

Town of West Paris

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67th Annual Report of the
Municipal Officers & Officials
for Year Ending
December 31st, 2024

2024 Town Report Dedication

John Eli White



Our 2024 Annual Town Report for the Town of West Paris is dedicated to
John Eli White.

Eli has been a Selectboard member, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor for West Paris starting in 2018 to current. During this time, Eli has taken the lead for our fight for Agnes Gray Elementary School since its closure. Eli's dedication and perseverance for the Town of West Paris and its citizens does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for all you have done for us and our Town.

Town of West Paris, Maine

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Phone: (207) 674-2701
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Website: www.westparisme.com

Town Office Hours:

Monday 8am – 5pm
Tuesday 8am – 5pm
Wednesday 8am – 5pm
Thursday 10am – 6pm
Friday 8am – 1pm

Handy Phone Numbers:

Highway Department (207) 890-7117
Code Enforcement (207) 595-4555
Fire Station (Non-Emergency #) (207) 461-0080
Animal Control (Non-Emergency #) (207) 743-9554

West Paris Public Library

226 Main Street
West Paris, Maine 04289
Phone: (207) 674-2004
E-mail: librarian@westparislibrary.org
Website: www.westparislibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday 1:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 1:30pm – 7pm
Friday 1:30pm – 6pm
Saturday 10am – 12pm

West Paris Transfer Station & Recycling Center

167 Pioneer Street
West Paris, Maine 04289
Phone: (207) 674-2862

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesday 8am – 4pm
Saturday 8am – 4pm
Sunday 8am – 12pm
*The West Paris Transfer Station
is open all holidays*

Emergencies – Fire, Police & Rescue

Call – 911

Selectboard Meetings:

2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 5pm
Meetings are held at the Town Office in the
Meeting Room

Planning Board Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm
Meetings are held at the Town Office in the
Meeting Room

Library Advisory Board Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm
Meetings are held at the West Paris Public Library

Tax Assessor Office Hours:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month
8am – 3pm
Appointments can be made by calling the
West Paris Town Office

2025 Annual Town Meeting will be held
on Saturday, March 1st, 2025
at 10am

The location of the meeting will be at:
Ring-McKeen Post 151 American
Legion located at 6 Church Street in
West Paris, Maine 04289

We hope to see you there!

Town of West Paris Elected & Appointed Officials, Committee Members & Staff

Elected Officials

Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor

Shawn Boutilier (2024-2027)
John Eli White (2022-2025)
Wade Rainey (2023-2026)

School Administrative District 17 Directors

Donna Marshall (2024-2027)
Veronica Poland (2022-2025)

Water District Trustees

Brandon Ballwebber (2023-2026)
Sonya Tardiff (2024-2025)
David Walton (2024-2025)

Appointed Committees

Planning Board

Steven McCann, Chairman (2023-2026)
William Grover (2022-2025)
Andelena Henderson (2022-2025)
Jeffrey Holley (2022-2025)

Board of Appeals

Wendy Newmeyer (2021-2023)
David Walton (2021-2023)
3 vacant positions

Budget Committee

Jeffrey LaCombe (2022-2025)
Kenneth Poland (2023-2026)
Dian Rainey (2023-2026)
Natalie Andrews (2023-2026)
Kristy Basso (2023-2026)

Library Advisory Board

Carina Adams
Elaine Emery
Linda Liimatta
Sandra Poland
Karen Wilson
Joy Doughty
Julia Bennett

Other Officials & Staff

Highway Department

Warren Packard, Road Foreman
Travis Johnson, Equipment Operator
Fred Waterhouse, Equipment Operator

Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Clerk,
Road Commissioner, Local Public Access Officer,
Addressing Officer, Deputy Registrar of Voters &
General Assistance Administrator

Joy Downing

Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters & Motor
Vehicle Agent

Melissa LaCombe

Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer &
Assistant Town Clerk

Karen Wilson

Fire Department

Michael Henderson, Fire Chief
Robert Stine Jr., Interior Firefighter
Doug Penley, Interior Firefighter
Ed Pennell, Interior Firefighter
Derrick Brooks, Exterior Firefighter
Elliot Norton, Exterior Firefighter
Dakota Ciriello, Jr. Firefighter

Transfer Station

Joseph Hoff, Chief Operator
Scott Wisnoski, Operator
David Borst, Operator

West Paris Public Library

Brenda Gould, Library Director

Assessors' Agent

Donna Hays

Animal Control Officer

Brandon Holmes

Emergency Management Director

Rob Stine

Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector &

Local Health Officer

Kingston Brown

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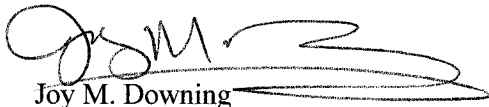
Town Manager's Annual Report

It seems as though this past year has flown by. Five elections took place last year so I would like to give a huge shout out to our Registrar of Voters and all of the election workers for all of their hard work! The Town of West Paris was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant through Center for Tech and Civic Life to assist with the costs of holding elections. We used this money towards paying some of the wages for our election workers, signage, as well as new voting booths.

Also, in 2024 we received a grant from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future - Community Resilience Partnership in the amount of \$50,000.00. We will be using this money towards heat pumps at the Town Office as well as conducting a vulnerability assessment for critical community infrastructure which includes the condition of roadways, culverts, etc. in the Town of West Paris. We hope to have both of these items completed by the end of 2025.

The Highway Department has continued to be very busy finishing up FEMA damages that included repairing roads, replacing culverts, and ditching. We are very grateful for the gentlemen we have working on the Highway Department.

To the Town of West Paris employees –
Thank you so much for the work you do and continue to do everyday!


Joy M. Downing
Town Manager



West Paris Fire Dept Report.

To the Residents of West Paris, the Board of Selectmen, and our Community Supporters,

I am honored to present this year's report on behalf of the West Paris Fire Department. Our department remains committed to the safety and well-being of our residents, responding to emergencies with dedication and professionalism. This past year, we answered **120 calls**, which included:

- 5 Building Fires
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 15 Motor Vehicle accidents
- 8 Alarm activations (No Fire)
- 20 Dispatched and Canceled enroute
- 2 Forest Fires
- Numerous Electrical Hazards.
- 1 Unauthorized Burn
- 15 Medical Assists
- 2 Passenger vehicle fires
- 8 Smoke or odor investigations
- 4 Tree down calls
- 1 Explosive Threat

This past year we were incredibly fortunate to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. This generous funding allowed us to procure a UTV and trailer from Mainly Action Sports in Oxford. This equipment significantly enhances our ability to access remote emergencies, including forest fires, medical assists, and disaster response capabilities that have become increasingly vital given recent weather-related events.

Training remains a cornerstone of our department's readiness. This past year, our firefighters dedicated countless hours to honing their skills, including a live training at the Chip Mill on Route 26. We also hosted Central Maine Power (CMP) for a specialized session on electrical hazards using their Live Wire Table, which demonstrated the true power and dangers of live electricity. One striking example was how quickly a hot dog was cooked by an electrical arc reinforcing CMP's safety mantra: "No line is safe to touch, Evah."

