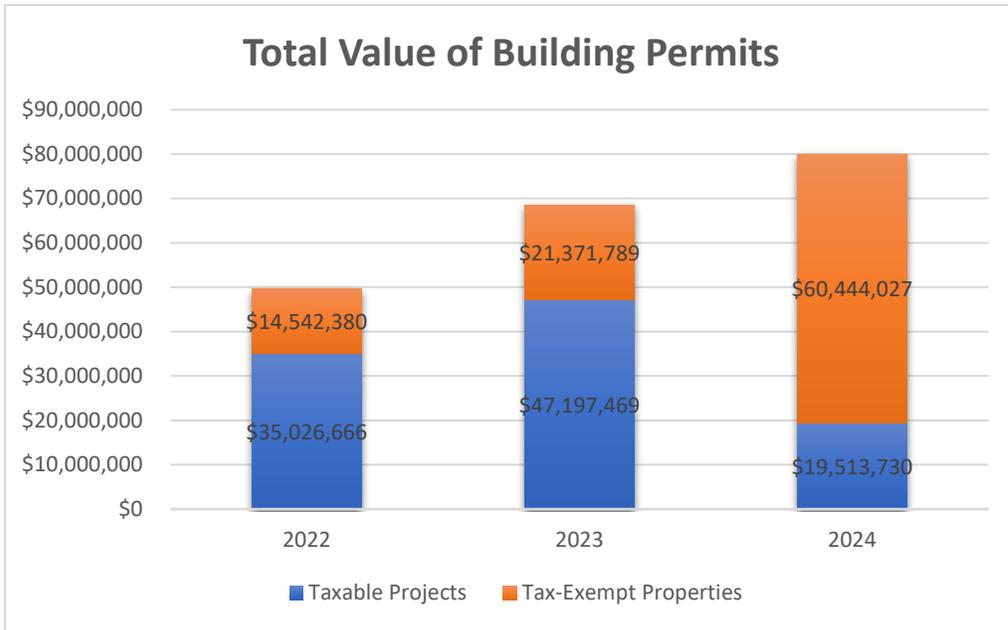


Code Enforcement Officer Michael Gurtler

Notable projects permitted or completed in 2024 include the construction of student housing at College of the Atlantic, the construction of the Witham Hotels Employee Housing, the demolition and reconstruction of Peekytoe Provisions, the construction of the MDI Hospital Central Utility Plant, the construction of the Pathmaker Hotel, the demolition and reconstruction at the Bluenose Inn, and the expansion of the Core Research Building at The Jackson Laboratory.

Code Update

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) will be updated in 2025 to include the 2021 versions of the various building codes. The 2023 National Electrical Code was adopted in 2024. The Code Enforcement Division would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Bar Harbor for periodically adjusting to the changes in code and working with this department to enforce the changes and to ensure their compliance.



Building Permits by Category	Permits	Value
New dwellings	48	\$18,866,810
Commercial/industrial	117	\$40,116,519
Garages/additions/other	195	\$9,075,929

Special Note

Angela Chamberlain dutifully served the Town for 25 years and moved from employment as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer at the end of 2024. The Planning and Code Enforcement staff, as well as the citizens that she served, thank her for her dedication and professionalism.

Fire and EMS

The Bar Harbor Fire Department provides fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services to protect the lives and property of citizens and visitors from adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and man-made or natural disasters.

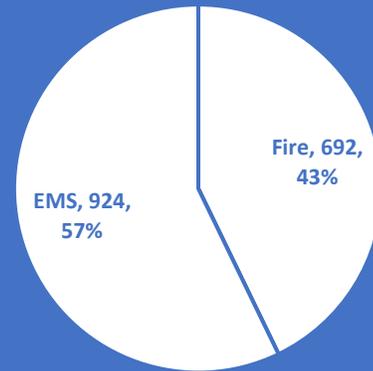


The department has 18 full-time firefighters organized into four shifts, each of which has a captain and three firefighters. The 1912 fire station was designed by Fred L. Savage and has evolved over the years from horse-drawn fire apparatus to home base for two engines, a ladder truck and two ambulances. A tanker truck and third ambulance are housed at the Town Hill Fire Station.



From left, Administrative Assistant Hannah Phelps, Deputy Chief John Lennon, Chief Matt Bartlett

2024 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS



Core Operations

- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical treatment & transport including Advanced Life Support
- Fire/EMS mutual aid support for surrounding communities, including Acadia National Park
- Collaboration with Federal, State, County and local Fire/EMS agencies, MDI Hospital
- Technical review of applications before the Planning Board related to life safety, emergency access, and fire protection capacity
- Response to weather-related emergencies, hazardous material incidents, or other events impacting public safety.
- Prepare and train for the variety of incidents the agency may be called to respond to
- Records management, reporting, and compliance for state and federal agencies
- Ongoing Fire/EMS training

Accomplishments

- Replaced rescue tools on the ladder truck with new, battery-powered equipment—this update was partially grant-funded.

- Purchased a second “Lucas” mechanical CPR device and powered system for front-line ambulance that supports the stretcher during loading and unloading, improving safety for both patients and staff.



A Shift, from left, FF/EMT John Barnes, FF/Paramedic Callum Travers, Captain Jon Wardwell

MDI Opiate Task Force

Bar Harbor Fire has taken a lead role in this group since it formed in April 2022. The task force brings together representatives of MDI Hospital, Healthy Acadia, Aroostook Mental Health Services, and other agencies.

After members of the Fire Department participated in the Maine EMS *Narcan Leave Behind Program*, they wanted a platform to connect with other agencies to streamline efforts, identify duplication of services and gaps, and aim for all available programs to be the most effective and accessible. BHFD has distributed over 500 boxes of Narcan through public outreach and education.

Community Outreach

- Fire prevention
- Home safety inspections and smoke detector checks
- Fire extinguisher inspections
- School visits and fire drills
- Community fire safety education programs
- Knox Box program
- Burn permits
- Community classes in CPR and Stop the Bleed
- Pulse Point AED program
- Car seat inspection, installation and education
- Narcan give-away program and training
- Color Guard for Community Events



B Shift, from left, FF/EMT Ronald Gray, Captain John Sanders, FF/EMT Brandon Eugley, FF/Paramedic Paul Gilfedder.



C Shift, from left, FF/EMT Thomas Sawyer, FF/Paramedic Sean Hall, Captain Randy Lowe, FF/EMT Aidan Pratt. Not pictured: Captain Jai Higgins.

Call force: Captain Dan Daigle, Lt. Mathew Horton, Zach Soares, Darron Collins, Mark Wilhelm, John Nenneman, Rob Benson, Jeff Miller, Dave Ouellette, Brian Rater and Teghan Oswald. Per Diem staff: Jessica McDevitt, Kelly Brown, Mike Hildreth and Gibson McCullagh.



D Shift, from left, FF/Paramedic Samantha Dixon, Assistant Chief Basil Mahaney, FF/EMT Phil Richter.



Police



Front row, from left, Disp. Nicole Austin, Off. Tim Frost, Capt. Chris Wharff, Disp. Raven Riendeau, Officers Elias Burne, Zackery Kline, Amie Torrey, Liam Harrington, Nathan Formby, Disp. Sam Horne, Officers Caleb Mora and Justin Burnett. Back row, Officers Kaleb Payson and Lukas Keene, Chief David Kerns, Sgt. Doug Brundrett, Off. Troy Stanwood, Sgt. Soren Sundberg, Lt. Kevin Edgecomb, Off. Ted Cake, Sgt. Chris Dickens, Off. Judson Cake, PE Mgr. Scott Pinkham, Sgt. Jerrod Hardy. Not Pictured: Chris Johansen, Mike Allen, Chad Campbell, Marie Overlock, Ken Mitchell, Shelby O'Neil, Karen Richter, Melissa Tozier, Sue Murphy, Cas Dowden, Claudia Broadie.

The Bar Harbor Police Department's primary mission is to protect and serve our community to the greatest extent possible, to protect life and property, and to prevent crime by delivering the best possible law enforcement services.



From left, Administrative Assistant Karen Richter, Captain Chris Wharff, Chief David Kerns, and Dispatch Supervisor Ken Mitchell.

Call Volume

During calendar year 2024, the Police Department responded to approximately 4,292 incidents and conducted 1,597 traffic stops. Of these incidents, 199 resulted in individuals being charged with criminal charges and 175 involved traffic tickets issued for non-criminal traffic infractions. Included above is a summarized listing of the types of incidents we responded to with totals for each. While not inclusive of all incidents, this listing provides an overview of Police Department related activity in town.

911 Calls	560
Lost & Found	506
Accidents	311
Accidents w/Injury	28
Information	283
Citizen Assists	268
Activated Alarms	252
Well-Being Check	145
Mental Health	76
Suspicious Activity	107
Motor Vehicle Complaints	90
Parking Complaints	85
Traffic Hazards	72
Operating Under the Influence	69
Noise Complaints	56
Disorderly Conduct	52
Special Details	48
Trespassing	44
Burglary/Thefts	39
Harassment	38
Disabled Motorists	32
Fraud	31
Domestic	30
Threatening	17
Missing Persons	15
Assaults	10

Our patrol division operates 24/7, and our dispatch office is staffed daily from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM at a minimum. To enhance public safety, we maintain redundancies between Mount Desert and Bar Harbor facilities and federal radio frequencies. Due to staffing shortages, our Mount Desert dispatch center has been closed from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM since 2022, with calls forwarded to Bar Harbor PD.

In the summer of 2024, we again experienced dispatch staffing shortages in Bar Harbor, prompting us to implement a hybrid dispatch schedule to ensure 24/7 coverage for both communities. Thanks to these enhancements, we have successfully adapted to staffing challenges while maintaining seamless dispatch services.

Our combined staff includes:

- 21 full-time sworn officers (5 in MD, 16 in BH)
- 7 dispatchers (3 in MD, 4 in BH)
- A Dispatch Supervisor (Mount Desert)
- A Mental Health Liaison
- A Harbormaster Assistant (BH)
- An Animal Control Officer
- Seasonal staff for parking enforcement and cruise ship activities



School Resource Officer Elias Burne

Bar Harbor and Mount Desert continue to share a Police Chief under a formal agreement, with Mount Desert covering 40% of the associated costs. This arrangement also extends to the Captain, Administrative Assistant, and Mental Health Liaison, all of whom are Bar Harbor employees. Mount Desert reimburses Bar Harbor for 40% of their expenses.

All officers have law enforcement authority in both towns and are encouraged to develop specialized skills. Among our patrol staff, we have:

- A certified Drug Recognition Expert for impaired driving enforcement
- Several Field Training Officers for new officer training
- A School Resource Officer serving in the local school system under our agreement with AOS 91
- Two Certified Firearms Instructors who provide biannual training and instruct at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
- Taser & Use of Force Instructors
- A Forensic Interviewer for child abuse cases
- Eight Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) Officers, specializing in de-escalation and mental health crisis response



On October 24, 2024, our department experienced a profound loss with the passing of Officer Kenneth Mitchell after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Officer Mitchell served our agency for 15 years, demonstrating kindness, compassion, and dedication to his work and community. He will be greatly missed by our department, the Towns of Mount Desert and Bar Harbor, and the surrounding communities. Rest easy, Officer Mitchell.

Harbor

The Harbor Division consists of one full-time Harbormaster Assistant and one seasonal assistant. In the summer months, the Port Security Office is staffed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday and in the winter from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. With harbor operations now part of the Police Department, we can provide increased office coverage and better staffing levels, providing a higher level of service to the community. The Harbor Department performs a variety of daily tasks ranging from making reservations for transient yachts, transporting medical crews to emergency scenes on the water and ensuring the facilities are adequately maintained for our commercial fishing fleet.

Equipment

In 2024, the Harbor Department purchased a 2024 Ford F-350 Regular Cab pickup truck which replaced a 2010 Chevy 2500 pickup. Five new floats were purchased to replace our existing skiff floats. A grant from the Maine DOT funded fifty percent of the float project.

2024 Harbor Stats

- 79 days with cruise ships in port
- 99 cruise ship visits
- 151,832 cruise ship Passengers (from ships' Lower Berth Capacity)
- 298 overnight stays on transient floats and moorings
- 20 commercial fishermen operating from the Town Pier
- 2 commercial lobster buyers purchasing lobsters at the Town Pier



2024 Shellfish Warden Activity

- 50 Hours of enforcement patrolling the towns' harvest areas and checking harvesters
- 9 Harvesters Checked
- 1 Warning issued
- 1 Summons issued

With the help of a local resident and the Maine Marine Patrol, 6 hods worth or approximately 150 lbs of soft-shell clams were recovered from a commercial harvester who was harvesting without a license. The clams were returned to the mud flat. The Marine Resources Committee has been actively trying to find new ways to protect the clam resource in Bar Harbor as well as expand into other species that are being harvested.

Parking

The Parking Division consists of 5 to 10 seasonal enforcement staff including the Parking Manager. This division is responsible for parking enforcement in both towns. Parking Enforcement staff are on duty from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days per week from May 15 to October 30.

For the 2024 season the Parking Division transitioned away from single space meters and began using all multi space pay stations throughout the downtown area. This was a tremendous success and resulted in increased revenue and customer satisfaction. It also increased use of the Parkmobile app which reduces demand on the physical pay stations.

Tasks Performed:

- General maintenance and repair of the parking system
- Issuing parking tickets to violators
- Responding to parking questions and complaints
- Providing traffic control
- Oversight for cruise ship visits
- Assist PD with traffic control at emergency scenes

2024 Parking Enforcement by the numbers

Parking permits	5,833
Parking citations	8,037
Customer transactions	410,124



Officer Ken Mitchell and Parking Enforcement Attendant Aiden Mitchell.

Public Works

The mission of the Public Works Department is to provide safe and reliable infrastructure by operating, maintaining, and improving the Town’s infrastructure as efficiently and professionally as possible at the lowest cost and highest return on investment of funding provided by taxpayers and ratepayers. Our efforts support residents, businesses and visitors and their quality of life or experience while living or working in Bar Harbor.

Led by Public Works Director Bethany Leavitt, the department is responsible for maintenance and capital improvements to the roads, sidewalks, bridges, parks, buildings, storm drain systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, water treatment and distribution system, solid waste and recycling facilities within the Town of Bar Harbor.

Our operations are regulated by State permits—such as the treatment facilities’ waste discharge permits—and local policies, as well as standard operations procedures and best management practices. Our operations are 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.

Project/Construction Highlights

- The Main Street Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Improvements project is a collaboration between the Town of Bar Harbor and the State of Maine DOT. DOT provided \$485,000 in funds to replace the existing storm drain system along Main Street between Wayman Lane and Cromwell Harbor Road. The project also included significant upgrades to the streetscape to improve safety and aesthetics.

- Combined Sewer Overflow projects continued to progress: West Street Pump Station and Storage Tank, Hancock Street Sewer Replacement project, and the Main WWTF Facilities Plan.
- The design of the Up-Island Water Storage Tank project, which received CDS funding from Senator Collins’ office, continues to progress and the Glen Mary Road and Shannon Road Water, Sewer and Stormwater Improvements design also progressed.
- Public Works secured a State of Maine Department of Transportation Stream Crossing Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Crooked Road culvert replacement at the intersection of Norway Drive and Crooked Road.
- Public Works secured a FEMA/MEMA grant for the development of a Stormwater Management Plan that will aid us in determining locations where the Town is at risk of flooding with increased rainfall intensity and duration, as well as changes due to sea level rise.



Main Street in July 2024

Highway Division

Highway operates out of two locations, the Public Works facility located in Hull's Cove and the "old" bus garage located downtown off lower Ledgelawn Avenue.

Snow stats: November 16 was the first snow event of the 2023/2024 winter season and the last snow event was April 4, with a total of **13 snow events** requiring all hands plowing. The average snowfall was **2.4 inches of snow per storm**. We purchased **1,680 tons of salt** in the season.

In the summer, Highway operates an early morning duty shift to accomplish sidewalk washdown and street sweeping in the downtown area. The division maintains an on-call schedule throughout the year for after-hours needs.

Accomplishments

- Tree Trimming along Crooked Road
- Ditching and shoulder work along Norway Drive, Ledgewood Road, Schooner Head Road, Crooked Road and old County Road
- Driveway and cross culverts were replaced along Norway Drive, old County Road
- Paving on Bayview Drive, old County Road and the entrance to the Connors Emerson school
- Sidewalk patching in the downtown area and addition sidewalk work as part of the Main Street construction project



Highway Division staff, from left, Mechanic Stephen LaBelle, Equipment Operator Benjamin Beal, MW-A* Patrick Kaemerer, Highway Foreman Travis Smith, Office Manager Suzanne Banis, MW-B Jeffrey Lewis, Mechanic Jordan Pelletier, MW-A Scott Hopkins, MW-B James Mitchell, MW-C Matthew Hudson. *Maintenance Worker A, B, and C

Maintenance operations

- snow plowing
- sidewalk washdown and street sweeping
- cold patching potholes
- cleaning and repairing the storm drain system
- paving roads
- repairing sidewalks
- downtown trash pick-up
- comfort station building repairs
- maintaining and repair of benches, fountains, and other park assets
- line striping roads, marking parking spaces and no-parking spaces
- traffic and informational signs
- maintaining ditch lines, driveway culverts, and cross culverts
- roadside mowing and tree trimming
- clean-up of parks and set-up for ball field events.

	2023	2024
Road and sidewalk opening permits	24	18
Dig safe requests	263	255

Contracted services

- comfort station cleaning and plumbing repairs
- public works facility cleaning
- trash pick-up from the parks
- lawn mowing and roadside mowing
- planting and garden bed maintenance
- street tree fertilization
- some tree trimming and removal
- pest control applications at parks and public works facilities

Capital equipment purchased

- new Western Star dump truck
- Chevy one-ton truck with plow and spreader
- new CASE loader/backhoe

- International Wheeler dump truck
- two new message board trailers
- new Wacker reversible compactor

Parks and Recreation

There are 62 total park benches, with 14 having plaques. There are 45 street benches placed every year on Main Street and Cottage Street. In 2021 bike racks were installed at the Town Office, Agamont Lane, Grant Park, Village Green, and the Athletic Field.

There are five athletic fields, with a total of 315 scheduled uses between April and October 2024, including the Marty Lions Tournament and the YMCA's summer and soccer camps.

The Parks and Recreation Committee met six times in 2024. Topics generally included Glen Mary Woods, Glen Mary Pool, and the park use permits.

Chapter 144, Parks, of the Municipal Code identifies the park locations and responsibilities of the committee. Six major events and eight minor events were permitted in 2024. Events occurred at the Agamont Park, Athletic Fields and Village Green.

The Main Street project contractor utilized the gravel parking lot off of Main Street for equipment, materials and office trailers.

Cemeteries

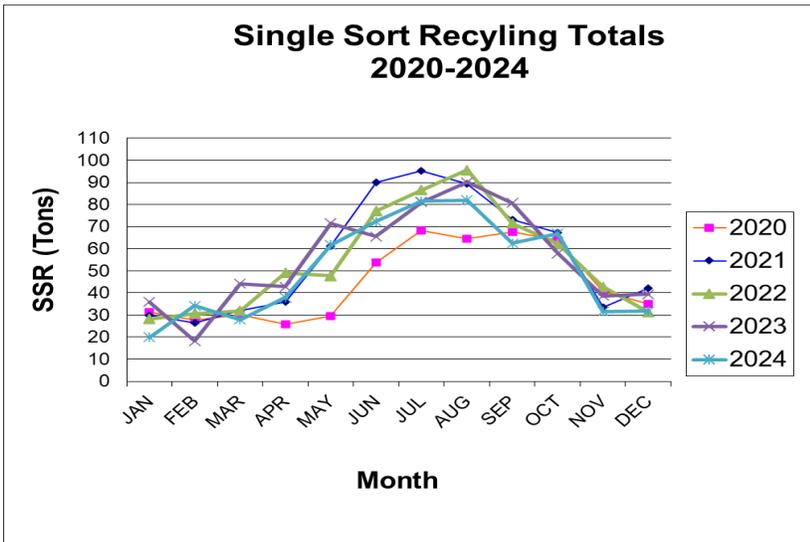
The Town maintains six cemeteries:

1. Thomas Cemetery (Bay View Drive)
2. Hamilton Station Cemetery
3. Higgins Cemetery (Indian Point Road)
4. Salisbury Cove Cemetery (Old Bar Harbor Road)
5. Old County Road Cemetery
6. Village Burying Ground (Mount Desert Street)

Solid Waste Division

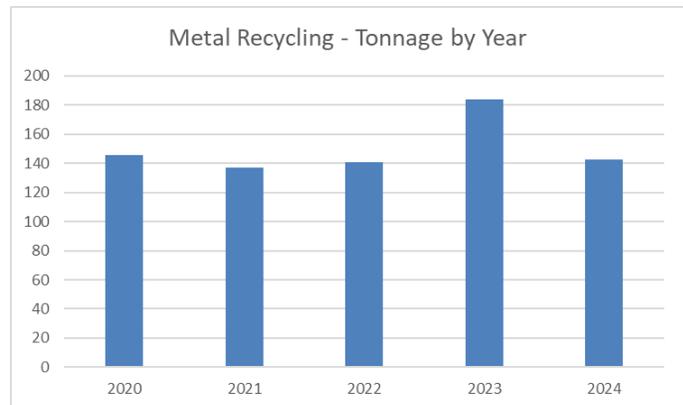
Municipal solid waste (MSW, or trash) and **recycling** are accepted at the Transfer Station on White Spruce Road downtown, as are **used motor oil, empty propane tanks and e-waste materials**. The Town also operates and maintains a **metal pile** at the Public Works Facility in Hulls Cove as well as a **leaf pile** for compost operations.

A fourth MSW trailer was upgraded and put into service this year and the No. 1 trailer was repaired.



Solid Waste Division Maintenance Worker A Howard Carter. Not pictured: Sean Sweeney.

