

TOWN OF
ORLAND

ANNUAL
REPORT

2022-2023



Dedication

The Board of Selectmen respectively dedicates the 2022-2023 Annual Town Report to our hardworking and dedicated employees and elected officials. This has been a very busy year and there have been many demands placed on our employees and elected officials. Their contributions to all aspects of maintaining the community of Orland and their service have been critical in retaining our small town character and spirit.

Thank you all for your continued service.



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Town Officers - 2022-2023

Selectmen & Overseer of the Poor	Term Expires
Edward Rankin Sr, Chair	June 2024
Lester Stackpole	June 2026
Brenda Leavitt	June 2025
Assessors	
Amber Poulin	June 2026
Amy Dunn	June 2024
Ernest Guimond	June 2025
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	
Tracy Patterson	
Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector	
Lisa Tapley	
Treasurer	
Dorothy E.S. Baker	
Deputy Treasurer	
Lisa Tapley	
Road Commissioner	
Robert Wardwell	June 2025
Registrar of Voters	
Tracy Patterson	
Superintendent of Schools	
James Boothby	
RSU #25 School Board Committee	
David Burgess, Vice Chair	2024
Bernard Kiernan Cough II	2025
Alicia Atherton-Dow	2023
Thomas Foster, Chair	2024
Scott Frasier	2025
Keith Kneeland	2026

Dan Wentworth	2025
Abigail Foster	2024
Fish Committee	
Kyle McGeechan	June 2026
Peter Wardwell	June 2024
Peter Robshaw	June 2025
Jay Clement	June 2025
Anne Leclerc	June 2026
Planning Board	
Donald Baker	
Charles Giosia	
W. Roger Wood	
Alex Atwood	
Michael Roy	
Mark Fowler, Alternate	
Barton Hutchins, Alternate	
Board of Appeals	
William Chandler	
David Burgess	
Michael Malenfant	
Constable	
Brandon Patterson	
General Assistance Administrator	
Tracy Patterson	
Code Enforcement Officer	
Luke Chiavelli	
Plumbing Inspector	
Luke Chiavelli	
Deputy Code Enforcement & Deputy Plumbing Inspector	
Donald Baker	

Town Officers - 2022-2023 (Continued)

Properties Manager

Michael Malenfant

Transfer Station Operator

Gary Newbegin

Transfer Station Attendants

George “Andy” Stanley

Kyle Roberts

Fire Chief, Civil Preparedness Director

Robert Conary

Fire Warden

John Gray

Animal Control Officer

Brandon Patterson

Deputy Animal Control Officer

Lisa Tapley

Fish Warden

Peter Robshaw

State Senator District 7

Nicole Grohoski

State Representative District 17

Ron Russell

Town Office Contact Information

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Schedule of Meetings & Office Hours

Selectmen	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm-8pm at the Town Office
Assessors	Fridays 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
Treasurer	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm-8pm at the Town Office
Planning Board	1st Monday of each month 7pm at the Community Center
RSU #25 Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bucksport Middle School
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Tuesday-Friday 8am-12p & 1p-5p and 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm-8pm

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Hancock County Sheriff's Office	667-7575
Town Office Phone	469-3186
Town Office Fax	469-3187
Animal Control	323-6033
Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector	735-6428
Orland Community Center	469-7691
Orland Post Office	469-2184
East Orland Post Office	469-1170

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APPROPRIATIONS
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEES:
ON INTELLIGENCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

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January 1, 2023

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NATURAL RESOURCES
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Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

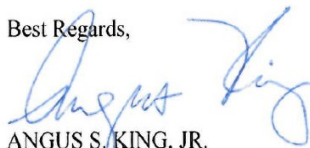
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



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United States Senator

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am committed to working alongside my new colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office at the State House in December 2022, and as I write this, the first session of the 131st Legislature is coming to a close. Over the past six months, we have considered more than 2,000 proposals on an incredible range of issues, from addressing the rising cost of living to improving access to affordable housing and health care.

I have been appointed to serve on the Labor and Housing Committee, where we oversee the Maine Department of Labor, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Maine Housing and policies relating to business, worker protections and more. Access to affordable housing and promoting a strong, productive workforce are perhaps the two most pressing issues facing our state at the moment, so I am glad to be a voice for our district on this important committee.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is Ronald.Russell@legislature.maine.gov, and my phone number is 735-4450. I also send out periodic email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources, and aim to connect you with your state government. Please send me an email to opt in if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you.

Sincerely,

Ron Russell
State Representative

District 17: Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot and Verona Island



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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A stylized blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7



P.O. Box 1732
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THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

February 2023

Dear friends and residents of Orland,

With the 131st Legislature underway, I am honored to be serving my first full term as your State Senator, representing most of Hancock County.

I have been appointed as the Senate Chair of the Taxation Committee and am returning to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. For the Taxation Committee, my priorities include improving upon our existing property tax relief programs and ensuring a fair and balanced tax system that prioritizes working families and small businesses over big corporations. On the Energy Committee, I'll continue my efforts to lower electricity rates, reduce power outages, and enable an affordable transition to local, clean energy, as well as expand reliable, high-speed broadband across our state.

During the last two years, I worked with my colleagues to address our most pressing issues. We worked to decrease the property tax burden by expanding the Homestead Exemption and funding 55% of statewide costs for K-12 public education. Our students now have access to healthy meals during the school day, making it easier to learn. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and life saving medications like insulin. Investments in infrastructure – like roads, bridges, housing and internet – have all been a priority.

I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can on these and other topics for the benefit of all Mainers. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you would like to participate in the legislative process. I also share information via Facebook and Instagram (@senator.grohoski) and send out periodic email newsletters; let me know if you would like to receive them. You can email me at Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov or call my Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

I remain at your service and honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole C. Grohoski".

Nicole Grohoski
State Senator, District 7

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Properties Manager Report

The Community Center is again at maximum long term rental capacity, with 17 business and office spaces leasing. The gymnasium and conference room are rented regularly for events and special occasions. This winter took its toll on the building with regular leaking of the roof and some broken water pipes due to aging insulation. A new roof and replacement of insulation over the conference room and office area are scheduled in September. Handicap door openers were installed in the main entry. The parking lot was paved and new outdoor Pickleball courts are currently in the process of completion. Thank you to Wardwell's and the local pickleball group for generously helping offset some of the cost of the new outdoor courts.

The fitness center is on track for another record year, with 225 brand new members joining this year. The Fitness Center has been affiliated with the Silver Sneakers insurance program since 2021 and just recently teamed up with United Health Care and the Renew Active program, to cover monthly memberships for seniors whose insurance plan includes the benefit. We have 72 Silver Sneakers and Renew members currently enrolled. We offer a variety of fitness classes throughout the year for those of all ages. Classes and activities vary month to month, so please follow us on Facebook (Orland Community Center) to see our monthly calendar for updates on all the classes and programs being offered.