While we celebrate our successes, we also acknowledge the challenges we have faced. Our primary fire engine, Engine 5, has become increasingly unreliable, experiencing multiple mechanical failures that have left us delayed or out of service during critical calls. Issues have ranged from unsafe front-end components and persistent electrical failures to system malfunctions that cause the truck to enter limp mode while responding to calls. The latest setback involves a failed standby charging system, and due to difficulties in sourcing replacement parts, the truck currently remains operational only with the assistance of a battery tender.

Despite these obstacles, our department remains tall in its mission to protect and serve West Paris. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, our residents, and all who help us improve our response capabilities and acquire essential equipment. Looking ahead, we remain committed to enhancing our readiness, addressing equipment needs, and tackling the growing challenge of manpower. We encourage anyone interested in joining our team to reach out to a current member, email mhenderson@westparisfiredepartment.com, or contact the town office. Your support is invaluable, and together, we will ensure the West Paris Fire Department remains a pillar of strength and safety in our community. **Thank you for your unwavering support.**

Sincerely,

Michael Henderson Chief, West Paris Fire Department

WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
ARTHUR L. MANN MEMORIAL
226 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 307
WEST PARIS, MAINE 04289

Library Director's Report for 2024

West Paris Residents and Friends,

Services and Demographics: Services included faxes, photocopies, Wi-Fi, four public computers, movies, books, games, puzzles, Maine InfoNet Download Library (CloudLibrary app), Interlibrary loan, complimentary snacks and cocoa, and more. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library for genealogy research. We purchased 416 new items for the collection. Our door count was 11,350. Our circulation of materials was 10,855.

Programs and Services Sponsored by Maine Organizations:

Key: Maine State Library (MSL), Maine Humanities Council (MHC), Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance (MWPA)

- High-Speed Fiber (1G) Internet. (Maine School and Library Network (MSLN) - Networkmaine)
- Van Delivery Service – Weekly (MSL)
- Read ME – Statewide Adult Summer Reading Program (Summer 2024), Authors Shannon Bowring and Marpheen Chan. (MHC, MSL, MWPA)
- Free Tech Help – Weekly on Wednesdays (Community Concepts Finance Corporation)
- Donation of fifty-eight new books on Maine history, natural history, and other subjects with a retail value of \$1,568. (University of Maine Press)
- Western Maine Foothills Community Archive; member of Maine Contemporary Archives. (MSL)

Exhibits:

- Maine Fungi – Nature Photography by Stephanie Emery (January 1 – March 30)
- The Love of Painting and Sharing It with Others – Art Exhibit by Reginald “Reggie” Jack (April 12 – June 28)
- Short Shots by Bev – Photography by Bev Stevens (July 1 – November 1)
- Elaine Emery’s Nutcracker Collection (December 3 – January 10)

Other Programs and Events:

- Maine Wildlife Park Community Pass (May 17 – November 11)
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) for all ages (daily)
- Story Time for Preschoolers (weekly)
- Poetry and History Discussion Group with Rodney Abbott (monthly)
- Total Solar Eclipse Party (April 8)
- West Paris Alumni Open House (June 1)
- Summer Reading Program for Youth (June 26 – August 28)
- Writing Your Memories: Roots & Recollections. A Writing Workshop Series with Stephanie Frykholm (July 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10)
- Halloween Treats (October 31)
- Magic Christmas Tree with free Ornaments handcrafted by Elaine Emery
- Holiday Open House – Ukulele Concert and Sing-Along with Oxford Hills Ukulele Group (December 6)

Revenue: This year, we raised \$14,137.65. Details are as follows. Advisory Board Annual Letter – \$3,106.41; Donation in memory of Douglas A. Perham, Sr. – \$50.00; Donation in memory of Ray “Razor” Brown. – \$500.00; Other Donations – \$6,717.57; Interest on Hugo Heikkinen Trust – \$2,945.08; Interest on Library Reserve Account – \$526.42; Administrative Revenue – \$292.17.

Our Gratitude: We are deeply indebted to the many members of this community who assist us. These dedicated people are critical to our ability to provide our programs and services. Following are some of those who have helped us this year,

- **Library Advisory Board:** Carina Adams, Julia Bennett, Mary Ann Brown, Joy Doughty, Elaine Emery, Linda Liimatta, Sandra Poland, and Karen Wilson. Mary Ann Brown retired from the Board in May 2024 after many years of valuable service as Chair.
- **Library Volunteers:** John F. Haney, Laurel Leach, Skyler Simas, and Jonathyn Tilton.
- Artists, speakers, and facilitators who generously shared their work.
- Those who have donated funds, books, movies, toys, craft materials, and other items.
- Maine State Library and the Maine Humanities Council for the many resources they provide.
- Cynthia Johnson, who kept us sparkling.
- West Paris Town Manager, Select Board, Town Office, Fire Department, Highway Department, and Transfer Station.

Special thanks to the people of West Paris for entrusting me with the best job in the world!

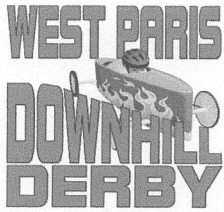
West Paris Public Library Mission: *To provide free access to printed materials, electronic media, and the internet; To enhance the town’s cultural environment and preserve the village’s unique character; To promote literacy; To provide a place where citizens can gather to discuss ideas of interest; To act as a cultural center for the area.*

Respectfully,



Brenda Lynn Gould
Director, West Paris Public Library
www.westparislibrary.org
librarian@westparislibrary.org
(207) 674-2004

OPEN: MON & FRI 1:30 – 6 P.M., WED 1:30 – 7 P.M., SAT 10 A.M – 2 P.M.



Thank you!

January 2025

Dear Town of West Paris,

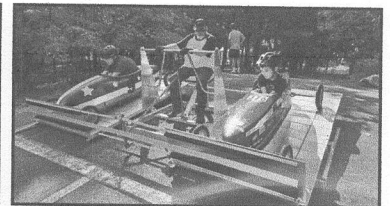
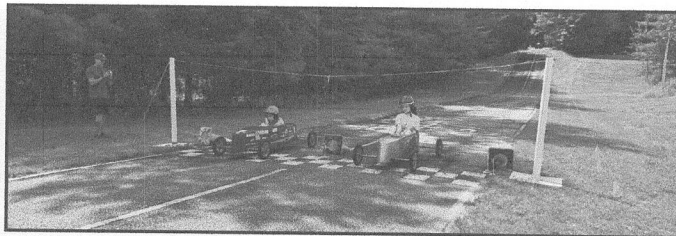
The 2024 race season brought a whole new batch of up and coming racers on the scene. It was exciting to watch this new group battle for the Championship. It also brought back some racers to help keep this tradition going. It is a beautiful thing.

2024 was also about you, our sponsors, who make it possible to see the torch handed from one group to the next, then come back to help these events going that this area holds so dear.