Based on the 2022 union negotiations, the highway and solid waste job descriptions were re-written to include the ability to temporarily assign the crews to highway or solid waste depending on the needs of each operation. No-on call schedule exists specifically for Solid Waste operations. However, crews do come in early or stay late to clear the site of snow for operations.

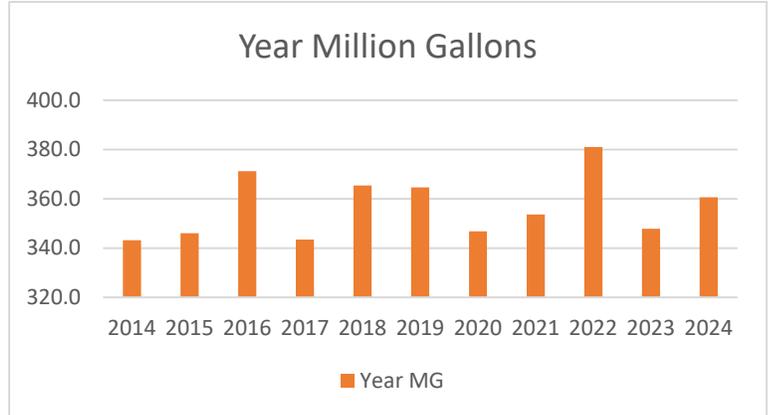


Water Division

Bar Harbor's water is drawn from Eagle Lake in Acadia National Park, which serves a year-round and seasonal population through 1,854 metered service connections and provides public fire protection.

The Duck Brook Water Treatment facility treats the source water to drinking water quality standard utilizing chlorine to protect against potential bacteriological contaminants, fluoride to promote dental health, and lime for pH adjustment for corrosion control. In May 2009, the system added chloramines by means of ammonia for additional treatment in an effort to reduce Disinfection By-Products. Due to the exceptional water quality of our source, the Town's water system has a filtration waiver.

The Water distribution and treatment system consists of three booster stations (Arata Drive, Kebo Street, and Strawberry Hill Road), one 0.5 million gallon storage tank (JAX), the Duck Brook water treatment facility, water intake structure, and valve pit station.



Accomplishments

- 1200 linear feet of new ductile iron water main was installed under the Main Street construction project
- a new seasonal water line was installed at the Town Pier
- the water valve at the intersection of Mt Desert Street and Main Street was replaced.

Capital equipment purchased

- two new pickup trucks were purchased in 2024
- a new hydrant and valve turning device



Water Division staff, from left, Office Manager Christian Gilbert, Maintenance Technician (MT) Dan Ranzoni, MT Michael Faulkingham,

Water Treatment Plant Manager Bennett Liscomb, and MT Jason Lawrence. Not pictured: Water Distribution Manager Jason Alley.

Wastewater Division

The Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for the Town of Bar Harbor consists of three distinct areas:

The **downtown collection system** consists of six pump stations

1. Ferry Terminal Pump Station
2. West Street Pump Station
3. Rodick Street Pump Station
4. Albert Meadow Pump Station
5. Hancock Street Pump Station
6. Main Pump Station

The **downtown treatment system** consists of the Main wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) located along lower Ledgelawn Avenue. This facility was last upgraded in 1997. The Main WWTF experiences the largest seasonal variation in flow rates due to the number of visitors in the downtown area during the summer months.

The **Hulls Cove collection system** consists of three pump stations

1. Ocean Avenue
 2. Witcomb Lane
 3. Hulls Cove
- and the Public Works facility site pump station. The Hulls Cove WWTF experiences some wet weather induced flow increases.

The **Degregoire Park** collection and treatment system is considered a satellite system, consisting of one pump station and one package treatment facility.

2024 annual average daily flow (ADF) and peak daily flow (PDF) for the three wastewater treatment facilities, in million gallons per day:

	ADF	PDF
Main	.94	5.5
Hulls Cove	.054	.300
DeGregoire Park	.004	.015

Accomplishments

- 1600 linear feet of new sewer water main was installed under the Main Street construction project
- Year 3 of the five-year CCTV inspection cycle of the sewer collection system was performed. A total of 32,878 linear feet of sewer main and 140 sewer manholes were inspected.
- rebuild of the Hulls Cove Pump Station and Rodick Street Pump Station
- repaired sewer main and services on Prospect Street



Wastewater Division staff, from left, Patrick Kidder, Jay Desjardin, Everett Sanborn, Tony Griffin, Shawn Young, and Austin Townley. Not pictured: Christopher Barlow and Jarod Donnell.

Accomplishments, cont.

- repaired four sewer manholes on Rockwood Avenue
- repaired joint on Eden Brook service line
- repaired sewer manhole on Pine Street
- repaired sewer service on Highbrook Road
- removed sump pump on Kavanaugh Place

Capital equipment purchased:

International swap loader with container for hauling sludge

Combined Sewer Overflows

The Wastewater system maintains four licensed combined sewer overflows (CSOs); three in the downtown area (West Street, Rodick Street and Main Street) and one in Hulls Cove.

CSO volume is highly dependent on the rainfall intensity and duration, antecedent rain events and snowmelt. In 2024, we received **44.14 inches of rainfall**.

This resulted in the following annual CSO volumes:

Main Street CSO - 3,127,061 gallons

Rodick Street CSO - 0 gallons

West Street CSO - 47,737 gallons

Hulls Cove CSO - 0 gallons



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Connors Emerson School

As we conclude the 2024-2025 school year at Connors Emerson School, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community. Your dedication to our students and their education continues to create an environment where learning flourishes, growth is nurtured, and success is celebrated.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
40	32	43	30	30	52	40	33	42	342

At Connors Emerson, we remain committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming school community where every student is valued and respected. Our belief in "Every Student, Every Day" is more than just a motto—it is the foundation of a supportive and empowering learning environment for all.





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Our K-8 classrooms are buzzing with curiosity and discovery. Through engaging lessons and hands-on experiences, our students are encouraged to explore, think critically, and push the boundaries of their potential. Their enthusiasm is a testament to the vibrant educational journey that unfolds each day. Here are just a handful of the exciting work being done at CES:

- Our Math Counts team scored third in the state and one of our students scored individually scored second qualifying to attend the National Competition in Washington, D.C..
- Our Science Olympiad team won the state competition last year and headed to the Michigan State to compete nationally. They hope to do the same this year.
- Our Outing Club provide students and families with adventures such as family camping weekends, overnight ski trips, night sky viewing, and snowshoeing.
- Our 8th graders experience a “Floating Classroom” in partnership with Somes Meynell where they learn first hand about water quality.
- We continue to send delegates to the district speech competition and this year one of students was award second place.
- In April, we will host our second annual STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) Family night. Through the help of our community partnerships, we are able to have a variety of learning experiences for our students and families to explore.
- Our Show Choir scored a GOLD rating at the state competition for Labrynth with two members getting individual awards for musicality.
- Our Jazz Band was award a BRONZE rating for their amazing performance last month with one student winning an award for outstanding musicianship.
- We have a vibrant athletics program which boasts cross-country, soccer, golf, basketball, cheering, volleyball, track, baseball, and softball.
- We offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities such as Outing Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Robotics, Show Choir, Jazz Band, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, and a school newspaper.
- Our standardized test scores are consistently over the state average across all grade spans.
- Very rarely are awards or ratings given to our K-4 students, but I do want to highlight the amazing work being done through using the Science of Reading philosophy, MindUP program to boost socio-emotional skills, Math Workshop to build upon math thinking, and through place-based learning experiences.



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We are also thrilled about our new school building project! While it has brought some challenges—such as noise, increased traffic, and a temporary reduction in playground space—it has also provided unique learning opportunities. Students have gained an up-close lesson in construction, practiced flexible thinking, and embraced the excitement of knowing that, in the end, we will have a beautiful new school. Our hope is to move into the new building in the Fall of 2026 with the entire building project being completed by the Fall of 2027. Please feel free to drive through the campus to see the incredible progress being made.



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We are incredibly fortunate to have a team of passionate and committed educators who bring their best each day to inspire, guide, and support our students. Their dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are honored to have such an exceptional staff shaping the future of our learners.

Administration	Heather Webster, Michael Fournier
Office Staff	Taylor Hamor, Susanna Ausema
K-4 Teachers	Deb Mountford, Amanda Dyer, Jennifer Dougherty, Kim Craighead, Jamie Young, Kristin Murphy, Sarah Pottle, Isabel Keene, Marcia Guillemette, Ally Bender, Marianne Tripp, Meggie Curtis, Heather Dority, Meryl Sweeney
5-8 Math	Schuyler Mann, Christina Nicholson, Gretchen Blank, Keely McConomy
5-8 ELA	Renee Quebbeman, Beth Gilman, Gloria Cuthbertson, Amy Schmitt
5-8 Science/SS	Brian Cote, Michael Newman, Lynn Hanna, Jaylene Roths
GT/MTSS Interventionists	Mary Mackay, Kelly Beaulieu, Caresse Hanson, Nikki Dawes, Jennifer Sirois, Rachel Umphrey, Patty Galeaz
Specials	Allison Maurais, Dan Granholm, Sonia Berghoff, Chrissy Parkinson, Lynda Millar, Siobhan Ryan, Helen Jolley, Bryan Dionne, Karlee Markovich
Student Supports	Edie Dubois, Kianna Woodworth
Nurses	Melissa Bishop, Michelle Dupuis
Special Education	Laura Savage, Kim Gray, Robyn Hanson, Melanie Mace, Dana Noble, Melanie Fessler, Suzanne Bishop, Jeanne Gilpatrick
Ed Techs	Heather Kelly, Alyssa Young, Jonathan Clark, Cassie Garland, Sarah Lewis, Michaela Ouellette, Cheri Brown, Taylor Gilley, Teghan Oswald, Heather Cooper, Emilie Ginn, Jen Vanegas, Karlee Markovich, Will Mossing, Susan Geib, Julie Fulton-Kelly, Jazmine Ortuno, Eli Shahan, Kim Frazier, Ganesh Reddy, Nancy Sweeney, Leslyn Shea, Angie Bouchard
Custodial Crew	Peter Alley, Chase Brown, Tammy Carney, Dave Tomlinson
Kitchen Crew	Tina Lunt, Toby Alley, Logan Fessler, Kathy White



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As we look ahead, our commitment remains strong: to provide our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive. We are grateful for your continued partnership in this journey and look forward to witnessing the incredible growth, learning, and achievements of all of our students.

With much appreciation, Dr. Heather Webster and Michael Fournier

This report focuses on the collective efforts of students, staff, and administrators working in the MDI Regional School System/AOS 91 during the 2023-24 school year. The tables below summarize our collective efforts, specific areas of focus, and, in some cases, revisions to plans for each Goal Area, as well as steps we plan to take in the 2024-25 school year. All goals and objectives align with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and support the MDIRSS Service Promise:

AOS 91 works to interrupt educational inequities so that each child will thrive, one conversation at a time.

Goal 1: Strengthen Learning Culture

Learning culture promotes shared values and responsibility for achieving the school’s vision.	
Looking back, we...(September 2023 to August 2024)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2024 to August 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March professional development day was dedicated to Responsive Classroom training for all Pre-K-8 teachers and administrators. • Assisted schools in implementing supportive middle school structures, such as PBIS and Restorative Practices. • Build staff support for wellness using Tools for Today and Tomorrow (resiliency support through mindfulness). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On opening day, offer differentiated Professional Development sessions that support Responsive Classroom practices. Facilitate a voluntary P.L.O. (stipended) on Responsive Classroom’s core text, <u>The Power of Our Words</u>. • Offer PD using the Restorative Practices processes (aka Community Circles) and MTSS Behavior-focused sessions. • Offer PD on Mindfulness and Self-Care and include Mindfulness work in Summer School with students.

Goal 2: Improve Student Learning

Student learning practices maximize the impact of learning for each student.	
Looking back, we...(September 2023 to August 2024)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2024 to August 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK-8 schools piloted and adopted literacy programs that employ effective strategies for teaching reading based on the Science of Reading. • Strengthened Tier 1 Practices • Examined new state standards in Social Studies and Science, making needed adjustments to our programs as required. • Strengthened Multi-Language Learner (MLL) Services • Strengthened Equity-based Grading Practices • Offered Professional Learning Opportunities to interested administrators, teachers & Ed Techs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Childhood Education ○ Mentor Training ○ Common Study and Learning Area Leader Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK-8 schools continue to pilot and adopt Science of Reading curriculums. • Continuing to strengthen Tier 1 Practices with special attention to supporting students' executive functioning skills. • Begin to unpack the new standards and make more explicit our scope and sequence. • Training from Trevor Ragan on Growth Mindset and the correlation to Grading Practices in March. • Collect feedback on Common Study and Learning Area strengths and areas for improvement and incorporate the feedback to improve the next three-year cycle. • Train teacher leaders in facilitation and coaching teams. • Additional P.L.O. opportunities in Math Games and Fact Fluency, Artificial Intelligence, and Anti-Racism work.

Goal 3: Support Professional Practices

Professional practices ensure that practices and structures are in place to support and improve student learning.	
Looking back, we...(September 2023 to August 2024)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2024 to August 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued job-embedded professional development through the use of instructional coaches. • Continued training in the Science of Reading, Math Workshop Model, and the Thinking Classroom. • Continued to train in the use of new technology tools: Schoology, AimswebPlus, and Special Programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease instructional coaching from three coaches to one due to lack of funding, eliminating the contracted Literacy and Math Coaches for early elementary. • Middle school teachers and math interventionists are working with All Learner’s Network to improve math instruction. • Continue to train in technology tools, focusing on how best to use the tools. Expand training to include Artificial Intelligence. • The Administrative Team will identify areas for growth in leadership knowledge and skills. This will be used to plan retreats and ongoing learning.

Goal 4: Construct Learning Support

Learning support ensures that the school has appropriate systems to support student learning and well-being.	
Looking back, we...(September 2023 to August 2024)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2024 to August 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tremont Consolidated School started a PreK program. ● PreK and two kindergarten teachers used the GOLD Assessment Tool, an authentic observation-based assessment system used to document children’s learning over time, inform instruction, and facilitate communication with families. ● Expanded summer school programming in grades 5-8. ● Continued to strengthen our academic, behavior, and SEL Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued to contract with Danielle Pierre from the Great Schools Partnership for district-wide and individual school-based coaching and support in MTSS, ○ Expanded on MTSS screening and progress monitoring by purchasing the Shaywitz Dyslexia Screener, Rapid Automatized Naming assessment, and BASC-3 through AimswebPlus, ○ Ensured all schools have an MTSS Coordinator and/or Team, ○ Continued to train and support the MTSS Coordinators to strengthen our practices, ○ Developed MTSS workflows and protocols to ensure meetings are efficient and interventions are monitored and adapted, if needed, and ○ Strengthened the reach of building-based interventionists through teaming and scheduling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 17 teachers are piloting the Gold Assessment Tool. ● Investigate ways to support MTSS Behavior with professional development for ‘25-’26. ● Research a better MTSS Platform with a library of research-based interventions to organize MTSS attendance, behavior, and academic data and house documents. ● Plan for the transition of services and case management of 3 and 4 year olds from CDS to the AOS.

Goal 5: Ensure Learning Resources

Learning resources ensure that the school has resources necessary to meet the learning needs of all students.	
Looking back, we...(September 2023 to August 2024)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2024 to August 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthened and streamlined the Human Resources role through the central office to reduce current legal fee expenses, support business office personnel and principals, and provide a consistent response to staff needs. ● Included contracted service in the district budget for technology infrastructure and cyber security. ● Moved the Technology Lead position from grant-funded to district budget. ● Continued to work with the school board to restructure and plan/implement a combined middle school(s) and/or RSU structure. ● Continued to manage COVID relief grant funds. ● Hosted a Job Fair to recruit substitutes, ed techs, bus drivers and custodians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Include Director of Human Resources in the 2025-2026 AOS budget. ● Increase the budgeted amount for technology infrastructure and cyber security in the AOS budget. ● Continue to work with the school board to restructure and plan/implement a combined middle school(s) and/or RSU structure. ● Continue to manage COVID relief grant funds. ● As part of the transition for 3 and 4 year olds from CDS to the AOS, include an Assistant Special Education Director for Early Childhood, an Occupational Therapist, and half of a special education administrative assistant in the ‘25-’26 AOS Budget.

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Zboray, Superintendent of Schools, Julie Keblinsky, Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12; Rhonda Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning PreK - 6; Melissa Beckwith, Director of Special Services; Cathy Kozaryn, Assistant Director of Special Services, and Nancy Thurlow, Business Manager working in close collaboration with all of the principals of schools in the MDI Regional School System: Matt Haney (MDI High School), Heather Webster (Connors-Emerson School), Heather Dorr (Mount Desert Elementary), Crystal DaGraca (Trenton Elementary School), Gloria Delsandro (Cranberry Islands), Mimi Rainsford (Swan’s Island), Christine Gray (Pemetic Elementary School), Jandrea True (Tremont Consolidated School) and (Frenchboro School Department).

Mount Desert Island High School Annual Report of the Principal 2025

Academic Highlights

We've had another great year at MDIHS and I appreciate the opportunity to share some of what we have been working on.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

We are proud to have continued to refine our MTSS program this year. This system builds on our successful restorative practices, helping students get the support they need to thrive academically and socially.

Technology in the Classroom

This year, our staff has taken a deep dive into two important technology topics:

1. The impacts of personal digital devices in the classroom
2. How to use Artificial Intelligence effectively and ethically

As the year has progressed we've engaged in professional development design team work around these topics and are in the process of implementing new processes as we evolve.

Facility Update

Our 57-year-old building continues to serve us well, thanks to ongoing maintenance and care. We are still planning for the future, with renovations in mind in the years to come in our Library, Science Wing, and Main Office and Entry areas

While these larger projects are still in the planning stages, we continue to make necessary repairs and updates to keep our school running smoothly.

Staff Appreciation

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible educators. Their dedication, creativity, and passion make Mount Desert Island High School a truly special place to learn and grow. Our staff goes above and beyond every day to support our students and community. Their hard work and commitment are the foundation of our school's success.

Thank you all for another fantastic year at Mount Desert Island High School. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence in 2026 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Haney
Principal

2025 ANNUAL REPORT
Mount Desert Island High School

Greetings MDIHS community,

Another full and busy year almost behind us means another opportunity for important reflection here at the high school. As always in our Board approach, it has us looking closely at areas that celebrated successes, diving deep into places in need of more support, and looking ahead at future goals for finding success for every student.

A thread that I've noticed at the forefront this year has been engagement: engaging students in their classrooms, engaging students *outside* of their classrooms, and maintaining this momentum in the various pursuits after their years at the high school. Not only is it an important throughline, no matter the specific curriculum or instructional goal, but it is a valuable component for meeting our mission to strive for our kids to become 'responsible, self-directed learners and healthy, productive citizens'. Piquing interests, supporting those educational journeys, and maintaining engagement along the way is expansive and long-lasting in its impact.

To this end, the Ninth Grade Exploratories are a great example of this intent, showcased in a unique offering. As a way to expose and engage students in a variety of artistic disciplines, our art Learning Area Leaders have created a multi-faceted semester-long Art 1 course that divides its time among a sampling of art classes: sculpture, mixed media drawing, digital photography, graphic design, printmaking, ceramics, painting, and film. The next Exploratory is a CTE option, with rotations in wood-working, metal shop and time in our Design Thinking lab. The students gain comfort and familiarity in such a variety of offerings that they are then better prepared to further engage on deeper levels later in their high school careers.

On the support side of the aisle, the implementation of the MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) has been a successful approach to a school-wide system of oversight for our learners. A broad approach looking at every student, its tier distinction and subsequent plans are backed by evidence-based strategies of support and monitoring. More eyes on more students to help meet their needs wherever they are, in essence. Supplementing this program with student involvement are the school's Advisory groups, the Restorative and Review Board, Student/Teacher Support Teams, and our Restorative Practices Design Team. Once again, getting and keeping the students engaged in every process is an opportunity that has been taken advantage of at every turn.

Other specific improvements that we continue to look at and amend for the benefit of our students include aligning our transportation logistics with our educational needs and requirements, a focused look on our expectations concerning the use of personal electronics in school, and as always, the status and upkeep of the property itself. With the students as our primary focus, the Board and administration continue to work toward improvement in all areas while also keeping an eye on future needs.

Through all of these evolving processes, we owe our gratitude to the faculty and staff of MDIHS. Without high-achieving and dedicated educators, we could not create this positive and engaged environment for our students. As it has been said again and again, "it takes a village to raise a child", and I'm so grateful to be a part of the extremely caring and thoughtful village that is Mount Desert Island High School.

Warm regards,
Susan Allen, Chair, MDIHS School Committee

MDIHS TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
 March 12, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2 and Section 8, Chapter 176, Private and Special Laws of 1963, I submit the following report of the Mount Desert Island Regional School District Board of Trustees covering the year ending December 31, 2024.

The following Trustees were serving at the end of 2024, with terms expiring as indicated:

MEMBER	TOWN	TERM EXPIRES
Robert Jordan, Chair	Bar Harbor	2027
Anthony Smith, Vice Chair	Mt. Desert	2026
(Vacant seat)	Bar Harbor	2026
Larry Sweet	Bar Harbor	2025
Carole Plenty	Mt. Desert	2025
Julianna Bennoch	Mt. Desert	2027
Chad Terry	Southwest Harbor	2026
Steve Hudson	Southwest Harbor	2025
Ann Ratcliff	Southwest Harbor	2027
Lawson Wulsin	Tremont	2026
Keri Hayes	Tremont	2027
Deidre Rigby	Tremont	2025

We continue to seek practical solutions that meet the needs of our school community as well as our greater MDI community. There is good news for the sewer system; the Trustees and Administrators have been working on a long-term solution that would allow us to retire our current system and connect with the sewage treatment plant in Somesville. The details, costs, and funding are currently being worked out.

