

Matinicus Isle Plantation

State of Maine

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2026

Town Meeting

Saturday May 23, 2026

At The Matinicus Elementary School

6:00 PM

OFFICERS and OFFICIALS of MATINICUS PLANTATION: 2026

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2026

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	Laurie Webber	366-3011
	Ellen Bunker	366-3546

<u>Administrator:</u>	Jake Caron	366-3970
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<u>Treasurer:</u>	Dorian Edwin	366-3970
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<u>Tax Collector:</u>	Samantha Philbrook	366-3970
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<u>Town</u>	Eva Murray	366-3970
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Clerk/Registrar of

Voters:

<u>Fire Chief:</u>	Jeff Messer	366-3044
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Road

Commissioner:

Cemetery Committee: Laurie Webber 366-3011 Robin Ames 366-3128

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ASSESSORS REPORT 2025-2026

This year has been one of steady progress for Matinicus Isle Plantation, as the Board has worked to address long-standing infrastructure needs, secure outside funding, and strengthen the day-to-day operations of the Plantation. First and foremost, the Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents, taxpayers, volunteers, employees, contractors, and outside partners who have supported Matinicus through the past several years and the many obstacles the Plantation has worked through.

A major focus of the Plantation this year has been securing and managing grant funding for island infrastructure. The Plantation and MPEC have continued working on power company needs, including planning and engineering related to future improvements. Grant funding and outside assistance have helped move this work forward, including support connected to the Island Institute, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future through the Community Resilience Partnership, ShoreUp, and other partners. This work is critical because the island's power grid is an essential part of our infrastructure, and our goal remains to keep the system reliable while limiting the burden on taxpayers and ratepayers as much as possible.

The Plantation has also continued work on the Matinicus Working Waterfront Resilience Project, including engineering and design work connected to the waterfront and future tank farm needs. This project has been supported through the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Island Institute support, ShoreUp, and in-kind contributions. These projects take time, paperwork, and coordination, but they are necessary to help protect the island's working waterfront and plan responsibly for future infrastructure needs.

We have also continued to pursue funding for the airstrip acquisition and improvement project. The airstrip is a critical resource for Matinicus. It supports transportation, mail and freight, medical access, emergency response, and the year-round viability of the island. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Northern Border Regional Commission regarding our application for this project. The Board would also like to thank Nat Hussey for his continued work and contributions to the airstrip project.

The Board would also like to recognize the work being done by our Island Administrator. Having a dedicated administrator has helped the Plantation manage grants, prepare applications, and handle reporting and compliance requirements. The position has also helped the Plantation respond to state and federal agencies, coordinate with contractors and outside partners, organize records, and prepare notices and meeting materials.

The Administrator also assists with agendas and minutes, the annual warrant and town report process, public communications, website and technology needs, procurement documentation, project deadlines, and state and federal registrations. The Board believes this position has strengthened the Plantation's ability to manage projects, meet requirements, and use taxpayer and outside funding responsibly.

This year has also made clear that Matinicus needs more reliable public works capacity. The island depends heavily on volunteers and a small number of people stepping in when work needs to be done. That is not a sustainable long-term system for roads, municipal buildings, equipment, the airstrip, solid waste support, storm response, and general infrastructure needs. The Board believes the Plantation should continue working toward a more formal public works position or structure, including the possibility of a full-time public works person, so that essential work can be handled consistently and safely.

The float and ramp project at the Steamboat Dock has been postponed for now. The Board still recognizes the importance of safe access at the dock, especially for medical situations and general public use, but the Plantation has had to prioritize other urgent infrastructure and funding needs. There is also uncertainty about possible future MaineDOT work at the wharf. If MaineDOT makes significant changes to the wharf, a ramp or float design prepared too early may no longer fit the site. Postponed does not mean abandoned. It means the project will be

revisited when the Plantation has a clearer understanding of future wharf work and is in a better position to move the project forward.

The Board would also like to acknowledge the recent fire in Searsmont. Searsmont has been generous and supportive of Matinicus in the past, and the Plantation intends to show support in return. Small communities rely on one another, and we are grateful for the help and goodwill Matinicus has received from other towns over the years.

We also want to remind everyone how important it is to register vehicles and boats on Matinicus when appropriate. Excise tax and registration revenue are important local revenues that help support Plantation operations and reduce pressure on property taxes. If your vehicle or boat belongs on Matinicus, registering it here helps the island directly. We are also working to get the online registration service up and running so that this process is easier for residents and taxpayers.