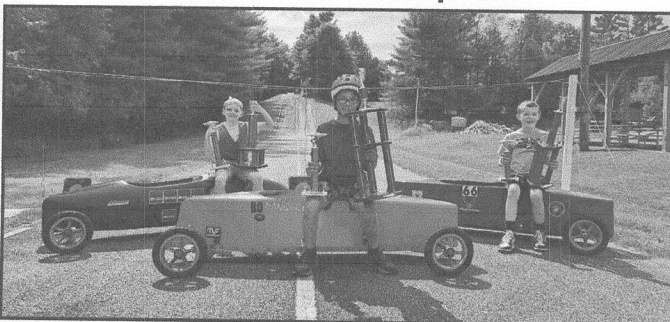
Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Sincerely,

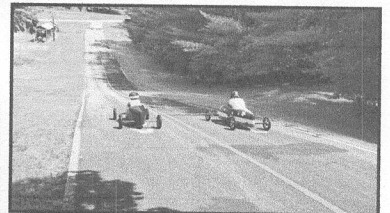
Steve McCann
Chairman of the WPDD



Racers return as volunteers



2024 Points Champions



Annual Town Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my seventh year as sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our Western Maine communities. At the heart of our success is the incredible team of professionals who dedicate themselves daily to keeping our county safe. From our deputies and corrections officers to school resource officers and civil personnel, each individual plays a vital role in fostering trust, providing support, and ensuring the well-being of all residents.

In 2024, our office responded to over 12,000 calls for service, a number that continues to grow both in volume and complexity. More and more, deputies are addressing calls involving mental health concerns—a trend that has steadily increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. This underscores the pressing need for greater funding for sheriff's departments across the state, ensuring we can connect individuals in crisis with the treatment and support they deserve.

We remain committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by partnering with organizations like the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. Through programs such as Project Save ME, our deputies connect eligible individuals struggling with substance use disorder to recovery coaches, advocates, and treatment services to support their path to recovery.

This year, we added a full-time school resource officer to serve RSU 10. Funded through a Department of Education grant, this position strengthens our ability to build stronger connections with schools, and students, and deliver the proactive support needed to foster safe and positive learning environments.

Since 2018, we've made significant strides in improving the Oxford County Jail, beginning with the priority of restoring it to a full-service operation. This was essential not only to enhance services but also to save taxpayer money. Over time, we've continued to invest in the facility's infrastructure to ensure it meets the evolving needs of our community.

In 2024, the inmate population grew from 43 at the beginning of the year to 88 by January 2025, with a peak of 96 inmates on some days. Throughout the year, we processed 1,683 new bookings and admissions. For most of the year, operations were temporarily relocated to the courthouse holding area while upgrades were made to the facility. A key accomplishment was the replacement of the jail's original HVAC system, funded primarily through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to the work we will continue to accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-743-9554 and follow us on Facebook at: Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Oxford County Sheriff

Oxford County Sheriffs Office
Town Of West Paris Calls for Service 2024



911 hangup call	61	LPPH	1
Abandoned Vehicle	5	Lost Property	1
Alarm	30	Misdialed Number to 911	17
Ambulance or Medical Assist	10	Missing Person	4
Animal Problem	15	Mental Subject	6
Arrest/Traffic Violation	7	Mail Tampering	1
Arrest	1	Noise Problem	4
Assault, Simple	2	Operating After Suspension	1
Agency Assist	42	Parking Problem	2
Attempt to Locate	6	Property Damage, Non-vandalism	7
ATV Problem	1	Peace Officer	15
Bail Check Follow Up Detail	3	Service Of Papers	5
Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent	13	Protection From Abuse Order	21
Citizen Dispute	24	Protection Harassment Order	1
Civil Issue	21	Property Watch	1
Custodial Interference	5	Request Call	76
Citizen Assist	14	Repossession of Property	1
Criminal Mischief	7	Resisting/Interfering w/Police	2
Computer Crime/Complaint	1	Request Officer	20
Cont Substance/Sale/Manu/Other	14	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Disabled Vehicle	10	Sexual Abuse Of Minor	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	Sex Offense	1
Domestic Incident	26	Search Warrant	1
Drug Info/Statistics	5	Subpoena Service	1
Detail	5	Suicidal Person/Welfare Check	5
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1	Suspicion	70
Illegal Dumping (trash,waste)	1	Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	47
Explosives/Incendiary Problem	1	Traffic Accident, Pers Injury	10
Found Property or Items	6	Traffic Hazard	10
Fraud	9	Threatening	13
Fireworks	1	Traffic Offense	23
Harassment	45	Theft, Property, Other	32
Identity Theft	2	Trespassing	19
Information	7	Theft, Vehicle: Automobile	2
Intoxicated Person	4	VIN	4
Juvenile Problem	7	Violation of Protection Order	13
K-9 Assisted	8	Welfare Check	38
Propane/Gas Leak	1	Warrant Failure to Appear	8
Residence or Vehicle Lockout	1	Warrant Failure To Pay Fine	1
Loitering	1	Weapons Offense	9

Total Incidents 920

RESPONSIBLE PET CARE OF OXFORD HILLS, INC.

Shelter & Adoption

9 Swallow Road, South Paris Maine

responsiblepetcare.org

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, Inc. is a non-profit, 501-C3 shelter for homeless, domesticated animals with a lifesaving philosophy. Located at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris, we are typically equipped to provide treatment and shelter for 100+ felines and 20+ dogs, but many times exceed those numbers if necessary. All cats and dogs are adopted into approved homes for reasonable adoption fees. All animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, tested and flea treated.

We also assisted countless pet owners with pet challenges they were facing, such as to help them to keep pets in the home rather than to give them up, pet food support, locating low cost spay/neuter services and pet pantry. We are planning a low cost spay/neuter clinic this spring – details should be available soon.

“RPC” has agreements with the Towns of Norway, Paris, Oxford, Otisfield, Woodstock, West Paris, Greenwood, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Mechanic Falls, Poland, Gilead, Milton Township, Dixfield, Mexico, Hanover, Bethel, Byron and Andover to take strays. We accept owner surrender cats and dogs when cage/kennel space allows, as well as transfers from other shelters.

- Did you know? One unspayed female cat is capable of producing 20+ kittens per year for most of her life, female kittens start reproducing as early as 6 months of age, *and* siblings will breed. This is why it is so important to spay, neuter and report strays to the animal control officer. PLEASE REPORT STRAY FELINES TO YOUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.
- Did you know? Each time a dog gives birth to puppies it takes two years off her life. When you purchase a puppy, be conscious of where it comes from. Do not support “puppy mills”. In “puppy mills”, female dogs are bred too often, puppies may be sold too young and dogs may be kept inhumanely. Additionally, because of substandard care, they may be sick or become sick. Be very careful if you purchase a pet on line.
- Did you know? It is unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten before the age of 6 weeks. It is also required that a breeder and/or pet dealer provide the buyer of the puppy or kitten with a written disclosure indicating their history, including healthy records.

Dog licenses are due each year by January 1. Cats are not required to be licensed, but by law are required to be vaccinated for rabies. There is rabies present in our area, so vaccination is very important. If your dog gets lost and is wearing the dog license tag or other identification, there is a very good chance that he will be returned to you. The cost to register your dog is \$6.00 if spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if not. If you do not license your dog by January 31, there is a late fee of \$25.00 per dog. “RPC” urges you to identify pets by ID tag, dog license tag and microchip if possible so that pets may be returned if lost. “RPC” does microchipping by appointment for \$30. Responsible Pet Care typically sponsors rabies vaccination clinics in January and September, currently we have only been able to find a vet to provide us service for the September date. If you are missing your pet, please call both your animal control officer and “RPC” at 743-8679.