While we are keenly aware of the other school projects and the tax burden our Island communities are facing, we are also aware of the needs of this facility and the High School community. For the past 3 years the Trustees have joined school Administrators, Staff and students in planning a much needed renovation in key educational areas of the High School. In particular the library, the science and math wing, and some Administrative offices have been redesigned to improve the educational platform and functionality in these spaces. This year we will finally be presenting our plans to Town officials of each community with the help of Oak Point Associates, the firm that has developed the plans for the renovation.

The High School Trustees have also begun the conversation regarding our role going forward with the proposed AOS restructuring. The Trustees strongly support our continued and possible expanded role in the proposed structure.

I have been proud to serve as both Chair and as one of Bar Harbor's Representatives on the Board of Trustees over the past year. All our members work hard to maintain and to ensure the best facilities for our high school students, teaching staff, support staff and administrators. Providing a facility that the island community can be proud of now and in the future is always part of our deliberations and decision making.

The Trustees would like to thank Principal Matt Haney, all the staff, teachers, and students for their hard work and commitment to keeping everyone safe and protected while continuing to provide the highest level of education.

I would like to personally thank all our Trustees for their work and commitment that help support the education and development of all the young people here on Mt. Desert Island. It is a reflection of the community how much we value this place.

The Trustees also appreciate all our island communities that provide us with the necessary financial support to continue providing a quality-learning environment at Mt. Desert Island High School.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank Superintendent Mike Zboray and his staff for their service and work with this Board as well as the Regional School District as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Jordan, Chairman
MDIHS Trustees



March 12, 2025

Dear Community Members,

As we reflect on the 2023–2024 school year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our students, educators, community partners, and affiliates. At Mt. Desert Island Adult and Community Education (MDIACE), we remain dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality education that empowers adults to achieve their goals. Through high school completion programs, college readiness initiatives, career and educational advising, workforce training, and enrichment opportunities, we continue to foster growth and success within our community.

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, we expanded our programs, supported a growing number of multilingual learners, and strengthened our workforce training and college readiness initiatives. Thanks to the dedication of our team - including our outstanding Academic Coordinator, Michelle Brzezowski - and the resilience of our students, we continue to build a thriving learning community.

By the Numbers: Our 2024 Impact

- **High School Completion**
 - 3 students earned their HiSET diploma
 - 15 students enrolled
- **English Language Learning (ELL)**
 - 6 multilingual learners
- **College & Career Readiness**
 - 1 student participated in college transition programs
 - all students received college and career counseling
- **Enrichment**
 - 170 enrichment courses offered
 - 149 courses successfully ran (including 32 free community classes)
 - 484 registrations

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of MDI High School, the administration, and the school board. Their dedication allows us to continue our striving to create a supportive learning environment that fosters personal and professional growth.

As we look ahead, we extend a special thank you to Anne Patterson for her many years of invaluable service to MDI Adult and Community Education. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on our program and the community we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Koncinsky
Director of Mt. Desert Island Adult Education



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other’s successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

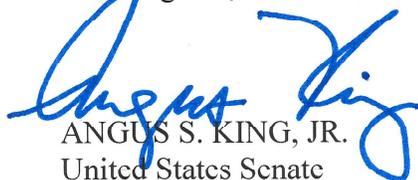
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine’s combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Executive Director Weston Brehm

Annual Report

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority

The mission of The Bar Harbor Housing Authority (BHHA) is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for income eligible seniors, the disabled, and families within its jurisdiction. The BHHA's four locations, all in town Bar Harbor, are owned and administered by the MDI & Ellsworth Housing Authorities. Currently, 170 individuals and families are being served. Each location has a separate waiting list for those interested in becoming tenants; applications are always being accepted, waiting lists are never closed.

The MDI and Ellsworth Housing Authorities' Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs assisted over seven hundred individuals and families throughout Hancock County in 2024 in the amount of \$4,526,450.00. Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the Town of Bar Harbor for 2024 was \$25,488.00.

The Acadia Community Association, the Housing Authorities' 501(c)3, provided programming for seniors across Mount Desert Island, from nutritious Meals on Wheels options, to a myriad of wellness classes for seniors, and minor home repairs for seniors wishing to age in place in their homes.

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority Commissioners Board, Executive Director, and Staff are sincerely grateful for the continued support from the Bar Harbor Town Office, the Town Council, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Public Works Department of the Town of Bar Harbor. All help the BHHA achieve its mission.

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meets the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are handicapped accessible and open to public attendance. Please call Theresa at 207-288-4770, extension 127, to confirm the date and time of Board meetings, as dates & times are subject to change.

The Housing Authorities' office is located at 80 Mount Desert Street, in Bar Harbor, ME. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. To contact the Housing Authorities, please call 207-288-4770 or e-mail Executive Director Weston Brehm at: wbrehm@mdieha.org.

Respectfully submitted,


Weston T. Brehm

Executive Director, MDI & Ellsworth Housing Authorities

James W. Wadman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Town Council
Town of Bar Harbor
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine (the Town) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, including 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Bar Harbor, Maine as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 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 these 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's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statements date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement 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 control 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'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 substantial doubt about the Town'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, schedules of historical pension information and schedules of historical other post-employment benefit information on pages 4 through 9 and 63 through 74, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 Bar Harbor, Maine's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 accompanying supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 March 26, 2025 on our consideration of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant 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 Bar Harbor, 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 Bar Harbor, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, CPA

James W. Wadman, CPA
Ellsworth, Maine
March 26, 2025

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets:			
Cash and Equivalents	33,991,332	37,375,968	71,367,300
Investments	1,895,103		1,895,103
Receivables:			
Taxes and Liens	590,620	12,906	603,526
User Fees, net		924,341	924,341
Accounts	607,967	13,275	621,242
Ambulance	113,479		113,479
Accrued Interest	9,495		9,495
Prepaid Expense	683	11,825	12,508
Inventory	5,775	308,077	313,852
Due from Other Governments	474,452		474,452
Leases Receivable-Current	32,154		32,154
Leases Receivable-Non-Current	174,175		174,175
Right to use leased assets, net of accumulated amortization-School	35,125		35,125
Capital Assets:			
Land	6,251,262	164,126	6,415,388
Construction Work in Progress	5,625,081	3,867	5,628,948
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	28,017,305	22,663,968	50,681,273
Total Assets:	77,824,008	61,478,353	139,302,361
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	218,296		218,296
Related to Pensions	1,244,065	171,513	1,415,578
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,462,361	171,513	1,633,874
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	79,286,369	61,649,866	140,936,235
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	1,819,748	1,415,460	3,235,208
Retainage Payable	-	65,734	65,734
Payroll Taxes Deductible	53,465		53,465
Due to Students	2,648		2,648
Accrued Salaries Payable	848,438	24,075	872,513
Accrued Interest Payable		384,822	384,822
Internal Balances	1,695,574	(1,695,574)	-
Deposits Payable	84,226		84,226
Long-term Liabilities:			
Accrued Compensated Absences	498,289	50,903	549,192
Lease liability GASB 87 one year	29,031		29,031
Lease liability GASB 87 due in more than one year	-		-
Net Pension Liability	1,839,571	246,990	2,086,561
Net Post Employment Benefits Obligation	1,266,041		1,266,041
Debt Due Within One Year	1,600,500	2,040,742	3,641,242
Debt Due in More Than One Year	22,058,837	34,100,310	56,159,147
Total Liabilities	31,796,368	36,633,462	68,429,830
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	85,531		85,531
Unamortized Premium on Debt		3,842,003	3,842,003
Deferred Inflows of Resources from Leases	199,978		199,978
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	406,910		406,910
Related to Pensions	349,156	41,913	391,069
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,041,575	3,883,916	4,925,491
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	16,234,311	7,832,164	24,066,475
Restricted	2,987,575	4,743,846	7,731,421
Unrestricted	27,226,540	8,556,478	35,783,018
Total Net Position	46,448,426	21,132,488	67,580,914
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	79,286,369	61,649,866	140,936,235

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
GENERAL RESERVES, COMMITTED FUNDS & SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A-5

	<u>Dog Control Reserve</u>	<u>Shellfish Conservation Reserve</u>	<u>Municipal Revenue Sharing</u>	<u>School Department (A-6)</u>	<u>Cruise Ship Fund (A-7)</u>	<u>Parking Meter Fund (A-8)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues							
Intergovernmental Revenues			528,230	2,161,598			2,689,828
Local Sources				80,029		78,840	158,869
Dog Fees	1,781						1,781
Shellfish Fees/Fines		2,635					2,635
Port Fees					549,599		549,599
Cruise Ship Passenger Fees					616,468		616,468
Parking Fees net of charges						3,823,189	3,823,189
Permit Fees net of charges						68,671	68,671
Total Revenues	1,781	2,635	528,230	2,241,627	1,166,067	3,970,700	7,911,040
Expenditures							
Public Safety	488						488
Education				9,307,616			9,307,616
Cruise Ship Operating					164,378		164,378
Parking Meter Operating						587,046	587,046
Total Expenditures	488	-	-	9,307,616	164,378	587,046	10,059,528
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,293	2,635	528,230	(7,065,989)	1,001,689	3,383,654	(2,148,488)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In				6,988,400			6,988,400
Transfers Out	(1,293)	(2,635)	(475,000)	(90,000)	(682,967)	(3,290,685)	(4,542,580)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,293)	(2,635)	(475,000)	6,898,400	(682,967)	(3,290,685)	2,445,820
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures	-	-	53,230	(167,589)	318,722	92,969	297,332
Fund Balance - July 1	-	-	-	1,667,983	706,194	1,035,512	3,409,689
Fund Balance - June 30	-	-	53,230	1,500,394	1,024,916	1,128,481	3,707,021

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - PARKING METER FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A-8

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues				
Investment Interest	1,400	1,400	78,840	77,440
Parking Fees net of charges	3,129,200	3,129,200	3,823,189	693,989
Permit Fees net of charges	19,000	19,000	68,671	49,671
	<u>3,149,600</u>	<u>3,149,600</u>	<u>3,970,700</u>	<u>821,100</u>
Total Revenues				
Expenditures				
Wages and Benefits	372,952	372,952	295,306	77,646
Contracted Services	38,777	38,777	39,712	(935)
Supplies	18,500	18,500	25,915	(7,415)
Utilities	1,100	1,100	5,271	(4,171)
Repairs	3,500	3,500	90	3,410
Equipment	6,500	6,500	2,070	4,430
Advertising	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Professional Dues and Licenses	600	600	-	600
Insurance	3,300	3,300	2,244	1,056
Postage & Shipping	200	200	-	200
Contingency	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Island Explorer	216,438	216,438	216,438	-
	<u>673,367</u>	<u>673,367</u>	<u>587,046</u>	<u>76,121</u>
Total Expenditures				
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>2,476,233</u>	<u>2,476,233</u>	<u>3,383,654</u>	<u>897,221</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In				-
Transfers Out	(3,290,685)	(3,290,685)	(3,290,685)	-
	<u>(3,290,685)</u>	<u>(3,290,685)</u>	<u>(3,290,685)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures	<u>(814,452)</u>	<u>(814,452)</u>	92,969	<u>897,221</u>
Fund Balance - July 1			<u>1,035,512</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30			<u><u>1,128,481</u></u>	

**TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Exhibit B

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>						
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>						
General Government	5,167,163	931,790		(4,235,373)		(4,235,373)
Public Safety	5,034,613	774,415	112,121	(4,148,077)		(4,148,077)
Health and Welfare	234,425			(234,425)		(234,425)
Parks & Recreation	552,072	850		(551,222)		(551,222)
Island Explorer Shuttle Bus	-			-		-
Roads and Sanitation	3,707,426	23,332		(3,684,094)		(3,684,094)
Assessments	4,930,903			(4,930,903)		(4,930,903)
Capital Outlay	1,280,501	-		(1,280,501)		(1,280,501)
Education	9,561,041	80,029	2,161,598	(7,319,414)		(7,319,414)
Parking Meters	658,082	3,891,860		3,233,778		3,233,778
Federal/State Funds	281,907		107,824	(174,083)		(174,083)
Other Special Revenue Funds	100		31,500	31,400		31,400
Cruise Ship	164,378	1,166,067		1,001,689		1,001,689
Post Employment Benefits	25,742			(25,742)		(25,742)
Amortization on Leases	35,123			(35,123)		(35,123)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>31,633,476</u>	<u>6,868,343</u>	<u>2,413,043</u>	<u>(22,352,090)</u>		<u>(22,352,090)</u>
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>						
Wastewater	3,756,926	3,121,980		(634,946)		(634,946)
Water	1,928,788	2,190,439		261,651		261,651
<u>Total Business-type Activities</u>	<u>5,685,714</u>	<u>5,312,419</u>		<u>(373,295)</u>		<u>(373,295)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>37,319,190</u>	<u>12,180,762</u>	<u>2,413,043</u>	<u>(22,352,090)</u>	<u>(373,295)</u>	<u>(22,725,385)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>						
Taxes						
Property				22,429,640		22,429,640
Auto and Boat Excise				1,293,826		1,293,826
Intergovernmental Revenues				1,166,408		1,166,408
Other Local Sources				2,154,864	1,773,717	3,928,581
Bond Premium				1,767,287		1,767,287
<u>Total Revenues, Special Items and Transfers</u>				<u>28,812,025</u>	<u>1,773,717</u>	<u>30,585,742</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				<u>6,459,935</u>	<u>1,400,422</u>	<u>7,860,357</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				<u>39,988,491</u>	<u>19,732,066</u>	<u>59,720,557</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>46,448,426</u>	<u>21,132,488</u>	<u>67,580,914</u>

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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>CIP Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	19,880,503	14,109,035	1,794	33,991,332
Investments	1,880,709		14,394	1,895,103
Receivables				
Taxes	215,444			215,444
Tax Liens	375,176			375,176
Accounts	607,967			607,967
Ambulance Fees	113,479			113,479
Accrued Interest	9,495			9,495
Leases Receivable-Current	6,429	25,725		32,154
Leases Receivable-Non-Current	58,661	115,514		174,175
Prepaid Expense	683			683
Inventory	5,775			5,775
Due from Other Governments	142,190	260,911	71,351	474,452
Due from Other Funds	2,369	7,756,803	308,186	8,067,358
Total Assets	23,298,880	22,267,988	395,725	45,962,593
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	981,945	754,348	83,455	1,819,748
Payroll Taxes/Deductions	53,465			53,465
Accrued Salaries Payable	848,438			848,438
Accrued Compensated Absences	440,021			440,021
Due to Other Funds	9,760,563		2,369	9,762,932
Due to Students	2,648			2,648
Deposits Payable	84,226			84,226
Total Liabilities	12,171,306	754,348	85,824	13,011,478
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	85,531			85,531
Deferred Inflows of Resources from Leases	59,047	140,931		199,978
Unavailable Property Taxes	312,860			312,860
Unavailable Revenue				-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	457,438	140,931	-	598,369
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable	3,043		11,757	14,800
Restricted	2,679,062		293,713	2,972,775
Committed		21,372,709		21,372,709
Assigned	4,303,916		4,431	4,308,347
Unassigned	3,684,115			3,684,115
Total Fund Balances	10,670,136	21,372,709	309,901	32,352,746
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	23,298,880	22,267,988	395,725	45,962,593

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total Fund Balance	32,352,746
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$26,668,787	39,893,648
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Unavailable Revenues	312,860
Right to use leased assets	35,125
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(23,659,337)
Lease Liabilities	(29,031)
Accrued Compensated Absences - School Department	(58,268)
Deferred Inflows/Outflows Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	(188,614)
Post Employment Benefits Obligations	(1,266,041)
Net Pension Liability	(1,839,571)
Deferred Inflows/Outflows Related to Pensions	894,909
	<u>(26,145,953)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>46,448,426</u></u>

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TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>CIP Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues				
Taxes	23,714,632			23,714,632
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,097,604	342,523	107,824	3,547,951
Departmental Revenues	6,783,898	-		6,783,898
Other Local Sources	1,179,355	1,062,060	31,775	2,273,190
Total Revenues	34,775,489	1,404,583	139,599	36,319,671
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	4,921,615		-	4,921,615
Public Safety	4,359,109			4,359,109
Health and Welfare	221,805			221,805
Parks and Recreation	481,655			481,655
Roads and Sanitation	2,717,677		-	2,717,677
Education	9,307,616			9,307,616
Assessments	4,930,903			4,930,903
Cruise Ship	164,378			164,378
Parking Meters	587,046			587,046
Capital Outlay		11,676,140	-	11,676,140
Other Grants			100	100
Federal/State Funds			423,524	423,524
Total Expenditures	27,691,804	11,676,140	423,624	39,791,568
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,083,685	(10,271,557)	(284,025)	(3,471,897)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Bond Proceeds		16,170,000		16,170,000
Bond Premium		1,767,287		1,767,287
Solar Array Refund		1,070,801		1,070,801
Transfers In	1,326,689	5,461,132	-	6,787,821
Transfers Out	(6,787,728)	-	(93)	(6,787,821)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(5,461,039)	24,469,220	(93)	19,008,088
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	1,622,646	14,197,663	(284,118)	15,536,191
Fund Balance - July 1	9,047,490	7,175,046	594,019	16,816,555
Fund Balance - June 30	10,670,136	21,372,709	309,901	32,352,746

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The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	15,536,191
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset purchases capitalized	5,024,925
Depreciation expense	(2,030,436)
Amortization expense on leased asset	(35,123)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Unavailable Revenues	(2,381)
Unavailable Taxes	8,834
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:	
Bond Proceeds	(16,170,000)
Capital lease obligation principal payments	28,117
General obligation bond principal payments	4,413,413
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	(16,539)
Post Employment Benefits Cost	(37,160)
Pension Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net Pension Liability, Deferred Inflows)	(259,906)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>6,459,935</u></u>

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Taxes	23,369,134	23,369,134	23,714,632	345,498
Intergovernmental Revenues	351,818	351,818	407,776	55,958
Departmental Revenues	1,496,293	1,496,293	1,725,971	229,678
Other Local Sources	398,100	398,100	1,016,070	617,970
Total Revenues	25,615,345	25,615,345	26,864,449	1,249,104
Expenditures				
General Government	4,273,610	4,927,966	4,939,855	(11,889)
Public Safety	3,946,661	4,421,908	4,365,621	56,287
Health and Welfare	236,058	236,058	221,805	14,253
Parks and Recreation	481,899	515,609	481,655	33,954
Island Explorer Shuttle Bus	13,500	13,500	-	13,500
Roads and Sanitation	2,487,986	2,731,053	2,589,122	141,931
Assessments	5,042,621	5,042,621	4,930,903	111,718
Total Expenditures	16,482,335	17,888,715	17,528,961	359,754
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	9,133,010	7,726,630	9,335,488	1,608,858
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers In	1,238,418	1,238,418	1,236,689	(1,729)
Transfers Out	(9,093,548)	(9,093,548)	(9,143,548)	(50,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	(7,855,130)	(7,855,130)	(7,906,859)	(51,729)
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,277,880	(128,500)	1,428,629	1,557,129
Beginning Fund Balance - Unassigned			2,476,986	
(Increase) Decrease in Assigned Fund Balances			(221,500)	
Ending Fund Balance - Unassigned			3,684,115	
Reconciliation to Exhibit C:				
Unassigned Fund Balance per above			3,684,115	
Encumbrances			95,000	
Reserve for Working Capital			2,634,000	
Reserve for Insurance			500,000	
Reserved for Fiber Lease			50,000	
Municipal Revenue Sharing			53,230	
School Department			1,500,394	
Cruise Ship Fund			1,024,916	
Parking Meter Fund			1,128,481	
Total Fund Balance Exhibit C			10,670,136	
Reconciliation to Exhibit D:				
Total Revenues per above			26,864,449	
Dog Control Reserve			1,781	
Shellfish Conservation Reserve			2,635	
Municipal Revenue Sharing			528,230	
School Department			2,241,627	
Cruise Ship Fund			1,166,067	
Parking Meter Fund			3,970,700	
Total General Fund Revenues per Exhibit D:			34,775,489	
Reconciliation to Exhibit D:				
Total Expenditures per above			17,528,961	
Encumbrances			103,315	
Dog Control Reserve			488	
School Department			9,307,616	
Cruise Ship Fund			164,378	
Parking Meter Fund			587,046	
Total General Fund Expenditures per Exhibit D:			27,691,804	

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2024

State law requires that a town's annual report include a list of delinquent taxpayers and amount due from each.

