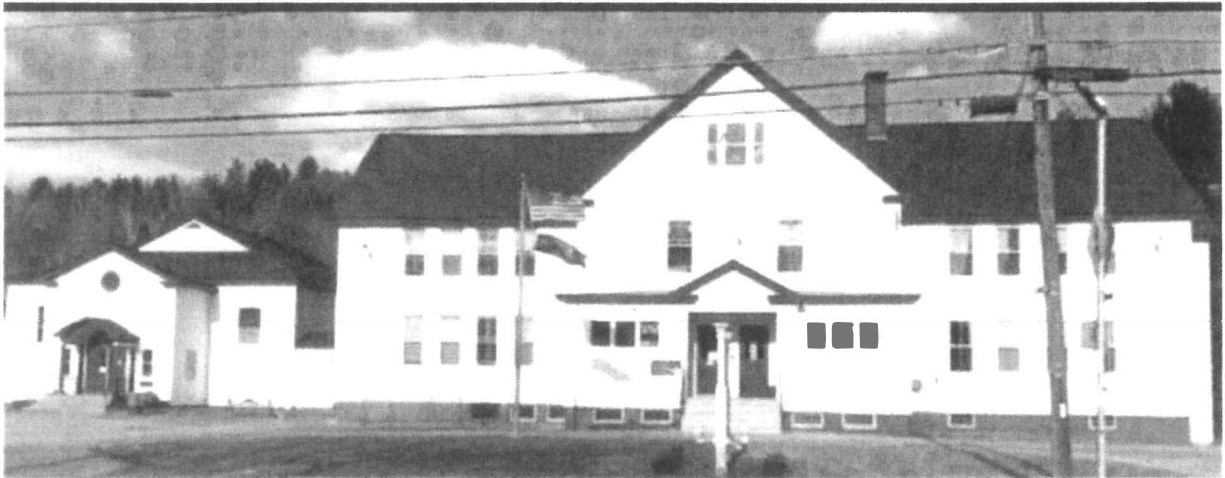


Town of West Paris

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**68th Annual Report of the Municipal Officers &
Officials**

For Year Ending

December 31st, 2025

2025 Town Report Dedication

Steve McCann



Mr. McCann has been on the West Paris Planning Board since 2005 where for the majority of this time he served as the Chairman. Mr. McCann has successfully run the West Paris Downhill Derby races that always falls on the 2nd Saturday in July, August, and September.

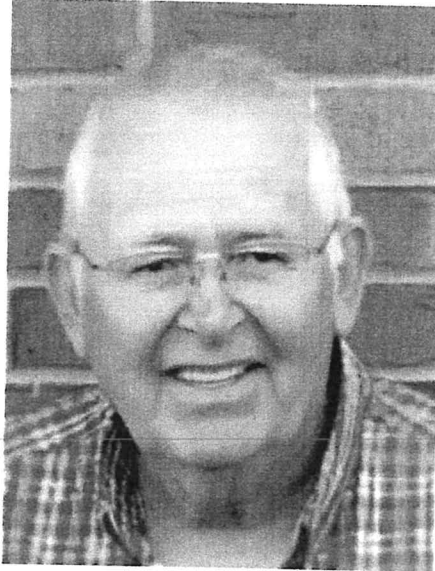
Mr. McCann has also taken over the setup, maintenance, and take down for the last 2+ years on the ice-skating rink that is available for use by the community, located at the West Paris Town Office. He has also taken charge of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony that takes place at the Town Office in December every year.

Mr. McCann has done tremendous things for our community and we are very grateful!

Thank you Mr. McCann for all of your hard work and dedication to the
Town of West Paris.

In Memory

Gregg L. Inman



Mr. Inman passed away on February 23rd, 2025 at the age of 67. He held many jobs through the years of his employment, but much of his career was spent working for Maine Department of Transportation. He took great pride in his work no matter the season or the time of year. During his life Mr. Inman was an active member of the West Paris Fire Department from 1995-1997 and served on the West Paris Water District from 1992-2016.

Mr. Inman was a great man and will be dearly missed.

Town of West Paris, Maine

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Fax: (207) 674-2703
E-mail: assistantclerk@westparisme.com
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 (<i>Warren Packard</i>)	890-7117
Code Enforcement (<i>Chris Summers</i>)	461-0486
Fire Dept. (<i>Non-Emergency-Chief Henderson</i>)	461-0080
Animal Control (<i>Non-Emergency #</i>)	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

117 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:

2nd 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

2026 Annual Town Meeting will be held
on Saturday, March 7th, 2026
at 10am

The location of the meeting will be at:
Ring-McKeen American Legion
Post 151
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 (2025-2028)
Wade Rainey (2023-2026)

School Administrative District 17 Directors

Donna Marshall (2024-2027)
Veronica Poland (2025-2028)

Water District Trustees

Janet Hebert (2025-2026)
Judy Boutilier (2025-2028)
David Walton (2025-2027)

Appointed Committees

Planning Board

Dian Rainey -Chair (2025-2028)
William Grover (2022-2026)
Andelena Henderson (2022-2026)
Jeffrey Holley (2022-2026)
Janet Hebert (2025-2026)

Board of Appeals

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

Budget Committee

Jeffrey LaCombe (2025-2029)
Kenneth Poland (2025-2028)
Dian Rainey (2025-2027)
Natalie Andrews (2025-2028)
Kristy Basso (2025-2029)

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
Doug Penley, Interior Firefighter
Ed Pennell, Interior Firefighter
Melissa Musbach, Interior Firefighter
Elliot Norton, Interior Firefighter
Dakota Ciriello, Interior Firefighter
Andrew Whynot, Interior Firefighter
Derrick Brooks, Exterior Firefighter
Matthew Morries, Exterior Firefighter

Transfer Station

Joseph Hoff, Chief Operator
Scott Wisnoski, Operator

West Paris Public Library

Brenda Gould, Library Director

Assessors' Agent

Donna Hays

Animal Control Officer

Brandon Holmes

Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector &

Local Health Officer

Chris Summers



Town of West Paris

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Town Manager's Annual Report

Hello Everyone! 2025 seems to have come and gone rather quickly but a lot was accomplished during this time.

The Highway Department was able to get ditching and culverts replaced on several roads so paving could be completed on Benson Hill Road, Greenwood Street, and the apron on Snow Falls Road. We had some washouts on a few roads throughout the year, but the down time was minimal due to the Highway Department getting on the repairs quickly and efficiently.

We were able to get new heat pumps installed at the West Paris Town Office and the West Paris Highway Garage to assist in lowering the electricity and heating bills. This was paid for out of a \$50,000 grant we were awarded by Center of Ecology Based Economy. We had the roof replaced at the West Paris Highway Garage and had some work completed on the Town Office roof due to the chimney leaking this past Spring.

On May 14th, 2025, the Town of West Paris voters approved the closure of Agnes Gray Elementary School and on November 8th, 2025, a vote passed by the voters of West Paris to accept the transfer of this property to come back to the Town of West Paris with 109 *YES* votes and 2 *NO* votes. At this time, we are not sure what our plans are for the property however we plan to hold several Public Hearings to get input from the West Paris community on what the future holds for the Agnes Gray Elementary School property. Once these Public Hearings have been scheduled, the dates will be published in the local newspaper as well as being put on our official town website (www.westparisme.com). Once the Town receives the deed from MSAD #17, the West Paris Selectboard would like to schedule a few open houses for citizens of West Paris to walk through the building if they would like. This information will also be posted on our official town website.

I would also like to remind the citizens of West Paris that the Selectboard meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 5pm in the meeting room at the Town Office and these meetings are always open to the public. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you are more than welcome to attend one of these meetings to have your voice heard.

The Planning Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the meeting room at the Town Office. The Library Advisory Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the West Paris Public Library.

As always, if you need immediate assistance or would like to chat, please feel free to call me at (207)728-2701 ext. 5, email me at townmanager@westparisme.com, or stop in at the West Paris Town Office.

The Town of West Paris employees do a phenomenal job, and the citizens of West Paris are very lucky to have all of you!

I would also like to thank the citizens of West Paris for your input, time, patience, and understanding during this coming year!

Respectfully,

Joy M. Downing
Town Manager



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NOTICE

The Town of West Paris does not use social media sites. Any Facebook or other social media sites listing town happenings is done using a personal account and is not sanctioned by the Town of West Paris. The only site authorized by the Town is the Official Town of West Paris website which is maintained by the town office employees.

