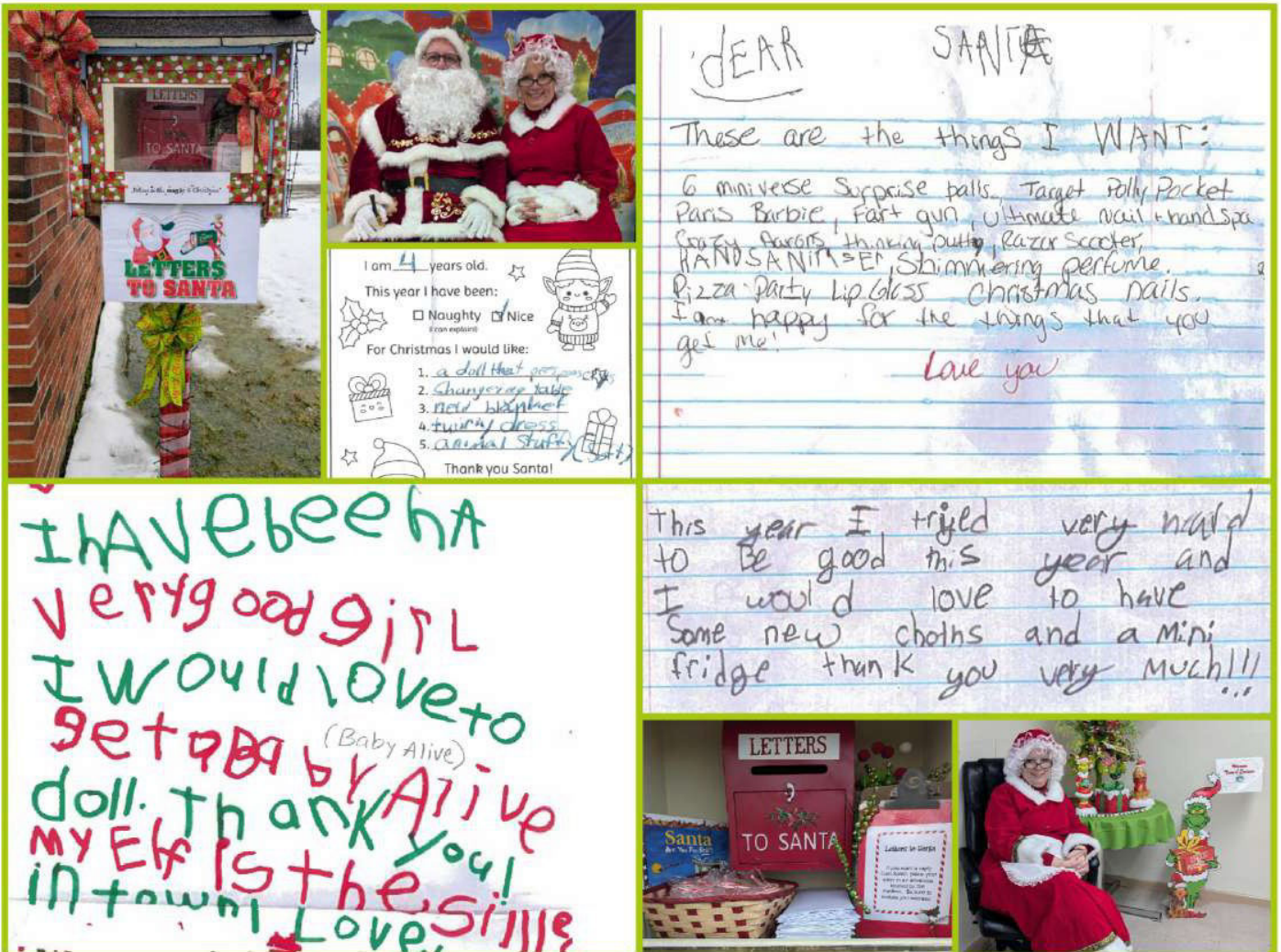


Town of Chelsea Annual Report

July 1, 2023 ~ June 30, 2024



Chelsea believes in the magic of Christmas

DEDICATION



The Chelsea Selectboard is proud to dedicate this year's annual report to

STEPHEN MACDONALD

Born in Augusta, Stephen has dedicated over thirty years of his life to firefighting. Starting a firefighter career in 1994 and currently holding the officer role of Lieutenant with the Chelsea Fire Department, he has not only dedicated numerous hours to calls and trainings, he also consistently works behind the scenes researching and writing grants to obtain funding or equipment for the department. He never takes any pay for his services but instead donates it back to unfortunate families in town so that those in need are able to get basic life necessities such as heat and food.

Graduating at the top of his class in 1980, Stephen earned his oil burner, solid fuel, coal, wood and refrigeration license while still in high school. In 1981, he joined the National Guard where he served until 2000. From 1988 to 2020, Stephen built a career at Bath Iron Works. In 2018, Stephen was instrumental in putting the Chalmers Sawmill (from Albion) back together when it arrived at the Windsor Fair. This water-powered mill has been his baby since then, as he spends countless hours taking care of it year-round and giving presentations every day of the Windsor Fair.

His commitment to firefighting, his generosity toward families in need, and his passion for preserving history through the Chalmers Sawmill are truly inspiring. It's rare to find someone who gives so selflessly, not only through direct service but also behind the scenes, ensuring his department has the resources to thrive.