* PAID AFTER 6/30/2024

**PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 6/30/2024

2022

BURNS, GEORGE J	\$	4,408.17	*
BURNS, MELISSA R	\$	3,072.32	*
BUTLER, LUCAS M	\$	3,283.41	*
BUZZELL, ROBERT	\$	7,363.31	*
DERF C. B. -1	\$	1,470.92	
ELOYAN, AVETIK	\$	2,009.88	*
HAMBLIN, KIMBERLY	\$	70.83	*
HAMOR, BRUCE F	\$	920.22	*
HILTON, ADAM N	\$	7,675.07	*
HOOPER, WALTER PARTY IN POS	\$	2,883.19	
KEENE, MICHAEL O	\$	3,524.70	*
KRASON, IGNATIUS ET ALS	\$	2,636.09	*
LANGE, CARROL M	\$	1,401.12	*
LEVESQUE, JOY L	\$	2,645.70	
MANNIX, CHARLES R	\$	6,151.55	*
MAPLES B&B LLC	\$	68.32	*
PARKER, JOHN L JR	\$	3,764.21	*
PARSONS, DONALD J	\$	2,375.54	*
PIRATE'S COVE BAR HARBOR, INC	\$	13,337.42	
RICHARDSON, RALPH M JR	\$	2,664.05	*
STAPLES, TODD	\$	3,957.17	*
UNKNOWN	\$	429.65	
UNKOWN	\$	291.72	

2023

35 EAST STRAWBERRY HILL INC	\$	111.47	*
56 YEARS AFTER, LLC	\$	8,994.12	*
8 COTTAGE, LLC	\$	99.13	*
ALLEN, GARY L	\$	6,718.17	*
ALLEY, JUSTIN	\$	158.50	*
ALLEY, PETER E	\$	220.25	
BAIRD, AMINDA S	\$	2,413.06	*
BAR HARBOR JAZZ FESTIVAL	\$	7,651.62	*
BAR HARBOR MAIN & NEWTON RE, L	\$	6,963.60	*
BOND PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	2,501.35	*
BREAKWATER PROPERTY MANAGEMEN	\$	141.28	*
BRENT, SAMANTHA	\$	2,118.12	*
BURNS, GEORGE J	\$	5,257.82	**
BURNS, MELISSA R	\$	3,440.11	*

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2024

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* PAID AFTER 6/30/2024

**PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 6/30/2024

BUTLER, LUCAS M	\$	3,717.19	
BUZZELL, ROBERT D	\$	8,303.06	
DERF C. B. -1	\$	1,643.20	
DIAMOND STAR PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	1,976.03	
DOMAGALA, LORI S	\$	108.79	*
EMERY, THOMAS J	\$	4,493.69	
FINBACK ON COTTAGE, LLC	\$	4,782.44	*
FITZGERALD & SON LLC	\$	2,708.34	*
FLOOD, ROGER	\$	1,265.22	**
GERRISH, GERALD M	\$	86.75	*
GROVER, KATHLEEN M	\$	7,076.27	
HALSTED, HENRY	\$	998.63	*
HAMBLÉN, PAUL S	\$	3,127.17	**
HAMOR, BRUCE F	\$	3,477.08	**
HATSANA, LLC	\$	3,245.86	
HILTON, ADAM N	\$	8,820.03	
HODGDON, JOHN III	\$	1,366.80	*
HOOPER, WALTER PARTY IN POS	\$	3,226.31	
HOWARD, FRANCIS E LT	\$	2,984.64	
HURLEY, L POLLY	\$	1,620.78	*
JAGOT, EMILIE S	\$	1,748.63	*
KANE, SETH R	\$	2,903.02	
KEENE, MICHAEL O	\$	3,957.05	*
KINTER, PHILLIPS W	\$	3,526.40	
KRASON, IGNATIUS ET ALS	\$	2,990.88	**
LANDS END VENTURES, LLC	\$	3,403.33	*
LANGE, CARROL M	\$	1,577.36	*
LEVESQUE, JOY L	\$	2,959.46	
LIBBY, SETH EMERSON III	\$	3,135.02	*
LOMPOC, LLC	\$	4,738.61	
LURVEY TRUST, FRANCIS	\$	1,306.81	*
LURVEY, FRANK M	\$	954.81	*
MACGREGOR, HEIDI M	\$	1,322.32	
MAINE WIDE PROPERTIES LLC	\$	5,464.23	
MANNIX, CHARLES R	\$	13,938.28	
MAPLES B&B LLC	\$	6,753.42	*
NEEL, JAMES C	\$	4,548.80	*
NORWOOD ESTATES LLC	\$	3,110.03	
NORWOOD ESTATES LLC	\$	3,650.88	
NORWOOD, JEFFREY PR	\$	3,609.68	

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2024

State law requires that a town's annual report include a list of delinquent taxpayers and amount due from each.

* PAID AFTER 6/30/2024

**PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 6/30/2024

PAPADOPOLI, COREY V	\$	1,717.83	*
PARIS, JOHN	\$	103.18	*
PARKER, JOHN L JR	\$	4,215.86	*
PARSONS, DONALD J	\$	4,566.85	*
PHANTHAVONG, HATSANA	\$	1,794.45	*
PIRATE'S COVE BAR HARBOR, INC	\$	14,964.82	
RESTAURANT REALTY LLC	\$	11,168.97	**
RESTAURANT REALTY LLC	\$	4,193.39	*
RESTAURANT REALTY, LLC	\$	4,143.70	*
RESTAURANT REALTY, LLC	\$	5,461.67	**
RESTAURANT REALTY, LLC	\$	2,237.73	**
RICHARDSON, RALPH M JR	\$	4,155.42	
ROGERS, KATHLEEN	\$	3,611.50	
SEABURY, LELAND B	\$	1,651.33	
SMITH, LUCIAN	\$	3,879.93	*
SORDYL, EUGENE E HEIRS OF	\$	9,864.52	
STAPLES, TODD	\$	4,430.63	*
TABER, JACOB	\$	1,882.43	*
ULETT, NANCY F	\$	680.21	*
UNKNOWN	\$	473.06	
UNKOWN	\$	320.29	
VATLAND, JANICE A	\$	500.67	



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FY2026 Budget Message

To: Town Meeting Voters

Date: April 7, 2025

Following Town Charter Section C-31, the Town Council and the Warrant Committee have reviewed the FY26 budget submitted by the Town Manager. See the following pages for a summary of revenues, expenditures, fund balances, and the net tax impact on a median-valued home.

The FY2026 budget reflects the Town of Bar Harbor's strategic commitment to balancing fiscal responsibility with the delivery of essential services and investment in critical infrastructure. This year's budget continues the town's proactive planning to manage the financial impacts of the school and priority infrastructure bonds previously approved.

In FY2024, the town incurred interest payments for the Priority Infrastructure Bond, and by FY2025, these financial commitments expanded to include principal and interest payments for the Priority Infrastructure Bond, along with interest-only payments for the School Bond. Now, in FY2026, the budget accounts for the full financial obligations of both bonds, principal and interest.

To stabilize the tax mil rate amid these increased obligations, the FY2026 budget proposes utilizing parking revenues for property tax relief. This approach includes programming new parking revenues generated from our targeted rate increase following the comprehensive parking program review completed in April 2024. Additionally, we are recommending some use of the parking fund balance as a stopgap measure to further mitigate the tax burden on property owners. These measures are designed to provide immediate tax relief while supporting long-term fiscal sustainability.

Some adjustments were made to the proposed Cruise Ship Fund budget since the budget was proposed, with the support of the Council and the Warrant Committee, related to ships that had reservations prior to March 2022. The town's long-term strategy will need to align with whatever guidance ultimately comes from the courts in pending lawsuits. The town is actively engaged in discussions with the cruise lines and other stakeholders to ensure the fee structure is legally defensible, transparent, and accurately reflects the services provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

James L. Smith, Town Manager

FY26 Budget

Municipal Budget: Budget Summary for Warrant Article

Fund	Appropriation (Expenditures) Requested	Revenues Other Than Prop.Tax	Fund Balance Used	Property Taxes Needed
Assessments				
County Assessment	1,312,355	0	0	1,312,355
High School Assessment	4,769,337	0	0	4,769,337
Overlay	50,000	0	0	50,000
Total Assessments	6,131,692	0	0	6,131,692
Municipal Budget				
General Fund	15,015,378	6,355,350	0	8,660,028
Capital Improvement Program Fund	9,960,328	4,380,193	0	5,580,135
Dog Control Reserve Fund	1,800	1,800	0	0
Shellfish Conservation Reserve Fund	3,000	3,000	0	0
Cruise Ship Fund	752,004	367,073	384,931	
Parking Meter Fund	4,858,022	4,066,900	791,122	
Total Municipal Budget	30,590,532	15,174,316	1,176,053	14,240,163
Education Budget				
Elementary School Fund	9,401,005	835,000	570,704	7,995,301
Total Education Budget	9,401,005	835,000	570,704	7,995,301
	Approp. Warrant			
Grand Totals				
	46,123,229	16,009,316	1,746,757	28,367,156

Mill Rate Calc:
 $\frac{28,367,156}{2,635,782,600}$
 0.01076

<i>Tax Rate Change</i>	
Tax Rate This year	\$10.76
Tax Rate Last Year	\$10.04
Tax Rate Increase	\$0.72
	7.2%

Total Taxable Valuation Next Year
 \$2,635,782,600

<i>What Will It Cost Me?</i>		
Median Home Value	Total Annual Tax	Total Tax Increase Per Year
\$522,350	\$5,622	\$377

FY26 Budget

Bar Harbor FY 2026 Budget Tax Calculation

	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	CHANGE	
DEPARTMENT EXPENSE SUMMARIES	Actual	Actual				
Town Council	\$ 26,597	\$ 23,350	\$ 26,600	\$ 25,900	\$ (700)	-2.6%
Town Manager	\$ 234,695	\$ 160,716	\$ 178,160	\$ 183,359	\$ 5,199	2.9%
Town Clerk	\$ 139,234	\$ 141,784	\$ 161,838	\$ 165,974	\$ 4,136	2.6%
Finance Dept	\$ 451,721	\$ 531,611	\$ 561,503	\$ 581,870	\$ 20,367	3.6%
Town Attorney	\$ 275,773	\$ 417,097	\$ 130,750	\$ 237,750	\$ 107,000	81.8%
Elections	\$ 17,924	\$ 17,605	\$ 19,600	\$ 20,400	\$ 800	4.1%
Technology	\$ 208,908	\$ 208,572	\$ 247,015	\$ 244,665	\$ (2,350)	-1.0%
Municipal Building	\$ 85,281	\$ 94,058	\$ 98,050	\$ 98,760	\$ 710	0.7%
Town Offices	\$ 66,410	\$ 71,821	\$ 66,250	\$ 72,500	\$ 6,250	9.4%
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,029,668	\$ 2,224,953	\$ 2,493,630	\$ 2,650,900	\$ 157,270	6.3%
Code Enforcement	\$ 146,420	\$ 185,089	\$ 205,089	\$ 207,519	\$ 2,430	1.2%
Assessing	\$ 139,005	\$ 185,552	\$ 194,629	\$ 199,464	\$ 4,835	2.5%
Planning	\$ 254,550	\$ 343,289	\$ 432,973	\$ 447,194	\$ 14,221	3.3%
Miscellaneous	\$ 297,065	\$ 306,442	\$ 332,700	\$ 296,900	\$ (35,800)	-10.8%
Fire / EMS	\$ 1,576,689	\$ 1,675,497	\$ 1,809,648	\$ 1,895,224	\$ 85,576	4.7%
Public Fire Protection	\$ 585,604	\$ 585,604	\$ 756,331	\$ 813,240	\$ 56,909	7.5%
Police Dept.	\$ 1,392,103	\$ 1,559,708	\$ 1,753,558	\$ 2,019,868	\$ 266,310	15.2%
Dispatch	\$ 292,850	\$ 295,686	\$ 337,817	\$ 368,964	\$ 31,147	9.2%
Public Safety Bldg	\$ 52,586	\$ 62,389	\$ 73,529	\$ 70,714	\$ (2,815)	-3.8%
Street Lights	\$ 19,516	\$ 16,537	\$ 19,370	\$ 19,370	\$ -	0.0%
Harbor Dept	\$ 122,428	\$ 129,091	\$ 122,661	\$ 134,723	\$ 12,062	9.8%
General Assist./COVID19 Exps	\$ 20,316	\$ 14,899	\$ 14,250	\$ 7,400	\$ (6,850)	-48.1%
Parks	\$ 160,998	\$ 160,998	\$ 265,147	\$ 262,790	\$ (2,357)	
Comfort Station	\$ 138,116	\$ 135,858	\$ 150,760	\$ 163,172	\$ 12,412	8.2%
Public Works	\$ 199,168	\$ 342,008	\$ 364,018	\$ 370,765	\$ 6,747	1.9%
Highway Dept	\$ 1,405,285	\$ 1,364,302	\$ 1,543,150	\$ 1,630,768	\$ 87,618	5.7%
Solid Waste	\$ 946,005	\$ 1,010,427	\$ 1,222,450	\$ 1,195,450	\$ (27,000)	-2.2%
SUBTOTAL	\$ 11,284,915	\$ 12,264,943	\$ 13,581,475	\$ 14,385,603	\$ 804,128	5.9%
Cooperating Agency	\$ 76,036	\$ 71,048	\$ 76,059	\$ 101,014	\$ 24,955	-0.9%
YMCA/Jesup/Holiday Events	\$ 303,065	\$ 489,555	\$ 490,217	\$ 528,761	\$ 38,544	7.9%
Capital Improvements Transfer	\$ 1,699,007	\$ 2,195,148	\$ 1,535,197	\$ 1,627,553	\$ 92,356	6.0%
School Local - Transfer	\$ 6,782,772	\$ 6,663,510	\$ 7,605,474	\$ 7,995,301	\$ 389,827	5.1%
School CIP		\$ 234,890	\$ 2,220,526	\$ 3,952,582	\$ 1,732,056	78.0%
Total Connors Emerson	\$ 6,782,772	\$ 6,898,400	\$ 9,826,000	\$ 11,947,883	\$ 2,121,883	21.6%
TOTAL Expense Taxable	\$ 20,145,795	\$ 21,919,094	\$ 25,508,948	\$ 28,590,814	\$ 3,081,866	12.1%
Hancock County Assessment	\$ 896,367	\$ 947,755	\$ 1,105,370	\$ 1,312,355	\$ 206,985	18.7%
MDI High School Assessment	\$ 3,701,291	\$ 3,893,104	\$ 4,396,166	\$ 4,769,337	\$ 373,171	8.5%
Overlay Assessment	\$ 72,671	\$ 111,761	\$ 116,509	\$ 50,000	\$ (66,509)	-57.1%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 24,816,124	\$ 26,871,714	\$ 31,126,993	\$ 34,722,506	\$ 3,595,513	11.6%
REVENUES						
General Revenues	\$ 3,570,172	\$ 3,477,711	\$ 3,837,600	\$ 4,133,917	\$ 296,317	7.7%
Reserve-Use of Fund Bal one time Exp	\$ 261,500	\$ 78,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Reserve-Use of Fund Balance For CIP	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers In -Cruise Ship	\$ 238,656	\$ 351,417	\$ 406,863	\$ 299,716		
Transfers In -Parking	\$ 389,315	\$ 406,251	\$ 365,875	\$ 1,341,918		
Transfers In -Dog, Shellfish	\$ 4,143	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,800	\$ (600)	-11.1%
SUBTOTAL (REVENUES)	\$ 4,613,786	\$ 4,369,629	\$ 4,615,738	\$ 5,780,350	\$ 1,164,612	25.2%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 514,660	\$ 528,230	\$ 550,000	\$ 575,000	\$ 25,000	4.5%
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 5,128,446	\$ 4,897,859	\$ 5,165,738	\$ 6,355,350	\$ 1,189,612	23.0%
Net Commitment	\$19,915,901	\$22,137,631	\$25,961,255	\$28,367,156	\$2,405,901	9.3%
Taxable Valuation	\$ 2,136,861,800	\$ 2,550,718,700	\$ 2,585,782,600	\$ 2,635,782,600	\$ 50,000,000	1.9%
Mill Rate	9.32	8.68	10.04	10.76	0.72	7.2%
Total Municipal Budget	\$ 12,041,363	\$ 15,041,240	\$ 17,903,474	\$ 20,595,513	\$ 2,692,039	15.0%
- Total Deductions	\$ 3,735,491	\$ 4,844,629	\$ 5,165,738	\$ 6,355,350	\$ 1,189,612	23.0%
= Municipal Property Tax	\$ 8,305,872	\$ 10,196,611	\$ 12,737,736	\$ 14,240,163	\$ 1,502,427	11.8%

How the Capital Improvement Program Works

As required by Section C-30 of the Town Charter, the Capital Improvement Program is "a program consisting of projects any one of which costs more than \$5,000 and meets one or more of the following requirements:

- construction time extends to two or more fiscal years;
- includes planning for, construction of or major renovation of a Town building, wharf, public way, sewer, drain or appurtenant equipment; or
- replacement or acquisition of equipment with life expectancy of five years or longer.

The CIP Fund is designed to ensure the Town is able to avoid surprises as we plan for the next five years, or longer with the anticipated replacement of capital assets. This helps to stabilize the tax rate, preventing large swings from year to year despite expenditure increases.

Purchases and Projects—Highlights

In FY26, the Town proposes:

- Transfer Station Compactor Unit
- Public Works Heating and Hot Water System
- New Ballfield Comfort Station
- Town Hill Playground Fence
- Harbor Gangways (partial grant funding)
- Fire Turnout Gear

Through proper CIP planning, we are able to anticipate most of our large capital expenditures, providing the Town greater flexibility and avoiding unnecessary financing costs. With proper financial planning, the Town will be able to pay cash for most capital assets. Furthermore, having a strong cash-financed CIP program improves the Town's credit worthiness with credit agencies, such as

S&P & Moody's for those times when borrowing makes greater fiscal sense.

In order to maintain a pay-as-you-go CIP program, it is necessary to track the estimated useful life of all capital assets, with a realistic depreciation schedule. Accordingly, the Town maintains an "Equipment Replacement Schedule" listing all major equipment and buildings, depreciation rates, and proposed replacement dates. The CIP also contains some contingent purchases and projects which will be undertaken only if we are able to obtain the needed additional funds from grants or bonds.

Other than *Enterprise Fund* assets (Water/Sewer) all Town capital assets are tracked through this fund, which is why purchases of assets for the benefit of Cruise Ship/Parking Funds are appropriated and recorded here but funded by those funds.

For capital accounts, appropriations (authorizations to spend) are continuing appropriations. That is, once Town Meeting authorizes spending capital funds, the authorization to spend the money continues from year to year. The appropriation does not lapse at the end of the year like it does with operating budgets. This funding mechanism has the additional advantage of creating an emergency source of funds, since accumulated reserves can be spent for major repairs or emergency replacements, without the delay inherent in calling a Special Town Meeting.

Debt Service

Our bond payments will be approximately \$6,085,000 including both Municipal and School debt service in FY26, or about 61% of our normal annual CIP appropriation, this increase due to new bonds sold in August of 2023 and the Connors Emerson

school build bond sale in the summer of 2024.

\$223,870 will be transferred from Cruise Ship fees to help support related capital projects and debt service, while \$2,754,071 will be transferred from the Parking Fund to fund its related debt as well as other capital needs. These transfers represent 30% of the total CIP appropriations. See also "Inter-Fund Transfers In" section below.

Debt Management Policy

In 2008 Council adopted, and later amended in 2022, a *Debt Management Policy* that basically states that debt will be issued for a capital project only when it is an appropriate means to achieve a fair allocation of costs between current and future beneficiaries or users. Additionally, the policy states that the asset should have a life of at least five years and will be used only for capital projects or equipment and the debt issuance period will not exceed the average useful life of the project. The complete policy is on the Town's website.

Fund Balance Policy

The Town's fund balance policy encourages the Town Manager and Council to annually review any fund balance surplus generated each year from the prior year's operations to consider a nominal drawdown from newly created surplus from the prior audit year results in order to accelerate funding specific CIP projects. The proposed Fund Balance Drawdown for FY26 is \$0.

Terminology

This capital plan covers five fiscal years, the first of which is often referred to as Year One. Although it starts on July 1, 2025, Year One is designated as Fiscal Year 2026, since it ends on June 30, 2026. Fiscal Year 2026 is referred to as FY26 on most schedules. This year's Capital

Improvement Program covers the five years from FY26 to FY30. Years Two through Five are budgetary estimates and are not voted on, nor committed with appropriation votes at the annual Town Meeting.

Revenues

Non-Tax Revenues

State DOT - Local Road Assistance

Program (LRAP) - State Law, 23 MRSA 1803-B(1-A-2) limits the use of LRAP funds to capital improvements related to roads.

Sale of Assets - Reflects any direct asset sales, such as used vehicles that are not budgeted as trade-ins.

Fire Station Cell Phone Antenna Lease -

The revenue from the Fire Station cell phone tower lease has been earmarked for maintenance of the Public Safety Building. In FY22, AT&T added an antenna to the building in addition to Verizon's antennae.

Lease Payments by Water Fund - The rent was calculated as follows: The Water Division occupies approximately 37.5% of the Public Works Complex space. However, since a portion of the debt service costs includes the pole barn and salt shed we reduced the percentage chargeable to the water division to 33.3%. We use a 5-year average of debt costs and equals a lease transfer of \$77,682 per year.

Lease from Atlantic Fleet/Bay Ferries -

This revenue source represents the annual proceeds from a 5-year lease on the use of the land at the Ferry Terminal property which is used to help pay the annual debt service that the Town is obligated on. The lease expires on 10/31/2023, with a one-year renewable option for the tenant to execute. However, in FY22, the Council voted to extend the lease by two years in recognition of the forced inactivity in the summer of 2020 and 2021.

CIP Property Taxes Transferred in - CIP funding from taxes is the net result to balance out the proposed appropriations to CIP (for all projects, equipment replacements, debt, etc.) after we consider all other CIP income sources coming in.

Inter-Fund Transfers In:

G/F Transfer In from Fund Balance - By policy, if the undesignated General Fund balance grows beyond its needs, then any drawdown of funds is transferred by the Town Manager to the CIP Fund during the annual budget process. No such transfers are proposed for FY26.

Sewer/Water Transfers In - None proposed in FY26.

Parking Fund: Funds from the Parking Fund are transferred to support the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of capital infrastructure projects. In FY26, the Town proposes transferring \$1 million for property tax relief, as allowed by state statute. Items funded wholly or partially by the Parking Meter Fund are identified with a single asterisk (*) in the line item description along with the dollar amount transferred from the Parking Fund to the CIP Fund.

Cruise Ship Fund: Port Development Fees -Port Development Fees collected through the Cruise Ship Fund are annually transferred to the CIP Fund to support Town-owned projects related to capital improvements or debt service that benefit cruise ship passengers, either in whole or in part. Items funded wholly or partially by the Cruise Ship Fund are marked with a double asterisk (**) in the line item description along with the dollar amount transferred from the Cruise Ship Fund to the CIP Fund.

Expenditures

Technology Division - #22

Copy Machines - #6114 - We have three copy machines in the Town Office that provide the hundreds of thousands of copies each year to serve the Town Council, and other boards, committees, commissions and task forces, as well as staff administrative needs. A fourth copy machine is located at the Police Department. We redeploy the older copiers to other offices where less volume is required.

Fiber Network - #6115 - This network was recently completed. The town entered into a lease agreement with Consolidated Communications to lease the fiber to municipal buildings. The cost is \$114 for each of the 19 fiber lines to municipal buildings. At the end of the lease the Town will have the option to buy.