We appreciate and thank you for your support, compassion and kindness toward animals.

Responsible Pet Care Directors

Shirley H. Boyce, Cynthia Wescott,
Autumn Dow, Barbara Jamieson, Aimee Heath



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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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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HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
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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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MAINE

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

COMMITTEES:
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SUBCOMMITTEE
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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.

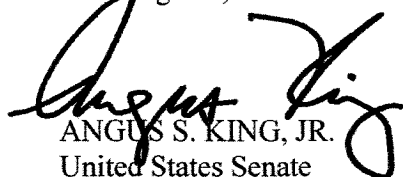
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. 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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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is truly an honor to represent the communities of western Maine; and I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf.

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on Dec. 4, 2024, when we were sworn in by Gov. Janet Mills. It was a ceremonial day steeped in tradition and attended by the families and friends of incoming members.

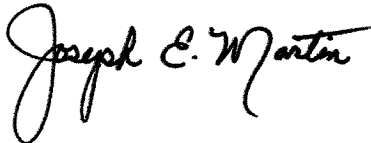
Throughout my campaign, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others.

As your State Senator, I promise to advocate for commonsense solutions to these problems. Additionally, the 132nd Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding our anticipated budget gap and setting our spending priorities for the next biennium. However, I believe there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work collaboratively.

Throughout my term, I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government. Your input will greatly help me to represent your interests and those of the community in the best possible way.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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State Senator

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Committee on Armed Services
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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a letter to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

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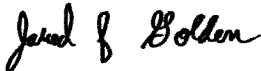
and Postal Services Protection Act, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



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January 2025 Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to represent you in the 132nd Legislature. Serving as your State Representative is a privilege, and I am committed to working hard on your behalf. I will address the challenges we in our communities face and I will seize opportunities that can make a meaningful difference.

Our shared values and the strength of our communities inspire me every day. Whether it is advocating for our neighborhoods or being your voice on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, I believe we can make progress together. I will continue to listen to you, as your voices are the foundation of the work we do in Augusta.

As your Representative, I encourage you to stay connected and engaged with the work happening at the State House and to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. Decisions made in Augusta affect our lives in countless ways, and you are vital in shaping the future of our district and our state. Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Whether you need assistance navigating state services or want to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation, I am here to help.

If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Michael.Lance@legislature.maine.gov.

Thank you for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve. Together, we can build a brighter future for our families and communities.

Sincerely,

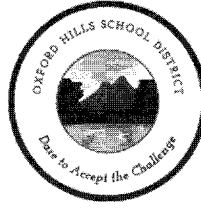
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Lance".

Michael J. Lance
State Representative

Proudly Serving House District 72
Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock

The Oxford Hills School District M.S.A.D. #17

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Spring, 2025

To the Citizens of West Paris,

It is with pleasure that I serve as the Superintendent of Schools for the Oxford Hills School District. This annual report is designed to update the community of West Paris about the goals of the school district and highlight celebrations from the Legion Memorial and Paris Elementary Schools.

MSAD#17 is entering year two of the Strategic Plan which serves as the road map for school improvement for three years. Four "strategic pillars guide" all of the work of the district:

- Healthy and Resilient Students
- Maximize our Facilities to Support Learning
- Recruit, Retain, and Grow Talent
- Rigorous, Relevant, and Responsive Learning

The detailed plan outlines the vision of the District by identifying specific priorities, strategies for meeting those priorities, and the performance indicators that define success for the District.

This fall, we published the Strategic Plan Report Card, which describes how we did at meeting the goals outlined in the plan. Some highlights include:

- The district chronic absenteeism rate was decreased from 42% to 33%
- 91% of our middle and high school students say they have an adult they can count on at school, which is a 16% increase from the prior year
- At the recommendation of the District Safety Committee, the Board invested \$500,000 in school safety this year. The district also secured a \$500,000 Community Oriented Policing Services grant to further invest in our facilities
- A goal is to increase the percentage of teachers who have taught 3 or more years in the district; we improved by 4%
- District literacy scores increased by 6%

Both the plan and the report card are viewable at www.msad17.org. I invite you to review both in order to see our progress and challenges.

MSAD #17 is approved for two out of the 11 state funded school construction projects in the state of Maine. The project to build a new middle school to house students in grades six through eight is in the process of determining the site of the school and developing the concept for the building. If approved by the voters in November of 2025, the new state-funded facility will be on track to open in 2028-2029.

In December, the MSAD#17 School Board voted 19-1 to endorse the elementary school consolidation project scope, which was unanimously supported by the District's Elementary Building Committee. The \$70-80 million project definition was developed to align with state funding guidance and precedent. If approved by voters in November 2025, a primarily state-funded elementary school with the capacity to educate 450-480

students would be built pending final funding authorization by the Maine Department of Education. The building would house students from Norway, Harrison, and Waterford. Information about the school construction projects is available on the district website, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

The Town of West Paris currently has 253 students enrolled in grades PreK-12. Some interesting facts about enrollment include:

- 84 students from West Paris attend Paris Elementary School.
- 27 students from West Paris attend Guy E. Rowe Elementary School.
- 5 students from West Paris attend Legion Memorial School.
- 1 student attends Legion Memorial School on a Superintendent's Agreement
- 21 students from South Paris attend Legion Memorial School
- 11 students from West Paris attend a different district on a Superintendent's Agreement
- 84 students from West Paris attend Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School
- 53 students from West Paris attend Oxford Hills Middle School

The Paris and Rowe Elementary Schools are actively addressing chronic absenteeism through the development of targeted attendance plans, in collaboration with organizations like Count ME In and the dedicated school attendance committees. By creating individualized strategies and providing support systems for students, we aim to improve attendance rates and ensure all students are present and engaged in their learning.

In addition to these initiatives, our 4th and 5th grade students have been actively participating in the hands-on learning opportunities at Roberts Farm, which have proven to be highly engaging. These experiential learning activities allow students to connect classroom concepts to real-world applications, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Meanwhile, we are working with an outside literacy consultant to refine our reading instruction in grades K-2, ensuring it is more responsive to the needs of our students and designed to close the achievement gap. Through these collaborative efforts, we are fostering a more inclusive and supportive learning environment that aims to boost student achievement and ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Our PreK teachers and students are doing well at Legion Memorial. We have put a few safety measures in place regarding visitors and this has been welcomed by staff and families. The teachers love the outside space as it allows for the children to have a lot of room to explore. The PreK students have settled in and are fully engaged in the curriculum, learning social skills, and loving the wonderful hill to go sledding on.