Finally, the Board would like to thank everyone who continues to give their time, labor, patience, and support to Matinicus. This island depends on the care people have for this community, and we are grateful to everyone who helps keep Matinicus moving forward.

Respectfully,

The Board of Assessors

Clayton Philbrook, Laurie Webber and Ellen Bunker

Matinicus Recycling and Solid Waste

Please check the attached chart/poster for help figuring out what to do with your rubbish or unwanted items. Call Eva Murray with any questions about disposal of specific items.

It is EXTREMELY important that all islanders and visitors comply with the NO FOOD rule in the trash. We cannot accept food scraps, greasy food wrappers, etc. as they attract rats and other vermin. Remember that on Matinicus, all trash and recycling is handled by your neighbors, volunteering their time and labor, who should not have to deal with the mess made by rats and maggots! Nothing that will rot or stink should ever be left at the sheds.

We can accept most everything EXCEPT food waste, liquids, poop, chemicals and toxins, medical sharps, lobster traps, and large quantities of loose construction/demo debris.

Recycling sheds are open and staffed by volunteers every Saturday at 10:00 am, year-round, and also Friday afternoons in July and August (check for signs with times and exact schedule). Sheds are usually left unlocked in the winter, but they do need to be locked when the island is busy with renters and visitors (you can ask Eva why, if you're interested). If you need access on another day, check with any of the volunteers.

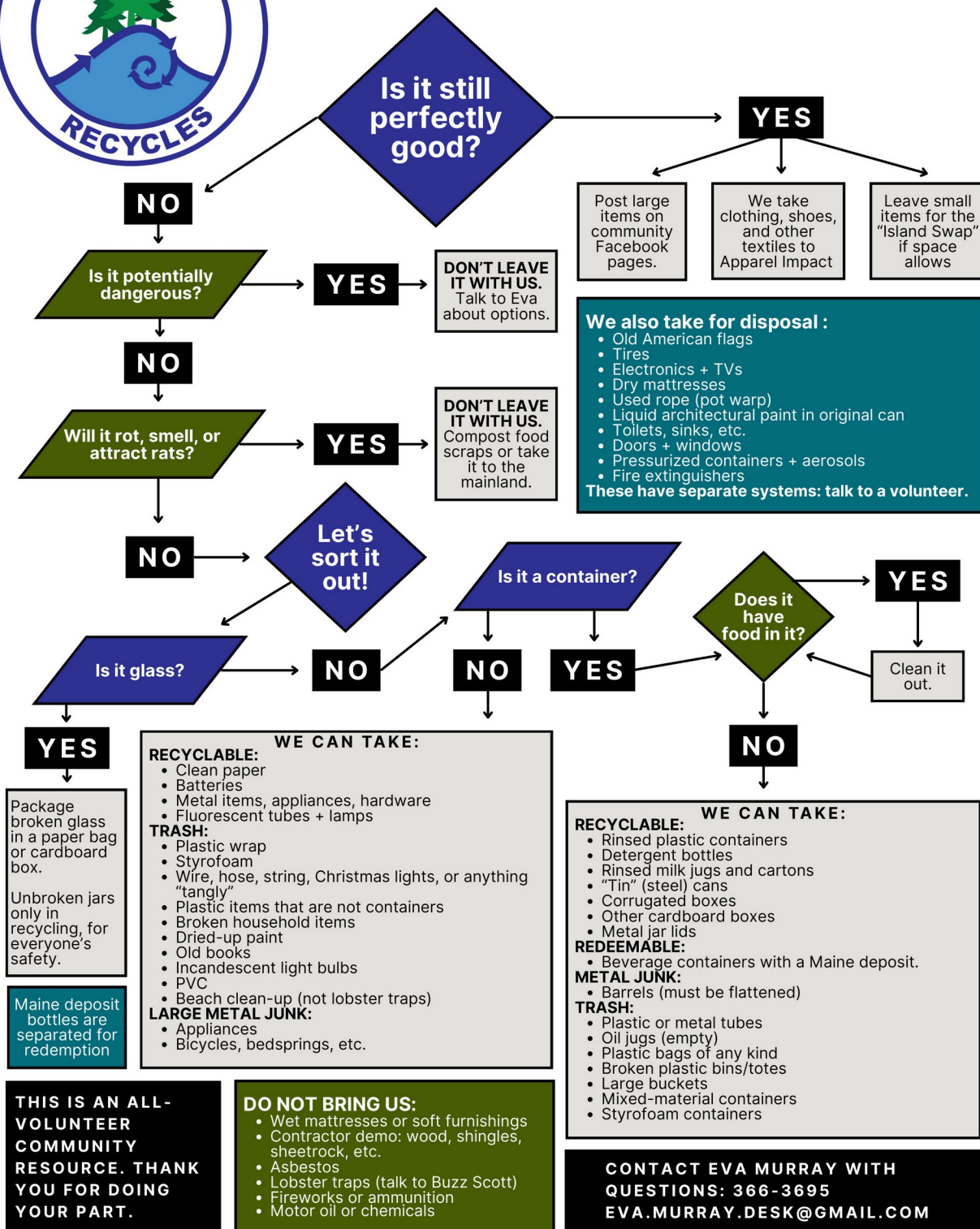
PLEASE do not just drop off trash or broken items outside the sheds! Please call Eva or one of the other volunteers and let us know!