Fire Protection System (server room) - #6119 - This is an upgrade to our Server Room that provides a special emergency fire suppression system that will put out a fire while not destroying the critical electrical equipment. This system protects our vital communications and thousands of dollars of equipment.

Wide Area Network, Broadcast & WiFi Systems - #6120 - This line is for replacement of broadcasting equipment used for TV and streaming of Town meetings. Replacement switches for much of our wide area network (WAN) system occurred in 2020. The WAN is the communication system utilizing the fiber optic cable system owned by Charter Communications and running between all Town buildings and facilities.

Virtual Machine (VM) Host Servers; Data & Video Storage: - #6124 - The Town facilities are linked by our fiber-optic Wide Area Network (WAN) allowing all departments to share information and files, such as digital archiving, assessing, maps, the property and GIS database, word processing, spreadsheets, the Finance's Munis system, e-mail backup, scanners, security cameras, SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) systems; 17 VM systems are running and are hosted on 3 servers. We replace these three critical servers every three years at the replacement rate of one per year as well as 2 storage devices (NAS's) that hold all data and video storage.

Website Improvements - #6126 - This reserve account is for future website needs.

Town Phone System - #6128 - The Town *Mite*/VOIP system was replaced in FY25.

Security Camera System - #6231 - This is an IP based system with 37 active cameras at many department locations. The software license was upgraded to *Blue Iris* software support in FY21. Cameras in the network are replaced as needed.

Municipal Building - #24
Building Renovations - #6130 - Upgrades are planned for the Planning and Code customer space. Any replacement or upgrade to building security would also be funded from this account.

Building Energy Audit /Improvements - #6136 - This account, established by the Town Council in FY21, is now focused on implementing energy efficiency upgrades based on recommendations from a completed energy audit. Current efforts aim to enhance system performance and reduce operating costs through targeted improvements. The FY26 budget includes

a \$15,000 appropriation to support these upgrades and advance the town's commitment to efficient and cost-effective energy management.

Code Enforcement Division - #30

Code Officer Vehicle - #6150 - This is a 2021 AWD plugin hybrid vehicle.

Assessing Division - #32

Geographic Information System Equipment/Vision Assessing Software - #6115 - The Geographic Information System (GIS) software allows staff from across all departments to share the GIS database and generate, edit and retrieve maps and data for Town facilities and other local features. A reserve has been funded to allow replacement of scanning, plotting and field GPS equipment.

Contract Property Revaluation Services - #6116 - A reserve is set up for future needs; currently staff is working on in-house updates to assessing tables.

Assessing/TSA Vehicle Reserve - #6150 - An electric vehicle was leased in FY25, partly funded an Efficiency Maine grant. It is also used for required travel by IT and other departments as needed.

Ortho Photo Update - #6160 - These distortion-free aerial photos of the town use a technology called Pictometry. This imagery takes pictures of the community from a side angle to the ground, which enables the viewer to see the sides as well as the top of structures. A new set was commissioned in FY23 and a five-year replacement cycle is planned.

Planning Department - #34

Safe Streets for All - #6162 - This is the Town's match for a \$200,000 federal grant.

Lower Main St. Streetscape - #6164 - Initial concept design work on a

streetscape was completed years ago and then the next step in the process was with Lark Studio, so that long term construction costs and planning could be completed. Engineering studies and estimates for various options also need to be completed on what is anticipated to be a multi-million-dollar project.

Cottage St. Streetscape - #6166 - Design work on a streetscape was completed in FY17 by Lark Studio and the next step was to fund a more detailed engineering study so that long term construction costs and planning can be better ascertained. This is a multi-million-dollar project.

Reports - #6170 - This new section provides funding for plans, reports, and studies that support the development of future capital projects. The goal is to facilitate pre-project planning 2-3 years ahead of construction to ensure projects are thoroughly engineered, well-planned, and construction-ready. This account also allocates funds for the necessary engineering costs to secure appropriate project financing, enhancing the town's ability to execute capital projects efficiently and effectively.

Ambulance Division - #40

Ambulance - #6200 - A new ambulance is being ordered in FY25, with expected delivery in FY27 or FY28. The purchase price includes related equipment, patient power load system and power load stretcher. A goal for new ambulances is to move into re-mountable units, where the vehicle chassis and the patient compartment can be separated and re-used, which in the long run should create some savings.

Defibrillators/Chest Compressor - #6202 - A defibrillator is a piece of ambulance equipment which electrically stimulates the heart to restore the correct pulse. The two units are scheduled for replacement in

FY29 also interpret heart rhythms, monitor a patient's vital signs, act as a log for administering medications and maintain the patient information electronically that is downloaded to our run reporting software and allows for transmission of patient information to a hospital. This information is then used for mandatory reporting and for subsequent e-billing by Finance. A second mechanical CPR device was purchased in FY20 and is included in this reserve.

Patient Simulator Mannequin - #6204 - A patient simulator mannequin purchased for in-house professional training in FY18 may be replaced this year.

Fire Department - #42

Turnout Gear - #6204 - National Fire Protection Association standard 1851 requires that all turnout gear to be replaced every 10 years after the date of manufacture. To meet this standard, all 23 turnout gear sets that were funded by a 2015 federal grant are being replaced in FY25 and FY26. The remaining turnout gear in the department's inventory will require a staggered replacement through FY36.

Hose & Couplings - #6206 - The Fire Department continues to replace aging hose on an as-needed basis, as it has become damaged, or when it no longer passes NFPA 1962 required annual testing. The expected date of replacement for a large quantity of fire hose purchased through a 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant is FY31.

Rescue Tools - #6212 - The Fire Department has one primary set of hydraulic rescue tools located on Ladder 4, with a smaller auxiliary unit located in Town Hill. The hydraulic tools were replaced in FY25.

Fire Engine Tanker #1 - #6214 - This pumper was purchased in 2003. In FY24, the pumper was refurbished and with the refurb we are expecting to extend the life of the pumper from 25 years to 30. The pumper is now scheduled to be replaced in FY33.

Fire Engine #4 Ladder Truck/Quint - #6218 - This ladder truck was purchased from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles (E-One) through the normal bid process in FY18. It is being used as the primary responder vehicle and has an expected 22-year life in that capacity. 75' ladder/1500 gpm

Fire Engine #5 Reserve - #6220 - Engine 5, a 2020 E-One Typhoon pumper with a 1500 gpm pump and 1000-gallon water tank. This unit was replaced in FY20 and is expected to have a 25-year life.

Portable Radios - #6222 - The department currently has 20 portable radios with an expected replacement in FY28.

Command, Utility Vehicles (3)/Mass Casualty Trailer - #6224 - The Fire Department has two command vehicles operated by the Chief and Deputy Chief. These command vehicles are set up to be used as incident command posts and routinely respond to medical and fire emergencies. The third vehicle is a utility vehicle which is used for day-to-day operations, is equipped to respond to wildland fires during the summer, transports the Mass Casualty Trailer and is also used for hauling contaminated equipment after an incident. The Mass Casualty Trailer was purchased through a Port Security Grant and is scheduled to be replaced in FY30. The Fire Chief's vehicle and associated equipment is scheduled to be replaced this year.

Thermal Imaging Cameras (3) - #6226 - The Fire Department operates with four thermal imaging cameras. Each frontline fire apparatus has one thermal camera to allow our firefighters to deploy these devices rapidly at a fire to assist with search and rescue. They will be replaced as needed.

SCBAs & Cascade Compressor System - #6227 - The Department has 20 high-volume self-contained breathing apparatus units, one Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) pack, 41 air cylinders and a cascade/compressor fill station. All 20 SCBA are scheduled for replacement in FY29, at 20 years of age (associated bottles are on a slightly different schedule), and the cascade/compressor fill station is scheduled for replacement in FY34, when it is 25 years old.

Dry Hydrant - #6228 - This account is set up to provide funds to repair and replace dry hydrants as needed.

Police Department - #45

Parking Enforcement Vehicle - #6228 - The Hybrid Toyota RAV4 and full electric Chevrolet Bolt are funded solely by parking fees.

Parking Meter & Related Equipment - #6229 - This is the reserve account for eventual replacement of equipment related to parking meters and all support equipment in the system. It is funded entirely by transferred in funds from the Parking Fund and for FY25 funded 61 kiosks and the license plate reader (LPR) system with 4 cameras.

Cruiser Equipment - #6230 - Each time we purchase a cruiser, the equipment in it, which has a four-year life expectancy, gets replaced. This equipment included is the console, cage, charge guard, graphics, antenna and wiring, trunk tray, computer dock top, siren control and related labor.

The remaining equipment in a cruiser is expected to last eight years, or through the life of two cruisers and includes the radar, video system, light bar, gun rack, radio & AED units. At the end of that eight year cycle those items need replacement. Labor for installing this equipment is included.

Electronic Fingerprint Scanner - #6231 - All people who are arrested or criminally summoned are legally required to provide their fingerprints. Our Police Officers arrest and/or summons approximately 300 people annually. The electronic fingerprinting machine connects us to the state and national fingerprint databases which can help identify wanted persons or assist in investigations in a timely manner. Fingerprint Scanner was purchased in FY24 and is currently in use.

Port Security Boat - #6233 - Purchased with the FY08 Port Security Grant. Starting in FY12, we funded a reserve with cruise ship Port Development Fees, which will allow replacement of the boat when it is twenty-three years old in FY32.

Cruiser Replacement - #6234 - We put approximately 132,500 miles on our fleet annually. With six funded cruisers we rely on five front line cars with the sixth being assigned to our Captain. Our plan is to have our cruisers reaching the end of life as a front-line patrol car at around 100,000 miles; at that point they become our spare cruiser. To stay on track with this plan, we budget for purchasing one front-line patrol vehicle a year for three years and every fourth year, purchasing two. In addition, Car 502, an administrative cruiser assigned to the Police Captain, is on a five-year replacement schedule. In recent years post-COVID, we purchased lot models at a lower cost as production for ordered vehicles would have involved delayed deliveries in excess of 12 months. We now are faced with ordering cruisers at higher

actual costs as vehicle production has normalized and prices have increased. FY26 spending needs to be increased to account for an SUV at \$52,000 and a pickup at \$60,000 for total spending of \$112,000.

Records Management System-*Spillman* - #6236 - All law enforcement agencies and dispatch operations in Hancock County utilize *Spillman* through a shared server located in Ellsworth. Fire agencies are beginning to join on our shared server; Bar Harbor and Mount Desert are the pilot agencies for the fire service. The shared *Spillman* server allows all agencies using it to seamlessly share data and information during emergencies and for long term record keeping which enhances public safety. Funds in the CIP are for the town's share of future server maintenance, module upgrades and other improvements made as this regional system grows.

Portable Radios - #6237 - Most Police radios were purchased with a federal grant in 2012. With an estimated life cycle of approximately 10 years, are being replaced in FY2025, the same year as Mount Desert. This will ensure equipment compatibility between PD's.

Officer Safety Equipment - #6238 - The department's Tasers were originally purchased in FY23 and are designated for replacement in FY28. The 18 handguns are replaced every 10 years and 12 rifles are replaced every 12 years. Replacement schedule is aligned with the Mount Desert PD replacement cycle to ensure consistency with equipment between the agencies.

Speed & Traffic Trailers - #6241 - The radar trailer was purchased in 2008 and was upgraded to a radar/message board trailer and the 2015 unit is also used as a

radar/message board.

Planning & Public Safety Collaborations

- #6243 - This account is intended to facilitate being responsive to existing goals in the Police Chief Sharing Agreement. Specifically, funds will assist with funding consultants and experts needed to assist with strategic planning for a singular employment entity and a singular consolidated facility for all Police and Dispatch personnel for the Towns of Bar Harbor and Mount Desert. Collaboration with other entities for dispatch, etc. will also be included.

MPERS 3C Funding - #6244 - This is the cost, spread over 15 years, to update to a different retirement plan for police and dispatch employees. This plan is standard around the state.

Dispatch #47

Voice Recording System - #6231 - This is the Dispatch recording equipment for 911 calls and radio transmissions. The current recorder was purchased in FY23 and is designed to record all phone and radio communications for both Mount Desert and Bar Harbor pursuant to the goals in the Police Sharing Agreement.

Radio Dispatch Command Console - #6232 - The two units and components were replaced in FY22 and are interoperable with the consoles in Mount Desert. Modern consoles are primarily software applications; future replacements are for the hardware or computers that run the already purchased software and associated service agreements to maintain it all.

Ireson Hill Radio Building & Generator - #6235 - The building is exceeding its life expectancy and replacement/upgrade will continue to be monitored for future expenditures.

However, the generator is scheduled for replacement in 2027 as it will be 18 years old. The Tower on the property is owned by the Housing Authority.

Radio Equipment - #6239 - This equipment, which also serves the Fire Department and Public Works, is broken down into components scheduled for replacement at various times, as listed on the Equipment Replacement Schedule.

Public Safety Building - #49

Public Safety Building Generator & Shelter Generator Reserve - #6242 -

The Public Safety Building has a generator installed in 2000 with 30-year life; rated at 35kW, fueled by LP gas. The generator located at Connors Emerson school is rated at 140kW and was installed in 2009; also fueled by LP gas.

Public Safety Building Renovations - #6244 - Income from the Verizon & AT&T cell phone antenna leases is dedicated to renovation of this century-old building and the adjacent Police Station. Needed replacement of building equipment comes from this account. Our priorities are to renovate the Fire Station kitchen, continue work on an air conditioning system for the second floor of the Fire Station, and continue exterior preventative maintenance.

Public Safety PD - Police Department - #6246 - For Police building maintenance and updates.

Public Safety-Workout Equipment - #6248 - Replacement reserve for equipment to help maintain physical readiness for the Police, Dispatch & fire staff.

Harbor #53

Boat & Trailer - #6250 - In FY22 we purchased a new 16-foot aluminum skiff to replace the Mrs. B which was traded in

towards the purchase of the new boat (Lund).

Floats - #6252 - Four 8X30 finger floats were replaced in FY24; four 16x24 public transient floats are scheduled to be replaced in FY25.

Gangways - #6254 - Currently we operate four 50' gangways with replacements scheduled as needed. Due to ADA regulations any new gangway must be 80' long which will present design issues with existing float systems. We will likely redesign the next replacement transient floats and incorporate a new 80' gangway in FY25.

Fishermen's Hoists - #6256 - Two electric winch hoists are currently in operation, one with a 500lb lifting capacity that was built in FY23 and the second with a 200lb lifting capacity that went in service in FY16. The older hoist is scheduled for replacement in FY26.

Ferry Terminal Improvements - #6258 - Capital costs for any future development as well as any immediate needs for the property are budgeted here. All Ferry Terminal related consultant(s) costs are also accounted for here.

Port Security Building - #6260 - A reserve to plan for any future replacement or maintenance which is now partially funded by the Parking Fund as all Parking and Harbor Operations are housed in the Port Security Building.

Breakwater - #6264 - The Army Corps of Engineers has accepted the breakwater repair as a maintenance project and they are in the early stages of planning and seeking congressional funding for the project.

Pier Renovations - #6266 - The entire

fender piling system (17 pilings) was replaced in FY23 with pressure treated pilings. The fender piling system should be scheduled for replacement in FY33.

Boat Pump Out System - #6268 - This is a reserve for eventual replacement of the boat pump out.

Pickup Truck - #6269 - The current Harbormaster Truck was purchased in 2009 for use by the Bar Harbor Fire Department using funds from a Port Security Grant. Historically the Harbormaster's Office has inherited pick-up trucks from the Fire Department when they are replaced; however, the Fire Department no longer has a 3/4-ton truck. In order to accomplish the tasks of the Harbor Master a heavy duty 3/4 pickup truck is required.

Parks Section - #59

Museum in the Streets - #5448 - Interpretive signs designating historical points of interest around the downtown were erected in FY13 and more added during FY19. Cruise Ship Port Development Fees are fully funding annual payments into a maintenance reserve account.

Benches and Bike Racks - #6300 - A line item to provide capital reserves as these park components are expanded or replaced—these are the street concrete-and-wood benches this year. Replacement benches will be purchased in FY26 as well as new benches for Main Street. Funded by Parking Fund and Cruise Ship monies. The Park Bench Plaque program also funds the replacement of park benches through donations made by parties interested in having a plaque on a bench in one of our parks. Public donations are also accepted.

Grant Park Renovations - #6302 - This park was renovated in 2017, with some

donations from the BH V.I.A, Cruise Ship Funds and taxes. An annual replacement reserve has been funded primarily using Cruise Ship Port Development Fees.

Tree Planting - #6304 - Annual funding of replacement of old and diseased trees. Replanting of trees at the Village Green and Agamont Park damaged in previous years' storms is planned.

Park Irrigation Systems - #6306 - This reserve funds future replacements of the four irrigation systems installed in Barker Park, Village Green, Agamont Park and Grant Park. In FY24, a new irrigation system was installed at the Little League Field through a donation made to the Town by Wilson Irrigation Systems.

Skate Park Reserve - #6308 - This was originally privately funded and built at the Town's ballfield. The Town has been maintaining it since 2017.

Mount Desert Street Cemetery - #6310 - During FY03 we received a bequest from the estate of Crystal T. Sprague, on the condition that the funds be used only for the maintenance and repair of the Mount Desert Street Cemetery. Repointing portions of the stone wall was completed in FY23.

Playground Equipment - #6312 - This account was established for the purchase of new park equipment or the replacement of worn-out equipment as the need arises for either Park Street or Town Hill. Town Hill and the 2017 renovation to Park St. Playground were primarily funded by private donations but the maintenance reserve is now through taxation. In FY26 we anticipate repairing existing fence and adding new fence and gates around the Town Hill playground to address safety concerns from residents.

Launch Ramp - #6314 - This was installed at Hadley Point in 2006. Some concrete deterioration has occurred and rebar is showing in 2023. Repairs are likely needed in the next few years given this is a popular water access for the Town.

Tennis & Basketball Courts - #6316 - Reserve set up for future renovations of the tennis court facilities and basketball courts. The tennis/pickleball court was renovated in 2020 at a cost of \$130,000. In FY25 both the tennis and basketball courts are being resurfaced and lined.

Village Green Bandstand - #6318 - The bandstand was rebuilt in FY10. A further expansion in size and enhanced lighting and acoustics due to the popularity of band events is in planning stages, pending fundraising.

Glen Mary Pool Renovations - #6332 - This facility is located on Village Improvement Association (VIA) land. Replacement of the pool and associated facilities are under design. Private donations are expected to fund the work, with the Town picking up operational costs and responsibilities.

Harborview Park - #6334 - This account was established to provide a reserve for upkeep of the park. An \$89,000 railing replacement was completed in FY21. In FY22, ten new park benches were installed.

Downtown Wayfinding Signage Reserve - #6336 - Originally funded by a 2014 bond with the debt service now being paid by annual transfers from the Cruise Ship fund's Port Development fees. In FY26, after the West Street bond projects are completed, a new wayfinding sign and directory is planned for pedestrian area at corner of Eden and West Street. See also Bikeway Pedestrian Improvements in Highway CIP.

Park Fountains - #6338 - Repair of Agamont Park and Village Green fountains.

Agamont Park, Pergola - #6340 - Repair of the lawn area along Agamont Lane was completed in FY24.

Village Green Park Water Fill - #6342 - This line item is to install a new water fill station near the Village Green Fountain.

Barker Park Security Enhancements - #6344 - Landscape maintenance completed in FY25. Lighting to be coordinated with Cottage Street project in FY27.

Ballfield Parking Lot - #6346 - In FY25 and FY26 after the Main Street bond project is completed, plans are to create a paved parking lot off Main Street where the dirt area is now. The tennis court parking lot will also be repaved in a larger footprint.

Comfort Stations - #70

Restroom Reserve - #6350 - There are four comfort stations funded by this replacement reserve: the Ballfield, the Pier, Newport Drive and Village Green. This reserve account is partially funded using Cruise Ship Fund's Port Fees for the Newport Dr & Pier facilities. The Ballfield comfort station is anticipated to be replaced in FY26/FY27. Planning for the renovation and relocation of the Village Green comfort station is funded under Police 2149-6246.

Highway Division - #77

Air Compressors/Welder unit- #6400 - Highway has one compressor located at the Public Works facility and a mobile one it borrows from the Water Division on a trailer.

Backhoe - #6402 - Highway has one

backhoe that was replaced in FY24. We have a shared backhoe with Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater that was purchased in FY23 (see Solid Waste 2179-6402).

Brush Chipper - #6404 - This was replaced in FY2019 with a *Vermeer BC1500* unit.

Bikeway/Pedestrian Improvements - #6406 - This is a new account to use towards making these transportation modes safer in the congested downtown. All funds are transferred in from the Parking Fund. Potential projects include safety improvements around the West Street crosswalk (near the Welcome to Bar Harbor sign), extension of shared use path on Eden Street, and the expansion of sidewalk on Rodick Street.

Road Grader - #6408 - The Town maintains two dirt roads and utilizes the grader to perform this work as well as other road shoulder work, including addressing wash out areas. Replacement of our old grader is planned for FY29, when it will be 38 years old, but in the meantime purchase of a shouldering machine will provide another means of doing some of that work.

Parking Lot Acquisition - #6410 - This is a placeholder account to accumulate funds to acquire any possible downtown parking space in the future and is funded by Parking Fund fees.

Hydraulic Truck Lifts - #6412 - The two-post, 15-ton truck lift is due for replacement. It will either be replaced in kind, or replaced with mobile columns that can move between bays in the garage.

Front End Loader - #6414 - A new wheel loader was purchased in FY15. We expect to replace this unit in FY27.

Excavator - #6416 - This was a new

Bobcat excavator purchased in FY17. This machine is utilized for ditching, catch basin and culvert replacements.

Snowblower - #6418 - Purchased in FY16; the 234hp unit attaches to the Front End Loader.