To access this website and stay up to date on meetings and to receive other important information and updates,
please visit:

www.westparisme.com

ASSESSORS' REPORT

\$148,862,200 – Taxable value of West Paris
\$2,485,998.74 – 2025 Tax Levy
3,061 – Acres of Tree Growth Program
1,241 – Parcels taxed
424 – Number of Homestead Exemptions
53 – Veterans Exemptions active
16.70 – 2025 Tax Rate
04/01/2026 – Last day to file for exemptions

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAX

The following information is provided in an effort to help reduce your property tax burden. All applications are available at the Town Office or by visiting the Maine Revenue Services web site at www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax.

Property Tax Exemptions

Homestead Exemption

Under this law, homeowners are eligible for a \$25,000 reduction in valuation. In order to qualify you must have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1st and make the property you occupy your permanent residence.

Veteran's Exemption

A homeowner may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of their property if they:

- 1 Have their permanent residence in West Paris on April 1st
- 2 Are a veteran who was honorably discharged
- 3 Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
- 4 Are 62 or older or an unremarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran
- 5 Are under 62 but 100% disabled due to a service-related disability

An application along with proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214 must be provided. For veterans who served during World War II or later the exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in valuation.

Paraplegic Veteran

A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive an exemption of \$50,000 in valuation.

Blind Exemption

A homeowner who is determined to be legally blind by a medical doctor receives a \$4,000 exemption.

All of the above exemptions require a completed application and may require additional information to support the claim for exemption. All applications must be submitted to the Town Office no later than April 1, 2023.

Current Use Programs

The State of Maine offers the following “current use programs” which give the property owner a reduction in their assessed value. Applications for all these programs are available at the Town Office or at the Maine Revenue Services web site and must be filed on or before April 1, 2023. In order to be eligible each program has certain criteria that must be met and any change in use of the land warrants withdrawal from the program and a penalty assessed.

Tree Growth

This program provides for the landowner with at least 10 acres of forested land who wishes to maintain land for the planting, culture and continuous harvesting of trees. A Forest Management and Harvest Plan must be prepared and submitted with the application. Applications must include a map of the parcel indicating the forest type breakdown as well as all other areas not classified as tree growth. The 100% valuation per acre for each forest type by county is determined by the State Tax Assessor each year. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the tree growth value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Farm Land

In the farmland program the land must be used for farming, agriculture, horticulture and can include woodland and wasteland. At least 5 contiguous acres of land is required and the tract must contribute at least \$2,000 gross income from farming activities per year in one of the two or three of the five calendar years preceding the date of application. If the property no longer qualifies as farmland or the landowner withdraws from the program then a penalty equal to an amount of taxes that would have been paid in the last five years had it not been in the program, less the taxes that were originally assessed, plus any interest on that balance will be assessed or a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the farmland value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program, whichever is greater.

Open Space

Under this program no minimum acreage is required and the tract of land must be preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit such as public recreation, scenic resources, game management or preserving wildlife habitat. Classified land is valued by reducing the fair market value in accordance with a cumulative percentage reduction for which the land is eligible according to certain categories.

- 1 Ordinary Open Space – 20% reduction
- 2 Permanently Protected – 30% reduction
- 3 Forever Wild – 20% reduction
- 4 Public Access – 25% reduction

If the property met all of the above requirements, the owner would see a cumulative reduction of up to 95% on the classified land. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the open space value and fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

TOWN OF WEST PARIS
2025 VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

AKERS, ROGER	6,000
ANDREWS, GARY	6,000
BORST, DAVID	6,000
BOUTILIER, JUDY	6,000
BRADEEN, RICHARD	6,000
CARR, DARRYL	6,000
CHAMBERLAIN, RUTH	6,000
CONNELL, DANIEL J	6,000
DOUGHTY, HERMAN	6,000
DOWNING, BRUCE A	6,000
DUNHAM, ROLAND T LIFE ESTATE	6,000
EMERY, WARREN W	6,000
FLYNN, KEVIN J	6,000
FOSTER, WILLIAM L	6,000
GLINES, BRUCE D	6,000
HAMMOND, CORRINNE C TRUSTEE	6,000
HATHAWAY, JOYCE C	6,000
HENSON, CANDIS L	6,000
HERRICK, MARK R	6,000
JOHNSON, JENEEN GALVIN	6,000
JOYCE, WILLIAM B	6,000
KENNISON, KENNETH J	6,000
KORHONEN, MICHAEL L	6,000
LEE, THEODORE JR	6,000
LIIMATTA, MICHAEL W	6,000
LIPOFSKY, JOHN D	6,000
MACK, ROGER P. & THERESA L.	6,000
MALESKI, JOHN M	6,000
MARSHALL, JAMES H	6,000
MASON, GEORGE L	6,000
MCMORROW, MARCIA E	6,000
MELANIE D TRUSTEES	6,000
MINARD, ROGER J	6,000
MOWATT, HARTLEY H., JR.	6,000
NASH, ALLEN L	6,000
NEWMYER, JOHN JR	6,000
PENLEY, CHARMAINE C	6,000
PEPIN, HELEN W	6,000
PERRY, GERARD	6,000
PIIRAINEN CARL J & PELOKE	6,000
POLAND, KENNETH E	6,000
PRUE, ARTHUR L	6,000
RAINEY, DIAN P	6,000
RECORD, LLOYD E	6,000
SMITH, RICHARD	6,000
SPENCER, MICHAEL	6,000
STAHL, ALLEN D	6,000
STANLEY, BETTY B	6,000
TIKANDER, NEIL O	6,000
VERRILL, DALE R	6,000
VLADYKA, ANTHONY M	6,000
WALTON, DAVID L	6,000
WILSON, MELVIN C	6,000



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 annual report on behalf of the West Paris Fire Department. Our department remains steadfast in its commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents, responding to emergencies with dedication, professionalism, and pride. Over the past year, the department responded to more than 127 calls for service, including, but not limited to, 9 structure fires, 26 motor vehicle accidents, 22 medical assists, and 10 woods fires, and 3 calls where the UTV was needed.

This year marked a period of significant growth and renewed energy within the department. We welcomed several new members, each bringing diverse backgrounds and valuable experience. As the year progressed, we saw a notable increase in staffing per call, including several incidents where seven West Paris firefighters responded together. This growth has strengthened our ability to protect not only our town, but also our neighboring communities. Our firefighters share a deep passion for service and a strong sense of responsibility to those who rely on us during their most critical moments.

With the addition of new members, we hosted a Basic Firefighter School led by one of our own, Instructor FF Ed Pennell. Under his leadership, the class, now in its final stages of completion, brought together firefighters from West Paris, Paris, Woodstock, Greenwood, and Casco. Participants trained every Tuesday and Thursday for four hours each evening, along with eight-hour training days every other Sunday, over the course of several weeks. This level of commitment speaks volumes about the dedication of our members, and we are working toward expanding this effort into a full Firefighter II program in the coming year. Outstanding work was demonstrated by all involved.

This year, the department is respectfully requesting the community's support for a critical and significant purchase of equipment. At present, the West Paris Fire Department is operating with only one fully functional fire engine, along with a utility vehicle and a UTV. Our E-One engine, previously purchased from the Augusta Fire Department, is currently out of service. We are seeking town support for the purchase of a Fouts 4 Mini Pumper, which would become our first-due engine for all emergency responses.

This vehicle represents more than just a replacement—it represents safety, access, and reliability. Its four-wheel-drive capability and compact design would allow our firefighters to reach homes, back roads, and remote areas that full-size engines often cannot access, especially during winter weather or on narrow rural roads. Most importantly, this would be the first four-wheel-drive fire engine in West Paris history. When our neighbors dial 911, they are counting on us to arrive quickly and prepared. This truck would ensure that the promise continues to be met for years to come.

Additionally, the department has identified a growing need for an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program within the town. We maintain an excellent working relationship with PACE Ambulance and, this year, partnered with them for first aid, CPR, and Narcan training. However, due to distance, weather conditions, and the large coverage area PACE serves, response times can range from 2 to 20 minutes. An EMR program would allow trained firefighters to provide immediate medical care until ambulance services arrive, further enhancing the safety and well-being of our residents. This is a goal we are actively working towards in service of our community.

Despite the challenges we face, the West Paris Fire Department remains proud, resilient, and committed to our mission. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, our residents, and all those who help us improve our response capabilities and secure

essential equipment. Looking ahead, we remain focused on strengthening readiness, addressing equipment needs, and confronting the ongoing challenge of manpower.

We encourage anyone interested in serving their community to reach out to a current member, email mhenderson@westparisfiredepartment.com, or contact the town office. Your support, whether through service, advocacy, or encouragement, makes a real difference. Together, we will ensure the West Paris Fire Department remains a pillar of strength and safety for our town.