We take all broken appliances but refrigerators MUST be empty! Empty water from washers, water heaters etc., and empty all fuel from lawn mowers, heaters etc.

In April, 2026 we hauled 9460 pounds of used pot warp to a facility in New Bedford, MA that makes the colorful rope available to artists/upcyclers and sends the rotten rope to be shredded for concrete aggregate. This was paid for by grant funding through the Ocean Conservancy and the Rozalia Project, with help from the Center for Coastal Studies and Net Your Problem, all nonprofits working on marine debris. This was reported on by several news media sources in both our area and Massachusetts, including WCAI (Cape Cod area NPR station) and the Midcoast Villager newspaper in the Rockland/Camden area.



WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS?



Emergency Medical Services/First Aid

As of May, 2026 there is one currently licensed emergency responder (emergency medical technician and wilderness first responder) resident on Matinicus Island, that being Eva Murray. There is a small group of others who have identified themselves as willing to help in the event of a medical emergency when available, some with formal training and some without. Availability of medical responders on Matinicus at any particular time depends on many variables, can never be guaranteed, and is never promised. Nobody stands by on duty. Transportation off the island is always weather-dependent even if you are seriously ill.

If you might be available and would be willing to assist with medical response calls, with or without formal training (for example, as lift and carry assist,) please let Eva know.

The island maintains a supply of oxygen, splinting and bandaging needs, and similar basic-level consumable first aid supplies. We do not keep any prescription medications on hand except for Epinephrine (Epi-pens). We also have Narcan, low-dose aspirin (for chest pain,) and there are some common over-the-counter remedies at Eva's.

No wound suturing (stitches,) intravenous access, intubation, cardiac monitoring, or blood sugar testing is offered on the island at this time.

MATINICUS HAD ITS FIRST REAL LIFEFLIGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE this spring, and everything worked well! Volunteers set up the "landing zone" with battery lights at the airstrip, weather cooperated, volunteers helped get the patient to the island airport, and an injured worker was flown to Portland from the island well after dark.

If you believe you need the LifeFlight helicopter on the island, and no trained responder is around to assist, start by calling 911. The Knox County Dispatcher will help you. Getting LifeFlight here is not a matter of "just one phone call"—they need to check weather and availability, accept the mission, and call somebody back. Somebody will need to stay by the phone. Remember that cell signal is unreliable and inconsistent outdoors on Matinicus.

Remember that Penobscot Island Air does NOT fly at night at this time.

CPR classes will be available this summer. Contact Eva Murray if interested.

The island has two new AEDs (automated external defibrillators) purchased by island donations last winter. Thanks to all who contributed. One is mounted in an outdoor box at the first aid shed (except in sub-freezing weather) and one is at Murray's house, behind the kitchen door

Matinicus Isle Plantation Fire Department

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To the Residents and Friends of Matinicus Isle Plantation,

On July 18, 2025, a structure fire occurred at a home on Old Cove Road. The fire was caused by a malfunctioning electrical plug, which ignited a cooler and spread into the kitchen area. Fortunately, an island resident passing by noticed smoke coming from the home and quickly extinguished the flames with a garden hose. Although the structure sustained significant smoke damage, the home itself was saved. That quick action made all the difference. We encourage everyone to regularly inspect electrical cords, plugs, and outlets for signs of wear or damage.