Thank you to the amazing teachers, support staff, and administrators of the Paris Elementary School, Legion School, the Oxford Hills Middle School, and the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School for their continued efforts to educate our students from West Paris. I am grateful to work with such skilled and compassionate educators, who show their care and commitment to the students and families of the Oxford Hills on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Heather Manchester
Superintendent of Schools

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes
2023-2024
as of 12/31/2024

Acct	Name ----		2024		2023
1268	ABBOTT, ARTHUR L		\$288.00		
267	ABBOTT, DAVID & ABBOTT, JULIA		\$958.71		
75	ALLEN, JESSICA & ALLEN, FREDERICK		\$659.69		
620	AM INVESTMENTS, LLC.		2961.51**		
726	ANGEVINE, LAUREL B		\$1,456.57		\$1,531.54
1048	ATCHINSON PROPERTIES, LLC.		\$1,485.85		
903	AUBE, JUSTIN M		\$1,653.86		
1087	B.C. HEATING & PLUMBING, LLC.		\$2,862.27		
1031	BADER, STEVEN R & BADER, RUTHANN		\$2,520.09		
278	BALL, MATTHEW		\$437.74		
458	BILLINGS, DONALD		\$801.49		\$864.80
1356	BILLINGS, JANE M		52.54**		
422	BONVILLE, DENNIS J & BONVILLE, ANGELA		\$980.29		\$1,061.87
583	BOUTILIER, GAIL		\$2,117.05		
951	BRESETTE, ALBERT & BRESETTE, SCOTT		\$244.32		
933	BROWN, BENJAMIN		\$3,128.91		
1018	BROWN, HEATHER		\$1.55		
999	BROWN, HEATHER M		\$1,974.46		
928	BROWN, JASON S		560.55*		
885	BURNS, STACY C		1706.26*		
1271	CAMPBELL, JAMES M		\$698.23		
994	CAMPBELLS COMPLEXES LLC		4445.21*		
739	CANNULI FAMILY TRUST		\$1,428.82		
745	CANNULI, JASON		\$1,328.63		
756	CANNULI, JASON & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$283.61		
764	CANNULI, JASON		\$123.31		
219	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$826.16		
220	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$846.20		
741	CANNULI, JASON B		\$376.09		
748	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$1,063.52		
749	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$742.92		
751	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$729.06		
753	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN		\$752.17		
1318	CANOPY TIMBER ALT INC		\$87.86		
501	CAREY, ROBERT A		\$1,713.97		
365	CHAMBERLAIN, RUTH & SUMNER, LISA		\$1,458.54		
304	CHASE, REBECCA RAE		\$1,763.29		
696	COFFIN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST - 1999		1656.49**		
421	COMLEY, MELVA J (SCIORTINO)		1591.71*		
830	COPITHORNE, RICHARD		\$2,242.65		
689	CROCKER, JAMES T		\$1,652.31		
534	CROCKETT, MICHAEL V & DAMON, TABATHA		\$7.98		
962	DANIELS, JERRY		\$2,281.18		
728	DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)		\$2,415.27		\$2,482.81
618	DAVIS, PATRICK H & DAVIS, CORRINE		\$642.73		\$705.34
1093	DOW, ANGELA & PHILLIPS, SANDY & DEAN		\$467.03		
1327	DOYLE, JOSHUA J & DOYLE, KRISTIE		\$193.30		
20	DUMAIS, JOHN		\$1,837.27		
88	ECI LIMITED, LLC		\$1,146.75		

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1100	EMERY, DANIEL K		\$63.20	
832	FARNUM, KEVIN J & FARNUM, AMY		841.29**	
953	FARRAR, JUANITA M (BRAGG)		\$656.61	
788	FINISHED INTERIORS, LTD,		\$3,781.12	
398	GALLAGHER, KEVIN J & GALLAGHER, AMANDA		\$81.43	
646	GALLETTA PROPERTIES LLC		\$1,866.56	\$35.32
532	GAMMON, STEVEN M		\$665.86	\$728.56
437	GARCIA, VALERIE		\$741.94	
1047	GOODWIN, NATHANIEL & GOODWIN, LAUREN		\$1,561.38	
658	GOULD, KATHERINE M & GOULD, MICHAEL		\$1,044.47	
863	GREEN, JUDY E		\$478.41	
704	HADLEY, DALE SCOTT		\$1,344.05	\$1,409.78
846	HADLEY, GREGORY A		\$1,333.26	
1106	HARLOW, GINA L 7 HARLOW, CHRISTOPHER		\$1,051.19	
63	HART, JESSIE L		\$752.17	
66	HAYMAN, KIM		\$735.22	\$798.23
49	HEATH, MELISSA B		\$972.59	\$1,031.87
436	HEMLOCK HAVEN		\$710.56	\$773.46
438	HEMLOCK HAVEN		\$406.91	\$468.46
440	HEMLOCK HAVEN		\$405.38	\$466.92
431	HEMLOCK HAVEN, INC.		\$561.05	\$632.01
232	HERRICK, JUDITH & HERRICK, LEWIS		\$812.29	
794	HLP-BETHEL ROAD LLC.		\$12,933.36	\$12,896.09
52	HODGKIN, DONALD A SR		\$1,095.89	\$1,169.25
1256	HOFF, JOSEPH P & HOFF, HEATHER		\$803.04	
737	HOLBROOK, JOSHUA C & HOLBROOK, KRISTYNE		\$2,367.49	
423	INMAN, VERNON G PR		\$2,913.13	
697	JACKSON, PAMELA A TRUSTEE & ALTA PIERCE 2022 TRUST		\$1,293.96	
222	JDR PROPERTIES		\$294.39	
750	JDR PROPERTIES		\$238.91	
755	JDR PROPERTIES		\$238.91	
1284	JDR PROPERTIES		\$277.44	
277	JEWELL, TIMOTHY H		\$1,045.03	\$1,107.09
1335	JOLY, CHRISTIAN		\$695.15	
1274	KENNISON, TILDA A		\$520.75	
329	KING, LESLEY HELEN		\$524.05	
411	KRONSTADT, ANDREW S		\$4,402.06	
837	KSM PROPERTIES LLC		\$873.94	
302	LACKEY, MICHAEL DAVID JR		929.50*	
806	LANG, CHARLES D		\$974.12	\$383.27
1032	LAVINE, SHARON		\$2,222.61	\$402.49
912	LEGER, SHELLIE A & MOORE, STEVEN		2032.33*	
127	LORD, CHRISTINA M & LORD, LOGAN		\$1,054.27	
1122	MANSON, CHARLENE H		1010.71**	
333	MARTIN, JACOB RALPH		\$1,313.22	\$1,378.82
281	MARTINEZ, ROBERT JOHN		\$442.37	
777	MASON, JERROLD L & MASON, TRACIE		\$1,254.65	
1045	MASSAT, ROBERT Z		\$1,684.69	\$1,751.94
519	MONTPELIER, RICHARD		\$2,456.89	
124	MOODY BROOK TRUST, DUCHANO, WILLIAM		\$138.72	
907	MOYSE, THOMAS & INGERSOLL, SUZANNE		\$1,353.29	
1011	NEWELL, DAVID & NEWELL, ELAINE		\$1,815.69	
1066	OBEAR, THOMAS		\$4,884.49	