His impact on Chelsea and beyond is profound, and it's heartwarming to see his efforts recognized. People like Stephen remind us that true leadership is built on generosity, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to helping others. He deserves immense gratitude for all he has done!

Administration

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	9:00 am to 4:45pm
Thursday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS/

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Jason Mills	Term to June 2024
Michael Pushard, Chair	Term to June 2025
Jacob Soucy	Term to June 2026

Administration

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Christine Landes	Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator, Agent for BMV, Cemetery Superintendent
Cheryl Mitchell/Sally Lester	Town Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy General Assistance Administrator, Registrar of Voters, Freedom of Access Officer, Vital Records Agent, Agent for BMV
Sandra Devaney/Sophia Lapointe	Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Office Clerk
Shawn Ramage	Fire Chief, EMA Director
James Gagnon	Assistant Fire Chief
Phil Alexander	Deputy Fire Chief
Greg Lumbert	Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector, E911 Addressing Office and Health Officer
Gretchen Patrick	Animal Control Officer

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: The Selectboard meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at The Town Office. Date is subject to change due to conflicting schedules and events.

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at The Town Office. Date is subject to change due to conflicting schedules and events.

BOARD OF APPEALS

5 MEMBERS ELECTED TO STAGGERED ONE YR TERMS

Richard Danforth	Term to June 2024
Travis McGuire	Term to June 2024
Tamra Pierce	Term to June 2024
Ben Smith	Term to June 2024
Vacant	June 2024

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

5 MEMBERS ELECTED

STAGGERED 3 YR TERM

ALL VACANT**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

7 MEMBERS—4 APPOINTED ANNUALLY TO ONE YEAR TERM

3 MEMBER ELECTED STAGGERED 3 YR TERMS

APPOINTED

Dorothy Grady	Term to June 2024
Scott Grady	Term to June 2024
Joseph Moore	Term to June 2024
Vacant	June 2024

ELECTED

Vacant	Term to June 2025
Vacant	Term to June 2025
Vacant	Term to June 2025

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Robert Giffen	Term to June 2024
Dorothy Grady	Term to June 2024
Scott Grady	Term to June 2024
Allen Hallett	Term to June 2024
Michael Lemelin	Term to June 2024
Palmer Sargent	Term to June 2024

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE5 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TO STAGGERED 3 YR TERMS

Scott Grady	Term to June 2024
Vacant	Term to June 2024
Vacant	Term to June 2024
Vacant	Term to June 2024
Vacant	Term to June 2024

PLANNING BOARD

7 MEMBERS ELECTED TO STAGGERED 3 YEAR TERMS

Joel Alexander, Chair	Term to June 2025
Dustin Freeman	Term to June 2024
Dwight Holbrook	Term to June 2024
Daniel Lambert	Term to June 2024
Roland Quirion	Term to June 2024
Vacant	June 2024
Vacant	June 2024

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE5 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE ROAD COMMISSIONER &
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

STAGGERED 3 YR TERMS

John Gorja	Term to June 2025
Scott Grady	Term to June 2025
Hank Mastrianno	Term to June 2025
Henry Truman	Term to June 2025

AD HOC AGE-FRIENDLY CHELSEA COMMITTEE

Wilma Ware, Chair	Dorothy Grady, Co-Chair
	Lori Milner, Secretary
Marion Bowman	Andrea Sargent
Patti Fredette	Mary Szwec
Cindy Malcom	

AD HOC 175th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Dorothy Grady, Chair	John Begin, Co-Chair
Missy Begin	Andrea Sargent
Marion Bowman	Sheri Truman
Lisa Erickson	Alpha Williams
Pat Finale	Lauire Williams

SVRSU #12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Cote	Term to June 2026
Richard Danforth, Co-Chair	Term to June 2025
Vacant	June 2024

SHEEPSHOT VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT OFFICIALS

SUPERINTENDENT, SVRSU # 12	HOWARD TUTTLE
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	ALLISON MEYERS

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAINE LEGISLATURE

DISTRICT 88

Michael Lemelin	State Representative
Capitol Address:	House Minority Office
	Room 332, State House
	2 State House Station
	Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

MAINE SENATE

DISTRICT 14

Craig Hickman	State Senator
	(207) 287-1515
	3 State House Station
	Augusta, Maine 04333

CLERK'S REPORT

The Town of Chelsea Municipal Officers recently approved the limitation of certain transactions within a half hour of the town office closing. Examples of these transactions may include marriage licenses, marriage intentions, new resident registrations, new vehicles, certain private sales with recreational vehicles or automobiles, etc. (List not totally inclusive.) The office understands that each of you have certain available time frames for transactions, so it is best to call ahead so the clerk may determine if your transaction can be adequately completed thirty minutes prior to closure.

As a reminder, the office is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30-4:30 and Wednesday 8:30-6:00. Phone 207-582-4802 560 Togus Road Chelsea, ME 04330

To the Residents of Chelsea:

The internet has made life more convenient for residents who continue to use Rapid Renewal **<https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>** to register their motor vehicles and trailers online; and for those who use the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife website **www.informe.org/moses** to purchase their sports licenses and register their boats, snowmobiles and ATV's.