On July 27, 2025, the department held a community volunteer firefighter training focused on fire truck operations and proper water application techniques. We plan to offer additional community training opportunities throughout the coming year. In addition, the Maine Forest Rangers are scheduled to visit the island on July 1 to provide wildfire prevention training, including guidance on trimming vegetation near structures and creating fire breaks. We strongly encourage all residents to attend.

This year, the department will retire its 1972 GMC fire truck after many years of service to the island. Anyone interested in purchasing antique fire apparatus is encouraged to contact the Fire Chief for more information. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Phil Davies for upgrading the electrical system and lighting in the municipal Quonset hut.

A reminder to all residents and visitors: burn permits are required for all open fires and may be obtained online through the State of Maine burn permit system at Maine Burn Permit System (<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/burnpermit/public/index.html>). Weather conditions on Matinicus can change rapidly, and shifting winds can quickly turn a small fire into a dangerous situation. Please keep water, rakes, and shovels nearby whenever burning outdoors. Private fireworks are prohibited on the island.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to keeping our island safe. We wish everyone a safe and healthy 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Messer

Fire Chief

Matinicus Isle Plantation Fire Department

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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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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Dear Friends,

As we turn the page to 2026, I want to extend my sincerest well wishes to your entire community—and to share an update on some of my recent work in Washington. My team and I remain wholeheartedly committed to serving the people of Maine's First District with integrity, responsiveness, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the potential of our great state.

Over the past year, I have proudly sponsored and cosponsored several bills focused on improving the lives and livelihoods of my constituents. I worked to strengthen Maine's fishing and coastal communities through legislation that supports sustainable harvests, helps fishing families adapt to changing ocean conditions, and provides credit access to small businesses tied to the industry. I am leading efforts to protect our communities from PFAS contamination through proposals that fund testing, compensate affected farmers, and support remediation research. I continue to support lowering prescription-drug costs for seniors and protecting access to health care for Maine families—including by defending programs that provide coverage and financial relief.

This year has not been without its challenges. From fighting to protect food assistance to pushing back on the Administration's efforts to roll back climate action, my Democratic colleagues and I have been going to bat for our constituents every day.

As ever, my team and I are ready to assist however we can—whether you have questions about Social Security or Medicare, need help with another federal issue, or just want to share your thoughts and perspectives. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019, or by visiting pingree.house.gov/contact. We're also happy to provide information related to Congress's annual Community Project Funding process, which allows nonprofits and local governments to apply for federal funding for specific projects. For more info, go to pingree.house.gov/communityprojectfunding.

It is my honor to represent you in the U.S. Congress—and to fight for the people and communities that make Maine such a special place to live.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR 2025

Collections by Category

2022 Property Tax	1,097.01
2023 Property Tax	12,252.75
2024 Property Tax	120,992.21
2025 Property Tax	511,693.88

Total Property Tax Collection:

1/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$ 646,035.85
2025 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 7,239.30
Property Tax Interest	\$ 3,678.11
Boat Registrations	\$ 0.00

Total Local Revenue 1/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$ 656,953.26
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Pass-through Revenue	\$ 530.50
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Total Collected 1/1/25 - 12/31/25	\$ 657,483.76
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Licenses and certified records issued by the Plantation Clerk

2026 License Year:

21 dog licenses sold for the 2026 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Murray
clerk

MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION

Unpaid Property Taxes as of 12-31-2025

	Amount Due	Paid After 12-31-25
Ames III, Lavon S	221.16	*
Ames, Carolyn	3.11	
Ames, David A	3,012.17	
Ames, Joan	529.25	
Ames, Marshall	180.66	*
Ames, Weston -	8,186.85	
Bunker, Dorothy C	3,245.02	*
Bunker, Ellen M -	0.68	
Burr, James	57.40	*
Chamberlain, Verna and Gordon	932.29	
Coyne, Richard	1,627.23	
Cutting, Albert & Eileen	940.07	
Deschamps, Rachel	3,845.21	
Dish Network	2.25	
Durgin, Carlene	124.74	
Hoadley, Wm. P	440.69	*
Jeffers, Derek and Dorothy	26.01	*
Johnstone, Andrew	33.48	
Lewis, Stefanie	2,222.94	partial payment
Maresco, Michael and Bretton	0.17	
Miller, Ira & Julie	31.95	
Miller, Janan -	1.00	
MKM Island Lobster Inc Martin Molloy	1.40	*
Molloy, Martin K.	25.91	*
Moody, Monique A	33.93	
Moody, Richard, Heirs of	66.03	
Oakes, Colby	11.79	*
Parsons, Paul	526.64	
Parsons, Stuart	263.79	
Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	4,073.87	
Philbrook, Samantha J	1,728.54	
Price, Sarah	11.16	
Redzone Wireless	342.14	abatement in process
Ross, Deborah	180.00	*
Ross, Deborah & Price, S&P	1,710.76	partial payment
Ryan, Laurie L	82.57	
Young, Dennis	56.88	
Young, M.R & M.K.	1,495.76	abatement in process
Young, Seth	653.37	
TOTAL	36,928.87	