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254	PALMER, DANIEL & GORDON,MARGARET & COLE, LAURI		\$1,146.75	\$1,220.34
467	PATTEN, KIMBERLY ANN		\$470.11	
760	PENLEY, DOUGAS L		\$1,877.35	
734	PENLEY, DOUGLAS		\$5,468.66	
736	PENLEY, DOUGLAS L		\$730.59	
549	PERHAM, DOUGLAS A & PERHAM, KATHLEEN		\$3,939.66	
570	PERHAM, DOUGLAS A		\$547.18	
578	PERHAM, DOUGLAS A		\$504.02	
707	PERHAM, PAUL C & PERHAM, BRENDA		\$655.07	
316	PINNACLE MOUNTAIN VISTA, LLC.		9588.66**	
991	PITTMAN, MICHAEL & PITTMAN, PATRICIA		\$2,259.60	
654	POLAND, WELDON E & POLAND, CHARLES		\$821.54	\$862.12
947	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.		\$283.61	
948	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.		\$2,073.10	
949	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.		1926.21*	
1377	QUINN, EDIE DAVIS		436.2**	
1148	RAINEY, MARC		\$980.29	\$1,042.41
310	RECORD, FORREST S		1602.99*	
905	REYNOLDS, DAWN & STEPHEN & KATHLEEN & ZAY		5050.97**	
996	RIIHIMAKI, LAURIE A & BAILEY, BENJAMIN		\$1,999.12	\$2,076.52
1105	RING, RICHARD C		\$450.07	
746	RING, ROSEANNA HEIRS OF		\$1,988.32	
647	RISEMAN, JANE & RISEMAN, WALTER		\$898.60	
181	ROBBINS, CYNTHIA ANN PR		804.58*	
183	ROBBINS, GARY P & KRISTIE		\$1,767.92	
1120	ROBBINS, GARY PAUL		\$356.05	
439	ROBERTS, JACK & ROBERTS, LIN		\$402.29	\$463.82
425	ROBERTS, JACK V & ROBERTS, LIN		\$3,854.89	\$3,931.85
429	ROBERTS, JACK V & ROBERTS, LIN		\$967.96	\$1,032.02
434	ROBERTS, JACK V & ROBERTS, LIN		\$676.65	\$739.40
262	ROBERTS, JOEL B		\$2,281.18	\$2,339.71
923	ROBINSON, BEVERLY A & ROBINSON, GARY		\$1,010.71	
507	ROBINSON, DAVID B & ROBINSON, PAULINE		1122.09**	
509	ROBINSON, DAVID B & ROBINSON, PAULINE		\$2,876.13	
510	ROBINSON, MATTHEW & ROBINSON, VIRGINIA		\$1,032.70	\$1,105.77
126	ROE, MICHAEL R		\$599.58	
154	ROE, MICHAEL R		513.27**	
155	ROE, MICHAEL R		\$1,095.89	
850	RYAN, AMBER L		\$2,698.62	
460	SANBORN, ADAM		\$1,504.34	\$1,179.30
226	SANDE, JESIAH E		\$918.64	
252	SEAMS, STEVEN L		\$292.81	
602	SHATTENBERG, GREGORY		\$41.62	
107	SILVER, ADAM		\$747.55	\$314.80
246	SMITH, ANNE E & SMITH, ALBERT		\$4,238.79	
1332	SOUTHARD, LUKE A & ROWE, ASHLEY		\$331.39	\$392.60
681	STEARNS, CHAD & PAINE, ANGELA		\$1,865.02	\$1,933.08
198	STONE, ANITA		\$682.82	\$745.59
233	STRETTON, SARAH		\$1,001.87	
552	THOMAS, BRUCE J, HEIRS OF		\$2,700.42	\$2,780.96
666	TURGEON, NORMAN & TURGEON, LORI		\$90.03	
1365	VAN BIBBER-ORR, EDWIN & VAN-BIBBER ORR, IAIN & ORR,		\$490.14	
	JULIA & ORR, WINIFRED			

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481	VERRILL, DALE R		\$810.74	
1336	VERRILL, DALE R		\$1,476.60	
581	WATERHOUSE, G KEVIN & WATERHOUSE, ELAINE		\$1,926.67	
299	WEBB, KENDALL		\$510.19	
403	WESTLEIGH, LINDA S		\$1,800.28	
1168	WESTLEIGH-GRIFFIN, LOUISA M		\$3,375.53	\$3,450.35
861	WHITMAN, TOBY S & WHITMAN, SHARI		\$4,075.29	\$4,170.70
1051	WILLIS LAURIE SUSAN PR		\$2,171.75	\$1,745.22
1049	WILLIS, LAURIE SUSAN PR		\$903.22	\$975.73
1050	WILLIS, TODD & WILLIS, LAURIE		\$78.60	\$138.69
247	WILSON, DELWIN C		\$1,328.63	\$254.55
874	WILSON, KENNETH D & WILSON, LAURIE		\$1,370.25	
1269	WOODWORTH, SPENCER A & WOODWORTH, CINDY		\$699.77	\$823.73
483	YOUNG FAMILY 2022 TRUST		1791.03*	
218	YOUNG, JAMES L		\$551.39	
235	ZEEGERS, BETTY S		\$517.89	
237	ZEEGERS, BETTY S		\$1,205.32	
			\$243,863.72	\$65,799.18
	**Paid in full after close of books			
	*Partial payment after close of books		172 accounts	44 accounts
	TAX ACQUIRED			
1272	BRITTON, COREY E		\$818.29	
1043	CHASE, MARIAN		\$2,741.04	

Revenue Summary
2024

Account	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
01 - Administration			
03 - Abatements	\$0.00	-\$7,994.63	-\$7,994.63
04 - Supplementals	\$0.00	\$6,896.05	\$6,896.05
05 - Excise Tax - Vehicle	\$300,000.00	\$421,767.13	\$121,767.13
06 - Excise IFW	\$1,200.00	\$1,054.20	-\$145.80
07 - Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
08 - Marijuana Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
09 - CEBE Grant	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
10 - SRS	\$300,000.00	\$326,153.98	\$26,153.98
20 - URIP	\$0.00	\$37,864.00	\$37,864.00
30 - Bank Interest	\$3,000.00	\$28,802.51	\$25,802.51
40 - Tax Interest	\$12,000.00	\$8,064.44	-\$3,935.56
45 - Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$482.01	\$482.01
50 - Admin Rev	\$500.00	\$330.43	-\$169.57
51 - Tree Growth	\$19,000.00	\$21,564.29	\$2,564.29
52 - Veterans refund	\$1,200.00	\$1,172.00	-\$28.00
53 - BETE REFUND	\$15,400.00	\$22,161.00	\$6,761.00
55 - Birth	\$300.00	\$167.20	-\$132.80
56 - Deaths	\$400.00	\$584.80	\$184.80
57 - Marriage	\$200.00	\$306.80	\$106.80
58 - Intentions	\$300.00	\$396.00	\$96.00
75 - Agent Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,933.00	\$933.00
86 - PI CEO HO	\$0.00	\$2,857.50	\$2,857.50
87 - Homestead	\$117,205.00	\$120,369.49	\$3,164.49
88 - Unemployment Dividend	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
89 - Workers Compensation Dividend	\$0.00	\$2,904.00	\$2,904.00
92 - Cable Franchise Fee	\$0.00	\$6,635.91	\$6,635.91
93 - Election Grant	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
10 - Planning & Appeals Boards			
01 - planning brd	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
10 - Public Safety			
01 - Fire Dept	\$0.00	\$53,540.00	\$53,540.00
20 - Animal Control	\$0.00	\$779.00	\$779.00
15 - Public Works			
10 - Transfer Station	\$0.00	\$5,479.00	\$5,479.00
40 - Community Service			
05 - Library	\$0.00	\$14,137.65	\$14,137.65
10 - Old Home Days	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
15 - Derby Track	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$985.00
25 - Rec Programs	\$0.00	\$2,946.00	\$2,946.00
30 - Swim Lessons	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$825.00
90 - Miscellaneous			
01 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$622.28	\$622.28
Final Totals	\$780,705.00	\$1,153,318.04	\$372,613.04