We continue to collect returnable's (bottles & cans) for upgrades and grounds improvement. The Pavilion is done and makes a great place to get out of the sun while visiting the playground. The dog park fencing is a top priority. Over the years the fencing has been battered by the weather and is in need of repair which is scheduled for August. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate to support the Community Center grounds, we truly appreciate your generosity and patience.

Properties Manager Report (Continued)

The town parks and cemeteries are cared for weekly/biweekly. The focus this year is trimming trees and clearing more along the roadways.

The transfer station operations will be more efficient with the purchase of a new roll off dumpster for demolition material. The purchase of a new tractor was helpful to the transfer stations daily duties and to assist in the care of all town properties. As always, please use caution when entering and exiting the station and be courteous to people in line behind you. If you are interested in shopping or looking at used objects, please pull forward and off to the side, please do not obstruct the flow of traffic. We have not had any accidents but we have had too many close calls. Please remember to operate slowly through the transfer station and be kind to your fellow neighbors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Malenfant

Properties Manager
21 School House Rd. Suite 2
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SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

180 Gray Meadow Road – Orland

HOURS of OPERATION

Wednesdays & Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sundays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Closed Legal Holidays)

The Town of Orland Solid Waste Transfer Station is for disposal of **Orland residential** trash only. No commercial haulers, contractor vehicles or trash from businesses or other towns allowed.

Transfer Station Decals

A Town decal affixed to vehicle is required for access to facility. To obtain a decal, bring your auto registration or tax bill to the transfer station.

Transfer Station Disposal Tips

- ~ No liquids allowed
- ~ Clean cardboard/ paper products, may be disposed of in Compactor #2
- ~ Tires must be removed from rims. Up to 4 tires per day, per household. (Not from tire businesses)
- ~ Paint cans must be dried out with lids removed
- ~ Seafood shells must be bagged in plastic and disposed of in Compactor #1 unless otherwise directed.
- ~ Bagged leaves, grass and yard/garden clippings may be disposed of in Compactor #1 unless otherwise directed.
- ~ Burn Pile: Brush only- Not to exceed 6ft in length or 6” in diameter.
- ~ Metal items, large or small, including **clean** cans, recycled in Dumpster #4
- ~ Returnable bottles and cans accepted. Funds used to offset operating expenses.
- ~ Re-Sale Shop located in the transfer station garage. Funds from sales used to offset expenses. Donated items are appreciated. **All items are accepted at the discretion of attendant.**

Disposal Fees

- ~ Household demolition - \$15 to \$30 per pickup truck load
- ~ Minimum \$5 charge for demo
- ~ Asphalt shingles - \$15 to \$30. Limit 2 loads per household
- ~ Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, de-humidifiers - \$15 each
(Refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed)
- ~ Large Appliances (Stove, Washer, Dryer) - \$5.00 each
- ~ Televisions - \$2 each regardless of size.
- ~ Fluorescent tubes - \$2.00/8 ft. \$1.00/4 ft. \$.50/bulb
- ~ Fluorescent ballasts - see attendant
- ~ Car Batteries— see attendant
- ~ Lithium Batteries—see attendant

2023 ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Road Maintenance & Paving Account

Appropriation:	\$475,000.00
Carry Over:	<u>\$127,518.15</u>
Opening Balance	\$602,518.15

Expenditures: Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp.

Sm. Excavator	\$0.00
Lg. Excavator	\$23,437.50
Excavator w. Brush Attachment	\$0.00
Loader (6 yd)	\$200.00
350 John Deere Excavator	\$0.00
PC 220 Excavator	\$0.00
Loader	\$0.00
Bulldozer	\$0.00
Sweeper	\$2,240.00
Roller	\$0.00
Backhoe	\$0.00
Grader	\$0.00
Labor	\$2,795.00
One Ton	\$8,010.00
6-8 Yd Truck	\$0.00
12-14 Yd Truck	\$505.00
16-18 Yd Truck	\$10,687.50
Lowbed	\$0.00
Rock Truck (Case& Mack)	\$0.00
Man with Chainsaw	\$2,125.00
1-6" Gravel	\$0.00
1.5" Stone	\$0.00
Stone Dust	\$276.00
Tailings/Rip Rap	\$372.00
Loam	\$0.00

2023 Road Commissioners Report (Continued)

Sand	\$0.00
Hot Top/Asphalt	\$0.00
Cold Patch	\$0.00
Asphalt Grindings	\$480.00
Stump Grindings	\$0.00
Flowable Fill	\$0.00
Concrete	\$0.00
Seed	\$0.00
Roadside Mow	\$3,300.00
Hay	\$0.00
Mulcher	\$0.00
Chain Saw w/ Man	\$0.00
Chipping Gun	\$0.00
Pipe Saw	\$0.00
Water Pump	\$0.00
Piping— Various sizes	\$0.00
Generator (per day)	\$0.00
Misc. Vendor Purchases	\$0.00
Winkumpaugh Grant	\$0.00
Calcium	\$0.00
Total	\$54,428..00

Vendors and Materials Used:

Vaughn Thibodeau	\$188,329.54
Viking Lumber	\$0.00
Atwell Edgecomb	\$0.00
V THIBODEAU	\$63,841.12
Flaggers—@Work	\$0.00
Rob's Hardware (DOT Sign)	\$217.96
Insurance	\$0.00
Local Road Assistance Credit	\$0.00
B & B PAVING	\$281,481.16

2023 Road Commissioners Report (Continued)

Vendors and Materials Used– continued

Big Jay Tree Service	\$0.00
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Total	\$533,869.78
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Credit	\$4,192.00
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<u>Total Road Maintenance & Paving Account Balance:</u>	
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	\$588,297.78
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<u>Unexpended Road Maintenance Account Balance</u>	
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	\$18,412.37
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Winter Road Account (10)

Appropriation:	\$460,000.00
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Carry Over:	\$153,496.66
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Opening Balance	\$613,496.66
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Expenditures: Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp.

Contract	\$294,000.00
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Ice Sand	\$0.00
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Warrant Work	\$36,214.72
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Misc. Receipts	\$0.00
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Total	\$330,214.72
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Vendors and Material Used:

Central Maine power (Salt Shed)	\$1,093.61
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Morton Salt	\$0.00
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NE Salt	\$23,814.00
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Insurance	\$0.00
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Rob's Hardware/Entry Lever & Hdwr	\$8.49
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Credits-MEMun Prop/Casu Dividend	\$0.00
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Total	\$24,916.10
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<u>Total Winter Road Account Balance</u>	<u>\$355,130.82</u>
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Unexpended Winter Road Account Balance	\$258,365.84
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Orland Fire Department Report

Greetings fellow residents of Orland,

As with the past several years, we have responded to numerous calls for service, from the mundane to extremely severe. Our volunteers put in hundreds of volunteer hours responding to calls, training, and maintaining our equipment.