In addition to the services above for your convenience, you can pay your taxes on line by going to the town website **www.chelseamaine.org** and click on the links.

You may also go to our website and view tax cards by accessing from a link available under assessing.

VOTER INFORMATION

Municipal Election Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Polls open 8am – 8pm Chelsea Town Office

Annual Town Meeting Thursday, June 10, 2025 6:30 pm Chelsea Elementary School Gym

Referendum Election November 4, 2025 Polls open 8am – 8pm, we are hoping to hold that at the Chelsea Town Office

Residents that have not registered to vote and wish to vote in an upcoming election must show proof of identity and residency in Chelsea in accordance with Title 21-A, Section 121, (1A). This is for anyone, at anytime, wishing to register. Registration will also be permitted at the polls on Election Day from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Enrollment in a political party was once required to vote for a candidate in a Primary Election, however due to a recent change in the law, if you are registered as “Unenrolled” you may have your pick of the party which has a candidate running for that office.

Absentee voting at the Town Office is available for residents who would like to vote by absentee ballot. The Town Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Voters by Pary Affiliation:

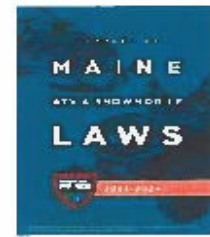
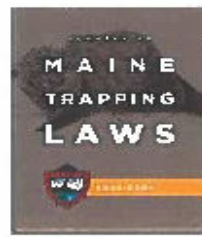
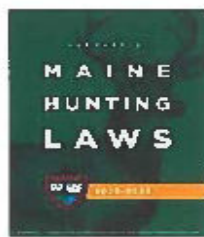
Unenrolled 801 - Democrats 566 - Green 113 - Republican 769 - Libertarian 8
No Labels 17
Total Chelsea Voters 2274

ATV Registrations	July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024	109
Boat Registrations	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	74
Hunting/Fishing LLC	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	100
Snow Mobile Registrations	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	73



In the **State of Maine**, an **oversized ATV** is defined as one that is wider than **65 inches** or weighs more than **2,000 pounds**. Additionally, **nonresidents cannot register oversized ATVs** under any circumstances². Therefore, if you are considering registering an ATV in Maine, ensure it meets these specifications to avoid legal issues.

65 inches ATV Width



Using the digital format of Maine's law summaries is easy and convenient! Digital lawbooks allow you to review current laws, confirm legal hunting hours, look up best practices and more – from anywhere, anytime!



MEFISHWILDLIFE.COM/LAWS

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING TO REGISTER OUR NEW CAR??

New Registrations (private sale) Customer to provide:

***All vehicles that are 25 years old and newer must have title from previous owner signed over to the new owner and signed off by all owners on the front

***A valid bill of sale Must list year, make and model, VIN, who vehicle was sold to (full name) and address, for the amount of \$-----, signed by both parties (buyer/seller), seller's full name and address

***Accurate mileage

***Proof of insurance which must have an effective date the same as or prior to the date of registration.

Bill of Sale

Date: _____

I/We sell/gift one _____, _____, _____ Current Mileage: _____
Year Make Model

Vin # _____, to _____

And _____ for the sum of \$ _____

Seller address: _____

Seller (1) Signature

Buyer (1) Signature

Seller (2) Signature

Buyer (2) Signature

Printed name of seller(s)

Printed name of buyer(s)

Seller's address

Buyer's address

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MAINE

VEHICLE ID NUMBER 98WDE61062	YEAR 02	MAKE VOLK	MODEL GTI/33	BODY 2H	TITLE NUMBER 1
NEW/USED USED	PURCHASE DATE 03/23/06	ISSUE DATE 05/03/06	PRIOR TITLE MA	ODOMETER 20461 MI	ACTUAL MILEAGE

OWNER

SECRETARY OF STATE

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

FIRST LIENHOLDER	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
SECOND LIENHOLDER	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
THIRD LIENHOLDER	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF MAINE LAW - KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE - NOT IN VEHICLE

CONTROL NUMBER
L9140333

VOID IF ALTERED

WARNING: Federal and Maine law requires that you state the mileage in connection with a transfer of ownership. Failure to complete the Odometer Disclosure Statement or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

ASSIGNMENT OF OWNERSHIP

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title was transferred to (PRINT):

Name(s) _____ Zip _____ Date of Sale _____

Address _____

ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I state that the odometer now reads _____ (NO TENTHS) and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

☐ In Excess: I certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits. (The odometer started at zero again.)

☐ Not Actual: I certify that the odometer reading is not the actual miles.

SELLER'S SIGNATURE AND DATES

Seller's signature _____ Date _____

Seller's signature (printed) _____ Date _____

Seller's address (PRINT) _____ Zip _____

LIENHOLDER TO BE SHOWN ON NEW TITLE (If no lien, print NONE)

Lienholder's name _____ Date of Lien _____

Lienholder's address _____ Zip _____

BUYER(S): DO NOT SIGN BELOW UNTIL ALL SECTIONS ABOVE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED. SIGNING BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MADE BY THE SELLER(S).

Signature(s) of buyer(s) _____ Date _____

RE-ASSIGNMENT BY LICENSED DEALER ONLY

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title was transferred to (PRINT):

Name(s) _____ Zip _____ Date of Sale _____

Address _____

ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I state that the odometer now reads _____ (NO TENTHS) and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the Actual Mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

☐ In Excess: I certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits. (The odometer started at zero again.)