The complete postaudit report for the year ended December 31, 2024 is on file at the Matinicus Town Office. The following pages contain excerpts from that report.

MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024

		General Fund
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	521,603
Receivables:		
Taxes receivable		107,536
Total assets		629,139
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Refundable deposits - vehicles		46,000
Accounts payable		240,316
Payroll		1,656
Interfund payable		13,752
Total liabilities		301,724
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		58,870
Total deferred inflows of resources		58,870
Fund balance:		
Restricted		84,400
Committed		3,901
Unassigned		180,244
Total fund balance		268,545
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance		629,139
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		411,314
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are shown as unavailable revenue in the funds.		58,870
Net position of governmental activities	\$	738,729

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2024

		Budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)	
		Original	Final			
Revenues:						
	Property taxes	\$	424,301	424,301	397,917	(26,384)
	Excise taxes		4,970	4,970	5,143	173
	Intergovernmental - state revenue sharing		1,000	1,000	4,633	3,633
	Intergovernmental - all other		7,975	7,975	28,333	20,358
	Interest earned		-	-	12,664	12,664
	Sale of Town owned personal property		5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
	Miscellaneous (includes donations)		-	-	8,250	8,250
Total revenues			443,246	443,246	456,940	13,694
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Art.#	Description					
7	Plantation personnel and other charges		70,611	70,611	75,095	(4,484)
8	Insurance		7,500	7,500	10,399	(2,899)
9	Fire department		14,000	14,000	4,940	9,060
10,11	Roads		25,000	25,000	12,882	12,118
12	Road projects		7,443	7,443	-	7,443
13	Cemetery maintenance		3,500	3,500	-	3,500
14	Town historian		300	300	-	300
16	Island rescue		2,000	2,000	822	1,178
20	Donations - other agencies		1,165	1,165	3,533	(2,368)
21	Maine Municipal Association dues		2,000	2,000	3,052	(1,052)
24	LURC fees		6,885	6,885	6,823	62
22,23	Animal welfare fund		4,105	4,105	3,761	344
17,18	Solid waste and recycling		32,000	32,000	28,467	3,533
n/a	Vehicle deposit refunds		-	-	2,750	(2,750)
n/a	Capital expenditures - generators		-	200,000	180,487	19,513
n/a	Bad Debt		-	-	835	(835)
Assmt	Overlay		35,383	35,383	-	35,383
Subtotal expenditures			211,892	411,892	333,846	78,046
Other assessments:						
	MSAD #65		146,000	146,000	113,722	32,278
	County tax		40,197	40,197	40,197	-
Total other assessments			186,197	186,197	153,919	32,278
Total expenditures			398,089	598,089	487,765	110,324
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures			45,157	(154,843)	(30,825)	124,018
Other financing sources (uses):						
	Note proceeds		-	200,000	-	(200,000)
	Budgeted use of road reserve		4,843	4,843	-	(4,843)
	Transfer to Electric Company (Art. #4)		(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)			(45,157)	154,843	(50,000)	(204,843)
Net change in fund balance			-	-	(80,825)	(80,825)
Fund balance, beginning of year					349,370	
Fund balance, end of year		\$			268,545	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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Cash Basis

MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION

Trial Balance

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24	
	Debit	Credit
Camden National Business NOW	432,890.54	
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	6,436.73	
Cemetery Trust Fund Savings	145.76	
Indexed Money Market	12,127.65	
Matinicus Tank Farm CD	7,222.84	
Matinicus Community Development	1,972.45	
OM Tank Farm Savings	2,972.93	
Recycle Auto Account	22,866.43	
Road Account	1,929.46	
Accounts Receivable		2,491.97
Accounts Receivable:Taxes receivable	0.00	
Cash on Hand with Tax Collector	0.00	
Prepaid Exp MMA Prop Casualty	0.00	
Taxes Receivable - 2012	0.00	
Taxes Receivable Current Year	85,275.28	
Taxes Receivable Included in AR		110,187.95
Taxes Receivables Prior Years	24,912.67	
Undeposited Funds	2,189.91	
FD Equipment		1,363.64
Furniture and Equipment	1,363.64	
Other Assets	180,486.81	
Accounts Payable	87,200.54	
Deferred Taxes		5,130.00
Due to Power Company		13,752.38
Net Assets Held In Trust - CemF		6,518.00
Payroll Liabilities		1,656.06
Refundable Deposits		46,000.00
Opening Balance Equity		31,801.92
Unrestricted Net Assets		338,099.70
Dog License		171.00
Donations	3,072.00	
Donations -		8,622.00
Donations -:Power Company Donations	0.00	
Emergency Medical Flight		835.00
Government Grants		23,072.00
Government Grants:Homestead Reimbursement		5,215.40
Government Grants:Veterans Exemption Reimbursemen		46.00
Insurance Reimbursement		476.00
Interest Income		12,663.83
Licenses and Fees		100.00
Licenses and Fees:2023 Vehicle Registration	0.00	
Other Income		2,116.52
Other Types of Income:Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	
Payroll Reimbursement	0.00	
Revenue Sharing State of Maine		4,633.40
Tax Revenue		26,870.00
Tax Revenue:Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2023	0.00	
Tax Revenue:Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2024		5,143.38
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2017		1.00
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2021		866.62
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2022		750.30
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2023		23,585.24
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2024		330,698.32
Tax Revenue:Sales - Use Tax		280.54
Vehicle Deposits	0.00	
Animal Control	3,600.00	
Animal Welfare Fund	161.40	
Bad Debt	835.00	
Contract Services:Audit	8,600.00	
County Tax	40,197.00	
Dog License Fees to State	103.00	
Elections	1,654.35	
Facilities and Equipment:Lawn Care	3,000.00	
Fire Department Expense:Fire Chiefs Payroll	4,176.38	

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Cash Basis

MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION

Trial Balance

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24	
	Debit	Credit
Liens	19.00	
LURC Fees	6,823.14	
Matinicus Plantation Electrical		177,254.20
Matinicus Plantation Electrical:MPEC Payroll	62,500.00	
MSAD 65	76,521.54	
Operations:Telephone, Telecommunications	1,577.37	
Other Types of Expenses:Insurance - Liability, D and O	7,551.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Memberships and Dues	1,832.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Other Costs	84.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development	225.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development:Travel and Meetings	575.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development:Travel and Meetings:Conference, Convention, Meeting	140.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development:Travel and Meetings:Travel	80.00	
Payroll Expenses	0.00	
Payroll Expenses:Administrative Assistant	12,359.10	
Payroll Expenses:Assessors	914.44	
Payroll Expenses:Employee Contribution SS, Medi	7,161.43	
Payroll Expenses:Ferry Board Representative	624.12	
Payroll Expenses:State of Maine Withholding	0.00	
Payroll Expenses:Tax Collector	9,498.02	
Payroll Expenses:Town Clerk	141.22	
Payroll Expenses:Treasurer	4,125.17	
Payroll Expenses:Unemployment	41.70	
Payroll Expenses:Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,806.00	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	
Recycle	775.00	
Recycle:Hazardous Waste Removal	5,869.00	
Recycle:Misc	650.00	
Recycle:Remove recyclables and rubbish	18,320.05	
Recycle:Supplies	208.88	
Rescue	822.01	
Roads:Airstrip Maintenance	5,000.00	
Roads:Road Repairs	3,860.23	
Roads:Snowplowing	1,652.00	
Tax Collector Expense	219.00	
Technology:Computer and Software	826.12	
Technology:Website	1,188.00	
Town Clerk Expense	1,139.79	
Town Office:Emergency Management	165.00	
Town Office:Ferry Representative Expense	1,000.29	
Town Office:Maine Islands Coalition'	200.00	
Town Office:Postage, Mailing Service	54.40	
Treasurer's Expense:Payroll Service	3,873.58	
Vehicle Deposit Refund	2,750.00	
Vehicle State Regist Fees	837.00	
TOTAL	1,180,402.37	1,180,402.37

Warrant for 2026 Town Meeting

Matinicus Isle Plantation

May 23, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

To: Residents of Matinicus Plantation, in the County of Knox Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Plantation of Matinicus, in the County of Knox, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Matinicus Elementary School in said Plantation on **Saturday, the 23rd day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, there and then to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if two-thirds of the qualified voters of Matinicus Plantation here present will vote to permit those paying taxes to the Plantation, but not qualified to vote here, to speak at this meeting under the same rules and regulations as the qualified voters.