This fiscal year we responded to the most building fires in a very long time, for a total of 19. Ten more than the previous year. The furthest fire we responded to was in the Town of Stonington that included a fatality. Our personnel and equipment were a great help to our mutual aid partners. Twice we received assistance for building fires in Orland which was also very appreciated. Working at these fires gave our newer members invaluable experience that builds their skills to serve our community.

Towns that Orland Fire responded to as mutual aid include: Surry, Ellsworth, Bucksport, Penobscot, Verona, Blue Hill, Castine and Stonington. These calls included building fires, wildland fires, car fires, and water rescues.

We provided station coverage in Orland, and twice in both Ellsworth and Orrington.

The work of the Fire Station Building Committee resulted in a referendum vote where our citizens approved the construction project. The new building will be located on town owned property on the Gray Meadow Road next to the transfer station and salt shed. We appreciate the support of our residents in this project and everything else we do.

Our call volume from July 1st 2022 to June 30th 2023 was slightly higher at 126 calls for service, 3 more calls than the previous year.

Our fiscal year 2022-2023 incidents include:

Building Fires	19 (two in Orland)
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	4
Storm Related (Trees/Power Lines/Flooding)	18
Assist EMS	14
Woods/Wildland Fires	10
Standby/Cover Assignments	5
Dispatched and canceled enroute	10
Other Fires (Vehicles, Chimneys)	4
Other Calls (Alarms, etc)	41
Water/Boat Incident/Ice Rescues	2
Total Calls	126

Orland Fire Department Report (Continued)

Our members strongly urge everyone to ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes, and make sure to test them regularly. We recommend replacing the batteries if possible, twice a year or whenever you change your clocks for daylight savings time. If you need or know someone who may need help checking, replacing batteries, or installing detectors please let us know and we will make every attempt to see that you get help.

We still see many homes without house numbers posted or visible. Having reflective numbers are helpful not only to us, but to any other responders coming from other areas. Even in a small town like ours, we don't know where everyone lives. Please help us find you in your time of need. Simple reflective stickers (3-4 inch minimum) with your house numbers mounted on the side of your mailbox or on a sign at the end of your driveway are very effective.

Contact information for the department is as follows:

For Emergencies (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
Station Business Line (Leave a message)	469-3079
Hancock County Regional Communications Center	667-8866
Department Email	OrlandFireDept@gmail.com
Fire Chief's Email	ofd501@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Conary
Fire Chief
Orland Fire Department

Report of the Board of Selectmen

Hope everyone is doing well this year. Congratulations to Lester Stackpole on his re-election. We are moving forward with DEP permitting for the new Fire Station. Lester is working with Nickerson & O'Day on this project. Brenda Leavitt is working with the Broadband Committee to help get better internet to Orland residents. Ed Rankin is working with Greenleaf on the Orland River Eastern Channel mitigation project. This is just a few projects we all work on besides the daily items and concerns.

We would like to thank all our Office Staff, Managers, Highway Dept., Committee Members and Volunteers. Everyone contributes to help our office and programs run efficiently and smoothly for the Town of Orland.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Selectmen of the Town of Orland

General Assistance 2022/2023 Report

The General Assistance program is designed to assist residents within the community who find themselves unable to provide basic necessities for themselves or their families, such as rent, food, household supplies, electricity, and heat. The General Assistance program uses the General Assistance Ordinance, and follows income guidelines, rules, and maximum assistance standards, set by the State of Maine through the Department of Health & Human Services. Applicants may reapply every 30 days, and decisions are made within 24 hours of the interview.

The Selectmen adopted the Appendices (A-G) for Fiscal year 2022/2023 on October 7, 2022, to stay compliant with State mandates, and adopted the new version of the Maine Municipal Associations General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2022 on January 5, 2023. For 2022/2023 the State reimbursed towns for General Assistance expenses at 70%. The State also dispersed a one-time Supplemental payment to Maine towns to assist with facilitating the General Assistance program.

For Fiscal year 2022/2023 the GA program received 9 applications, and processed 5.

Beginning 2022/2023 balance: \$10,354.14

Total General Assistance Expenses paid: \$2,514.41

Total 2022/2023 State Reimbursement: \$1,760.09

Town 2022/2023 GA Expense After Reimbursement: \$754.32

State Supplemental GA payment & Previous Year Reimbursement: \$994.57

End of 2022/2023 GA account balance: \$10,594.39

In addition to helping applicants with the General Assistance application, and the interview process, we also provide education on other resources in the community that the applicant can utilize to help meet their current, and future, needs.

Anyone with any questions about how the General Assistance program works, or what the guidelines of the program are, may come to the Orland Town Office during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

Tracy Patterson

General Assistance Administrator

Report of the Treasurer

General Fund Beginning Balance 7/01/22 ----- \$3,225,345.

Revenues:

Tax Revenue, Including Exemption Reimb. -----	\$3,415,279.
Excise Tax -----	514,367.
State of Maine	
State Revenue Sharing -----	284,421.
State Road Assistance -----	33,908.
Tree Growth Reimbursement -----	30,262.
Licenses, Permits and Fees -----	22,379.
Investment Income -----	27,706.
Community Center Rental -----	141,651.
Interest and Fees on Taxes -----	22,329.
Sale of Alewives -----	11,526.
Franchise Fees -----	6,316.
Gain on Tax Acquired Property -----	15,439.
Other Revenues -----	<u>4,503.</u>
Total Revenues	\$4,530,086.

Expenditures:

Administration -----	\$ 514,687.
Health & Sanitation -----	139,226.
Education -----	2,411,390.
Protection -----	119,186.
Highways -----	972,348.
Community Center -----	106,142.
County Tax -----	135,288.
Other Expenditures -----	<u>88,431.</u>
Total Expenditures	\$4,486,698.

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures -----	\$ 43,388.
Capital Projects Reserve -----	<u>(75,000.)</u>
Net Changes in General Fund -----	\$ (31,612.)

General Fund Ending Balance 6/30/23 ----- \$3,193,733.