Thank you for your continued trust and unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Michael Henderson

Michael Henderson

Chief

West Paris Fire Department

Core Values:

Our department is built on the core values of Service, Integrity, Dedication, and Community. We strive to respond with professionalism, compassion, and teamwork—upholding the trust placed in us by those we serve. Through continuous training, public education, and community engagement, we are committed to safeguarding West Paris today and strengthening its resilience for tomorrow.

West Paris Public Library
Arthur L. Mann Memorial
226 Main Street, P. O. Box 307
West Paris, Maine 04289

Library Director's Report for 2025

West Paris Residents and Friends,

Services and Demographics: We were open for 193 days this year. Services included photocopies, Wi-Fi, two public computers, movies, books, games, puzzles, Maine InfoNet Download Library (CloudLibrary app), interlibrary loan, snacks, cocoa, and more. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library for genealogy research. Our circulation of materials, including interlibrary loans, was 13,193.

Programs and Services Sponsored by Maine Organizations:

Key: Maine State Library (MSL), Maine Humanities Council (MHC)

- Western Maine Foothills Community Archive; member of Maine Contemporary Archives. (MSL)
- High-Speed Fiber (1G) Internet. (Maine School and Library Network (MSLN) - Networkmaine)
- Stat Courier Weekly Van Delivery Service. (MSL)
- Read ME – Statewide Summer Reading Program for adults and youth (Summer 2025) (MHC, MSL)
- Weekly Tech Help (Community Concepts Finance Corporation) (January 8 –September 3)

Exhibits

- Elaine Emery's "Bunnyland" (April); Gingerbread Isle Village (December)
- Permanent Art Collection (January 1 – October 22)
- Cross Stitch and Other Needlework by Elaine Emery (Summer)
- Acrylic and Watercolor Paintings by Shellie Lee Grant (beginning October 23).

Other Programs and Events:

- Maine Wildlife Park Community Pass (Mid-April through November 11)
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) for all ages (daily)
- Library of Things (musical instruments, telescopes, microscopes, games, puzzles, and more)
- Story Time for Preschoolers (weekly on Wednesdays)
- Poetry and History Discussion Group with Rodney Abbott (monthly)
- Cabin Fever Concert with the Mollycoddett Chorus (March 16)
- Easter Egg Hunt for Toddlers through Age 10 (April 12)
- Spring Concert with Low Commotion Tuba Ensemble (May 4)
- West Paris Alumni Open House (June 14)
- Summer Reading Program for Youth (June 30 – August 29)
- Halloween Treats at the Library (October 31)
- Holiday Tree with free gingerbread ornaments handmade by Elaine Emery and family (December)
- Holiday Open House Concert with the Merry Mermaids at West Paris Library (December 6)

Revenue: This year, we raised \$11,225.38. Details are as follows. Donations/fundraising \$8,520.71; Interest - Hugo Heikkinen account \$2,113.47; Interest - Reserve account \$487.35; Administrative revenue. \$103.85.

Special Purchases: Thanks to public donations, we were able to purchase three new computers, a printer, and provide complimentary daily snacks and cocoa to patrons year-round!

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,

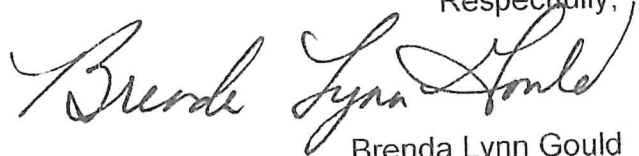
- **Library Advisory Board:** Julia Bennett, Karen Wilson, Linda Liimatta, Elaine Emery, Sandra Poland, Joy Doughty, Carina Adams
- **Library Volunteers:** John F. Haney, Skyler Simas, Laurel Leach
- **Library Intern:** Rebecca Hatch. We were honored and privileged this summer to have Becki here as our Intern. She contributed 120 valuable, skilled hours to our barcoding project, putting us much closer to the finish line.
- Artists, speakers, and facilitators who generously shared their work.
- Those who have donated funds, books, movies, toys, puzzles, craft materials, and other items.
- Maine State Library, Maine Humanities Council, and Community Concepts Finance Corporation 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!

Stay tuned in 2026, as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Arthur L. Mann Memorial!

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.

Town of West Paris, Maine

Animal Control Annual Report – Calendar Year 2025

Brandon E. Holmes, Animal Control Officer

Overview

In 2025, the Town of West Paris continued to receive full-time, on-call Animal Control coverage through a single municipal Animal Control Officer, providing 24/7 response for public safety, animal welfare, and ordinance enforcement. Services included stray response, bite investigations, cruelty and neglect investigations, livestock containment, dangerous animal complaints, community cat management, and coordination with law enforcement, shelters, veterinarians, and volunteer partners.

A total of **303 calls for service** were handled in West Paris during the 2025 calendar year, representing a wide range of public safety and animal welfare concerns.

Call Volume by Category (2025)

Major call types included:

- Stray or loose animals – 180
- Bite investigations and quarantine enforcement – 27
- Sick or injured animals – 21
- Livestock at large – 17
- General animal control and ordinance issues – 12
- Neglect investigations – 11
- Owner surrenders and shelter transports – 10
- Cruelty to animals investigations – 8
- Deceased animals – 5
- Kennel inspections and compliance checks – 4
- Aggressive behavior complaints – 3
- Noise and administrative complaints – 4 combined
- Abandonment cases – 1

Each of these calls often required multiple follow-ups, coordination with veterinarians and shelters, and in several cases, court documentation and ongoing compliance monitoring.

Public Safety and Enforcement

Bite investigations and aggressive animal complaints continued to be a significant portion of the workload. These cases required:

- Rabies quarantine enforcement
- Owner education and compliance checks
- Coordination with Maine CDC and local health officers
- Court-ready documentation when necessary

Cruelty and neglect investigations were conducted in coordination with local law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office when applicable, with emphasis on early intervention, evidence preservation, and ensuring animals received appropriate medical care and shelter placement.

Livestock and Large Animal Response

West Paris generated a notable number of livestock-related calls in 2025, including loose cattle, goats, and other farm animals. These incidents required:

- Rapid roadside safety response
- Coordination with owners and neighboring farms
- Temporary containment and traffic control
- Follow-up on fencing and husbandry compliance

Community Cat Initiative

A major accomplishment in 2025 was the continued development of the West Paris Community Cat Program.

Through partnerships with shelters, veterinarians, trappers, and volunteers:

- **64 community cats were spayed or neutered**
- **27 cats entered the shelter system for adoption or placement**
- Multiple unmanaged colonies were stabilized through Trap-Neuter-Return and caretaker support
- Feeding stations and winter shelter guidance were provided
- Nuisance complaints were resolved through sterilization rather than displacement

This proactive approach reduced nuisance calls, prevented hundreds of future births, and improved overall public health and animal welfare outcomes.

Shelter and Veterinary Partnerships

Animals from West Paris were transported and placed through regional shelter partners including Responsible Pet Care, Harvest Hills, and Maine Humane, as well as emergency veterinary clinics when required. These partnerships ensured:

- Immediate medical care for injured animals
- Quarantine housing for bite cases
- Safe placement for strays and cruelty seizures
- Adoption pathways for socialized animals

Mileage and Response Area

In 2025, 8,261 miles were logged responding to West Paris calls, including:

- Emergency response
- Shelter and veterinary transports
- Follow-up compliance checks
- Court-related travel
- Community cat trapping and clinic transport

Preparing for 2026: Local Spay and Neuter Access

Significant planning work was completed in 2025 to establish **monthly spay and neuter clinics in Harrison beginning in 2026**. This will:

- Dramatically reduce transport distance for surgical appointments
- Lower mileage and fuel costs
- Increase access for low-income residents
- Expand capacity for community cat sterilization
- Improve response times for urgent medical referrals

This local access point represents a major efficiency gain for West Paris and surrounding towns.

Community Outreach and Education

Throughout 2025, public education was provided on:

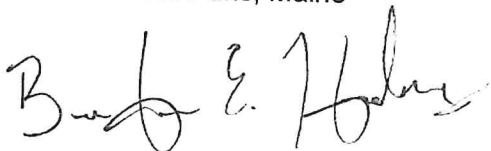
- Responsible ownership and licensing
- Bite prevention and containment
- Livestock fencing and winter preparedness
- Community cat management
- Emergency planning for pets
- Lost animal recovery protocols

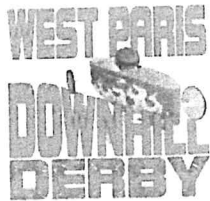
Residents were encouraged to use dispatch as the primary reporting method for emergencies, ensuring rapid and documented response.