Article 3: To open the floor to those who wish to address this meeting and who have made arrangements prior to this meeting for such permission.

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for support of the Power Company. Assessors ask for \$170,000. This \$170,000 will be reduced by proceeds from sales of power company equipment no longer in use, as well as grants received between the time of Town Meeting and date of tax commitment.

Article 5: To see if the Town will set the pay of Town Officers, namely: Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters (Assessors suggest \$1,846)

Treasurer (Assessors Suggest \$11,000)
Tax Collector (Assessors Suggest \$9,350)
Deputy Tax Collector (Assessors Suggest \$1,000)
Assessors (Assessors Suggest \$1,846)

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Plantation Personnel and Charges.

Assessors recommendations:

Salaries:

Clerk/Registrar \$1,846.00
Plantation Administrator \$60,000.00
Treasurer \$11,000.00
Tax Collector \$9,350.00
Deputy Tax Collector \$1,000
Assessors- 3 @ \$1,846.00 each \$5,538.00
Ferry Advisory Rep. \$0.00
Social Security/Med. Match \$6,000.00
Unemployment Contrib. \$300.00
Workers Comp \$2,700.00
\$97,734.00

Plantation Expenses:

Clerk/Registrar expenses \$350.00
Treasurer's expenses \$3,100.00
Tax Collector's expenses \$300.00
Assessors' expenses \$0.00
Telephone \$2,000.00
Election costs \$750.00
Technology \$2,400.00

Town Office \$1,000.00

Total Facilities/Equipment \$18,500.00

Staff Development \$1,500.00

\$29,900.00

(Assessors recommend \$127,634.00, with \$7,000.00 from estimated Excise Taxes, \$6,380.00 in estimated State Revenue Sharing, and \$114,254.00 from taxes).

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for insurance coverage on Town buildings and vehicles, Town officials, and Liability coverage. (Assessors recommend \$9,000.00 from taxes.)

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for support of the Fire Department. (Assessors recommend a total of \$11,950.00, with \$8,450.00 from taxes and \$3,500.00 from surplus.)

Article 9: To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate and raise for gravel for the roads. (Assessors recommend a total of \$9,000.00).

Article 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for road maintenance, including plowing, grading and similar upkeep. (Assessors recommend \$11,500.00 from taxes)

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to appropriate from the Capital Improvement Road Account and anticipated MDOT funds for road improvements.

(Assessors recommend \$14,438.92 with \$11,338.92 carried over from the Capital Improvement Road Account, and estimated \$3,100.00 in URIP funds from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2026. Funds in the Capital Improvement Account come from the MDOT and cannot be used for plowing, routine grading, or similar annual upkeep. A “yes” vote will

authorize the Assessors to accept MDOT funds and utilize capital improvement funds carried over from previous years.)

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for cemetery maintenance. (Assessors suggest \$0.00 from taxes).

Article 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses for the Town Historian.(Assessors suggest \$0.00 from taxes).

Article 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses of the Matinicus Chamber of Commerce. (Assessors suggest \$0.00 from taxes).

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Matinicus Island Rescue. (Assessors suggest \$2,500.00 from taxes).

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for Solid Waste and Recycling. (Assessors suggest \$21,200.00 from taxes).

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for a household hazardous waste collection day. (Assessors suggest \$7,500.00 from taxes).

Article 18: To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise to remove unusable “pot warp” from Matinicus. “Pot warp” is rope that is used in lobstering.
(Assessors suggest \$0.00 from taxes)

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise a total of \$1115 for the following organizations:

Island Community Medical Center. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).

Maine Behavioral Health Care. (Assessors suggest \$51.00, as requested, from taxes).

Maine Seacoast Mission. To help pay power costs for the telemedicine unit. (Assessors suggest \$320.00)

LifeFlight of Maine Foundation. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).

South Thomaston Ambulance. (Assessors Suggest \$300.00 from taxes).

Penquis Comm. Action Program. (Assessors suggest \$74.00 from taxes)

Maine Public Broadcasting (Assessors suggest \$100, as requested from taxes)

WIC (Women Infants and Children) (Assessors suggest \$70, as requested from taxes).