Road Improvement Program - #6420 - The Parking Fund enables a transfer of \$1,400,000 annually to assist in road improvement rebuilds in the downtown and out of town roads. In addition, this also funds road restoration on water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

Fuel Pump System - #6422 - New software & components were installed in 2018. A new fuel tank was ordered in 2024 when the tank failed its annual inspection; permitting and installation is still in process. The reserve includes the pump system equipment, software, and tank.

Sidewalk Plow - #6424 - The sidewalk plow is a Multihog that also has sanding, sweeping and snowblower duties in addition to plowing. Replacement was made in FY23. This is the only sidewalk plow for the Town.

Sidewalk Reconstruction - #6426 - This receives funding from both the Cruise Ship Port Development fees and the Parking Fund. Generally, monies spent here aligns with the approved road construction projects.

Heating and Hot Water Systems - #6428 - Both the pellet boiler and hot water system are scheduled to be replaced in FY26.

Steamer/Pressure Washer - #6430 - This unit was replaced in FY2019 with an *Alkota* unit.

Eden Path Lighting - #6434 - This is an

account to coordinate with the neighbors and purchase a proportionate set of matching sidewalk lights to improve night travel for bikers and pedestrians.

Street Sweeper - #6436 - This is a vacuum sweeper, purchased new in FY23.

Public Works Building / Solar Panels - #6438 - This is the reserve for future replacement of the solar array.

School Parking Lot - #6440 - A placeholder reserve for monies transferred in from the Parking Fund to be allocated towards the future costs related to possible use of the School lot being used for Town satellite parking during the summer season.

Tag Trailer - #6442 - Flat trailer for 20 tons purchased in 2000. Staff refurbished/rebuilt this asset in FY25, significantly extending its life. Planned replacement in FY30.

Brine Mixing Equipment - #6444 - New Camion brine mixing equipment was purchased in FY24. This equipment has an estimated 10-year life.

Liquid Anti-Icer Tank - #6446 - This is a removable 1600-gal tank that was purchased in FY16. It rides in the back of a dump truck and is used in the summer (washing sidewalks) and winter (salt brine). We anticipate a 15-year service life.

Street Lights/Traffic Signals - #6448 - Maintenance/replacement reserve.

Light Trucks - #6450 - There are six trucks of 1.5 tons or less available to the crew and the Public Works Director. One truck is scheduled for replacement in FY26.

Plow Trucks - #6452 - The Town owns five large dump trucks; 4 active trucks, plus

one reserve truck. Experience has shown that, on average, they begin to become unreliable after about eight years of service, so we put one of the oldest trucks in reserve, while running four on the road. Typically, these trucks have been replaced on a fifteen-year cycle.

Bobcat Loader & Equipment - #6453 - Bought in FY17, the "Bobcat" fills the same function as a forklift, but with the proper attachments, will also sweep, load, dig, bore and serves as a back-up to the Town's only sweeper.

Vibratory Roller/Compactor - #6454 - The roller was replaced in FY20. A compactor was purchased in FY25 to properly perform road and sidewalk improvements with in-house resources.

Forklift - #6472 - The forklift was purchased in FY24 and is shared with Solid Waste.

Power Screen - #6457 - A used Power Screen was purchased in FY23 for use in screening leaf pile and sand. This power screen is used to create compost from the leaf pile at Public Works as well as breaking up clumps of sand for winter. It also serves as a screen for screening materials used for in-house road and sidewalk construction.

Solid Waste Division - #79

Backhoe - #6402 - This is a shared backhoe between Solid Waste, Highway, Water and Wastewater. Purchased in FY23.

Heating System - #6455 - The existing waste oil furnace burns used motor vehicle oil as a source of heat and was transferred to the Solid Waste location from the old Highway Garage.

Single Sort Units/Canopy - #6456 - Two

of these units are in place and were installed when the Transfer Station was rebuilt in FY18. A canopy over the two single sort compactors is being funded.

Transfer Station Renovations - #6458 - A reserve for any needed major repairs/replacements.

Three 48' Trailers - #6460 - Three trailers were purchased from the bonded project in FY18. One used trailer was purchased in FY22. These trailers have an anticipated service life of 15 years. We anticipate purchasing an additional 48-foot trailer in FY26 to allow greater operational flexibility.

Compactor Unit - #6462 - This sole unit serves to compact MSW at the transfer station. It was purchased used when the new facility was built in FY18. This reserve includes funding the hopper. A replacement compactor or refurbishment of the existing unit is anticipated in FY26.

Skid Steer - #6464 - This 2018 unit is utilized at the facility.

High Pressure Washer - #6466 - Unit purchased in FY25 used for efficient cleaning of the facility and grounds.

Solar Panels - #6468 - The Town previously allocated the last of its Transfer Station bond monies to this line item. These funds have been reallocated to fund the replacement of essential equipment.

Truck - #6470 - Reserve to replace a ¾ Tn pickup truck purchased in FY20. Replacement with a 1-ton with dump body and plow is anticipated for FY30.

School Department- #94

Capital Outlay Reserve - #6604 - Any school CIP appropriations left over at the end of a project are closed to this account.

Similarly, projects that cost more than expected draw down from this account. These funds can also be used when an unexpected emergency arises.

Asbestos Removal - #6605 - We have maintained funding in this line item for the unexpected removal of asbestos during any renovation or repair.

Furniture and Equipment - #6606 - Chairs and tables are replaced when they can't be repaired. All new purchases will be transferable to the new school building.

Computers & Technology - #6608 - Replacement of devices and technology follows a multi-year plan based on age of devices and wear/tear.

Copier Lease/Purchase - #6610 - The contract for copiers is negotiated through the district.

Floor Covering Replacement - #6612 - We are looking to purchase a new floor scrubber when the new school is completed so we have a better idea of which scrubber would be most compatible with the new flooring, unless we need to purchase sooner based on maintenance. Our current scrubbers are more than 15 years old and are constantly being repaired due to their daily use. The estimated cost is \$5,000 to \$8,000 depending on model.

Pickup Truck Replacement - #6618 - In FY23 we purchased a new truck. We anticipate replacing this vehicle in 10 years.

Playground - #6620- We are using new areas for student play based on construction zones. We have purchased temporary playground equipment that can be transferable to the new school such as outdoor basketball hoops, a temporary playstructure, Gaga Ball courts, etc.

Roof Repair Reserve - #6624 - During rainstorms the roof leaks in multiple areas; minor repairs continue to be needed.

Technology Infrastructure - #6628 - A new phone system was installed FY24 and will be transferable to the new building, but there will be additional costs associated with the installation. This funding will be used to help transition the phone system and internet to the new building. Technology transfer is not included in the cost of the new school build. The district also has some funds set aside to help with this transition.

Safety & Access Control - #6650 - The security access panels on the doors at our school have a limited lifespan depending on their usage. We anticipate that one, perhaps two panels will need to be replaced in addition to the phone unit that controls the door entry from the main office.

Building Maintenance - #6652 - Should we have issues with our older boiler, library walls due to water infiltration, or any other unanticipated repairs, we will have the money to do so. The last boiler repair, in FY24, was in excess of \$150,000.

Tractor/Plow Reserve - #6662 - This line is for future purchase of a new tractor that will help with our landscaping and snow removal needs when the new school is built. The current tractor is more than 20 years old and though still operable, it is near the end of its life.

School Van - #6656 - A school van was purchased in FY24 and we anticipate a 10-year life for this van. We will put \$3000 into reserve each year to pay for a replacement vehicle in FY34.

FY26 Budget

* = Partial or Full Parking Funding			Capital Improvement Program					
** = Partial or Full Cruise Ship Funding			Year By Year Overview					
Account		Est Year End	Year One			Year Two		
Number		FY25	FY26			FY27		
21	Account Description	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
22	Technology Division							
6114	Copy Machines	11,195	5,571	0	16,766	5,571	0	22,337
6115	Fiber Engineering Project	413,628	0	26,000	387,628	0	26,000	361,628
6117	Virtual Desktpr Softwr-PD-New	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
6119	Fire Prot Syst-Server Rm	17,262	1,733	0	18,995	1,733	0	20,728
6120	WAN & Broadcst & WiFi **2k	32,338	5,833	0	38,171	5,833	0	44,004
6124	3 VM Host Servers & Storage	39,963	20,000	20,000	39,963	25,000	25,000	39,963
6126	Website Imprmnts	15,585	4,375	0	19,960	4,375	0	24,335
6128	Town Phone System	193	4,545	0	4,738	7,545	0	12,283
6231	Security Camera System	13,035	5,000	3,000	15,035	5,000	0	20,035
	<i>Total Technology</i>	563,199	47,057	49,000	561,256	55,057	51,000	565,313
24	Municipal Building							
6130	Building Renovations *5K **5k	46,608	30,000	15,850	60,758	30,000	8,000	82,758
6136	Energy Audit/Improvements	9,846	15,000	0	24,846	15,000	0	39,846
	<i>Total Muni. Bldg.</i>	56,454	45,000	15,850	85,604	45,000	8,000	122,604
30	Code Enforcement Division							
6150	Code Vehicle Reserve	17,418	3,200	0	20,618	3,200	0	23,818
	<i>Total Code</i>	17,418	3,200	0	20,618	3,200	0	23,818
32	Assessing Division							
6115	GIS Eqpmnt/Assessing Softwr	3,904	3,950	0	7,854	4,000	0	11,854
6116	Contract Revaluation Srv	50,904	10,000	0	60,904	20,000	0	80,904
6150	Assessing/TSA Vehicle Resrv	24,604	0	0	24,604	5,000	0	29,604
6160	Ortho Photos/Pictometry	5,807	2,400	0	8,207	2,400	0	10,607
	<i>Total Assessing</i>	85,219	16,350	0	101,569	31,400	0	132,969
34	Planning Department							
6162	Safe Streets for All *50K	0	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	0
6164	Lwr Main St Strtscp **\$30K	422,293	0	0	422,293	0	0	422,293
6166	Cottage St Strtscp **\$30K	416,726	0	0	416,726	0	0	416,726
6168	Town Hill Housing (share w/ANP)	0			0			
6169	Comp Plan implementation	0						
6170	Reports*100k	0	200,000	140,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
	<i>Total Planning</i>	839,019	250,000	190,000	899,019	60,000	60,000	839,019
40	Ambulance Division							
6200	Ambulances (3) ** 23k *85K	252,543	108,000	0	360,543	108,000	450,000	18,543
6202	Defibrillators/Monitors	53,552	24,500	0	78,052	30,000		108,052
6204	Patient Simulator/Chest Compr.	11,728	2,588	6,000	8,316	2,588	0	10,904
	<i>Total Ambulance</i>	317,823	135,088	6,000	446,911	140,588	450,000	137,499
42	Fire Department							
6204	Turnout Gear (23 sets in FY26)	48,029	28,100	76,000	129	28,100	0	28,229
6206	Hose & Couplings	24,231	4,000	0	28,231	4,000	0	32,231
6212	Rescue Tools	109	2,513	0	2,622	2,513	0	5,135
6214	Fire Engine #1 Tanker *50K**10k	282,228	90,000	0	372,228	90,000	0	462,228
6218	Fire Engine #4 Ladder **10K *25K	190,837	40,000	0	230,837	40,000	0	270,837
6220	Fire Engine #5 Reserve ** \$15k*10K	91,188	25,000	0	116,188	25,000	0	141,188
6222	Portable Radios (20)	14,440	5,000		19,440	5,000	0	24,440
6224	Command Vehicles&Trailer	50,000	20,000	70,000	0	18,601	0	18,601
6226	Thermal Imaging Cameras (4)	8,878	2,400	0	11,278	2,400	0	13,678
6227	SCBAs & Cascade System	89,952	35,397	0	125,349	35,397	0	160,745
6228	Dry Hydrant	6,600	6,300	6,000	12,900	6,300		19,200
	<i>Total Fire</i>	806,492	258,710	152,000	919,202	257,310	0	1,176,512

FY26 Budget

			Capital Improvement Program					
Year By Year Overview								
Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
FY28			FY29			FY30		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
5,571	0	27,908	5,571	0	33,479	5,571	0	39,050
0	26,000	335,628	0	26,000	309,628	0	26,000	283,628
0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
1,733	0	22,461	1,733	0	24,194	1,733	0	25,927
12,500	0	56,504	5,833	0	62,337	5,833	0	68,170
20,000		59,963	20,000		79,963	25,000		104,963
4,375	0	28,710	4,375	0	33,085	4,375	0	37,460
17,545	0	29,828	4,545	0	34,373	7,545	0	41,918
5,000	0	25,035	5,000	0	30,035	5,000	0	35,035
66,724	26,000	606,037	47,057	26,000	627,094	55,057	26,000	656,151
30,000		112,758	33,679		146,437	33,679		180,116
15,000	0	54,846	15,000	0	69,846	15,000	0	84,846
45,000	0	167,604	48,679	0	216,283	48,679	0	264,962
3,200	0	27,018	3,200	0	30,218	3,200	0	33,418
3,200	0	27,018	3,200	0	30,218	3,200	0	33,418
4,000	0	15,854	4,000	0	19,854	4,000	0	23,854
20,000	0	100,904	20,000	0	120,904	20,000	0	140,904
5,000	0	34,604	5,000	0	39,604	5,000	0	44,604
2,400	0	13,007	2,400	0	15,407	2,400	0	17,807
31,400	0	164,369	31,400	0	195,769	31,400	0	227,169
0		0	0		0	0		0
0	0	422,293	50,000	0	472,293	50,000	0	522,293
0	0	416,726	50,000	0	466,726	50,000	0	516,726
60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0
60,000	60,000	839,019	160,000	60,000	939,019	160,000	60,000	1,039,019
108,000	0	126,543	108,000	0	234,543	108,000	0	342,543
24,500		132,552	30,000	108,000	54,552	24,500		79,052
2,588	0	13,492	2,588	0	16,080	2,588	0	18,668
135,088	0	272,587	140,588	108,000	305,175	135,088	0	440,263
28,100	0	56,329	28,100	0	84,429	28,100	0	112,529
4,000	0	36,231	4,000	0	40,231	4,000	0	44,231
2,513	0	7,648	10,513	0	18,161	2,513	0	20,674
90,000	0	552,228	90,000	0	642,228	90,000	725,000	7,228
40,000	0	310,837	40,000	0	350,837	40,000	0	390,837
25,000	0	166,188	25,000	0	191,188	25,000	0	216,188
5,000	25,000	4,440	5,000	0	9,440	5,000	0	14,440
17,628	0	36,228	20,000	0	56,228	18,601	0	74,829
2,400	0	16,078	2,400	0	18,478	2,400	0	20,878
35,397	0	196,142	35,397	157,000	74,539	35,397	0	109,935
6,300		25,500	6,300		31,800	6,300		38,100
256,337	25,000	1,407,849	266,710	157,000	1,517,559	257,310	725,000	1,049,869

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Account Number	Account Description	Est Year End	Year One			Year Two		
		FY25	FY26	FY26	FY26	FY27	FY27	FY27
21		Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
45	Police Department							
6228	Parking Meter Vehicle(s) *5k	86,661	8,207	0	94,868	8,207	0	103,075
6229	Parking Meters & Equipmt * 31k	14,718	31,000	0	45,718	31,000	0	76,718
6230	Cruiser Equipment	23,641	21,000	34,000	10,641	20,000	11,000	19,641
6231	Electronic Fingerprint Scanner	1,900	1,900	0	3,800	1,900	0	5,700
6235	Port Security Boat ** \$10k	108,638	10,870	0	119,508	10,870	0	130,378
6234	Cruiser Replacement ** \$10k	57,729	58,750	112,000	4,479	58,750	54,000	9,229
6236	Records Mgt. Software	8,428	1,500	0	9,928	1,500	0	11,428
6237	Portable Radios (20)	5,000	7,000	0	12,000	7,000	0	19,000
6238	Officer Safety Equipment	72,462	13,680	30,240	55,902	13,680	12,240	57,342
6241	Speed Tr. & Traffic Sol Trailer	16,617	2,600		19,217	2,600	0	21,817
6243	Planning & PSafety Collaborations*\$2	66,633	50,000		116,633	50,000		166,633
6244	MPERS 3C funding *\$55K	60,820	55,000	84,000	31,820	55,000	84,000	2,820
	<i>Total Police</i>	523,247	261,507	260,240	524,514	260,507	161,240	623,781
47	Dispatch							
6231	Voice Recorder System	6,081	3,200	0	9,281	3,200		12,481
6232	Radio Cmmnd Console	9,450	4,500	0	13,950	4,500		18,450
6235	Ireson Hill Radio Bldg. & Generator	997	6,000	0	6,997	6,000	10,000	2,997
6239	Radio Equipment *20k	54,707	20,000	56,000	18,707	25,000	0	43,707
	<i>Total P.S.Bldg.</i>	71,235	33,700	56,000	48,935	38,700	10,000	77,635
49	Public Safety Building							
6242	Generators -(2) School & PSB	50,531	3,892	0	54,423	3,892	0	58,315
6244	P.S. Bldg. Fire Renovations	39,800	48,566	40,000	48,366	48,566	45,000	51,932
6246	P.S. Bldg. PD Renovations **5k	15,000	5,000	0	20,000	5,000	0	25,000
6248	Workout Equipment - FD & PD	7,500	1,500	0	9,000	1,500	7,500	3,000
6250	P.S. Bldg Repair	0						
	<i>Total P.S.Bldg.</i>	112,831	58,958	40,000	131,789	58,958	52,500	138,247
53	Harbor Department							
6250	Boat & Trailer- Lund	4,500	1,500	0	6,000	1,500	0	7,500
6252	Floats *24K	37,751	24,000	0	61,751	24,000	0	85,751
6254	Gangways	28,981	2,000	60,000	(29,019)	10,000	0	(19,019)
6256	Fishermen's Hoists (2)	30,644	8,353	35,000	3,997	2,400	0	6,397
6258	Ferry Terminal Lot *25k **5K	408,650	150,000	0	558,650	200,000	0	758,650
6260	Port Security Office *5k	42,382	10,000	0	52,382	10,000	0	62,382
6264	Breakwater Repairs	10,000	10,000	0	20,000	10,000	0	30,000
6265	Paton Service **\$4K		4,000		4,000	8,000		8,000
6266	Pier Renovations ** \$13k	45,429	13,000	0	58,429	13,000	0	71,429
6268	Boat Pump Out System	14,600	2,600	0	17,200	2,600	0	19,800
6269	Pickup Truck *12k	15,500	12,000	0	27,500	12,000	0	39,500
6270	Harbor Vehicle and Trailer **\$8K		8,000		8,000	8,000		16,000
6304	Harbor Float Replacement **\$4K		4,000		4,000	4,000		8,000
	<i>Total Harbor</i>	638,437	249,453	95,000	792,890	305,500	0	1,094,390

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FY28			FY29			FY30		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
5,000	35,000	73,074	8,207	0	81,281	8,207	0	89,488
31,000		107,718	31,000	15,000	123,718	31,000		154,718
21,000	31,000	9,641	21,000	11,000	19,641	20,000	37,000	2,641
1,900		7,600	1,900		9,500	1,900		11,400
10,870		141,248	10,870		152,118	10,870		162,988
99,000	108,000	229	58,750	54,000	4,979	58,750	60,000	3,729
1,500		12,928	1,500		14,428	1,500		15,928
7,000		26,000	7,000		33,000	7,000		40,000
13,680		71,022	13,680		84,702	13,680		98,382
2,600	0	24,417	2,600	0	27,017	2,600	0	29,617
50,000		216,633	50,000		266,633	50,000		316,633
84,000	84,000	0	84,000	84,000	0	84,000	84,000	0
327,550	258,000	690,510	290,507	164,000	817,017	289,507	181,000	925,524
3,600	16,000	81	3,600		3,681	3,600		7,281
4,500		22,950	4,500		27,450	4,500		31,950
6,000	0	8,997	6,000	0	14,997	6,000	0	20,997
25,000	0	68,707	25,000	0	93,707	25,000	0	118,707
39,100	16,000	100,735	39,100	0	139,835	39,100	0	178,935
3,892	0	62,207	3,892	0	66,099	3,892	0	69,991
48,566		100,498	28,103		128,601	48,566		177,167
0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000
1,500	0	4,500	1,500	0	6,000	1,500	0	7,500
53,958	0	192,205	33,495	0	225,700	53,958	0	279,658
1,500	0	9,000	1,500	0	10,500	1,500	0	12,000
24,000	0	109,751	24,000	0	133,751	24,000	0	157,751
10,000		(9,019)	10,000		981	10,000		10,981
2,400	0	8,797	2,400	0	11,197	2,400	0	13,597
200,000	0	958,650	200,000	0	1,158,650	200,000	0	1,358,650
10,000	0	72,382	10,000	0	82,382	10,000	0	92,382
0	0	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	40,000
4,000		12,000	4,000		16,000	4,000		20,000
13,000	0	84,429	13,000	0	97,429	13,000	0	110,429
6,200	26,000	0	2,600	0	2,600	2,600	0	5,200
12,000	0	51,500	12,000	0	63,500	12,000	0	75,500
8,000		24,000	8,000		32,000	8,000		40,000
4,000		12,000	4,000		16,000	4,000		20,000
295,100	26,000	1,363,490	291,500	0	1,654,990	301,500	0	1,956,490