Closing

The 2025 year reflected a continued shift toward proactive animal welfare, strong public safety integration, and long-term population control through spay and neuter and community partnerships. West Paris benefited from consistent, accountable, and data-driven Animal Control coverage, with measurable outcomes in reduced roaming animals, stabilized cat populations, and improved response coordination.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon E. Holmes
Animal Control Officer
Town of West Paris, Maine





Thank You!

February 2026

Dear Town of West Paris,

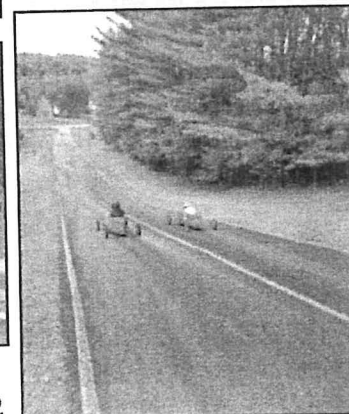
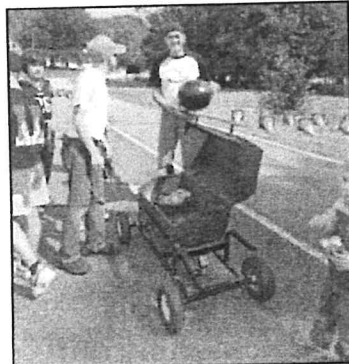
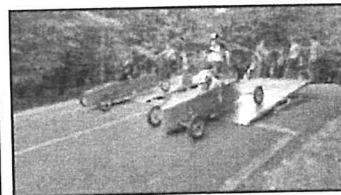
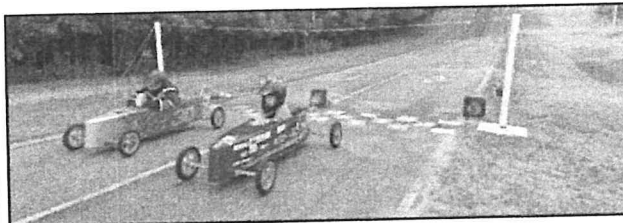
In 2025 we had another champion go back to back seasons with the win. Can he go for the 3 peat? We'll find out in this 2026 season.

This kind of excitement is irreplaceable, and it's all thank to you. These kids wouldn't get to feel this excitement and pride in accomplishment if it wasn't for your support.

We can't wait to see you in the 2026 race season and I'm happy to announce we have another date. Come join us June 27 at the West Paris Old Home Day. We'll have Derby cars available for kids to try that morning and the Downhill Derby Snack Shack will be open for lunch. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,

Steve McCann
WPDD Chairman



2025 Points Champions

2nd Place ~ Nathan I. 1st Place ~ Liam H. 3rd Place ~ Liam P.

West Paris Water District –

Annual Report to the Town of West Paris

January 2026

The West Paris Water District has had a productive and forward-moving year, marked by significant infrastructure improvements, successful grant activity, and continued commitment to providing safe, clean drinking water to our community.

System Improvements and Infrastructure Work

Over the past year, the District has undertaken several critical upgrades, including:

- Repairing a decades-old leak at the reservoir.
- Securing **\$50,000 in Urgent Need grant funding** to address immediate infrastructure concerns.
- Completing a **successful income survey**, a required component for the Public Infrastructure Grant application.
- Submitting a **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) application** for tank improvements.
- Completing the **Letter of Intent** for a **\$1 million CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant**.
- Preparing for installation of a **new backup motor**, funded through the Urgent Need grant.

These efforts strengthen the reliability of our system and position the District for long-term sustainability.

Operations and Oversight

The Board of Trustees continues to meet monthly, providing full transparency regarding both financial status and system operations. Regular reporting ensures that customers and town officials remain informed about ongoing work, expenditures, and system performance.

We are fortunate to have a licensed apprentice operator who monitors the system both remotely and on-site, ensuring consistent oversight and rapid response to operational needs.

Community Partnership

The District extends sincere appreciation to the Town's governing body for its ongoing support, and to our customers for their patience and understanding during periods of necessary infrastructure work. Your cooperation allows us to maintain and improve the essential services on which the community relies.

Commitment to Service

Our mission remains unchanged: to provide safe, clean drinking water and maintain adequate reserves for fire protection needs. The Board of Trustees is committed to responsible stewardship, long-term planning, and transparent communication as we continue to upgrade and modernize the system.

With respect,

Report Submitted by the Board of Trustees

David L. Walton, Chair; Judy Boutilier, Treasurer; Janet Hebert, Secretary

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I step into my eighth year as Sheriff, I reflect with immense pride on the achievements of our agency across the county. The momentum we have going into the New Year is a testament to the dedicated team of men and women who serve Oxford County with unwavering pride. Their commitment to our mission, rooted in professionalism, integrity, and leadership, is the driving force propelling our agency forward.

As I have mentioned in previous years, our calls to service have continued to increase in volume as well as their complexity. Our patrol division handled over 16,000 calls to service this past year, with more calls regarding mental health concerns since 2020. This speaks to the need for state funding for services for our communities and our sheriffs' offices throughout the state, to keep individuals needing help, and others around them, safe.

Over the summer, deputies participated in Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D (Police Officers Striving to Create and Reinforce Dreams). This camp provides children with a week filled with activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, crafts, and campfires. As the week unfolds, the kids discover that their camp counselors and leaders are police officers and sheriff's deputies from across Maine. This initiative underscores that for our deputies, being visible and present in our communities extends beyond their call of duty; they also serve as leaders, fostering positive connections with the next generation.

Our commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County persists through our collaboration with local organizations, notably the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. We actively refer eligible individuals to Project Save ME as part of our ongoing efforts. This police-assisted initiative aims to bridge individuals affected by substance use disorder with dedicated recovery coaches, advocates, and various treatment services, providing crucial support on their journey to recovery.

We have great opportunities ahead of us, and I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 207-743-9554.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Oxford County Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriffs Office

2025 Call For Service

West Paris

Nature of Incident	Incidents	Gaming And Weapons	3	Illegal Shooting Weapon	4
Abandoned Vehicle	5	Sex Offense	1	Illness	4
Agency Assistance	37	Harassment	16	Snowmobile Problem	1
Burglar Alarm	14	Hemorrhage	1	Threatening Suicide	3
Abusing Animals	1	Theft of Person's Ident	4	Summons	1
Animal Problem	17	Indecent Exposure	1	Suspicious Person/Circu	48
Assault	4	Information	11	Phone Scam	1
Attempt to Locate	2	Information Report	11	Terrorizing	1
Attempted Burglary	1	Intoxicated Person	3	Theft	19
Attended Death	3	Juvenile Problem	14	Shoplifting	3
ATV Problem	2	K9	11	Auto Theft	3
Back Country Rescue	1	Accident	29	Threat	10
Bail Check Detail	3	Lost Property	4	Threatening	1
Violation Of Release Co	12	Mental Disorder	14	Traffic Complaint	49
Burglary	3	Wrong Number	13	Assist With Traffic	2
Heart Problem	2	Missing Person	5	Traffic Hazard	7
Citizen Assist	13	Asst Fire/Rescue Dept	1	Traffic Violation	24
Citizen Dispute	10	Disturbance	14	Traffic Stop	3
Civil Complaint	26	Anything burning outsid	2	Trespassing	32
Criminal Mischief	1	Drug Overdose	2	Unconscious Person	1
Custodial Interference	2	Service Of Papers	6	Unwanted Tenant	17
Dead Body	3	Parking Problem	4	Criminal Mischief	2
Detail	2	Traffic Accident w/ Dam	8	Passenger Car,Truck,Bus	1
Detail Stone Garden	2	Peace Officer Detail	23	Vehicle Off Rd	5
Detail Traffic	2	Protection From Abuse O	9	Animal Bite	1
Disabled Vehicle	9	Protection F/ Harassmen	3	Violation of Papers	4
Disorderly Conduct	5	Traffic Accident, w/ In	12	Wanted Person	2
Domestic Problem	5	Property Damage, Non Va	5	Warrant Failure To Pay	1
Drug Info/Statistics	6	Operation ID	1	Arrest Warrant	21
Controlled Substance Pr	6	Abnormal Behavior	5	Weapon Offense	2
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	5	Repossession of Propert	2	Welfare Check	39
DV Follow Up	4	Request Call	90	Total Incidents	1007
TELEPHONE HANG UP CALL	58	Request Officer	64		
Explosion	1	Resisting/Interfering /	2		
False Information to Po	2	Search Warrant	2		
Domestic	3	Subpoena Service	2		
Fireworks	1	Sex Offender Registrati	2		
Discarded Items	1	Sex Off 90 day Registra	9		
Found Property	3	Sex Offender Annual Reg	1		
Fraud	6	Sex Offense	2		



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

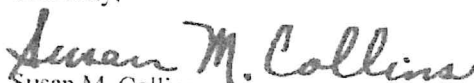
I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen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

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

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

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

Sincerely,


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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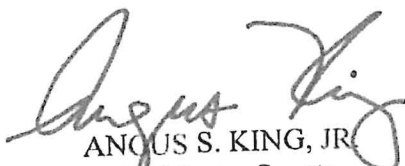
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been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

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

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

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

Best Regards,


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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.