☐ Not Actual: I certify that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage. **WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY**

Seller's signature _____ Date _____

Seller's signature (printed) _____ Date _____

Seller's address (PRINT) _____ Zip _____

LIENHOLDER TO BE SHOWN ON NEW TITLE (If no lien, print NONE)

Lienholder's name _____ Date of Lien _____

Lienholder's address _____ Zip _____

BUYER(S): DO NOT SIGN BELOW UNTIL ALL SECTIONS ABOVE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED. SIGNING BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MADE BY THE SELLER(S).

Signature(s) of buyer(s) _____ Date _____

LIENHOLDER SECTION ONLY - AFFIDAVIT OF REPOSSESSION - LIENHOLDER SECTION ONLY

I, _____ of _____ Date _____

(Lienholder) (Address)

certify that there was due from _____ (Debtor)

a valid lien dated _____ on the motor-vehicle described on the face of this certificate:

I further certify that default having been made in the payment of the loan that:

Check One

☐ the debtor voluntarily surrendered the possession of this motor vehicle to the undersigned lienholder on _____ (Date)

☐ the undersigned lienholder seized this motor vehicle without process of the law on _____ (Date) under authority of the conditions of the loan contract

The undersigned lienholder further certifies that the vehicle described herein was lawfully repossessed under the terms of the security agreement and in full accord with pertinent Maine Statutes.

(Name of Lienholder) (Authorized Signature)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The lien must be released on the face of the title

THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Before me personally appeared _____ who by being duly sworn under oath says the statements set forth above are true and correct. Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____

Maine this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Notary Public

MVT-1 ANY FALSE STATEMENT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE
ANY CHANGE OR ERASURE WILL VOID THIS TITLE.

Buyer info goes in this location

Seller's signs and dates

Buyer signs and dates

here

GEICO California Evidence of Liability Insurance
1-800-841-3000

GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
P.O. Box 509090 • San Diego, CA 92150-9090

NAIC Code: 35882

Policy Number 4614-70-70-42	Effective Date 12-13-10	Expiration Date 06-13-20
Year 2010	Make NISSAN	Model MURANO

Insured:
Alyssa L. Servel
4952 Comanche Dr
LA Mesa CA 91942-8102

Vehicle ID No.
JNB6Z1MU7AW009052

The coverage provided by this policy meets the minimum requirements of sections 16556 & 16500.5 of the California Vehicle Code, minimum liability limits prescribed by law.

New Registrations (dealer sale) Customer to provide:

- ***Copy of title application (blue paper provided by dealer), current mileage
- ***Itemized statement of charges from dealer
- ***Window sticker (Maroney Label)
- ***Proof of insurance which must have an effective date the same as or prior to the date of registration.

New Registrations (dealer sale) lease agreement:

- ***Copy of title application (blue paper provided by dealer), current mileage
- ***Itemized statement of charges from dealer
- ***Window sticker (Maroney Label)
- ***Proof of insurance which must have an effective date the same as or prior to the date of registration.
- ***Copy of Lease Agreement

New Registrations (dealer sale) lease buy out:

- ***Copy of title application (blue paper provided by dealer), current mileage
- ***Itemized statement of charges from dealer (sales info sheet)
- ***Old registration
- ***Proof of insurance which must have an effective date the same as or prior to the date of registration.

New Registrations (from another state)

- ***Title/copy of lease agreement, current mileage
- ***If car financed, we will need all information on lien holder, name, mailing address
- ***Current registration from previous resident state
- ***Proof of insurance which must have an effective date the same as or prior to the date of registration.

Register/Re-register: Customer required to bring the following:

- ***Current registration
- ***Accurate mileage
- ***Current proof of insurance

Transfer of Tags:

- ***Current registration form
- ***Mileage
- ***Proof of insurance
- ***Along with all other information on new vehicle option above

TOWN CLERK REPORT

BIRTHS 22
MARRIAGES 28
DEATHS 18

Tribute is paid to the following residents and others whose deaths were recorded from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Decedent Name	Age	Resident Town	Town of Death	Date of Death
Anderson, Kendrick A.	81	Chelsea	Chelsea	04/23/2024
Beaudry, Lorraine E.	85	Chelsea	Chelsea	05/08/2024
Brown, Graham Francis	87	Chelsea	Augusta	11/30/2023
Bulley,Patricia Ann	83	Chelsea	Chelsea	10/20/2023
Chabot, Reginald George	63	Chelsea	Augusta	01/24/2024
Clark, James Reginald Jr.	73	Chelsea	Portland	09/06/2023
Clyatt,Jimmy Wayne	74	Chelsea	Portland	07/08/2023
DeMarco,Angela	82	Chelsea	Chelsea	10/27/2023
Denis,Margaret Pauline	70	Waterville	Chelsea	02/11/2024
Doody,Laurie Ann	58	Chelsea	Chelsea	03/19/2024
Foss,Frank C. Jr.	28	Dresden	Chelsea	07/23/2023
Gaboury,Romeo R. Jr.	74	Chelsea	Chelsea	11/07/2023
Garand,Magella Joseph	76	Chelsea	Chelsea	07/21/2023
Golden,Alice M	83	Chelsea	Chelsea	08/17/2023
Kennedy,Jeannette Mary	77	Chelsea	Auburn	11/05/2023
MacMaster,Thomas C Jr.	54	Chelsea	Chelsea	10/17/2023
Martin,Kevin James	27	Jefferson	Chelsea	08/16/2023
Monroe,Steven Eric	60	Chelsea	Chelsea	02/08/2024
Myers,William Lawrence	77	Chelsea	Augusta	04/16/2024
Pinkham,Linda Marie	79	Chelsea	Augusta	11/19/2023
Pinkham,Peter Edward	67	Chelsea	Augusta	03/12/2024
Smith,Harry Edward	88	Chelsea	Togus USVA	07/21/2023
Smith,Melissa L	64	Chelsea	Lewiston	02/18/2024
St. Pierre,William J Jr.	39	Chelsea	Portland	05/22/2024
Strout,Robert Linwood Sr.	90	Chelsea	Togus USVA	09/02/2023
Turner,Miriam	81	Chelsea	Augusta	03/06/2024
Vokes,Dorothy Anna	90	Chelsea	Augusta	01/29/2024
Young,Russell Edwin Jr.	74	Chelsea	Chelsea	05/17/2024