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$1,630.00 from taxes for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the Animal Welfare Fund. (Assessors suggest \$140.00 from taxes).

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control.
(Assessors suggest \$4,000.00)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$7,281.00 payable to the State of Maine, as required, for the services of the Land Use Planning Commission.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$17,600.00 from taxes for the Airport Purchase Grant Match.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$42,270.00 from taxes for County Tax.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$21,300.00 from taxes for external contracted services, including audit, legal fees, accounting fees, and outside contracted services.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$16,100.00 from taxes for Generator Expenses, including internet.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$300.00 from taxes for Liens.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$25,000.00 from taxes for Public Works payroll, up to five part-time positions.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$3,000.00 from taxes for Public Works expenses, including tools, supplies, and safety equipment.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$15,000.00 from taxes for Public Works equipment rental, including truck lease costs.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$6,000.00 from taxes for Airstrip Maintenance.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$5,000.00 from taxes for the Town Administrator Travel/Housing Stipend.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$7,000.00 from taxes for Tank Farm Expenses.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$200.00 from taxes for other small non-recurring expenses.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the next fiscal year:

Municipal Revenue Sharing

Local Road Assistance State

Aid to Education

Civil Emergency Funds

Snowmobile Registration Money

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Veterans Exemption Reimbursement

General Assistance Reimbursement

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

State Grants or other funds not covered by the above

(including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief).

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Real and Personal Taxes before being committed to the Tax Collector for collection but not to pay interest on prepayments.

Article 38: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix an interest rate to be charged on such taxes after said date. It is recommended that taxes be due and payable on November 1, 2026 and that the rate of interest to be charged for payment after that date be 7% per annum, the rate set by the Maine State Treasurer.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute Quitclaim deeds on such property.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2026 taxable year in anticipation of taxes or other revenues due in said 2026 taxable year, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Town, said loans to be repaid during the 2026 taxable year.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2026 taxable year in anticipation of Power Company revenue and/or revenues raised and appropriated for the Power Company by the Town, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Power Company, said loans to be repaid during the 2026 taxable year.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to allow all balances to lapse into surplus to the extent permitted by law.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from surplus those monies necessary to conduct Plantation business from January 2nd of 2027 until the 2027 Town Meeting. Such monies shall not exceed 50% of the 2026 budget for each specific category, and shall be limited to those categories with balances lapsed into surplus or remaining in a special fund at the end of fiscal 2026.

Article 44: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$5,000.00 dollars or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Article 45: To choose an Assessor to serve for three years.

Article 46: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 47: To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 48: To choose a Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters for the ensuing year.

Article 49: To choose a Director of MSAD #65 to serve for three years.

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors fill the following offices by appointment, and require the Assessors to post the list of appointees on the Town Bulletin Board by May 30th:

Plantation Administrator

Cemetery Committee

Animal Control Officer

Health Officer

Chamber of Commerce

Road Commissioner

Fire Warden

Town Historian

Rescue Director

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Assessors to repay Bond Loan approved at the Special Town Meeting December 7th, 2024 for the Matinicus Plantation Electric Company re-power project. The repayment schedule is estimated to be as follows: Repayment amount \$950,000, over a 15 year term, at a variable interest rate of between 3.749% and 4.897% for principal and interest in the amount of \$66,844.93. The next payment is interest only in the amount of \$15,091.25 due May 1st, 2027.

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a loan or loans in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, for the purposes of paying remaining obligations related to the Matinicus Plantation Electric Company re-power project, including tank removal, tank cleaning, transformer cleaning, and related project costs, said loan or loans to be repaid over a term not to exceed three years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Plantation Indebtedness:

- A. Outstanding principal balance of bonds previously issued: \$950,000.00
- B. Bonds/loans authorized and unissued: \$0.00
- C. Anticipated amount of loans to be issued: \$30,000.00

Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 7% for a three (3) year maturity, the estimated cost of this loan will be:

Total Principal: \$30,000.00

Total Interest: \$4,095.51

Total Debt Service: \$34,095.51

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.



Treasurer

Matinicus Isle Plantation

Article 53: To see what date, time and place the Town will vote to hold the 2027 Annual Town Meeting. (Suggest Saturday, May 22, 2027 at 6:00 p.m., at the Matinicus Elementary School)

Dated: MAY 15, 2026

Clyde L. Phillips

Laurie Wetters

Ellen Butler

Plantation Assessors

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: Carl M. Murray
Clerk of Matinicus Plantation