I was officially sworn in as your State Senator on December 4, 2024. After ending the First Regular Session in March, the First Special Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature adjourned in July. With 415 bills carried over to the next session—including more than 200 still pending in committees—we have a significant workload ahead when we return for the Second Regular Session in January.

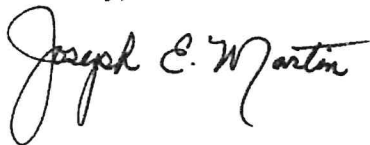
Throughout my campaign for office, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others.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

I'm pleased to report the Legislature passed several critical bills aimed at expanding access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also secured key wins to protect our vital forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

I encourage you to continue to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about state government. Your input greatly helps 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,



Joseph Martin
State Senator



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

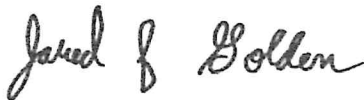
I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored by the opportunity to continue serving as your State Representative for District 79 in the Maine House of Representatives during the Second Session of the 132nd Legislature. In order for me to represent you as effectively as possible, I encourage you to share your thoughts and perspectives on the issues that are important to you and your family.

Using the legislative homepage at: legislature.maine.gov, you can follow all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House. From there, you may review bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings, or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate. Committee hearings are also accessible via Zoom, allowing you to observe or provide testimony on legislation.

During the Second Session of the 132nd Legislature, I will continue to serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. This committee oversees issues related to Maine's fish and wildlife resources, outdoor recreation, conservation, and the traditions that are central to our state's way of life. I am committed to supporting responsible stewardship and policies that balance conservation with public access, and I look forward to continuing this important work on your behalf while hearing your thoughts as we move forward.

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.

Again, thank you for providing me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

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

Michael J. Lance
State Representative

Proudly Serving House District 79
Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock

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

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Spring, 2026

To the Citizens of West Paris,

It is with pleasure that I serve my fourth year 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 in Year 3 of the Strategic Plan, 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- Year 2, which describes our progress towards goals outlined in the plan. Some highlights from 2024-2025 include:

- The district chronic absenteeism rate was decreased from to 32.7%. This is down from 42.33% in 2022-23
- 91% of our elementary school students and 89% of our middle and high school students say they have an adult they can count on at school.
- At the recommendation of the District Safety Committee, the MSAD#17 Board of Directors continued significant investments in school safety this year. This included adding cameras, access controls, and updated badging in all of our buildings.
- 93% of our support staff have worked 3 or more years in the district. This is an improvement of 34%.
- District literacy scores increased by 12%.

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.

Thank you to the voters of MSAD#17! We are so pleased about the approval of our state-funded 6-8 middle school at the referendum in November. This \$88 million project is the largest single investment in public education in the Oxford Hills. We are so excited for our students.

The proposed elementary school consolidation project scope, which will unite the students from Norway, Harrison, and Waterford, will follow the same process for approval. The referendum on this project will be

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held in November of 2026. Look for opportunities to learn about the project later this spring, when we hold straw polls for site selection and concept approval.

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

- 135 students from West Paris are in grades PreK-6.
- 41 students from West Paris attend Oxford Hills Middle School
- 103 students from West Paris attend Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

Our Cardinals are thriving across both our Paris Annex and Paris Elementary School as they live out our Cardinal values: taking care of ourselves, taking care of others, and taking care of the environment. We are making significant strides toward our schoolwide goals of improved attendance and increased student performance through the BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks) program. All teachers actively participate in BARR, which has transformed how we support students both academically and socially-emotionally. Through this comprehensive approach, we build stronger relationships with students, identify their strengths and challenges early, and create personalized support systems that help every Cardinal succeed.

At the Paris Annex, or the Legion School, our Pre-K Cardinals are flourishing through rich outdoor learning experiences that connect them to the West Paris community and the natural world. Our youngest learners enjoy nature walks that foster curiosity and environmental awareness, visits to the West Paris Library that cultivate early literacy skills, and sledding adventures on Derby Hill that build confidence and joy. At Paris Elementary, our K-6 Cardinals are gearing up for our version of the Winter Olympics, which brings excitement and school spirit while encouraging outdoor learning, physical activity, and friendly competition. These experiential learning opportunities at both buildings align seamlessly with our Cardinal values and reinforce our commitment to maintaining safe, welcoming environments where every student from Pre-K through Grade 6 feels valued and ready to learn.

Thank you to the amazing teachers, support staff, and administrators of the Paris Elementary School, the Paris Annex (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 and students from across the district. 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 2024/2025
as of 12/31/2025

Acct	Name ----	2025	2024
1268 R	ABBOTT, ARTHUR L		
75 R	ALLEN, JESSICA & FREDERICK	184.57**	
726 R	ANGEVINE, LAUREL B	\$721.66	
1048 R	ATCHINSON ANDREW & ASHLEE TRUSTEES	\$1,593.39	\$1,652.42
903 R	AUBE, JUSTIN M	\$1,625.43	
1031 R	BADER, STEVEN R & RUTHANN	\$1,809.22	\$1,866.30
165 R	BEAN, ROBERT D & KATRINA	\$2,756.82	
458 R	BILLINGS, DONALD	\$630.61	
1056 R	BLACK, DYLAN & ABIGAIL	718.52**	
422 R	BONVILLE, DENNIS J & ANGELA	\$1,482.11	
583 R	BOUTILIER, GAIL	\$1,072.38	\$1,145.77
426 R	BRETT, DONALD	\$2,187.24	
260 R	BRETT, DONALD G., JULIE A., PATRICIA, RONALD	\$1,274.93	
933 R	BROWN, BENJAMIN	\$2,352.40	
935 R	BROWN, BENJAMIN W	\$3,422.84	
969 R	BROWN, BENJAMIN W	\$3,062.01	
1018 R	BROWN, HEATHER	\$2,087.43	
999 R	BROWN, HEATHER M	\$1.69	
928 R	BROWN, JASON S	\$2,159.93	
1265 R	BRU, LOGAN	1315.72*	
1375 R	BUREAU, LOUIS	\$667.71	
265 R	BURNS, DAVID	\$1,126.33	
885 R	BURNS, STACY C	\$607.87	
1271 R	CAMPBELL, JAMES M	\$1,866.54	
767 R	CAMPBELL, JEFFREY F., SR. & DEBORAH L.	\$763.82	
994 R	CAMPBELLS COMPLEXES LLC	\$2,490.41	
739 R	CANNULI FAMILY TRUST	\$4,862.79	
745 R	CANNULI, JASON	\$1,563.04	
756 R	CANNULI, JASON & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$888.59	
764 R	CANNULI, JASON	\$310.25	
219 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$134.89	
220 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$903.76	
741 R	CANNULI, JASON B	\$925.68	
748 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$411.42	
749 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$1,163.43	
751 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$812.71	
753 R	CANNULI, JASON B & WAKEFIELD, DARREN	\$797.54	
501 R	CAREY, ROBERT A	\$822.83	
858 R	CASSIDY, SCOTT A	\$1,874.97	967.71**
365 R	CHAMBERLAIN, RUTH & SUMNER, LISA	1947.48**	
304 R	CHASE, REBECCA RAE	1927.24*	
696 R	COFFIN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST -1999	\$1,928.93	\$1,460.74
1226 R	COFFIN, BONITA A	2254.35**	
1119 R	COLBRY, AMY S	1133.22**	
421 R	COMLEY, MELVA J (SCIORTINO)	\$19,272.44	
1182 R	CONNELL, WALTER H, II	1908.22*	
788 R	CONNER, RACHAEL & PAPKEE, GUSTAVE	\$988.07	
495 R	COTE, CLARISSA	\$4,144.50	
689 R	CROCKER, JAMES T	\$607.01	
199 R	CROUCH, JOHN JR, HEIRS OF	\$1,807.53	
200 R	CROUCH, JOHN JR, HEIRS OF	\$1,291.57	
962 R	DANIELS, JERRY	\$1,645.66	
728 R	DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)	\$2,495.47	\$2,536.70
		\$2,642.16	\$2,682.07