Respectfully Submitted, *Dorothy E.S. Baker*, Treasurer

Report of the Assessors

What a year 2023 has been! The Assessors Office has stayed quite busy with day-to-day business and administrating a brand new program for the 2023-2024 Tax Commitment, the Property Tax Stabilization Tax Program. This program allowed certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead; the Town accepted 179 applications, which meant they had their taxes “frozen” for the 2023-2024 taxes. The Maine Legislature repealed the program on July 6, 2023, with an effective date of October 11, 2023, however they expanded the eligibility thresholds for participation in the Property Tax Deferral Program and increased the maximum benefit available under the Property Tax Fairness Credit for those aged 65 and older. Here is some information on these programs:

Property Tax Fairness Credit:

Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent they paid during the tax year by filing a Maine individual income tax return, whether they owe Maine income tax or not. If the credit exceeds the amount of their individual income tax due for the tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded to them. More information can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit>

State Property Tax Deferral Program:

The State Property Tax Deferral Program is a loan program that covers the annual property tax bills of Maine residents who are age 65 and older and meet income requirements or are permanently disabled. The loan program requires repayment of the loan once the property is sold or becomes part of an estate. Applications must be submitted between January 1 and April 1st to the Assessor’s Office. More information about this program can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs/deferral-program>

It is important to note that these are State programs and while the Town plays a role in the administration of them, the Town is not responsible for the policy objectives of these initiatives. Any questions or concerns owners have regarding this program should be directed to your legislative representative. To find your representative, please visit: <https://legislature.maine.gov/senate/>

The Board of Assessors processed 186 real estate transfers from April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023. As a result of the money our municipality receives from the State Legislature, through the State Municipal Revenue Sharing Program, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement, and State Aid to Education, the tax bills have already been reduced by 23%. Homestead, Veteran, and Blind Exemption Applications are available at the Town Office or online.

The Board of Assessors is available to assist the public on Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Board also can be reached by e-mail at assessor@townoforland.org.

<i>2022-2023 Fiscal Year Commitment</i>	
REAL ESTATE - TAXABLE	
<i>Land</i>	<i>\$147,410,350.00</i>
<i>Building</i>	<i>\$187,920,070.00</i>
TOTAL TAXABLE REAL ESTATE	\$335,330,420.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	
<i>Business Equipment</i>	<i>\$12,176,232.00</i>
<i>Exemptions</i>	<i>\$7,627,670.00</i>
TOTAL TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$4,548,562.00
TOTAL VALUATION	\$339,878,982.00
TAX RATE PER THOUSAND	<i>0.01178</i>
	\$4,003,774.41
<i>County Tax</i>	<i>\$135,287.91</i>
<i>Municipal Appropriation</i>	<i>\$2,793,423.00</i>
<i>School/Education Appropriation</i>	<i>\$2,537,849.53</i>
<i>Overlay</i>	<i>\$46,537.03</i>
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$5,513,097.47
<i>State Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>\$250,000.00</i>
<i>Homestead Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$141,393.09</i>
<i>BETE Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$44,926.98</i>
<i>Other Revenue</i>	<i>\$1,073,002.99</i>
TOTAL DEDUCTION	\$1,509,323.06
NET ASSESMENT FOR COMMITMENT	\$4,003,774.41

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Poulin, CMA
Amy Dunn, CMA
Ernest Guimond, CMA

Report of Animal Control Officer

To residents of Orland,

This year we handled 53 complaints that required a response and many issues that were handled over the phone. The complaints ranged from stray cats to Animal Cruelty with the majority being Dog At Large. Keep in mind Dog At Large fines are up to \$100 per occurrence and require you to go to court.

Please make sure to get your pets vaccinated against rabies and make sure your dogs are licensed with the Town. Please contact me if you have any animal issues or questions my phone number is 207-323-6033 or via E-mail, acomaine@yahoo.com

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon Patterson, Animal Control Officer

Complaints Handled 2022/2023

Dogs at Large: 25

Stray Cats: 2

Animal Cruelty: 9

Animal Trespass: 5

Wildlife Complaints: 10 All turned over to Maine State Game Wardens Office

Dangerous Dog/Dog Bite: 2

Owner Surrender of Animal: 0

Total Complaints: 39

Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector Report

FY 2023 Report
Total Permits = 97

New Residences /Camps	6	Trees/cutting	5
Residence Additions	3	Seasonal Docks	3
Garages	0	Decks, Ramps	2
Sheds	2	Mooring	0
Shoreland Stabilization	3	Shoreland Earth Moving /Driveway	1
Commercial Structures	4	Commercial Signs	0

New Septic Systems	19
Replacement Septic Systems	5
Replacement Septic Fields	4
Replacement Septic Tanks	2
Internal Plumbing Permits	37
Primitive System	1

Report of the Town Clerk & Tax Collector

The Orland Town Office is often the first point of contact people have with our Town. We strive to provide a welcoming environment, and assist our wonderful residents and visitors with a variety of services. I want to once again thank Lisa Tapley, Deputy Clerk, for her excellent work and outstanding customer service!

The Town Office is open Tuesday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm, and offers evening hours on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm –8pm. Orland also offers online boat registrations in addition to the online vehicle registrations that have become popular.

The Town website is townoforland.org and allows visitors the option to sign up for text and/or email alerts for Town news. The interface is more visually appealing, ADA compliant, and user friendly. If you have any trouble navigating the new website, please call the office and we will be happy to help you sign up for notifications.

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for vehicle and recreational registrations, dog licenses, recreational licenses, and all vital records requests. In 2022/2023, we registered over 3,000 vehicles, 309 boats, 168 ATV's, and 78 snowmobiles, and issued 368 recreational hunting/fishing licenses, 233 dog licenses, 9 marriage licenses, and 269 certified copies of vital records.

Dog licenses are available on October 15th for the upcoming year. It is state law that any dog over 6 months old must be registered with the town, and if re-registration is not done by January 31st a mandatory \$25 late fee is applied.

There was a State Referendum election, a Special Town Meeting on the Comprehensive Plan, a Special Referendum election on the new Fire Station, and the Annual Town Meeting with the election of Municipal Officers and two RSU 25 Referendums, in the Town of Orland during this fiscal year. Elections are held in the Orland Community Center, and absentee voting is available at the Town Office for 30 days prior to elections. Orland has 1,841 registered voters.

The Tax Collector's office collects all real estate taxes, sewer, and personal property taxes. Orland operates on a fiscal year of July 1st to June 30th. Each property owner is sent one bill each year, with two payment stubs attached to the bottom. The first half is due September 30th, and the second half is due March 31st. Property owners also have the option of paying the full balance by September 30th. Sewer bills are sent out quarterly to those who reside in the sewer district, and are due by the end of the quarter. Please feel free to contact our office if you would like to set up a monthly payment plan option, and we will gladly assist you.