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

TOWN OFFICE:	PHONE: 582-4802 FAX: 588-0025
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	458-8361
FIRE CHIEF: SHAWN RAMAGE:	623-7648
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:	592-7073



Credit/Debit cards are accepted, however, the company which processes all municipal card payments does charge a fee of 2.5% of your total charge as a processing fee.

SHEEPSCOT VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT OFFICIALS

SUPERINTENDENT, SVRSU # 12
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

HOWARD TUTTLE
ALLISON MEYERS

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The duty of the assessors' agent is to assess all land and buildings within the Town of Chelsea in accordance with just value. Each year the assessor will conduct sales ratio study which compares current home values with sales from recent years. In addition to valuing a property, the assessor is responsible for following up on building permits with a site visit, determining the exemption status of a property, and determining classification status of a property such as Tree-Growth, Farm Space, or Open Space. To schedule an appointment, please use the sign sheet located in the front office.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled to up to a \$25,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. Forms are available in the Town Office.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for \$6,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation).

The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for 100% disability, either service or non-service connected.

Applications forms can be obtained in the Town Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Chelsea who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence in the town.

Sincerely,

Joe Murphy, CMA

Murphy Appraisal Services Inc.

CHELSEA

Code Enforcement/Health Officer report July 2023 to June 2024

For this period, I issued 69 building permits, 10 CMP 1190 forms, 2 demolition permits, 3 occupancy permits, and 42 plumbing and septic system permits for new structures and upgrades on existing structures. Several septic inspections were also completed. All construction; in Chelsea, should meet Maine Uniform Building Codes. I received 741 calls for various questions regarding codes and ordinances. In addition, I answered and responded to many emails regarding code enforcement issues.

The following state laws went into effect in July 2024. LD1706 is An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units and LD2003 is An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions. The Planning Board, Selectboard and I have been working on revisions as it relates to these laws and our current town ordinances. (Update: All changes were voted on and approved at the annual town meeting in 2024.)

The residential minimum lot size is now 1.38 acres with road frontage being 100 feet and setbacks to sides and rear property lines 10 feet and twenty feet back from the town right of way distance. To add an additional dwelling 23,000 feet are required for each additional dwelling and must meet all setback distances and comply with all state plumbing codes. Previously the ordinance required 2 acres and 200 feet of road frontage for residential dwellings.

Commercial property in Chelsea requires a minimum lot size of 1.38 acres and 100 feet of road frontage. The sides and rear setback distance from the property lines is 25 feet. The front setback distance is 50 feet from the edge of the town right of way.

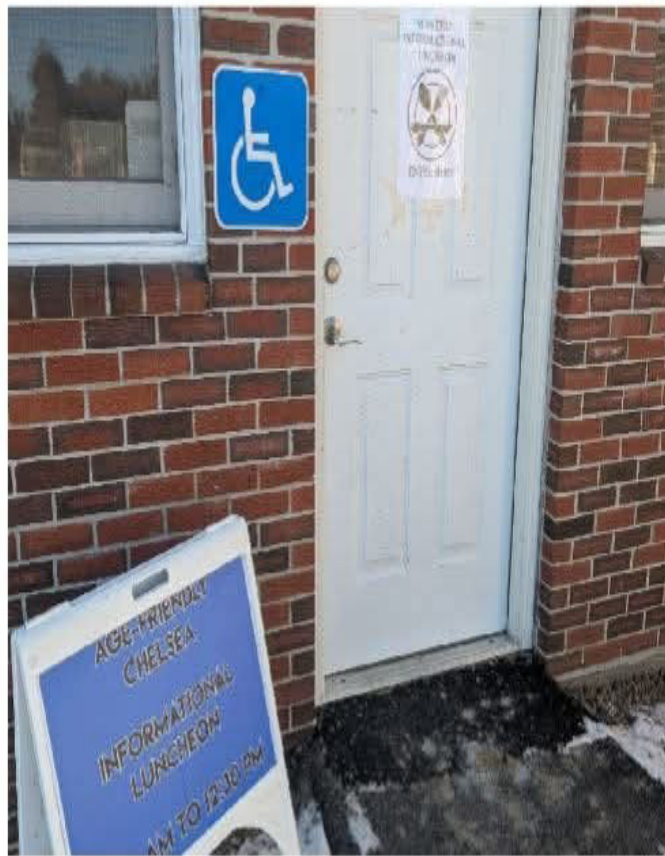
I attend Planning Board meetings in person and stay in constant contact with the Chairperson and Town Manager on various issues in town. The selectboard has heard cases in town where no action has been taken by property owners after my visits. This is the last stop before court action. In many cases the selectboard has given extra time and time guidelines to complete tasks. This has been successful in most cases when people show up at the meeting. However, in some cases people do not show up and ignore the process. Those people will be taken to court as time goes on. In this period, I have been to court many times over violations of our ordinances.