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Acct	Name ----	2025	2024
618 R	DAVIS, PATRICK H & CORRINE	\$703.12	\$760.46
1093 R	DOW, ANGELA & PHILLIPS, SANDY & DEAN	510.9**	
832 R	FARNUM, KEVIN J & AMY	2561.23*	
1033 R	FARR, RAYMOND, JR; CRAM, ARNOLD; DOUGHTY, LELAND HEIRS	\$2,200.40	
953 R	FARRAR, JUANITA M (BRAGG)	\$718.29	
649 R	GALLO, JAY L & CHERYL	857.28*	
532 R	GAMMON, STEVEN M	\$728.41	\$785.29
437 R	GARCIA, VALERIE	\$922.31	
1047 R	GOODWIN, NATHANIEL & LAUREN	\$1,708.05	
658 R	GOULD, KATHERINE M & MICHAEL	\$1,203.90	
1263 R	GRIMES, LINDA A	\$490.66	
704 R	HADLEY, DALE SCOTT	\$1,470.30	\$1,520.76
846 R	HADLEY, GREGORY A	\$1,458.50	
1106 R	HARLOW, GINA L & CHRISTOPHER	\$1,149.94	
63 R	HART, JESSIE L	822.83**	
774 R	HART, ROBIN & CORROW, JESSICA	\$580.03	
676 R	HARVEY, JEFFREY A II	\$4,014.67	
49 R	HEATH, MELISSA B	\$1,063.95	\$1,118.06
436 R	HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$777.31	\$834.00
438 R	HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$445.14	\$504.81
440 R	HEMLOCK HAVEN	\$443.45	\$503.15
431 R	HEMLOCK HAVEN, INC.	\$613.75	\$681.59
232 R	HERRICK, JUDITH HEIRS OF; HERRICK, STANLEY & HAZEL, PRs	\$888.59	
794 R	HLP-BETHEL ROAD LLC.	\$14,148.30	\$14,084.72
52 R	HODGKIN, DONALD A SR	\$1,198.84	\$1,261.41
1256 R	HOFF, JOSEPH P & HEATHER	\$878.47	
737 R	HOLBROOK, JOSHUA C & KRISTYNE	\$2,589.89	
86 R	HOSFORD, DALE, JR. & JOHANNA	\$204.02	
697 R	JACKSON, PAMELA A TRUSTEE; ALTA PIERCE 2022 TRUST	\$1,964.34	
222 R	JDR PROPERTIES	\$322.05	
750 R	JDR PROPERTIES	\$261.35	
755 R	JDR PROPERTIES	\$261.35	
1284 R	JDR PROPERTIES	\$303.50	
277 R	JEWELL, TIMOTHY H	\$1,143.19	\$1,196.15
1239 R	JOHNSON, ERICA L	\$890.28	
409 R	KANSANEN, JUHA M	\$918.94	
329 R	KING, LESLEY HELEN	\$573.13	
411 R	KRONSTADT, ANDREW S	\$4,815.58	
837 R	KSM PROPERTIES LLC	\$1,006.62	
302 R	LACKEY, MICHAEL DAVID JR	\$1,509.08	
806 R	LANG, CHARLES D	\$1,065.63	\$586.61
1032 R	LAVINE, SHARON	\$2,431.40	\$824.85
912 R	LEGER, SHELLIE A & MOORE, STEVEN	2694.28*	
280 R	LIVENGOOD, JASON & LISA	453.57*	
127 R	LORD, CHRISTINA M & LOGAN	\$1,153.31	
732 R	MACIE, SHARON A	1318.55*	
1122 R	MANSON, CHARLENE H	3016.48*	
333 R	MARTIN, JACOB RALPH	\$1,436.58	\$1,487.34
281 R	MARTINEZ, ROBERT JOHN	\$483.92	
777 R	MASON, JERROLD L & TRACIE	1372.51**	
1045 R	MASSAT, ROBERT Z	\$1,842.94	\$1,753.44
66 R	MOREAU, KIM A & HERRICK, EMILY ROSE	\$767.19	\$870.41
1387 R	MOREAU, KIM A & HERRICK, EMILY ROSE	\$485.60	
673 R	MORRIS, BRIAN	\$1,480.95	
907 R	MOYSE, THOMAS & INGERSOLL, SUZANNE	\$1,480.42	

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151 R	MUSTO, STEVEN & NANCY	\$775.62	
1356 R	NEW ENGLAND FOREST PRODUCTS, LLC	\$834.63	
1011 R	NEWELL, DAVID & ELAINE	\$1,986.26	
1066 R	OBEAR, THOMAS	\$5,343.34	
868 R	OXFORD NETWORKS	\$2,903.51	
1149 R	OXFORD NETWORKS	\$536.19	
254 R	PALMER, DANIEL & GORDON, MARGARET & COLE, LAURI	\$1,254.48	\$1,316.56
652 R	PAQUETTE, LEO III & BRUMMETT, JOHN	\$1,043.71	
467 R	PATTEN, KIMBERLY ANN	\$514.27	
533 R	PENLEY, CHARMAINE C	\$2,352.15	
822 R	PENLEY, CHARMAINE C	\$445.14	
760 R	PENLEY, DOUGAS L	\$2,053.70	
734 R	PENLEY, DOUGLAS	\$6,041.40	
291 R	PENLEY, DOUGLAS L & MILLS, TIMOTHY & JANE	1426.46*	
736 R	PENLEY, DOUGLAS L	\$799.22	
707 R	PERHAM, PAUL C & BRENDA	716.6*	
1349 R	PESCEDONA FIELDS, LLC.	\$2,691.06	
1340 R	POLAND, KENNETH E	\$6,282.51	
654 R	POLAND, WELDON E & CHARLES	\$898.71	\$963.99
947 R	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.	\$310.25	
948 R	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.	\$2,267.84	
949 R	PURE ENERGY PRO, LLC.	1790.24*	
1382 R	RAINEY, BENJAMIN WYATT	\$405.28	
1148 R	RAINEY, MARC	\$1,072.38	\$1,126.41
996 R	RIIHIMAKI, LAURIE A & BAILEY, BENJAMIN	\$2,186.91	\$2,240.60
1105 R	RING, RICHARD C	\$492.35	
746 R	RING, ROSEANNA HEIRS OF	\$2,175.11	
181 R	ROBBINS, CYNTHIA ANN PR	880.16**	
262 R	ROBERTS, JOEL B	\$2,524.13	\$2,546.38
425 R	ROBERTS, JOEL, PR	\$4,638.54	\$4,252.44
429 R	ROBERTS, JOEL, PR	\$1,058.89	\$1,122.72
439 R	ROBERTS, JOEL, PR	\$440.08	\$509.49
639 R	ROBERTSON, PHILIP S & MAUREEN	\$610.38	
510 R	ROBINSON, MATTHEW & VIRGINIA	1129.71**	
126 R	ROE, MICHAEL R	\$655.90	
154 R	ROE, MICHAEL R	\$561.48	
155 R	ROE, MICHAEL R	\$1,198.84	
481 R	ROUSSEL, KACIE & COREY	\$68.70	
1059 R	RUOKOLAINEN, NESTOR A	\$1,097.67	
460 R	SANBORN, ADAM	\$1,645.66	\$1,704.21
725 R	SANBORN, TAMMY	\$2,210.51	
226 R	SANDE, JESIAH E	\$1,004.93	\$1,059.57
252 R	SEAMS, STEVEN L	\$628.93	\$106.26
602 R	SHATTENBERG, GREGORY	\$45.53	
107 R	SILVER, ADAM	\$817.77	\$235.31
246 R	SMITH, ANNE E & ALBERT	\$4,640.22	
1094 R	SMITH, RICHARD	1891.84**	
1332 R	SOUTHARD, LUKE A & ROWE, ASHLEY	\$362.52	\$422.95
681 R	STEARNS, CHAD & PAINE, ANGELA	\$2,040.21	\$2,085.54
198 R	STONE, ANITA	\$746.95	\$802.69
233 R	STRETTON, SARAH	\$86.33	
552 R	THOMAS, BRUCE J, HEIRS OF (TAX ACQUIRED)	\$2,954.10	\$3,000.88
313 R	TREMBLAY, GEORGE J & LINDA, CO-TRUSTEES	\$197.90	
43 R	TUELL, GILMAN E JR & KEISMAN, GILDA	\$342.28	