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Account		Est Year End		Year One				Year Two	
Number		FY25		FY26		FY27		FY27	
21	Account Description	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	
59	Parks Section								
5448	Museum in the Streets ** \$2k	16,232	2,000	0	18,232	2,000	0	20,232	
6300	Benches, BikeRks*5k**5k	58,160	10,000	3,600	64,560	10,000	0	74,560	
6302	Grant Park Reserve ** \$5k	21,000	5,000	0	26,000	5,000	0	31,000	
6304	Tree Planting and Pruning *\$15K	46,298	15,000	15,000	46,298	15,000	15,000	46,298	
6306	Park Irrigation Systems	24,200	3,000	0	27,200	3,000	0	30,200	
6308	Skatepark Maint. Reserve	35,271	4,516	0	39,787	4,516	0	44,303	
6310	Mt. Desert St. Cemetery	23,328	0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328	
6312	Playground Equipment *20K	74,800	20,000	20,000	74,800	20,000	0	94,800	
6314	Launch Ramp @ Hadley Pt.	23,874	2,700	0	26,574	2,700	0	29,274	
6316	Tennis & Basketball Crts *5K	20,586	5,000	0	25,586	5,000	0	30,586	
6318	Village Green Bandstd **5K	68,735	5,000	0	73,735	5,000	72,500	6,235	
6332	Glen Mary Renovations *27K	162,239	27,000	0	189,239	27,000	0	216,239	
6334	Harborview Park ** \$5k	15,000	5,000	0	20,000	5,000	0	25,000	
6336	Downtown Signage Res. **\$5k	62,517	12,000	0	74,517	12,000	0	86,517	
6338	Park Fountains	60,000	0	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	0	
6340	Agamont Park, Pergola *\$25K	40,000	25,000	0	65,000	25,000	0	90,000	
6342	Village Green Park	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	
6344	Barker Park Security Enhancements	20,000	10,000	0	30,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	
6346	Ballfield Parking Lot	155,000	0	0	155,000	0	0	155,000	
	<i>Total Parks</i>	932,240	151,216	73,600	1,009,856	151,216	127,500	1,033,572	
70	Comfort Stations								
6350	Restroom Resv (4)	229,990	37,000	265,000	1,990	37,000	0	38,990	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Total Comfort Stations</i>	229,990	37,000	265,000	1,990	37,000	0	38,990	
77	Highway Division								
6400	Air Compressor (1)/Welder (1)	6,983	402	0	7,385	402	0	7,787	
6402	Backhoe (1)*50K	101,350	50,000	0	151,350	50,000	0	201,350	
6404	Brush Chipper	16,127	2,600	0	18,727	2,600	0	21,327	
6406	Bikeway/Ped. Imprvmts *\$10k	170,000	60,000	30,000	200,000	60,000	0	260,000	
6408	Road Grader (used) *60k	280,694	60,000	0	340,694	75,000	0	415,694	
6410	Parking Lot Acq.	56,813	0	0	56,813	50,000	0	106,813	
6412	Hydraulic Truck Lifts (2)	21,583	2,955	24,000	538	2,955	0	3,493	
6414	Front End Loader *20k	149,020	20,000	0	169,020	16,500	180,000	5,520	
6416	Excavator (Bobcat)	89,232	9,167	0	98,399	9,167	0	107,566	
6418	Snowblower *\$5K	35,800	5,000	0	40,800	5,000	0	45,800	
6420	Road Improvements *\$1.4MM	1,875,578	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,875,578	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,875,578	
6422	Fuel Pump System	38,900	5,250	0	44,150	5,250	0	49,400	
6424	Sidewalk Plow *\$26k	85,254	26,000	0	111,254	26,000	0	137,254	
6426	Sidewalk Consrst *\$150k	414,430	150,000	300,000	264,430	150,000	300,000	114,430	
6428	Heating and Hot Water System	300,000	0	300,000	0	2,500	0	2,500	
6430	Steam/Pressure Washer	13,029	500	0	13,529	500	0	14,029	
6434	Eden Path Lighting	119,220	0	0	119,220	0	0	119,220	
6436	Street Sweeper (Vacuum) *40k**\$10	70,600	50,000	0	120,600	50,000	0	170,600	
6438	Pub Wrks Complx/Solar	89,228	0	0	89,228	2,000	0	91,228	
6440	School Satellite Park Lot	200,000	0	0	200,000	65,000	0	265,000	
6442	Tag Trailer	23,380	2,500	0	25,880	2,500	0	28,380	
6444	Brine Mixing Equipment	9,779	2,200	0	11,979	2,200	0	14,179	
6446	Liquid Anti-icer Tank	14,897	900	0	15,797	900	0	16,697	
6448	Street Lights/Traffic Signals	34,150	0	0	34,150	0	0	34,150	
6450	Light Trucks (6 + PWD)*\$100K	193,545	100,000	100,000	193,545	100,000	100,000	193,545	
6452	Plow Trucks (5) *100k	171,926	100,000	0	271,926	100,000	0	371,926	
6453	Bobcat Loader & Eqpmnt	33,840	5,000	0	38,840	5,000	0	43,840	
6454	Roller, Vibratory*\$15K	22,262	15,000	0	37,262	15,000	0	52,262	
6472	Forklift shared with Solid Waste	70,000	0	0	70,000	0	0	70,000	
6457	Power screen	11,000	11,000	0	22,000	11,000	0	33,000	
	<i>Total Highway</i>	4,718,620	2,078,474	2,154,000	4,643,094	2,209,474	1,980,000	4,872,568	

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2,000	0	22,232	2,000	0	24,232	2,000	0	26,232
10,000	0	84,560	10,000	0	94,560	10,000	0	104,560
5,000	0	36,000	5,000	0	41,000	5,000	0	46,000
15,000	15,000	46,298	15,000	15,000	46,298	15,000	15,000	46,298
3,000	0	33,200	3,000	0	36,200	3,000	0	39,200
4,516	0	48,819	4,516	0	53,335	4,516	0	57,851
0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328
20,000	0	114,800	20,000	0	134,800	20,000	0	154,800
2,700	0	31,974	2,700	0	34,674	2,700	0	37,374
5,000	0	35,586	5,000	0	40,586	5,000	0	45,586
5,000	0	11,235	5,000	0	16,235	5,000	0	21,235
27,000	0	243,239	27,000	0	270,239	27,000	0	297,239
5,000	0	30,000	5,000	0	35,000	5,000	0	40,000
10,000	0	96,517	12,000	0	108,517	12,000	0	120,517
10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	20,000	10,000	0	30,000
1,500		91,500	1,500		93,000	1,500		94,500
0		0	0		0	0		0
10,000		40,000	10,000		50,000	10,000		60,000
1,500		156,500	1,500		158,000	1,500		159,500
137,216	15,000	1,155,788	139,216	15,000	1,280,004	139,216	15,000	1,404,220
37,000	0	75,990	37,000	0	112,990	37,000	0	149,990
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,000	0	75,990	37,000	0	112,990	37,000	0	149,990
402	0	8,189	402	0	8,591	402	0	8,993
50,000	0	251,350	50,000	0	301,350	50,000	0	351,350
2,600	0	23,927	2,600	0	26,527	2,600	0	29,127
10,000	0	270,000	60,000	0	330,000	60,000	0	390,000
60,000	0	475,694	75,000	550,000	694	75,000	0	75,694
0	0	106,813	0	0	106,813	50,000	0	156,813
2,955	0	6,448	2,955	0	9,403	2,955	0	12,358
20,000		25,520	20,000		45,520	20,000		65,520
9,167	0	116,733	9,167	0	125,900	9,167	0	135,067
5,000	0	50,800	5,000	0	55,800	5,000	0	60,800
1,400,000	1,400,000	1,875,578	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,875,578	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,875,578
5,250	0	54,650	5,250	0	59,900	5,250	0	65,150
26,000	0	163,254	26,000	0	189,254	26,000	0	215,254
200,000	300,000	14,430	300,000	300,000	14,430	300,000	300,000	14,430
2,500	0	5,000	2,500	0	7,500	2,500	0	10,000
500	0	14,529	500	0	15,029	500	0	15,529
0	0	119,220	0	0	119,220	0	0	119,220
50,000	0	220,600	50,000	0	270,600	50,000	0	320,600
2,000	0	93,228	2,000	0	95,228	2,000	0	97,228
65,000	0	330,000	65,000	0	395,000	65,000	0	460,000
2,500	0	30,880	2,500	0	33,380	2,500	0	35,880
2,200	0	16,379	2,200	0	18,579	2,200	0	20,779
900	0	17,597	900	0	18,497	900	0	19,397
0		34,150	0		34,150	0		34,150
100,000	100,000	193,545	100,000	100,000	193,545	100,000	100,000	193,545
100,000	0	471,926	100,000	0	571,926	100,000	0	671,926
5,000	0	48,840	5,000	0	53,840	5,000	0	58,840
15,000	0	67,262	15,000	0	82,262	15,000	0	97,262
11,000	1	43,999	11,000	1	54,998	11,000	1	65,997
2,147,974	1,800,001	5,150,541	2,312,974	2,350,001	5,113,514	2,362,974	1,800,001	5,676,487

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21	Account Description	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	
79	Solid Waste Division								
6402	Backhoe	5,900	2,950		8,850	2,950			11,800
6455	Heating System	9,310	1,757	0	11,067	1,757	0		12,824
6456	Recycling/Single Sort/Canopy	46,125	2,167	0	48,292	2,167	0		50,459
6458	Transfer Station Renovations	39,599	3,000	0	42,599	3,000	0		45,599
6460	(3) 48' Trailers *40K	70,673	46,000	115,000	1,673	40,000	0		41,673
6462	Compactor Unit w/Hopper*15K	27,870	73,000	100,000	870	15,000	0		15,870
6464	Skid Steer/Bobcat*4K	29,500	4,000	0	33,500	4,500	0		38,000
6466	Hi Pressure Washer	0	500	0	500	500	0		1,000
6468	Solar Panels	112,157	0	0	112,157	0	0		112,157
6470	Truck *20K	40,125	20,000	0	60,125	21,975	0		82,100
	<i>Total Solid Waste</i>	381,259	153,374	215,000	319,633	91,849	0		411,482
84	Town Debt Service								
6502	D- Agamont Pk.& Seawall-'05	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6504	K- Muni.Bldg.Renov.-'15	0	141,625	141,625	0	138,050	138,050		0
6506	J- Public Works Complex-'13	0	224,200	224,200	0	221,575	221,575		0
6508	K-Downtown Signs '15 ** \$22k	0	22,050	22,050	0	21,400	21,400		0
6510	F - Public Works- '10 ** \$31k	0	212,535	212,535	0	191,023	191,023		0
6512	L-Pub Safety Bldg Envelp '15	0	26,800	26,800	0	25,800	25,800		0
6514	Trnsfr Station,FTck,Bldg Slab '17	0	224,100	224,100	0	216,100	216,100		0
6516	FerryTrm/PrkMeter Bond-'18 *50k	0	169,625	169,625	0	163,875	163,875		0
6518	FerryTerm/BayF Taxable'18 ** 25K	0	89,425	89,425	0	87,225	87,225		0
6520	Fiber Build	0	65,675	65,675	0	63,925	63,925		0
6522	Solar Array Higgins Pit	0	377,100	377,100	0	367,100	367,100		0
	StormWater Priority Infrastructure	0	675,525	675,525	0	657,775	657,775		0
		0	0	0	0	0	0		0
82	<i>Total Town Debt</i>	0	2,228,660	2,228,660	0	2,153,848	2,153,848		0
6190	Bond premium interest only pmt			0	0		0		0
	Town Totals	10,293,483	6,007,746	5,800,350	10,506,879	5,899,607	5,054,088		11,288,399
	Funds Available		6,007,746			5,899,607			

FY26 Budget

Capital Improvement Program								
Year By Year Overview								
Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
FY28			FY29			FY30		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
2,950		14,750	2,950		17,700	2,950		20,650
1,757	0	14,581	1,757	0	16,338	1,757	0	18,095
2,167	0	52,626	2,167	0	54,793	2,167	0	56,960
3,000	0	48,599	3,000	0	51,599	3,000	0	54,599
40,000	0	81,673	40,000	0	121,673	40,000	0	161,673
15,000	0	30,870	15,000	0	45,870	15,000	0	60,870
4,500	0	42,500	4,500	0	47,000	4,500	0	51,500
500	0	1,500	500	0	2,000	500	0	2,500
0	0	112,157	0	0	112,157	0	0	112,157
21,975	0	104,075	21,975	0	126,050	21,975	0	148,025
91,849	0	503,331	91,849	0	595,180	91,849	0	687,029
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
135,163	135,163	0	132,000	132,000	0	132,000	132,000	0
218,700	218,700	0	225,325	225,325	0	225,325	225,325	0
20,875	20,875	0	20,300	20,300	0	20,300	20,300	0
183,064	183,064	0	175,105	175,105	0	175,105	175,105	0
25,050	25,050	0	24,500	24,500	0	24,500	24,500	0
208,100	208,100	0	201,700	201,700	0	201,700	201,700	0
158,125	158,125	0	152,375	152,375	0	152,375	152,375	0
89,925	89,925	0	87,525	87,525	0	87,525	87,525	0
62,175	62,175	0	60,425	60,425	0	60,425	60,425	0
357,100	357,100	0	342,225	342,225	0	342,225	342,225	0
640,025	640,025	0	622,275	622,275	0	622,275	622,275	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,098,302	2,098,302	0	2,043,755	2,043,755	0	2,043,755	2,043,755	0
	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	40,000
5,825,798	4,324,303	12,717,074	5,997,029	4,923,756	13,790,347	6,069,593	4,850,756	15,009,184
5,825,798			5,997,029			6,069,593		

Note: Amount shown in the Year One Funding column corresponds to the proposed FY26 municipal budget. Figures shown for Year Two through Year Five are the amounts we expect to request for those future fiscal years.

FY26 Budget

* = Partial or Full Parking Funding				Capital Improvement Program					
** = Partial or Full Cruise Ship Funding				Year By Year Overview					
Account Number	Account Description	Est Year End		Year One		Year Two			
		FY25	Funding	FY26	Balance	Funding	FY27	Spending	Balance
21	94	Balance		Spending					
	SCHOOL C.I.P								
6602	ADA Act Renovations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6604	Capital Outlay Reserve	34,232	10,000	0	44,232	9,928	0	0	54,160
6605	Asbestos Removal	15,410	0	0	15,410	0	0	0	15,410
6606	Furniture & Equipment	10,219	5,000	15,219	0	7,500	7,500	0	0
6608	Computers & Technology	29,422	25,000	54,422	0	60,000	60,000	0	0
6610	Copier Lease/Purchase	539	19,032	19,032	539	13,890	13,890	539	0
6611	Connors Hallway Floor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6612	Floor Covering Replacement	3,000	3,000	6,000	0	0	0	0	0
6614	Repaving P/Lot	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
6618	Pickup Truck Replacement	23,882	3,000	0	26,882	6,000	0	0	32,882
6620	Playground	14,000	10,000	5,000	19,000	10,000	0	0	29,000
6624	Roof Repair Reserve	56,300	10,000	10,000	56,300	75,000	10,000	0	121,300
6626	Storage Units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6628	Technology Infrastructure	80,952	0	80,952	0	20,000	10,000	0	10,000
6630	Kitchen Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6632	Phone System	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6648	Connors Water Main Replcmnt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6650	Safety & Access Control	28,270	5,000	30,000	3,270	10,000	10,000	0	3,270
6652	Building Maintenance	259,662	0	100,000	159,662	0	0	0	159,662
6656	School Van	12,843	3,000	0	15,843	0	0	0	15,843
6660	Boiler Replacement Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6662	Tractor/Plow Reserve	38,000	3,000	0	41,000	5,000	0	0	46,000
6664	Security Panel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6670	Gym Floor Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6656	Architectural Design	202,026	0	202,026	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Total School Projects</i>	808,757	96,032	522,651	382,138	222,318	111,390	0	493,066
	Funds Available		96,032			222,318			
	Surplus (Shortfall)		0			0			
	94 School Debt Service								
6702	New School Build		3,599,375	3,599,375		3,597,125	3,597,125		
6704	School Design/Renovatns-'21	0	257,175	257,175	0	250,425	250,425	0	0
6706	Bond Issue M: 2004 Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Total School Debt</i>	0	3,856,550	3,856,550	0	3,847,550	3,847,550	0	0
	Bond premium interest only pmt								
	School Totals	808,757	3,952,582	4,379,201	382,138	4,069,868	3,958,940	0	493,066
	C.I.P. Fund Grand Totals	11,102,240	9,960,328	10,179,551	10,889,017	9,969,475	9,013,028	0	11,781,465
	Funds Available (from Rev's)		9,960,327			8,547,125			
	Surplus (Shortfall)		1						

FY26 Budget

			Capital Improvement Program					
			Year By Year Overview					
Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
FY28			FY29			FY30		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9,928	0	64,088	9,928	0	74,016	9,928	0	83,944
0	0	15,410	0	0	15,410	0	0	15,410
7,500	7,500	0	7,500	7,500	0	7,500	7,500	0
60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0
13,890	13,890	539	13,890	13,890	539	13,890	13,890	539
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	15,000	5,000	0	20,000
6,000	0	38,882	6,000	0	44,882	6,000	0	50,882
10,000	0	39,000	10,000	0	49,000	10,000	0	59,000
75,000	10,000	186,300	75,000	10,000	251,300	75,000	10,000	316,300
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	30,000	20,000	10,000	40,000
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,000	10,000	3,270	10,000	10,000	3,270	10,000	10,000	3,270
0	0	159,662	0	0	159,662	0	0	159,662
0	0	15,843	0	0	15,843	0	0	15,843
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,000	0	51,000	5,000	0	56,000	5,000	0	61,000
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
222,318	111,390	603,994	222,318	111,390	714,922	222,318	111,390	825,850
222,318			222,318			222,318		
0			0			0		
3,597,750	3,597,750		3,596,125	3,596,125		3,597,125	3,597,125	
243,675	243,675	0	236,925	236,925	0	230,175	230,175	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3,841,425	3,841,425	0	3,833,050	3,833,050	0	3,827,300	3,827,300	0
4,063,743	3,952,815	603,994	4,055,368	3,944,440	714,922	4,049,618	3,938,690	825,850
9,889,541	8,277,118	13,321,068	10,052,397	8,868,196	14,505,269	10,119,211	8,789,446	15,835,034
9,093,734			8,937,013			8,343,814		

Note: Amount shown in the Year One Funding column corresponds to the proposed FY26 municipal budget. Figures shown for Year Two through Year Five are the amounts we expect to request for those future fiscal years.

THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – JUNE 3 & 10, 2025
TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

STATE OF MAINE

County of Hancock, ss

To: A Constable of the Town of Bar Harbor

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet in the **Connors Emerson School Gymnasium** in said Town on Tuesday the third day of June, 2025 at six o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on *Articles A through V*;

And to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Municipal Building, Third Floor Auditorium** in said Town on Tuesday, the tenth day of June, 2025 at eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on *Articles One through Eight* of said articles being set out below to wit:

**Action on Articles A through V will be on
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m.
Connors Emerson School Gymnasium**

~ **Voter Check-in Required** ~

For "Open Town Meeting," June 3th, all Voters must check in to obtain a voter card prior to the start of Town Meeting. Voters are encouraged to arrive at least 45 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Article A ELECTION OF MODERATOR - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Note: Articles B through L authorize expenditures in cost center categories.

Article B EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Regular Instruction - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: *School Committee recommends \$3,811,650.*

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article C **EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Special Education** - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$2,189,963.

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article D **EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Career and Technical Education** – To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$0.

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article E **EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Other Instruction** - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$156,159.

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article F **EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Student & Staff Support** - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$1,016,591.

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article G **EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: System Administration** - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$280,078.

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article H EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: School Administration - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$484,155.

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article I EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Transportation & Buses - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$447,978.

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article J EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Facilities Maintenance - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$929,431.

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article K EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Debt Service and Other Commitments - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: School Committee recommends \$0.

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article L EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: All Other Expenditures - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other**

Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendations: *School Committee recommends \$85,000.*

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Note: Articles B – L authorize a total budget of: \$9,401,005.

Note: Articles M and N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget.

Article M **EDUCATION BUDGET: Essential Programs and Services** – To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State Recommends \$ 5,273,522) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Explanation: *The Town of Bar Harbor’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

Recommendations: *School Committee recommends:*

<i>State’s Essential Programs and Services Model (to appropriate)</i>	<i>\$5,273,522</i>
<i>Town’s Minimum Share (to raise)</i>	<i>\$4,425,962</i>

The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article N **EDUCATION BUDGET: Additional Local Funds** - To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Explanation:

The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Bar Harbor’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education

from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Bar Harbor's budget for educational programs. The School Committee recommends the additional local funds shown below and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model. The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the proposed budget.

Recommendations: *School Committee recommends \$3,569,339
(this exceeds EPS by \$3,569,339)*

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Note: Articles M & N raise a total town appropriation of \$7,995,301.

Note: Article O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures.

Article O **EDUCATION BUDGET: Total Expenditures-** To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommendations: *School Committee recommends \$9,401,005.*

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article P **EDUCATION BUDGET: State, Federal, and Other Funds -** In addition to the amount in Articles B – O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from state or federal grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2025-2026 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Recommendations:

*The five-member School Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Note: Current Year Totals \$ 421,303

Article Q MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Expenditures - To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Budget for FY26 (7/1/25 TO 6/30/26).

Explanation:

This is the total amount that the Town Council is allowed to spend from all sources except grants and donations, as provided in Article VI, and from reserve accounts.

Recommendations: Town Council recommends \$30,590,532.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends rejection by a vote of 10 to 3.

Article R MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Other Revenues - To see what sum the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using estimated revenues and fund balance for the Municipal Budget for FY26 (7/1/25 TO 6/30/26).

Explanation:

In addition to property taxes, the Town receives other revenues from fees, licenses, excise taxes, etc., and we sometimes use monies left over from prior years (fund balance). The funds shown in this article reduce the amount of property taxes that have to be raised.

Recommendations: Town Council recommends:

<i>Other Revenues</i>	<i>\$15,174,316</i>
<i>Fund Balance – Cruise Ship</i>	<i>\$384,931</i>
<i>Fund Balance – Parking Fund</i>	<i>\$791,122</i>

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 1.

Article S MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Grants and Donations – In addition to the amount in Article Q, shall the voters appropriate and authorize the Town Council to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during FY26 (7/1/25 TO 6/30/26) for municipal purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation:

From time to time, the Town Council receives funds from state and federal grants, and donations, as well as sources other than local tax dollars. This article gives the Town Council the authority to spend such funds, as long as no local property tax dollars are required to match them, other than those already in the budget.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article T PREPAYMENT OF TAXES – To see if the Town will vote to accept tax payments prior to the commitment date and to pay interest on said tax payments in the amount of 0% per year figured on a monthly basis until the tax commitment date is reached.