Many residents have been cooperative in complying with the dangerous building law and junkyard law. However, there is still much more work to do in town. The town has been seeking legal action in cases where people will not comply after a long chain or try to negotiate without court action. It is a slow process and can be expensive for the town to remove these dangerous buildings and junk yards. The selectboard and Town Manager support cleaning up these properties in violation. I am currently working on 26 illegal junkyard cases at various locations.

My contact information is as follows: chelseaceo@chelseamaine.org or cell phone 592-7073. Please reach out for any of your questions. I may not have the answer but will get it for you.

Respectfully Yours,

Greg Lumbert, Code Enforcement/Health Officer



Dear Residents & Town Officials,

As we wrap up another year, the Chelsea Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank our community for your ongoing support. In 2024, our dedicated team of volunteers responded to 106 emergency calls, ranging from structure fires and motor vehicle accidents to medical assists and storm-related incidents.

Training continues to be a cornerstone of our department. This year, several members successfully completed Firefighter I and II, including Jessica Kane, Andrew Stover, Scott Lessard, and Kim Whittemore. These certifications involve rigorous hands-on and classroom training in fire suppression, search and rescue, hazardous materials, and more. In total, our department logged over 2500 hours of training to ensure we're prepared to serve safely and effectively. I would like to thank our members for their dedication and hard work this past year.

The town apparatus and emergency equipment continue to be in working order. We are looking forward to the arrival of our new tanker pumper truck that will take the place of the previous tank 2. The new apparatus should be arriving by mid-July 2025.

As we look ahead, we would like to remind residents to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms regularly – test them monthly, replace the batteries at least twice a year, and replace the units entirely if they are past their expiration dates.

Please also remember that burning permits are required for any open burning. Permits help us to ensure conditions are safe and prevent unnecessary emergency calls. You can obtain your permit online through wardensreport.com or Maine State Site- apps1.web.maine.gov.

The department holds weekly meetings on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Hallowell Road station. Please reach out or stop by if you are interested in learning more about joining the department.

Wishing everyone a continued safe and healthy 2025!

Spencer Gagnon, Fire Chief

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Once again, the municipal fiscal year has cycled around and all of the team members that serve the town of Chelsea continue to work together to provide the most service for your tax dollars. In determining how and what services are provided, the manager's office analyzes past history on budgets and looks at future growth predicted for the town. This isn't always an exact science but most of the time we will put forth an annual budget that is fair and palatable.

This year the front office saw a turnover of staff with some retiring and others moving on to other careers. With this change, the office hired three new team members that were also new to the municipal government world. There has been a lot of training and one-on-one mentoring, but things have quickly come up to speed. The office wishes Cheryl the best in retirement, and we welcome new team members; Sally, Sophia and Dot. They each have strengths that will compliment each other nicely. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them for any help you may need.

I continue to work with the Code Enforcement Officer to address property violations across the town. A lot of the cases involve junkyards and dangerous buildings. Once a property owner has been warned, and if the warning is not taken seriously, the town has been moving forward with allowing the town attorney to file court motions. Violations on properties should never get to this point, but failing to work with the town to address the deficiencies will result in the court ruling on the issue. Please, if you ever have questions on land use, reach out to the Code Enforcement Officer so you do not find yourself in a bind.

This past year the town started reviewing its Comprehensive Plan. As a two-year process, the volunteer committee members have diligently worked on making this state mandate complete. It is hoped that the final plan will be ready for the Town Meeting in June of 2026.

I will end this annual report with my yearly plea..... Can you give just a little time to your town? Will you serve on a board or committee? You can make a difference in the future of this community! Please see the Town Clerk for more information.

Yours in service:

Christine M. Landes

Town Manager

Age-Friendly Chelsea

“Did You Know?”

The Age-Friendly Chelsea Committee, formed in July 2021, swiftly initiating multiple projects. They started a walking group, monthly informational luncheons, a community concert, and applied for grants. By March 2022, they joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and created an action plan.

Collaborations included a resource guide with Chelsea Heart & Soul, new resident packets, and a historical sign for Butternut Park with the Chelsea Historical Society. The summer event featured the sign's dedication, games, and a themed lunch. Preparations involved park cleanup and picnic table installations, along with reintroducing butternut trees. A Summer Concert Series was planned for six monthly concerts from May to October. This required sponsors, food trucks, and setting up a large tent for each concert. A concert promoter was hired to organize a lineup of bands.