Expense Summary
2024

Account	Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01 - General Gov	478,173.00	467,767.34	10,405.66
01 - Administration	430,589.00	430,280.23	308.77
05 - Assessing	25,475.00	20,443.00	5,032.00
10 - Plan/Appeals	1,289.00	460.17	828.83
20 - CEO & LPI	6,100.00	5,289.71	810.29
35 - Building	14,720.00	11,294.23	3,425.77
10 - Public Safet	185,826.00	221,358.26	-35,532.26
01 - Fire Dept	123,800.00	161,017.01	-37,217.01 (\$50000 ATV grant)
05 - Street Light	12,500.00	10,656.60	1,843.40
10 - Hydrant Rent	41,726.00	41,726.00	0.00
15 - Emerg Manage	600.00	0.00	600.00
20 - Animal Contr	7,200.00	7,958.65	-758.65 (Paid from carried over funds from previous years)
15 - Public Works	164,236.00	162,038.00	2,198.00
01 - Cemeteries	7,986.00	6,916.79	1,069.21
05 - Veterans Mem	650.00	760.00	-110.00
10 - Transfer Sta	155,600.00	154,361.21	1,238.79
20 - Highway	525,812.00	498,001.97	27,810.03
01 - Garage	98,800.00	98,654.07	145.93
05 - Summer	191,640.00	193,888.23	-2,248.23
10 - Winter	235,372.00	205,459.67	29,912.33
25 - FEMA-2022	0.00	40,752.00	-40,752.00 (FEMA & MEMA reimbursement expected)
26 - FEMA-2023May	0.00	4,824.50	-4,824.50 (FEMA & MEMA reimbursement expected)
27 - FEMA-2023Dec	0.00	28,514.75	-28,514.75 (FEMA & MEMA reimbursement expected)
40 - Comm. Servic	72,280.00	73,461.83	-1,181.83
01 - Organization	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00
05 - Library	49,740.00	54,190.18	-4,450.18 (Paid from Revenues)
25 - Rec Programs	8,990.00	6,343.72	2,646.28
26 - Snack Shack	250.00	0.00	250.00
30 - Swim Lessons	0.00	645.75	-645.75 (Paid from carried over funds from previous years)
35 - Ball field	6,100.00	5,082.18	1,017.82
45 - GA	5,800.00	2,061.56	3,738.44
55 - Capital Impr CONT'D			
55 - Capital Impr	215,000.00	56,366.23	158,633.77
01 - Hway Equipme	40,000.00	50,579.23	-10,579.23 (Paid from Reserve Fund)
02 - Highway Proj	140,000.00	5,787.00	134,213.00
07 - Fire Truck	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
08 - Fire Equipmn	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
60 - Reserves	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
06 - Revaluation	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
80 - Taxes	1,409,167.76	1,399,005.14	10,162.62
01 - SAD # 17	1,259,877.76	1,249,715.14	10,162.62
05 - County Tax	149,290.00	149,290.00	0.00
90 - Misc	45,000.00	50,864.89	-5,864.89
01 - Snmbl reimb	0.00	622.28	-622.28 (Paid from State snowmobile check)
10 - Disc & Inter	45,000.00	50,242.61	-5,242.61 (Special Town Meeting vote to pay from Undesignated Fund)
Final Totals	3,111,294.76	3,005,016.47	106,278.29

Payroll 2024

Ames, Jared D	Fire Department	1,621.98
Borst, David L	Transfer Station	2,414.59
Boutilier, Shawn L	Selectboard	410.35
Brooks, Derrick J	Fire Department	2,692.50
Brown, Kingston A	Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector	4,906.00
Cassidy, Scott A	Fire Department	565.40
Ciriello, Dakota M	Fire Department	2,109.75
Couture, Jonathan M	Rec Department	1,281.25
Davis, Brianna M	Fire Department	385.42
Davis, Kevin M	Highway/Fire Department	4,926.33
Downing, Joy M	Office (Town Manager)	71,622.24
Giroux, Eric L	Animal Control Officer	2,434.38
Goodwin, David W II	Fire Department	140.56
Gould, Brenda L	Library	25,802.80
Grover, William P	Planning Board	102.59
Henderson, Andelena R	Planning Board	95.51
Henderson, Michael E	Fire Department	9,750.00
Hoff, Joseph P	Transfer Station	21,435.54
Holley, Jeffrey J	Planning Board	95.51
Holmes, Brandon E	Animal Control Officer	1,000.00
Johnson, Cynthia	Office/Library cleaning	5,970.00
Johnson, Travis J	Highway	6,261.75
LaCombe, Jeffrey W	Elections	1,178.01
LaCombe, Makayla E	Rec Department	645.75
LaCombe, Melissa M	Office	50,008.73
Lizotte, Daniel	Fire Department	89.46
Martin, Craig T	Fire Department	465.28
McCann, Steven S	Planning Board	116.74
Norton, Elliot R	Fire Department	2,486.75
Packard, Warren C	Highway	71,991.94
Penley, Douglas	Fire Department	3,253.39
Pennell, Edward A	Fire Department	56.99
Rainey, Benjamin W	Transfer Station	6,640.55
Rainey, Wade E	Selectboard	1,769.41
Rogers, Michael S	Highway	42,123.05
Smith, Annette M	Fire Department	338.24
Smith-Collins, Alekzander J	Fire Department	300.00
Stine, Robert D	Fire Department	2,830.50
Waterhouse, Fred L	Highway	51,440.53
White, John E	Selectboard	382.05
Whitman, Toby S	Highway	4,465.50
Wilson, Karen Y	Office	50,328.13
Wisnoski, Scott M	Transfer Station	8,498.36
Employees: 43		465,433.81

Town Clerk's Report 2024

Vital Statistics

Births	13
Marriages	16
Deaths	17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Bailey, Lorraine Beverly	83	West Paris	West Paris	7/27/2024
Brakhan, Jutta	82	West Paris	Bangor	10/9/2024
Burnham, Arthur M	81	West Paris	Auburn	3/5/2024
Crouch, John Jr.	79	West Paris	Windham	8/25/2024
Dean, Maureen J.	80	West Paris	Norway	2/27/2024
Estrada, Marilyn A	94	West Paris	Norway	11/6/2024
Files, Sharon Lynn	64	West Paris	Portland	4/18/2024
Gibbs, Wesley Joe	67	West Paris	Lewiston	11/18/2024
Gillen, Susan Lynn	64	West Paris	West Paris	5/11/2024
Lawrence, Patricia J.	86	West Paris	Norway	3/23/2024
Montplaisir, Christopher A	40	Derry, NH	West Paris	8/31/2024
Oja, Beryl E.	96	West Paris	West Paris	2/29/2024
Poland, Joan M	89	West Paris	West Paris	9/4/2024
Price, Lila June	97	West Paris	Paris	6/10/2024
Siverman, Myles	79	West Paris	West Paris	6/16/2024
Stimson, Robert Lee	79	West Paris	Auburn	7/27/2024
Waterhouse, Gary L	70	West Paris	West Paris	2/8/2024

Total 17

Dog Licensing

Spayed/Neutered Dogs	190
Non-Spayed/Neutered Dogs	34
Kennels	2

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	126
Boats Registered	11
Boats Registered Online	63
ATVs Registered	65
Snowmobiles Registered	73

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Vehicles Registered	1,978
Rapid Renewal (online vehicle registrations)	197

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Annual Financial Report Audit Year Ending December 31st, 2024

RHR Smith & Company, CPA's is in the process of conducting our audits for calendar years 2023 & 2024.