Explanation:

On rare occasions, taxpayers need to pay their taxes before they have been billed. The Town Treasurer cannot accept such early payment unless an article is passed.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article U TAX DUE DATE AND INTEREST RATE – To see if the Town will vote that the first half taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 30, 2025 and that the second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 31, 2026 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 7.5% on any unpaid taxes due on September 30, 2025 beginning October 1, 2025 and on any unpaid taxes due March 31, 2026 beginning April 1, 2026.

Explanation: *The due dates proposed are the last business day in September 2025 and March 2026. The proposed interest rate is the highest allowed by State Law to encourage taxes to be paid on time.*

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Article V OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES – To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2025 at 3.5% per year on the amount of overpayment.

Explanation:

If a taxpayer prevails in a tax assessment appeal against the Town, we must pay interest on the tax amount being refunded. The Town is required by law to set the interest amount each year. We are suggesting the lowest interest rate allowed by law, which is 4% less than what we charge for late payments.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

Election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles
Action on the following articles will be at the Town Election with
Polls Open Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building Auditorium

Article 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS – To elect Town Officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot.

Article 2 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Shall the Town of Bar Harbor adopt the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, which will replace the 2007 Comprehensive Plan?

EXPLANATION

The Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan is a strategic document outlining the town's vision for sustainable growth and development through 2035. It addresses key areas such as land use, housing, transportation, economic development, and natural resource conservation. The plan emphasizes minimizing urban sprawl by focusing development near existing infrastructure and preserving rural character. The plan serves as the legal basis for land use ordinance changes.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Article 3 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Offensive Language – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “**An amendment to delete offensive language from the Land Use Ordinance**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

The amendment would remove the term “grandfathered,” which has a negative historical connotation.

EXPLANATION

The amendment would remove the term “grandfathered” to refer to legal nonconformity, as it is unnecessary and inappropriate. The term “grandfathered” is from a period in American history

where laws existed that enforced racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans. There are more appropriate terms, already in the ordinance, that describe the same concept.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Offensive Language

**An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance
Articles IV, V, and XII**

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article IV Nonconformity

§ 125-52. Defined.

A legally existing (~~grandfathered~~) nonconforming lot, structure or use is a lot, structure or use that lawfully existed immediately prior to the enactment of this chapter, or any subsequent amendment, and which, as a result of the enactment of this chapter, or any subsequent amendment, presently fails to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter or its amendments, including, but not limited to, the use restrictions and lot standards for the district in which it is located, or any standards set forth in Article V. Any other lot, structure or use that fails to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter or its amendments is an illegal nonconformity.

Article V Site Plan Review

§ 125-67. General review standards.

The Planning Board, before granting site plan approval, must find that the proposed plan will comply with each of the following standards. In all instances the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant.

BB. Signs and advertising. All site plans shall demonstrate that all signs related to the proposed development will comply with the following

standards, to which all signs located within the Town of Bar Harbor are subject, regardless of the need for site plan approval. [Amended 11-5-1991; 11-2-1999; 11-4-2003; 6-13-2006; 11-7-2006; 11-6-2007; 6-9-2009; 6-8-2010; 11-2-2010; 6-14-2016; 11-2-2021; 6-11-2024ATM by Art. 5]

(7) Nonconforming signs.

- (a) Defined. A legally existing (~~grandfathered~~) nonconforming sign is a sign that lawfully existed immediately prior to July 2009 which, as a result of the enactment of the 2009 Bar Harbor Land Use Ordinance, or any subsequent amendment, presently fails to comply with any of the requirements of the Land Use Ordinance. Any other sign that fails to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter or its amendments is an illegal nonconformity.

Article XII Construction and Definitions

§ 125-109 Definitions

SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM — Any system designed to dispose of waste or wastewater on or beneath the surface of the earth; includes but is not limited to septic tanks, disposal fields, ~~grandfathered~~ legally nonconforming cesspools, holding tanks, and pretreatment filter, piping, or any other fixture, mechanism, or apparatus used for those purposes; does not include any discharge system licensed under 38 M.R.S.A. § 414, any surface wastewater disposal system, or any municipal or quasi-municipal sewer or wastewater treatment system.[Added 11-5-1991; amended 11-4-2008; 11-3-2009]

[End of ordinance]

Article 4 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Salisbury Cove Corridor, Minimum Front Setback – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “An amendment to change the front setback requirement in the Salisbury Cove Corridor district,” be enacted?

SUMMARY

The amendment would decrease the minimum front setback requirement in the Salisbury Cove Corridor district.

EXPLANATION

The amendment would reduce the minimum front setback requirement for lots with frontage on Route 3, located in the Salisbury Cove Corridor district, as measured from the center line

of Route 3, from 150 feet to 75 feet. Consequently, the minimum front setback for all lots in the Salisbury Cove Corridor district would be 75 feet regardless of frontage location.

There are only two “corridor” districts outside of the downtown: Salisbury Cove Corridor and Ireson Hill Corridor. These two districts are in close proximity, in designated Growth Areas per the 2007 Comprehensive Plan, and have lots with frontage along Route 3. However, the Salisbury Cove Corridor district minimum setback is double for lots with frontage on Route 3 when compared to its neighboring district, Ireson Hill Corridor. The amendment would make the minimum front setback requirement of the Salisbury Cove Corridor district consistent with the minimum front setback requirement of the neighboring Ireson Hill Corridor district which is 75 feet.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 11 to 4.

Salisbury Cove Corridor, Minimum Front Setback

**An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance
Article III**

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article III. Land Use Activities and Standards

§ 125-37 Salisbury Cove Corridor

B. Dimensional Standards

(3) Minimum front setback: ~~150 [feet]~~ for lots with frontage on Route 3; ~~75 [feet]~~ elsewhere.

[End of ordinance]

Article 5 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Time Frames and Phasing – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “An amendment to the time frames for project completion and to phased development,” be enacted?

SUMMARY

The amendment would:

- 1) *Allow more time for an approved project to commence and to be deemed substantially completed.*
- 2) *Delete the requirement to record a notice at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds if the approval has expired.*
- 3) *Require a developer to demonstrate the need for a phase development approval.*
- 4) *Allow for consideration of a phase development approval if a developer provides a town-approved plan to provide adequate public facilities.*
- 5) *Extend the maximum length of phasing periods.*

EXPLANATION

The amendment would:

- 1) *Allow more time for a project to commence once approved by the Planning Board (or per 125-108 M., by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Director as delegated authority for the Planning Board) from six to 12 months. This timeframe would start on the date of approval.*
- 2) *Allow more time for the project to be deemed substantially complete from 18 to 24 months once started.*
- 3) *Delete the requirement to record a notice at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds upon determination that an approval has expired.*
- 4) *Require the developer to demonstrate to the Planning Board why a phase development approval should be considered by submitting a comprehensive and detailed phasing plan proposal to show that the size and/or complexity of the development are better suited to a phased approach.*
- 5) *Allow the Planning Board to consider approving a phase development for a project when public facilities are lacking as long as the developer provides a town-approved plan to provide adequate public facilities.*
- 6) *Extend the maximum length of the phasing period from three year to four years.*

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Time Frames and Phasing

**An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance
Article VIII**

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article VIII. Standard conditions

§ 125-90 Time frames for completion.

A. Permits. Activities or uses for which a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer is required shall be commenced within six months and, except for activities and uses which are by their nature ongoing, shall be substantially completed within 12 months of the issuance of the permit. If a substantial start is made within one year of the issuance of the permit, the applicant shall have one additional year to complete the project, at which time the permit shall expire. Failure of the applicant to abide by the time requirements of this subsection shall render the permit null and void and require the applicant to obtain a new permit before the activity or use may proceed further.

B. Planning Board approvals. Activities or uses for which approval of the Planning Board is required shall be commenced within ~~six~~ 12 months unless the Planning Board grants one or more extensions of time for periods of not more than six months each. The ~~six~~ 12-month time frame shall commence on the date on which approval, including conditional approval, is granted upon demonstration that all conditions included in a decision have been met. Except for activities which are by their nature ongoing, the approved activity or use shall be substantially completed within ~~18~~ 24 months of the commencement unless the Planning Board, within the time originally allotted, extends the time for completion by up to 12 months. Any extension to commence or complete an approved activity or use shall be granted only upon a finding by the Planning Board that the developer has made progress toward commencement or completion or that progress has been prevented by reasons beyond the control of the developer and that any required performance guarantees have been updated accordingly and revised to provide for increased costs. Failure of the developer to abide by the time requirements of this subsection shall render the approval null and void and require the developer to reapply for Planning Board approval before the activity or use may proceed further. The Planning Board reserves the right to refuse an extension for commencement or completion if the applicant fails to show due diligence in making progress on the approved activity or use. ~~Upon determining that a development's approval has expired under this subsection, the Planning Board shall have a notice to that effect placed in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.~~

C. Phased development.

(1) Permissive. ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection B, the Planning Board, at the time of granting final approval to a plan, upon the written request of an applicant, may permit the development to be completed in two or more phases, subject to such conditions as the Planning Board deems necessary to ensure orderly development and to protect the public health, safety and welfare.~~ **Large and/or Complex development.** The Planning Board, upon the written request of an applicant, may permit the development to be completed in two or more phases, subject to such conditions as the Planning Board deems necessary. The developer shall submit a comprehensive and detailed phasing plan that demonstrates that the size and/or complexity of the development are better suited to a phased development approach. Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection B, the

Planning Board may approve the development in phases over a maximum period of four years.

(2) Mandatory. ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection B, if the head of any municipal or quasi-municipal department notified of a proposed development informs the Planning Board that his or her department or district does not have adequate facilities to service the development, or if the Superintendent of Schools indicates that there is less than 20% excess classroom capacity existing in the schools which will serve the development, considering previously approved but not built developments, the Planning Board shall require the project to be completed in two or more phases, subject to such conditions as the Planning Board deems necessary in order to allow the orderly planning, financing and provision of public services to the development and to prevent classroom overcrowding. The Planning Board shall not, under the terms of this subsection, require the completion of a development over a period longer than three years.~~ **Lacking of public facilities.** The Planning Board may only approve a development for which the Town Public Works Director or designee (for public road, water, sewer, and stormwater), Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Superintendent of Schools have, considering previously approved but not built developments, signed off through their capacity statement(s) as having adequate facilities to service the development. In the event the necessary supporting facilities are lacking, the developer may submit a comprehensive and detailed phasing plan, to be approved by the respective department, explaining the approach to provide the needed facilities. Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection B, the Planning Board may approve the development in phases over a maximum period of four years.

[End of ordinance]

Article 6 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Multifamily I and Multifamily II Definitions – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “**An amendment to amend the definitions of Multifamily I and Multifamily II**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

The amendment would change the definition of multifamily I and multifamily II.

EXPLANATION

The amendment would clarify that the uses known as multifamily I and multifamily II are not intended to be separate, detached single-family buildings on the same lot but structures that contain multiple separate living units for residential use such as but not limited to triplex, quadplex, and town houses. The portion of the definitions that have been interpreted as allowing separate, detached single-family buildings on the same lot would be deleted.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Multifamily I and Multifamily II Definitions

**An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance
Article XII**

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article XII. Construction and Definitions

§125-109 Definitions

DWELLING

A building or portion thereof used exclusively for residential occupancy and containing one or more dwelling units.

DWELLING, MULTIFAMILY I

A building or portion thereof ~~or multiple buildings~~ located on a lot used for residential occupancy by three or four families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking in the building in each of three or four separate and independent dwelling units.

DWELLING, MULTIFAMILY II

A building or portion thereof, ~~or multiple buildings~~, located on a lot ~~or on a contiguous parcel or area of land~~, used for residential occupancy for five or more families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking in the building in each of five or more separate and independent dwelling units.

DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED

A building designed or intended to be used exclusively for residential occupancy by one family only and containing only one dwelling unit and having no roof, wall or floor in common with any other dwelling unit. The term shall include modular, prefabricated and manufactured homes.

DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY

A detached or semidetached building used for residential occupancy by two families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking in the building in each of two separate and independent dwelling units.

DWELLING UNIT

A room or group of rooms which is designed, equipped and intended exclusively for use as residential living quarters by only one family, which contains independent living, cooking, sleeping, bathing and sanitary facilities, and which is separate and independent from other such rooms or groups of rooms.

DWELLING UNIT (SHORELAND DISTRICTS)

A room or group of rooms designed and equipped exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family at a time, and containing cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities. The term shall include mobile homes and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time period rented. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units.

[End of ordinance]

Article 7 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Short-term Rental – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “**An amendment to VR-1 proof of primary residence, clarification of the minimum number of rental days for VR-1 and VR-2, and deletion of obsolete language,**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

The amendment would remove obsolete language, delete and amend definitions, and address length of stay as a stand-alone matter instead of within the definition of vacation rental-1 and vacation rental-2.

EXPLANATION

The amendment would:

- *Remove obsolete language including the transition clause that was needed when the cap on VR-2 was introduced in 2021 but is no longer necessary.*
- *Remove the definition of vacation rental which is a term that is no longer necessary because we use the terms short-term rental, vacation rental-1 and vacation rental-2.*
- *Remove the definition of homestead exemption property and of nonhomestead exemption property because these terms no longer used.*
- *Remove the “length of stay” language from the definition of Vacation Rental-1 and Vacation Rental-2 and, instead, would address “length of stay” as a stand-alone matter. The minimum length of stay would not change.*
- *Refine the definition of primary residence and place the determination of adequate proof of Primary Residence in Chapter 174, Short-term Rental Registration.*

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Short-term Rental

**An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance
Articles V and XII**

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article V. Site Plan Review

125-69 Standards for particular uses, structures or activities.

Y. Short-term rentals.

(1) Terms, maximum number of registrations, and transfer of registration.

(a) Terms.

[1] All registrations expire on May 31 of each year.

[2] If there is a change of ownership mid-term, the registration remains valid for the dwelling unit, or part thereof, to which it was issued until it expires on the following May 31.

(b) Maximum number of registrations.

[1] Maximum number of vacation rental-1 (VR-1) registrations. A maximum of two VR-1 registrations per Tax Assessor property identification number for the rental of an entire dwelling unit, or a portion thereof, may be issued. A property owner is only eligible for a VR-1 registration if that property owner can demonstrate that the dwelling unit or another dwelling unit, on the lot where the VR-1 is located, qualifies as their primary residence.

[2] Maximum number of vacation rental-2 (VR-2) registrations (VR-2 cap). ~~Notwithstanding § 125-69Y(2),~~ The Town-wide maximum number of VR-2 registrations (VR-2 cap) that may be issued shall not exceed 9% of the Town's total number of dwelling units. The total number of dwelling units shall be determined by the Assessor at the start of each calendar year.

(c) Transfer of registration is prohibited. The transfer of any short-term rental

registration is expressly prohibited. For purposes of ~~vacation~~ short-term rental property, a transfer of ownership occurs whenever the property is conveyed as shown on a Maine Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration, or where a controlling interest in any entity is conveyed as shown on a Maine Controlling Interest Transfer Declaration.

~~(2.) Transition to vacation rental 1 (VR-1) and vacation rental 2 (VR-2), and continuance.~~

~~(a) Transition process from vacation rental (VR) to a vacation rental 1 (VR-1) or to a vacation rental 2 (VR-2).~~

~~[1] Starting on December 2, 2021, any duly registered VR may continue the use as a VR (to include four night minimum and the use of an entire dwelling unit or part thereof) until May 31, 2022. On or before May 31, 2022, the VR registration must be renewed as follows, and every year thereafter the registration must be renewed or it is forfeited:~~

~~[a] If the VR is operated in a dwelling unit, or is a room in the dwelling unit, which is the owner's primary residence, or on the property of the primary residence, then the owner shall renew the VR registration as a VR-1. However, if the owner has more than two existing VR registrations on the same primary residence property, then the third registration (and any additional registrations thereafter) shall be renewed as VR-2s, even if the maximum number of VR-2 registrations (VR-2 cap) is exceeded and even if VR-2s are not allowed in that district.~~

~~[b] If the VR is not operated in a dwelling unit which is the owner's primary residence or is not on the property of the owner's primary residence, the VR registration may be renewed as a VR-2, even if the maximum number of VR-2 registrations (VR-2 cap) is exceeded and even if (new) VR-2s are not allowed in that district.~~

~~[2] After December 2, 2021, the Code Enforcement Officer shall accept applications for, but will not process or issue, any new VR-2 registrations until June 1, 2022. On or after June 1, 2022, new VR-2 registrations shall comply with the maximum number of VR-2 registrations (VR-2 cap), pursuant to § 125-69Y(1)(b)[2].~~

~~(2) Continuance of registration Renewal for vacation rental-1 (VR-1) and vacation rental-2 (VR-2).~~

~~[1] (a) Any duly registered VR-1 or VR-2 may continue the use as a VR-1 or VR-2 and is eligible for renewal but only in strict compliance with the following:~~

~~[a] The registration must be renewed annually in accordance with this chapter and with Chapter 174, Short-Term Rental Registration. Any registration not renewed by the annual expiration date (May 31) will be deemed expired, and will not be eligible for renewal. An applicant whose registration has expired may apply for a new VR-1 or new VR-~~

2 registration and will be required to follow all the requirements for a new VR-1 or new VR-2 registration.

(3) Minimum length of stay

(a) Vacation rental-1 (VR-1) shall not be rented to a person or a group for less than two nights.

(b) Vacation rental-2 (VR-2) shall not be rented to a person or a group for less than four nights.

(4) Proof of Primary residence for VR-1

To operate a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, as a VR-1, the property owner must prove that the VR-1 is the legal address of the property owner’s primary residence, in accordance with Chapter 174 Short-Term Rental Registration.

Article XII. Construction and Definitions

PRIMARY RESIDENCE — The location where the owner resides for ~~most of the year~~ more than 183 days of the year and is listed as their legal address for tax/and or governmental identification purposes. The property owner uses this address as their legal address for tax returns, driver’s license, and/or voter registration. An individual may only have one primary residence at a time. The determination of primary residence for the purpose of proving eligibility for a VR-1 registration shall be made in accordance with Chapter 174 Short-Term Rental Registration.

PROPERTY, HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

~~A property whereby the property owner qualifies for the homestead exemption under 36 M.R.S.A. §§ 681 through 689, respectively.~~

PROPERTY, NONHOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

~~A property whereby the property owner does not qualify for the homestead exemption under 36 M.R.S.A. §§ 681 through 689, respectively.~~

~~[Added 6-13-2006]~~

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS - Any group of three or more rooms, other than lodging or ~~vacation~~ short-term rental, where for direct or indirect compensation the occupants live in furnished rooms with shared kitchens for more than 30 days. The occupants do not constitute a family or a single housekeeping unit. The makeup of the occupants is determined by the landlord, property manager, or other third party and not by the occupants themselves. A shared accommodation serving a hospital shall not be subject to the thirty-day minimum requirement. There are three different types of shared accommodations:

- A. SA-1: three to eight people per structure.
- B. SA-2: nine to 32 people per structure.
- C. SA-3: 33 or more people per structure.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL — Includes ~~vacation rental~~, vacation rental-1 (VR-1) and vacation rental-2 (VR-2).

~~VACATION RENTAL — The use of a dwelling unit or portion thereof for rent to a family for a period of less than 30 days and a minimum of five days. Time share property, as most recently defined in 33 M.R.S.A. § 591, is also included in this definition.~~

VACATION RENTAL-1 (VR-1) — A dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is the primary residence of the property owner or on the owner's primary residence property and is rented to a person or a group for less than 30 days ~~and a minimum of two nights~~. The rental of a portion of the dwelling, such as a bedroom, must be located in the principal structure housing the dwelling unit.

VACATION RENTAL-2 (VR-2) — An entire dwelling unit that is not the primary residence of the property owner and is rented to a person or a group for less than 30 days ~~and a minimum of four nights~~.

[End of ordinance]

Article 8 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Fire Protection – Shall an ordinance, dated November 27, 2024, and entitled “**An amendment to increase the maximum distance between a subdivision lot and a fire hydrant**” be enacted?

SUMMARY/EXPLANATION

The existing Land Use Ordinance language requires that subdivision lots that have access to a public water supply be no more than 500 feet from a fire hydrant. The amendment would increase the maximum distance from 500 feet to 1,000 feet. The Fire Department is able to use a hydrant that is up to 1,000 feet away from a lot in case of a fire.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 15 to 0.

Fire Protection

An amendment to the Land Use Ordinance

Article V

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article V. Site Plan Review

125-67 EE. Fire protection.

(2) No subdivision which has access to a public water supply shall be developed such that any building lot is more than ~~500~~ 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant which has a capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

[End of ordinance]

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for election of Town officers and referendum. Absentee ballots may be processed on Saturday, June 7, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m., or immediately following a requested inspection, and on Election Day every hour on the hour starting at 9:00 a.m.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, June 5.

The Registrar of Voters of the Town of Bar Harbor hereby gives notice that she or her designee will be at the Municipal Offices on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays, and during poll hours on Election Day for the registration of persons desiring to register for this election. To register to vote, residents must provide proof of identity and proof of physical residence address. A Maine driver's license with current physical address satisfies both requirements.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of April, 2025.

Municipal Officers of the Town of Bar Harbor

Valerie Peacock, Chair

Maya Caines, Vice Chair

Matthew A. Hochman

Joseph Minutolo

Meagan Kelly

Randy Sprague

Earl Brechlin

Attest:

A true copy _____

Town Clerk of Bar Harbor, ME

CONSTABLE’S RETURN

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Bar Harbor to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant on the Bulletin Board, Municipal Offices, being conspicuous public place within said Town on the ____ day of _____ in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Attest: _____

Constable of the Town of Bar Harbor

Attest: A true copy _____

Town Clerk of Bar Harbor, ME