Our goal is to continue to provide our wonderful residents with Town Office services in a clean and safe environment!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Patterson, CCM

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Website & Social Media Administrator

Vital Records

Births - 21

Deaths - 27

Marriages - 26

Marriage Licenses - 9

Certified Copies of Vital Records - 269

Dog Transactions

Dog Licenses - 233

MOSES Transactions

Recreational Licenses - 368

Boat Registrations - 309

ATV Registrations - 168

Snowmobile Registrations - 78

2022 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

As of 6/30/2023

Allen, Jennifer	\$267.98
Best, Francis Hawkes	\$3,097.53
Boylan Heights Land Company	\$238.69
Chattin, Daniel A & Linda M	\$650.89
Chattin, Daniel A & Linda M	\$700.63
Drake, Lisa L	\$129.34
French, Albert A	\$1,591.01
Gray, Marion D. Heirs & & McGuire, Ryan N	\$701.29
Grindle, Philip B Jr ET ALS	\$538.86
Harriman, Ted S	\$532.52
Hopkins, David	\$355.15
Jacques, Jennifer	\$696.37
Kennedy, Lisa Dawn	\$533.42
Kennedy, Tracy	\$831.98
Littlefield, Robert & K Dube	\$564.63
Maggs, Kris	\$355.27
Mckay, Richard L II & Betty J	\$147.05
Moleon, R David	\$475.25
Nelson, Alan J	\$1,098.82
Patten, Michelle	\$525.17
Powers, Katie Sue	\$350.36
Roy, Michael A	\$2,525.00
Schoodic Forestry, LLC	\$1,015.59
Sehulster, Dale	\$464.18
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,659.05
Springer, Steven	\$239.15
Sweet, Gene D Jr	\$382.42
Veazie, Thomas O	\$622.74
Wilson, David C	\$3,066.46
Wilson, David C	\$206.13
Wotton-Drake, Lisa L	\$2,315.02
Yeo, Russell	\$198.28

2023 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

As of 6/30/2023

A Peace of Maine	\$200.22
A Peace of Maine	\$508.12
A. F. H. INC.	\$1,585.12
Allen, Jennifer L	\$2,516.15
Arruda, Nathalie	\$320.12
Barnes, Dylan C	\$910.09
Beckett, Michael E	\$1,614.71
Best, Francis Hawkes	\$3,616.96
Blodgett, Frederic S II	\$1,387.00
Blodgett, Frederic S II	\$338.10
Blodgett, Frederic S II	\$165.32
Boylan Heights Land Company	\$523.29
Carlisle, Mary S	\$282.53
Carter, Adam Michael	\$227.26
Chattin, Daniel A & Linda M	\$168.38
Chattin, Daniel A & Linda M	\$405.25
Chvets, Oleg & A Melikhov	\$594.26
Chvets, Oleg & V Donchak	\$174.66
Clement, Jeffery A	\$1,623.95
Cote, Debra	\$44.69
Crafts, Jennifer L & Barbara R	\$634.51
Craig-Green, Laurence	\$72.53
Crampton, Richard W	\$421.52
Crampton, Richard W	\$195.49
Crane, Colton J	\$556.02
Crosson, James R	\$692.01
Currie, Jolene Rachael	\$1,037.65
Cutler, Elizabeth J	\$4,498.47
Diamond Star Properties LLC	\$360.42
Dow, Patrick L & Atherton-Dow, Alicia M	\$571.59
Drake, Lisa L	\$109.02
Dunbar, Joshua A	\$490.86
Dunbar, Joshua A	\$614.09
Dunbar, Paul S & Joshua A	\$418.72
Epstein, Daniel & Peters, Betsey	\$0.28
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$190.23

2023 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (Continued)

As of 6/30/2023

French, Albert A	\$1,458.92
Gillam, Lao	\$727.48
Giosia, Alexander E	\$1,147.28
Gray, Bryant T	\$2.68
Gray, Marion D., Heirs & McGuire, Ryan N	\$520.90
Grindle, Philip B Jr ET ALS	\$232.84
Gross, Krystal, Heirs	\$1,601.75
Hall Heirs of, Willard H.	\$165.71
Hanscom, Scott E	\$194.52
Harriman, Ted S	\$603.02
Harris, John E Jr	\$0.44
Heath, Matthew	\$616.38
Hopkins, David	\$581.37
Jacques, Jennifer	\$674.90
Bowden, Jeffrey L & Melissa B, Trustees	\$0.51
Jodoin, Henry II, ET ALS	\$614.66
Jordan, Tasha	\$427.95
Jordan, Tasha	\$272.81
Kelley, Richard D & Henrietta S	\$2,274.19
Kelliher, George E	\$0.87
Kennedy, Lisa Dawn	\$944.35
Kimberly A Dunton Supplemental Benefits Trust	\$684.80
Leach, Joshua M & Emily H	\$826.23
Leach, Stanley M & Timothy N	\$724.60
Littlefield, Robert H & Dube, K	\$551.88
Maggs, Kris	\$415.00
McCabe, Timothy K	\$532.86
McCallister, Archie & Lorraine	\$381.94
McKay, Richard L II & Betty J	\$588.50
Moleon, R David	\$490.76
Navarre, Michael C	\$308.65
Nelson, Alan J	\$906.75
Newbegin, Cathleen A	\$2,660.03
Norwood, Brenda (FKA Campbell)	\$1,323.37
Norwood, Brenda (FKA Campbell)	\$1,125.71
Patten, Michelle	\$1,019.19

2023 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (Continued)

As of 6/30/2023

Pelletier, Michael E	\$1,484.66
Powers, Katie Sue	\$300.79
Reed, Daniel A & Jessica J	\$1.00
Reynolds, Ola	\$358.57
Reynolds, Ola	\$1,030.86
Rich Properties LLC	\$768.83
Roy, Michael A	\$2,954.08
Rucker, Emely	\$542.48
Ryberg, Kristina	\$142.93
Saunders, Roy B	\$296.78
Schoodic Forestry, LLC	\$664.58
Sehulster, Dale	\$4,126.36
Smith, Kimberly A	\$575.67
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,572.95
Soper, Casey J	\$2,172.36
Springer, Steven	\$460.04
Sweet, Gene D Jr	\$498.66
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$1,019.30
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$291.39
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$349.91
Veazie, Thomas O	\$1,289.69
Veazie, Thomas O	\$462.48
Veilleux, Joseph	\$397.60
Wilson, David C	\$2,453.40
Wilson, David C	\$265.67
Winchester, Janice E	\$5,022.12
Wotton-Drake, Lisa L	\$1,443.06
Yeo, Russell	\$260.18
Zambarano, Anthony J & Bell, Erin K	\$325.93

Uncollected Sewer Bills

As of 6/30/2023

Barca, Nicholas	\$152.00
Barnes, Dylan	\$617.09
Burgess, Mathew C	\$152.00
Chandler, Brian	\$152.00
Chandler's Cabinet Shop	\$110.00
Chapman, Rodney V	\$460.28
Crane, Colton	\$733.62
Cunningham, Neil H	\$152.00
Dale, Lindsay	\$305.52
Downes, Bruce W Sr.	\$47.00
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$152.00
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$617.09
Fisher, R. E.	\$152.00
Gavelek, John J	\$152.00
Gourmelon, Jean-Yves F	\$152.00
Gourmelon, Jean-Yves F	\$110.00
Kellas, Vanessa E	\$47.00
Ladd, John	\$152.00
Laforge, Cory W	\$152.00
Lawson, Ryan D	\$47.00
Mahoney, Edward F	\$152.00
Palkie, Raymond J	\$152.00
Palkie, Raymond J	\$47.00
Pelletier, Michael E	\$152.00
Polojarvi, Dana I	\$152.00
Rich Properties LLC	\$94.47
Rucker, Emely	\$152.00
Rucker-Obey, Emely	\$152.00
Schroth, Lynn P	\$152.00
Shinozuka, Jennifer J	\$1,128.60
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,301.70
Stanley, George A	\$152.00
Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp	\$47.00
Wardwell Contracting	\$47.00
Wardwell Contracting	\$47.00
We Store Inc	\$110.00