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		3282.89**	
666 R	TURGEON, NORMAN & LORI	\$1,800.78	
542 R	TYNER, BRUCE E	\$591.83	
1366 R	VAN BIBBER-ORR, EDWIN	98.54**	
581 R	WATERHOUSE, G KEVIN & ELAINE	\$558.11	
299 R	WEBB, KENDALL	\$3,692.62	\$3,723.08
1168 R	WESTLEIGH-GRIFFIN, LOUISA M	\$94.42	
844 R	WHITMAN, TOBY S & SHARI	\$463.69	
860 R	WHITMAN, TOBY S & SHARI	\$4,458.12	
861 R	WHITMAN, TOBY S & SHARI	\$564.85	
893 R	WHITMAN, TOBY S & SHARI	\$2,375.75	\$2,427.75
1051 R	WILLIS LAURIE SUSAN PR	\$988.07	\$1,042.87
1049 R	WILLIS, LAURIE SUSAN PR	\$85.99	\$148.90
1050 R	WILLIS, TODD & LAURIE	\$765.50	\$899.73
1269 R	WOODWORTH, SPENCER A & CINDY	\$603.63	
218 R	YOUNG, JAMES L	\$1,153.31	
366 R	YOUNG, JOHN K	\$4,024.79	
1188 R	YOUNG, SAMUEL E	\$566.54	
235 R	ZEEGERS, BETTY S	\$1,318.55	
237 R	ZEEGERS, BETTY S	\$291,820.06	\$77,927.38
	**Paid in full after close of books	181 accounts	44 accounts
	*Partial payment after close of books		
	TAX ACQUIRED	\$8,958.93	
552	THOMAS, BRUCE, HEIRS OF		
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	108.55**	
34	WATERHOUSE, G KEVIN & ELAINE		

Revenue Summary 2025

Account	Budgeted	Actual	Balance
01 - Administration			
03 - Abatelements	\$0.00	-\$1,711.14	-\$1,711.14
05 - Excise Tax - Vehicle	\$350,000.00	\$419,242.78	\$69,242.78
06 - Excise IFW	\$1,100.00	\$1,183.00	\$83.00
07 - Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$260.00
08 - Marijuana Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
10 - SRS	\$300,000.00	\$356,930.28	\$56,930.28
11 - Solar Refund	\$0.00	\$16,061.00	\$16,061.00
20 - LRAP	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
30 - Bank Interest	\$5,000.00	\$41,422.35	\$36,422.35
40 - Tax Interest	\$8,000.00	\$14,662.12	\$6,662.12
45 - Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$5,665.70	\$5,665.70
46 - gain on sale of tax acquired pr	\$0.00	\$1,204.62	\$1,204.62
50 - Admin Rev	\$500.00	\$189.47	-\$310.53
51 - Tree Growth	\$17,000.00	\$24,274.11	\$7,274.11
52 - Veterans refund	\$1,050.00	\$1,248.00	\$198.00
53 - BETE REFUND	\$23,129.50	\$23,144.00	\$14.50
55 - Birth	\$250.00	\$206.20	-\$43.80
56 - Deaths	\$400.00	\$829.00	\$429.00
57 - Marriage	\$200.00	\$371.80	\$171.80
58 - Intentions	\$300.00	\$324.00	\$24.00
75 - Agent Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,956.00	\$956.00
86 - PI CEO HO	\$0.00	\$2,842.50	\$2,842.50
87 - Homestead	\$134,130.33	\$125,896.33	-\$8,234.00
88 - Unemployment Dividend	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
92 - Cable Franchise Fee	\$0.00	\$6,499.92	\$6,499.92
95 - ND Paper Lease	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
10 - Planning & Appeals Boards	\$0.00	\$448.76	\$448.76
10 - Public Safety			
01 - Fire Dept	\$0.00		
20 - Animal Control	\$0.00	\$18,378.16	\$18,378.16
15 - Public Works			
05 - Veterans Memorial	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$835.00
10 - Transfer Station	\$0.00		
20 - Highway			
01 - Garage Operations	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
40 - Community Service			
05 - Library	\$0.00	\$5,173.25	\$5,173.25
10 - Old Home Days	\$0.00		
15 - Derby Track	\$0.00	\$6,665.13	\$6,665.13
25 - Rec Programs	\$0.00		
30 - Swim Lessons	\$0.00	\$15,475.38	\$15,475.38
45 - General Assistance			
05 - Library	\$0.00	\$11,225.38	\$11,225.38
10 - Old Home Days	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
15 - Derby Track	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
25 - Rec Programs	\$0.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00
30 - Swim Lessons	\$0.00	\$2,220.00	\$2,220.00
90 - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$767.59	\$767.59
01 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$430.30	\$430.30
96 - W Paris Water District Grant	\$0.00	\$430.30	\$430.30
Final Totals	\$851,059.83	\$1,202,854.61	\$351,794.78

Expense Summary
2025

Account	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01 - General Gov	512,926.00	555,961.98	-43,035.98	
01 - Administrati	466,500.00	493,368.28	-26,868.28	
05 - Assessing	23,175.00	20,623.50	2,551.50	
10 - Plan/Appeals	1,331.00	646.31	684.69	
20 - CEO & LPI	6,100.00	1,778.99	1,321.01	
35 - Building	15,820.00	36,544.90	-20,724.90	CEBE grant-heat pumps
10 - Public Safet	185,194.00	192,780.35	-7,586.35	
01 - Fire Dept	114,360.00	114,758.51	-398.51	\$5000 grant
05 - Street Light	12,500.00	10,931.49	1,568.51	
10 - Hydrant Rent	44,493.00	53,399.19	-8,906.19	
15 - Emerg Manage	600.00	0.00	600.00	
20 - Animal Contr	13,241.00	13,691.16	-450.16	offset by revenue
15 - Public Works	195,040.00	180,566.08	14,473.92	
01 - Cemeteries	7,180.00	6,925.87	254.13	
05 - Veterans Mem	810.00	810.00	0.00	
10 - Transfer Sta	187,050.00	172,830.21	14,219.79	
20 - Highway	588,367.00	628,979.63	-40,612.63	Paid from carried over funds from previous years
01 - Garage	109,581.00	123,803.04	-14,222.04	
05 - Summer	226,000.00	213,030.78	12,969.22	
10 - Winter	252,786.00	292,145.81	-39,359.81	
40 - Comm. Servic	79,435.00	83,584.03	-4,149.03	
01 - Organization	7,100.00	7,100.00	0.00	
05 - Library	53,945.00	61,981.55	-8,036.55	Paid from revenues & carried over funds
25 - Rec Programs	7,590.00	4,532.17	3,057.83	
30 - Swim Lessons	0.00	1,184.84	-1,184.84	offset by revenue
35 - Ball field	10,800.00	8,785.47	2,014.53	
45 - GA	5,800.00	359.90	5,440.10	
01 - GA	5,800.00	359.90	5,440.10	
55 - Capital Impr	215,000.00	328,064.14	-113,064.14	
01 - Hway Equipme	40,000.00	81,854.23	-41,854.23	Paid from Reserve & revenues
02 - Highway Proj	140,000.00	217,608.91	-77,608.91	Paid from Reserve Fund
04 - Building Cap	0.00	28,601.00	-28,601.00	Paid from Reserve Fund
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	1,624,361.10	1,624,361.10	0.00	
01 - SAD # 17	1,437,765.10	1,437,765.10	0.00	
05 - County Tax	186,596.00	186,596.00	0.00	
90 - Misc	52,000.00	54,687.14	-2,687.14	
01 - Snmb1 reimb	0.00	430.30	-430.30	Paid from State snowmobile check
10 - Disc & Inter	52,000.00	54,256.84	-2,256.84	
95 - ARPA	0.00	72,139.76	-72,139.76	
01 - Expenditures	0.00	72,139.76	-72,139.76	Final purchases from ARPA fund
96 - WPWD Grant	0.00	45,460.00	-45,460.00	
01 - WPWD Grant	0.00	45,460.00	-45,460.00	Paid with grant funds
Final Totals	3,468,123.10	3,766,944.11	-298,821.01	