In September, three committee members joined AmeriCorps and took on additional community responsibilities. The year ended with a dessert auction fundraiser with the annual community dinner and tree lighting and began the first quarterly Chat with the Manager.

The Age-Friendly Chelsea Committee continues its efforts to enhance Chelsea as a place to live, work, and play. Meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. at the town office. Other volunteer opportunities are available if a monthly commitment doesn't fit your schedule.

2023 saw further committee activities. A cookbook was published and quickly sold out; a chocolate bar fundraiser was conducted. Topics presented by committee members at the AmeriCorps Volunteer Conference in April included luncheons and cookbook fundraisers. The Reading Connection, an intergenerational reading program, began in April. The committee purchases books read to students by guest readers and donates them to the school library.

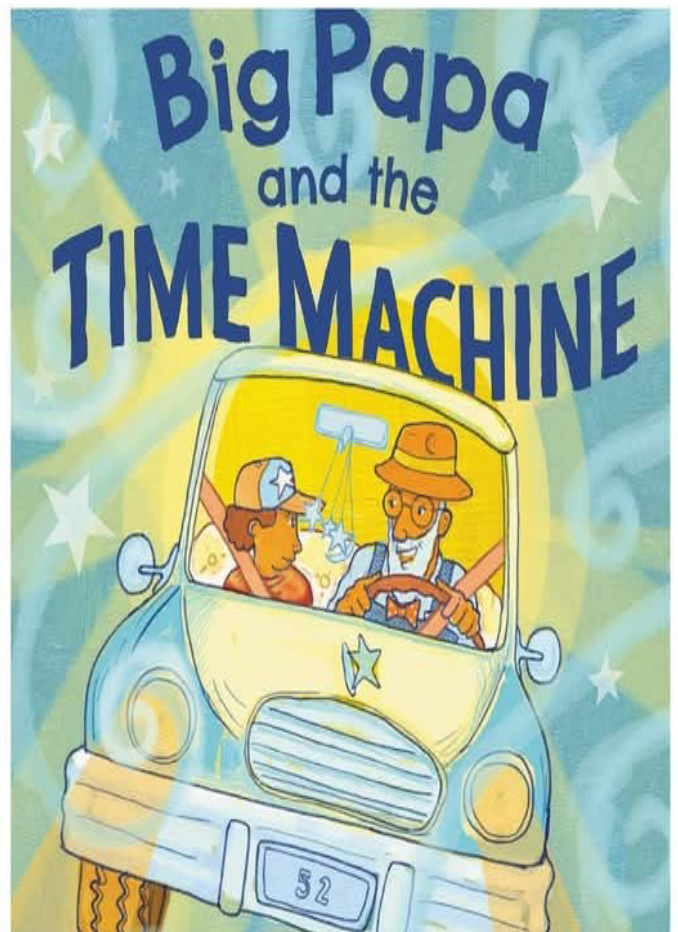
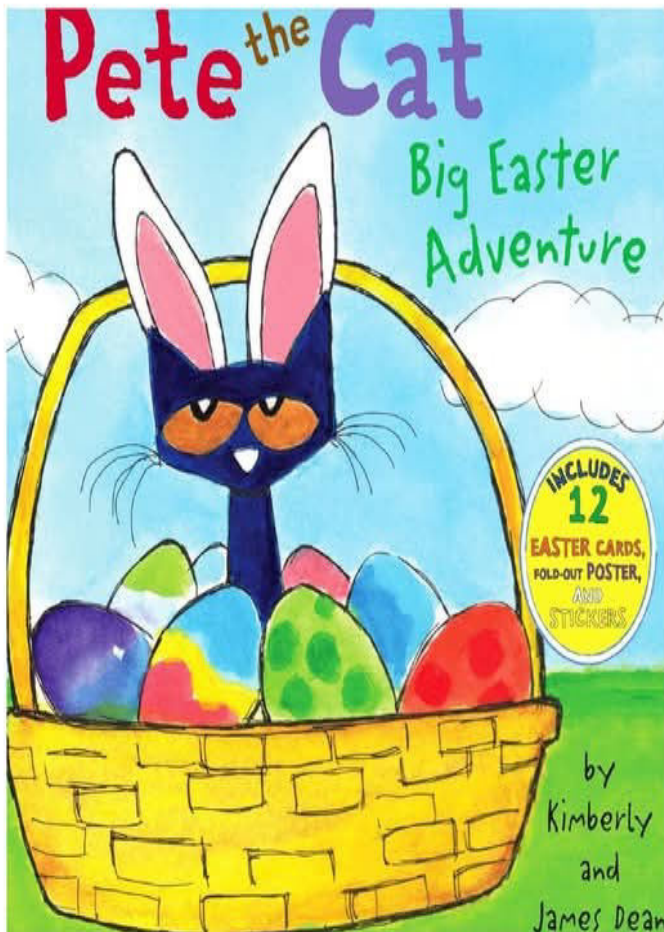
Summer activities included working with Girl Scout Troop #1076 on Butternut Park cleanup and installing a dog waste station, hosting Regional Age-Friendly meetups, presenting at the Lifelong Maine annual conference on volunteers, and the Summer Concert Series. Collaboration with Spectrum Generations offered the Commodities Supplemental Food Program to Chelsea residents, assisting with applications and food box pickup. With funding from the AARP Community Challenge Grant, a Community Garden was created with raised boxes near the town office, and handicap accessible mats were purchased for the Chelsea School Garden. A Dementia Inclusive Grant funded items for dementia patients at the Togus VA. Additionally, an information kiosk and two bench/picnic tables were installed at Butternut Park, and Chelsea Remembrance Day was hosted with the Chelsea Historical Society.