Uncollected Personal Property Taxes

As of 6/30/2023

2020

Pine Shore Motel	\$101.26
Richards, Angel	\$8.90

2021

Conopco Inc	\$0.87
Huntington Technology Finance, Inc	\$14.23
Pine Shore Motel	\$352.95
Richards, Angel	\$168.52

2022

Conopco Inc	\$28.93
Pine Shore Motel	\$320.22
VanCamp Construction, LLC	\$165.78

2023

AIM Demolition USA LLC	\$3.46
Ananda Luna Downeast	\$55.08
Chandler's Cabinet Shop	\$29.83
Conopco Inc	\$15.87
Outback Towing, Tires & Lube	\$102.37
Penobscot Bay Organics	\$51.77
Pine Shore Motel	\$191.39
VanCamp Construction, LLC	\$99.08
Yoga Downeast	\$20.16

Orland Historical Society 2022-2023

In 2022-2023 the society held monthly business meetings the 4th Wednesday during the summer month. We had programs ahead of two of our business meetings that the public was invited to attend.

The museum was open to the public on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August.

The society held fund raising events in this period which were a Halloween dance in October 2022 and a yard sale in the summer of 2022. The society also participated in the Orland River Days event in 2022.

In 2022 we performed maintenance in the basement with extensive cleaning, installed new suspended ceiling and repainted the walls.

Orland Historical Society continues to accept loaned or donated artifacts to the museum for display. We also welcome groups to schedule tours of the museum as well as open on special request by calling 207-598-5741.

Special thanks to our officers: Mary Hauger, secretary, Barbara Dorr, Treasurer and Edward Devito, Vice President for their work and support of the society.

We are always looking for new members to join the society and participate in bringing new life to the organization.

We wish to thank the Town of Orland for its continuing support of OHS to help preserve our past for future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Wood

OHS President

Orland Planning Board Report

The Planning Board met seven times this year. Four site plan applications were reviewed as well as three minor subdivision approvals.

The minor subdivisions approved included was the addition of a third lot at a property on the Gilpin Road, the addition of a third lot at a property on the Surry Road, and additional dwelling units at an apartment building in the village.

The site plan reviews included a preliminary review of the new fire station, preliminary review of a poultry processing facility on the Front Ridge Road, review of a medical marijuana retail store on Acadia Highway, and a large expansion at Freshwater Stone on the Upper Falls Road. Construction of this project is complete and full of technological advancements and equipment that should keep the stone cutting business at the top of their game for many years to come.

Don Baker has continued as chair position of the board. We had no turnover of board members this year which is helpful because with continuity comes consistency. I am very thankful for board members who are willing to voluntarily serve the Town of Orland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luke Chiavelli – Code Enforcement Officer

Board Members: Don Baker (Chair)
Roger Wood (Deputy Chair)
Mark Fowler
Charles Giosia
Michael Roy
Alex Atwood (Alternate)
Bart Hutchins (Alternate)

James W. Wadman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.
Kellie M. Bowden, C.P.A.
Wanese L. Lynch, C.P.A.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Orland
Orland, ME 04472

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orland, Maine, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Orland, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and 29 through 35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
December 14, 2023

TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE

(Exhibit VIII)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Exemption Reimbursements	\$3,398,516	\$3,398,516	\$3,415,279	\$16,763
State Road Assistance	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$33,908	(\$92)
Excise Taxes	\$418,500	\$418,500	\$514,367	\$95,867
State Revenue Sharing	\$280,526	\$280,526	\$284,421	\$3,895
Interest & Fees on Taxes	\$19,900	\$19,900	\$22,329	\$2,429
Investment Earnings	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$27,706	\$24,306
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,262	\$15,262
Franchise Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,316	\$1,316
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$22,379	\$5,379
Community Center Rental	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$141,651	\$36,651
Alewives	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$11,526	\$2,526
Gain on Sale of Town Assets			\$15,439	\$15,439
Other Revenues	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$4,503	\$2,803
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$4,307,542</u>	<u>\$4,307,542</u>	<u>\$4,530,087</u>	<u>\$222,545</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</u>				
Administration	\$530,031	\$530,031	\$514,687	\$15,344
Protection	\$123,007	\$123,007	\$119,186	\$3,821
Health & Sanitation	\$124,825	\$124,825	\$139,226	(\$14,401)
Highways	\$936,100	\$936,100	\$972,348	(\$36,248)
Education Assessment	\$2,343,536	\$2,343,536	\$2,411,390	(\$67,854)
Unclassified	\$168,050	\$168,050	\$184,941	(\$16,891)
Other Assessments	\$286,993	\$286,993	\$144,920	\$142,073
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$4,512,542</u>	<u>\$4,512,542</u>	<u>\$4,486,699</u>	<u>\$25,843</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</u>	<u>(\$205,000)</u>	<u>(\$205,000)</u>	<u>\$43,388</u>	<u>\$248,388</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers Out	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	\$0
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	<u>(\$280,000)</u>	<u>(\$280,000)</u>	<u>(\$31,612)</u>	<u>\$248,388</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$3,225,346</u>	<u>\$3,225,346</u>	<u>\$3,225,346</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,945,346</u>	<u>\$2,945,346</u>	<u>\$3,193,733</u>	<u>\$248,388</u>

TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE
SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Revenues/ Transfers</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Transfers</u>	<u>Lapsed Unexpended (Overdraft)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Administration:</u>							
General Government	\$167,181	\$351,511	\$5,341	\$524,034	\$319,210	\$0	\$204,824
Officers Salaries	\$18,921	\$110,020	\$900	\$129,841	\$119,939	\$0	\$9,903
Unemployment	\$1,168	\$500		\$1,668	\$270	\$0	\$1,398
Worker's Compensation	\$542	\$2,300	\$208	\$3,050	\$3,010	\$0	\$39
Social Security	\$15,048	\$26,000		\$41,048	\$27,431	\$0	\$13,617
Town Property Maintenance	\$50,375	\$28,000		\$78,375	\$30,069	\$0	\$48,305
Utilities	\$1,041	\$11,700		\$12,741	\$11,539	\$0	\$1,202
Revaluation	\$10,018			\$10,018	\$1,838	\$0	\$8,180
Comprehensive Plan	\$15,882			\$15,882	\$17	\$0	\$15,865
	\$280,176	\$530,031	\$6,449	\$816,656	\$513,324	\$0	\$303,332
<u>Protection:</u>							
Fire Department	\$1,160	\$57,450	\$1,608	\$60,218	\$60,218	\$0	
Bucksport Ambulance	\$4,692	\$42,000		\$46,692	\$40,989	\$0	\$5,703
Dispatch	\$2,646	\$5,500		\$8,146	\$5,480	\$0	\$2,666
Fire Station Design	\$14,710			\$14,710		\$14,710	
Fire Station Project	\$44,793	\$10,000	\$104	\$54,896	\$7,895	\$0	\$47,002
Life Flight		\$557		\$557	\$557	\$0	
Forest Fires	\$5,000			\$5,000		\$0	\$5,000
Civil Preparedness	\$5,420			\$5,420		\$0	\$5,420
Legal	\$10,222	\$1,000		\$11,222		\$0	\$11,222
Street Lights	\$2,083	\$5,000		\$7,083	\$3,558	\$0	\$3,525
Animal Control	\$6,521	\$1,500	\$954	\$8,975	\$3,155	\$0	\$5,820
	\$97,246	\$123,007	\$2,666	\$222,918	\$121,851	\$14,710	\$86,357
<u>Health & Sanitation:</u>							
Solid Waste	\$2,127	\$101,000	\$15,801	\$118,928	\$118,475	(\$0)	\$453
Septic Waste	\$4,000			\$4,000		\$0	\$4,000
Sewer Department Transfer		\$12,000		\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	
Hospice of Hancock County		\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0	
Eastern Area Agency on Aging		\$1,400		\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	
Bucksport Community Concern		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
American Red Cross		\$1,500		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	
Downeast Community Partners		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
Downeast Horizons		\$600		\$600	\$600	\$0	
WIC Nutrition Program		\$1,725		\$1,725	\$1,725	\$0	
Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic		\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0	
Bucksport Senior Center		\$600		\$600	\$600	\$0	
	\$6,127	\$124,825	\$15,801	\$146,753	\$142,300	(\$0)	\$4,453

TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE

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SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - continued
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Department</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Revenues/ Transfers</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Transfers</u>	<u>Lapsed Unexpended (Overdraft)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Highways:</u>							
Town Roads	\$127,518	\$475,000	\$4,212	\$606,730	\$588,298	\$0	\$18,432
Winter Roads	\$153,497	\$460,000		\$613,497	\$355,191	\$0	\$258,305
Road Signs	\$543	\$1,100	\$61	\$1,703	\$1,703	\$0	
State Road Assistance	\$4,096		\$33,908	\$38,004	\$38,096	(\$92)	
	\$285,653	\$936,100	\$38,181	\$1,259,934	\$983,289	(\$92)	\$276,738
<u>Education:</u>							
Education Assessment	\$73,671	\$2,343,536		\$2,417,207	\$2,411,390	\$0	\$5,817
	\$73,671	\$2,343,536	\$0	\$2,417,207	\$2,411,390	\$0	\$5,817
<u>Unclassified:</u>							
General Assistance	\$8,854	\$1,500	\$2,755	\$13,109	\$2,514	\$0	\$10,594
Fish Weir	\$24,543	\$10,000		\$34,543	\$259	\$0	\$34,284
Village Dam	\$50,516	\$5,000		\$55,516		\$0	\$55,516
Orland Village Dam Grant	\$11			\$11		\$0	\$11
Comm. Center Roof	\$22,000	\$15,000		\$37,000	\$6,034	\$0	\$30,966
Comm. Center Reserve	\$20,568	\$15,000	\$965	\$36,533	\$26,229	\$0	\$10,305
Comm. Center	\$57,514	\$80,000	\$141,651	\$279,165	\$211,142	\$0	\$68,023
Comm. Center Outdoor Project	\$5,000			\$5,000		\$0	\$5,000
Comm. Center Acoustics	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$6,000		\$0	\$6,000
Comm. Center Air Conditioning	\$5,000			\$5,000	\$530	\$0	\$4,470
Capital Reserve		\$75,000		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	
Equipment & Vehicles	\$8,427	\$30,000		\$38,427	\$19,552	\$0	\$18,875
Orland Recreation	\$2,485	\$200	\$2,510	\$5,195	\$1,359	\$0	\$3,836
Orland River Days	\$3,764	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$5,964	\$4,213	\$0	\$1,751
Hancock County Planning Commission		\$1,450		\$1,450	\$1,450	\$0	
Buck Memorial Library		\$2,200		\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	
Bucksport Downeast YMCA		\$2,100		\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0	
Family Snowmobile Club		\$600		\$600	\$600	\$0	
Orland Historical Society		\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
	\$211,682	\$243,050	\$149,081	\$603,813	\$354,183	\$0	\$249,630
<u>Other Assessments and Debt Service:</u>							
County Tax		\$127,858		\$127,858	\$127,857	\$1	
Overlay		\$159,135		\$159,135	\$17,063	\$142,072	
	\$0	\$286,993	\$0	\$286,993	\$144,920	\$142,073	\$0
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$954,554</u>	<u>\$4,587,542</u>	<u>\$212,178</u>	<u>\$5,754,273</u>	<u>\$4,671,256</u>	<u>\$156,691</u>	<u>\$926,327</u>

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The 2022-2023 school year was a return to full day, in person instruction PK-12 for the first time since March of 2020. The opportunity to be able to provide direct, in person instruction was a significant improvement in the teaching and learning process. While having the opportunity to provide virtual learning was critical, it did not and does not replace in person direct instruction to meet the needs of our students. Fiscally, RSU 25 performed within budget and continues to offer quality educational programming below the State average per pupil operating cost.

We did identify there were significant challenges created by the impact of the pandemic. First and foremost was the impact to learning process and the learning outcomes experienced by the students. National studies have indicated on average students experienced a 4 month delay in learning, and that has required an adjustment in curriculum to back fill the foundational concepts for students. The other area of challenge for our schools has been the disruption to their routines and consistency provided by the school year. The 2022 -2023 school year required a re-learning of the academic and behavioral expectations required of the students and the staff. While we recognized the challenges of returning to a more typical school experience, the social and emotional benefit to the students was seen at all levels of the system.

Thanks to the support of the School Board and our communities, RSU 25 continued to invest in our facilities. The Federal COVID ESSR funds provided the capital to install a ventilation system in the Jewett School which will be on line for the opening of school in the fall of 2023. The School Board invested in the replacement of boilers in both the high school and the Miles Lane School, as well as energy efficiency upgrades in all the buildings. This work has been ongoing through the 2022-2023 school year and when schools open in the fall all of our light fixtures will be converted to LED lighting and the ventilation systems have been upgraded in all of our buildings. The upkeep and investment in our facilities helps us provided a safe and healthy learning environment for our students.

Overall, the 2022-2023 school year was successful on many levels. Bucksport High School continues to have a four year graduation rate above the State of Maine average with the majority of our graduates moving on to two and four year colleges. The BHS Robotics Team had a historic year finishing third at the world championships held in Houston, Texas. The girls' soccer team won the State of Maine Class C Championship, and both the baseball and softball teams won the Northern Maine Championships.