Payroll 2025

Ames, Jared D	Fire Department	
Borst, David L	Transfer Station	1,254.24
Boutilier, Shawn L	Selectboard	1,513.43
Brooks, Derrick J	Fire Department	413.86
Brown, Kingston A	Code Enf/Plumbing Inspector/Health Officer	936.21
Ciriello, Dakota M	Fire Department	2,582.36
Davis, Kevin M	Fire Department	3,478.70
Downing, Joy M	Office	5,000.00
Gould, Brenda L	Library	82,729.64
Grover, William P	Planning Board	29,912.72
Henderson, Andelena R	Planning Board	87.90
Henderson, Michael E	Fire Department	73.25
Henderson, Sarah L	Fire Department	15,502.50
Hoff, Joseph P	Transfer Station	795.70
Holley, Jeffrey J	Planning Board	21,560.55
Holmes, Brandon E	Animal Control Officer	87.90
Johnson, Cynthia	Office & Library cleaning	5,750.00
Johnson, Travis J	Highway	6,600.00
LaCombe, Jeffrey W	Elections	59,423.86
LaCombe, Makayla E	Rec. Department-swim instructor	344.28
LaCombe, Melissa M	Office	1,184.84
McCann, Steven S	Planning Board	55,872.09
Morries, Matthew G	Fire Department	146.50
Musbach, Melissa R	Fire Department	811.13
Norton, Elliot R	Fire Department	3,993.83
Packard, Warren C	Highway	4,312.37
Penley, Douglas	Fire Department/Highway	92,110.58
Pennell, Edward A	Fire Department	7,316.72
Rainey, Dian P	Planning Board	2,262.05
Rainey, Wade E	Selectboard	29.30
Smith-Collins, Alekzander	Fire Department	1,102.41
Stine, Robert D	Fire Department	709.37
Summers, Christopher S	Code Enf/Plumbing Inspector/Health Officer	1,864.30
Waterhouse, Fred L	Highway	1,768.50
White, John E	Selectboard	64,022.67
Whitman, Toby S	Highway	468.80
Whynot, Andrew D	Fire Department	7,288.97
Wilson, Karen Y	Office	2,317.52
Wilson, Shane E	Rec. Department	57,154.86
Wisnoski, Scott M	Transfer Station	1,250.00
Employees: 40		17,505.45
		561,539.36

Town Clerk's Report 2025

Vital Statistics

Births	16
Marriages	15
Deaths	22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Abbott, Deana Lee	62	West Paris	Auburn	12/26/2025
Bailey, Jeffrey Alan	83	West Paris	West Paris	5/3/2025
Buck, Tania S.	65	West Paris	Auburn	11/23/2025
Burnham, Constance	83	West Paris	Lewiston	6/8/2025
Foster, Clifford Gray	68	West Paris	Lewiston	8/7/2025
Grass, Robin	80	West Paris	West Paris	4/5/2025
Guerra, Abel R.	71	West Paris	West Paris	6/5/2025
Corrine, Hammond B.	80	West Paris	Norway	6/15/2025
Herrick, Lewis	62	West Paris	West Paris	3/9/2025
Inman, Gregg L.	67	West Paris	Lewiston	2/23/2025
Lavine, Ruth Lake	96	West Paris	Auburn	2/19/2025
Lebroke, Robert Edward Jr	58	West Paris	West Paris	4/28/2025
Mills, Martha Carol	76	West Paris	West Paris	1/24/2025
Mitchum, Lela	78	West Paris	Norway	7/28/2025
Pinette, Paul Anthony	54	West Paris	West Paris	12/31/2025
Poland, Patricia	68	West Paris	Norway	6/1/2025
Prue, Arthur Louis	80	West Paris	West Paris	11/13/2025
Infant	<1	West Paris	West Paris	7/12/2025
Ruokolainen, Rachel	75	West Paris	Auburn	1/7/2025
Smith, Martin A.	65	West Paris	Auburn	1/17/2025
Thompson, David J. Sr	62	West Paris	West Paris	7/21/2025

Total 22

Dog Licensing

Spayed/Neutered Dogs	156
Non-Spayed/Neutered Dogs	27
Kennels	0

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	119
Boats Registered	61
Boats Registered Online	16
ATVs Registered	59
Snowmobiles Registered	76

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Vehicles Registered	1,959
Rapid Renewal (online vehicle registrations)	210



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Annual Financial Report Audit Year Ending December 31st, 2025

RHR Smith & Company, CPA's, are in the process of conducting our audit for calendar year 2025.

The Audit Report will be available upon request at the West Paris Town Office once it has been received.

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

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Warrant for Town Meeting

Date of Town Meeting – March 7th, 2026

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 7th, 2026 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) & one (1) Water District Trustee (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, 2027 to the 2027 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 percent (7%) per annum on all taxes not paid on or before November 16th, 2026.
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 percent (7%).
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 2026 real estate and personal property taxes, paid in full, for the first thirty (30) days from the date of commitment and 2026 real estate and personal property taxes paid in full prior, and to raise and appropriate \$56,000.00 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 2026 Town Meeting to the 2027 Town Meeting.
12. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$168,090 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 \$325,624 for Administration. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
14. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,675 for Assessing. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
15. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,257 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 \$7,260 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 \$16,770 for Municipal Buildings. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
18. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$135,194 for the Fire Department. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
19. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,035 for recreational programs (\$6,175) and ball field maintenance (\$10,860). *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 \$82,465 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 \$18,591 for Animal Control. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
24. To see if the citizens will vote to approve the Town of West Paris to take ownership of Wayside Cemetery including any land and buildings, located on Main Street in West Paris, Maine 04289.
25. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,075 for Cemeteries. This includes Wayside Cemetery as well as all of the other cemetery's that the Town of West Paris owns. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
26. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$832 for the maintenance and updating of the Veterans Monuments (\$250), and the maintenance of the park (\$582). *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
27. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$199,990 for the Transfer Station. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
28. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$648,050 for the Highway Department. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
 - Garage Operations/Equipment Maintenance: \$117,130
 - Summer Operations: \$237,300
 - Winter Operations: \$293,620
29. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$58,645 for the West Paris Library. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*

30. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Revaluation Reserve Account. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
31. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Fire Dept. Capital Equipment Reserve Account. Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.
32. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Account. *Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
33. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$140,000 for the Highway Improvement Reserve Account. *Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
34. To see if the citizens will vote to disburse the total snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine to the Mollycodd 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 \$430.30. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*
35. 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.*
36. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 for outside non-profit agencies.

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

37. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate the following estimate of sums of money to reduce the 2026 tax commitment. *The Budget Committee & Selectboard have recommended approval.*

State Revenue Sharing	\$325,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$100,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$350,000
Other Revenues	\$46,861
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$125,000</u>

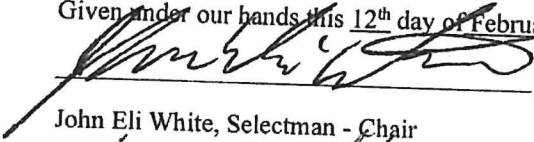
Total = \$946,861

38. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
39. To see if the citizens will vote to approve any changes being made to the ordinance entitled "Notification of Intent to Build" be approved by the municipal officers.
40. To see if the citizens will approve an ordinance entitled 'Fire Department Ordinance of West Paris, Maine'.
41. To see if the citizens will appropriate out of the unassigned fund \$27,733.29 to correct overdrafts in the following accounts from 2025: Administration (\$16,570.26) Hydrant Rental (\$8,906.19), and Discounts (\$2,256.84).

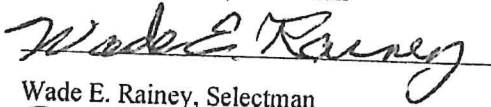
42. To see if the citizens will vote to approve the purchase of a new Fouts Brothers First Out Utility Rescue Mini Pumper from Bulldog Fire Apparatus for a total amount of \$413,996. The money being used to purchase this mini pumper will come from the Fire Truck reserve account (\$149,048.16 + interest), Protection assigned fund balance (\$31,349), Fire Department assigned fund balance (\$23,478) and the Unassigned fund (\$204,020.84)". *The Budget Committee and Selectboard have recommended **approval**.*
43. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize purchases made from Assigned Fund accounts and Reserve Fund accounts be approved by the municipal officers.
44. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,311 for the Agnes Gray Building. *Town Manager and Budget Committee recommends **approval**. The Selectboard recommends \$13,355.*

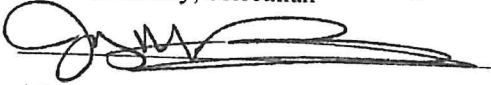
The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in the Town Office on Thursday, March 5th, 2026, between the hours of 10:00am to 6:00pm, for additions or corrections to the Voting List.

Given under our hands this 12th day of February, 2026, by the Board of Selectmen, Town of West Paris.


John Eli White, Selectman - Chair


Shawn L. Boutilier, Selectman


Wade E. Rainey, Selectman


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