The Audit Reports will be available upon request at the West Paris Town Office once they have been received.

We will post on the Town of West Paris website when the Audits are available.

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If you have any questions in regard to
2025's Annual Town Meeting Warrant,
Please attend the West Paris Selectboard Meeting that is
scheduled on Thursday, February 27th, 2025 at 5pm in the
meeting room at the West Paris Town Office.

Thank you,
West Paris Board of Selectmen

Warrant for Town Meeting

Date of Town Meeting – March 1st, 2025

To: Jeffrey LaCombe, a citizen of the Town of West Paris,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of West Paris, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Ring-McKeen Post 151 American Legion, located at 6 Church Street in West Paris, Maine 04289 on Saturday, March 1st, 2025 at 10am to act on the following Articles, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting.
2. To choose the following officers: one (1) Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor (for a three-year term), two (2) Water District Trustees (for a three-year term), and one (1) School Administrative District 17 Director (for a three-year term).
3. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend such money, as necessary, from each budget category of the annual budget during the period January 1st, 2025 to the 2026 town meeting in order to ensure the continuous operation of Town government.
4. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectboard to carry forward balances or deficits at the end of the fiscal year if they deem it advisable.
5. To see if the citizens will vote to have taxes due and payable at the date of commitment with interest charges at the rate of seven and a half percent (7.5%) per annum on all taxes not paid on or before November 14th, 2025.
6. To see if citizens will vote to accept payment of taxes before commitment.
7. To see if citizens will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at seven and a half percent (7.5%).
8. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S.A §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
9. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectboard upon request of the Treasurer, to proceed to file notices in the Registry of Deeds to waive the foreclosure of a then pending real property tax lien, if they determine such course of action to be in the best interest of the Town.
10. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize a three percent (3%) discount on the 2025 real estate and personal property taxes, paid in full, for the first thirty (30) days from the date of commitment and 2025 real estate and personal property taxes paid in full prior, and to raise and appropriate \$52,000.00 for discounts. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
11. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend, and/or appropriate on behalf of the Town, money from State, Federal, and other governmental unit, and from private sources and foundation, which may be received from time to time, in the form of grants, donations, or any other source during the period from the 2025 Town Meeting to the 2026 Town Meeting.
12. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$159,872 for personnel benefits, including health insurance premiums, Social Security/Medicare employer match and Maine Paid Family Medical Leave employer match. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*

13. To see if citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$306,628 for Administration. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
14. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,175 for Assessing. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
15. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,331 for Planning Board and Board of Appeals expenses. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
16. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,100 for the Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
17. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,820 for Municipal Buildings. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
18. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$114,360 for the Fire Department. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
19. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,390 for recreational programs (\$7,590) and ball field maintenance (\$10,800). *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
20. If see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,500 for Street Lights. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
21. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,493 for Hydrant Rental. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
22. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 for Emergency Management. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
23. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,241 for Animal Control. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
24. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,180 for Cemeteries. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
25. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$810 for the maintenance and updating of the Veterans Monuments (\$250), and the maintenance of the park (\$560). *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
26. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$187,050 for the Transfer Station. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
27. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$588,367 for the Highway Department. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*

Garage Operations/Equipment Maintenance: \$109,581

Summer Operations: \$226,000

Winter Operations: \$252,786

28. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,945 for the West Paris Library. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
29. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,800.00 for General Assistance. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*

30. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Revaluation Reserve Account. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*
31. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for the Fire Dept. Vehicle Reserve account. *Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*.
32. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Fire Dept. Capital Equipment Reserve Account. Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.
33. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Account. *Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*.
34. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$140,000.00 for the Highway Improvement Reserve Account. *The Town Manager has recommended \$105,000.00*.
35. To see if the citizens will vote to disburse the total snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine to the Mollyockett Sportsman's Club. The money is to be used for the construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails that are open to the public. The amount last year was \$622.28. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*.
36. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500.00 for the West Paris Explorers After-School Program. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*
37. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 for outside non-profit agencies.

Agency	Request	Budget Committee Recom.	Selectboard Recom.
Andwell	\$250	\$250	\$250
Seniors Plus	\$250	\$250	\$250
Spurwink	\$250	\$100	\$100

38. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate the following estimate of sums of money to reduce the 2024 tax commitment. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval*.

State Revenue Sharing	\$300,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$112,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$350,000
Overpayment of MSAD 17 Taxes (2024)	\$10,162.62 (+ interest)
Other Revenues	\$26,800.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$150,000</u>

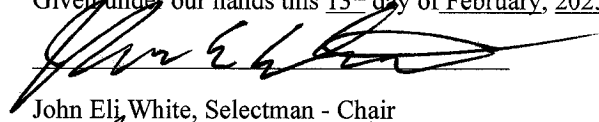
Total = \$948,962.62

39. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
40. To see if the citizens will vote to pay off the leased 2023 Caterpillar 420XE Loader Backhoe. The total payoff amount will be \$84,136.261. This money will be taken out of the Undesignated Fund Balance Account.
41. To see if the citizens will vote appropriate out of the undesignated fund \$13,035 to correct an overdraft in the Administrative – Contractual – Legal account.

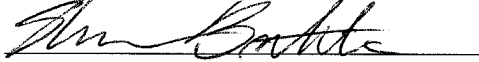
42. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate out of the undesignated fund \$110.00 to correct an overdraft in the Veterans Memorial account.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in the Town Office on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, between the hours of 10:00am to 6:00pm, for additions or corrections to the Voting List.

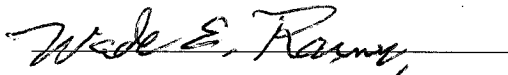
Given under our hands this 13th day of February, 2025, by the Board of Selectmen, Town of West Paris.



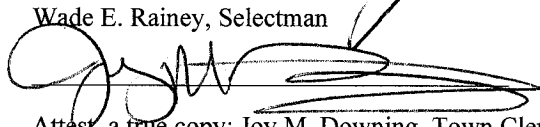
John Eli White, Selectman - Chair



Shawn Boutilier, Selectman



Wade E. Rainey, Selectman



Attest, a true copy: Joy M. Downing, Town Clerk