In the upcoming year we will continue focusing on the needs of our learners, and provide quality educational programming and supports for our students and families. I look forward to working with Town leadership, community members, and the RSU 25 School Board to meet the needs of our students and communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Boothby
Superintendent

RSU #25 ORLAND STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Jewett School	22
Miles Lane	68
BMS	52
BHS	66
Reach	<u>1</u>
Total	209

(As of 10/1/2022)

2022 - 2023 Enrollment (Oct. 1, 2022) Updated	
Jewett Elementary PK-K	135
Miles Lane School 1 - 4	300
Bucksport Middle School 5 - 8	282
Bucksport High School 9 - 12	<u>371</u>
Total	1,088

Orland School Choice Enrollment

10 Orland High School Students attend schools outside of district RSU 25, utilizing school choice.

Bangor Public School Enrollment 2022-2023

9th Grade	0
10th Grade	0
11th Grade	1
12 Grade	0

Blue Hill Harbor School Enrollment 2022-2023

9th Grade	0
10th Grade	1
11th Grade	1
12 Grade	0

George Stevens School Enrollment 2022-2023

9th Grade	0
10th Grade	2
11th Grade	1
12 Grade	2

John Bapst Enrollment 2022-2023

9th Grade	0
10th Grade	0
11th Grade	2
12 Grade	0

George Stevens Academy Report

Dear Town Residents,

I write with much gratitude to be serving as the interim Head of School for the peninsula's town academy. I have learned much in my short time here, and one of the certainties I now have is how important this school is to the peninsula. I see first hand what it means to alumni, to young families who move here in the hopes of building a community around their children's local school, to the neighbors who watch students grow up and return to meaningful work in local businesses. GSA holds a unique place in the history of the Blue Hill peninsula, and I am proud to have a window into the ways it prepares for its future.

I'm happy to share the following facts about the school today:

- I'm proud to document some of the many ways our students contribute to the well-being of the community. Each graduate must complete 60 hours of community service. In addition, student council has organized a food drive, raised funds for H.O.M.E, and delivered winter sand buckets for those who couldn't otherwise have sand for their sidewalks and driveways. Our musicians have played for the Blue Hill Fair, craft fairs, parades, library events, and holiday concerts. Advisory groups read to elementary school students. And we have hosted a middle school dance, basketball game, and game night that help our peninsula middle school students get to know one another.
- This year saw a dramatic increase in volunteer participation in the school. This includes two weekend "work days," a new Booster Club, landscapers, the installation of student art, Friends of the Dorm who help make our boarders feel welcome and entertained, and a cadre of folks who are ready to write, photograph, and edit. And of course, our history was rewritten by the alumni who stepped forward with expertise, labor, and materials to save the west wing of the gymnasium...at no cost to the school. Equally transformative is the Blue Hill Public Library's donation of sixteen librarian hours per week.
- 256 students are enrolled as I write with the following breakdown: Blue Hill, 99; Brooklin, 17; Brooksville, 27; Castine, 15; Hancock, 1; Orland, 6; Penobscot, 17; Sedgwick, 34; Surry, 31. Six students board at GSA, and 3 pay privately.
- Our Board of Trustees includes Sally Mills '85, Chair, Blue Hill; Tony Politano, Treasurer, Castine; Bill Case, Clerk, Blue Hill; Sara Becton Ardrey, Blue Hill; Amy Baker, Blue Hill; Alden Blodgett, '78, Penobscot; K. Guinness, Blue Hill; A. Wilson King, Blue Hill; Tyler Knowles, Blue Hill; Susan Loomis, Castine; Deb Ludlow '79, Brooksville; Robyn Sealander, Brooklin; Liffey Thorpe, Brooksville. The board actively seeks representation from all peninsula towns and welcomes any nominations.
- Our board voted to end our boarding program in June. This has allowed them to focus on selling property no longer necessary for the school's use. We hope to provide the same cultural diversity achieved in boarding through homestays and will love hearing from anyone interested in hosting a student next year.
- Significant focus on the school's facilities has begun with the repair work on the west wing and ultimate removal of the east wing to make way for an improved entrance and bus drop-off and pick-up.

George Stevens Academy Report (Continued)

Finally, we thank you in advance for the support you can provide through our very necessary request of \$1700 per student for supplemental tuition. It is the same request as last year, so no additional tax burden will ensue.

For more about GSA, our budget, our audit, our programs, and what's happening on campus, visit our website at www.georgestevensacademy.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley
Shelley Borrer Jackson
Interim Head of School

Report of the Orland Comprehensive Plan Committee 2023

Orland's routine Comprehensive Plan update took about six years but was finalized in the Fall of 2022. The plan went through the public hearing process and was accepted in a special town vote in December 2022.

We need to remember that this 14 chapter plan is our community guidebook and will help us make and maintain Orland, well, as Orland. The Committee would definitely express its gratitude to the Selectmen, those who served and assisted the Committee in its work, and the citizens who participated in the process! The Plan has already laid groundwork for the work of building a new fire station, a Broadband Committee, and the creation of new Pickleball courts at the Community Center.

Our Plan is available online on Orland's webpage and in printed copy at the Town Office for review or work on any established committees. Check it out, there may be an idea you have that the Plan can help you get started! Orland Comprehensive Plan Committee

Respectfully,
Orland Comprehensive Planning Committee

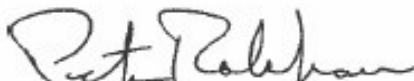
TOWN OF ORLAND MAINE
ANNUAL FISH COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 SEASON

Due to the extremely heavy rain shortly after the Wier was set up, it's anchors were blown out. The water was so high over the spillway the wier could not be reset for two weeks. This had a profound effect on the harvest.

The total harvest this year was 1,695 bushels.

The Fish Committee is actively seeking funds to improve fish passage up over the dam.

Respectfully submitted,


Peter Robshaw

Fish Warden


Anne Leclerc

Secretary

Orland River Day Report

ORD 2024 is planned for Saturday 14 September. Change is our only constant and your community support is appreciated. Our Raft Race has been replaced by a river race put on by the Maine Canoe and Kayak Racing Organization, trying a different activity after declining interest in the original activity. The planning Committee worked to set up more food vendors and hoped for a better 2023 event. We also know that moving from June to Sept. raised concerns. If you are concerned about our community and its celebrations please reach out to orlandriverday@gmail.com to give your community a hand!

In Celebration ,

The ORD Planning Committee

Save The Date!

Orland River Day 2024
will be held
Saturday, September 14, 2024

Join us for a fun Parade, a variety of Vendors, visit the Historical Society, & much more!

For more information about how you can get involved in celebrating our little village by the river, contact orlandriverday@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook!