Autumn 2023 included one member becoming a Lifelong Maine Fellow and mentoring another town. A new quarterly town newsletter was created. Monthly informational luncheons covered topics such as “Pathways to Wellbeing with Dementia.” The year concluded with another dessert auction fundraiser and the establishment of a Warming/Cooling Center at the town office for use during power outages.

2024 began with “12 Months of Giving”. February's informational luncheon was a Dementia Inclusive event, with food and table settings provided by the University of Maine Lifelong Fellows Program. The Reading to Connect program, where volunteers read “good news” stories to dementia patients at Togus, started in February. The Chelsea Community Garden reopened in spring with additional planters and sponsors. Three members attended the Conference for Lifelong Leaders, with presentations on luncheons and the warming/cooling center. A committee member completed fellowship mentoring, leading to another town joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Chelsea Summer Concert Series continued into its third year. In the fall, The Reading Connection resumed, quickly filling all 30 slots. An information table was shared with the 175th Celebrations Committee at the PTA Craft Fair. Monthly informational luncheons continue at the Chelsea Town Office. An end-of-year fundraiser featuring home-baked pies was successful.

Age-Friendly participated in the Christmas Social and Tree lighting at the town office, coordinating a card-making table for veterans and involving the school art teacher and students in creating cards. In total, 86 handmade cards were delivered to the Togus VA. The Twelve Months of Giving in Chelsea continues.



The Reading Connection
March 5, 2025
Staff from the Chelsea Town Office read *Pete the Cat Big Easter Adventure* to Pre-K students and *Big Papa and the Time Machine* to 1st grade students in the school library



CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings,

The Chelsea Cemetery Maintenance Committee needs new board members. The committee has five positions, but only one is currently filled. Duties are listed on the town's website under ordinances and policies: www.chelseamaine.org.

There are two cemeteries with plots for sale:

Chelsea Heights, located on Route 9

Douglass Cemetery, located on Windsor Road

The town oversees full or partial maintenance of twelve cemeteries. Grounds maintenance is maintained under a 2-year seasonal contract, and grave marker upkeep can fall to either family members or the town. About 150 US flags will be placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

For issues related to cemetery maintenance or conditions, contact the town manager at (207) 582-4802 or email chelseamanager@chelseamaine.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Grady



The girl scout troops helping put flags out on the Veterans' plots for Memorial Day, plus explaining to our younger generation why this is important to be a part of this great privilege. These are moments that we all can treasure. Thank you for all the Veterans' in our community for your service and for the helpers to make sure the flags are displayed in memory of each veteran.



PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE

Dear residents of Chelsea,

Over the past two years, the Planning Board has been actively engaged in several projects, including ensuring compliance with Maine's new housing law LD-2003. The board has consolidated various town ordinances into one central location, making them easier to find. Reviewed ordinances include minimum lot size and setbacks, mobile homes, planning board ordinance, and campgrounds and recreational vehicles. This year, the board aims to add subdivision and subdivision minor to the land use ordinance.

In reviewing these ordinances, the board focused on adjusting setbacks and dimensional requirements to be less restrictive, enabling more people to build on lots within the town. This adjustment was also necessary to align with the new Maine housing law. The mobile home ordinance was updated after nearly 40 years to comply with current laws.

The board is currently reviewing the junkyard ordinance and the subdivision ordinance to meet current standards. A subdivision minor ordinance is being created to provide a more affordable and streamlined process for creating four lots or fewer. This will reduce administrative costs associated with larger subdivisions. The junkyard ordinance update includes a thorough application process and better standards for the town and its residents. These ordinances will be incorporated into the land use ordinance once the review is completed.

This summary covers the Planning Board's activities over the past couple of years. We welcome new members to join us and contribute to community service.

Sincerely,

Joel Alexander
Planning Board Chair

Office of the Sheriff Kennebec County, Maine

"First to Serve ~ 1799"



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January 31, 2025

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2024. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including a K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2024, Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service. Our call service area widened a bit covering calls for service in the City of Hallowell as there staffing levels at that agency are very low.

One type of call has fortunately decreased: overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. I personally believe the increase in treatment options, both locally and nationally, has had an impact on overdose deaths. This Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

In 2021 a shift in the balance of call taking we had shared with the Maine State Police required my office to expand the Law Enforcement Division by two Deputies. In 2022, 2023 and 2024 a new deputy position was added to my roster to bolster staffing needs to provide increased calls for service.

On December 30, 2024, I appointed Chris Read as my Chief Deputy. He has over three decades of experience in law enforcement and is a highly respected member of our team. His appointment to this position assures the highest service available to Kennebec County Residents.

In 2024 our patrol division welcomed Alex Morin, Zack Reynolds, Hunter McCaslin and part-time deputy Garth Coleman to our team. Two of the four mentioned individuals are fully certified LEO's.

In 2024 the Sheriff's Office began School Resource Officer duties for MSAD #11 in Gardiner. The salary and the benefits for the deputy are paid in full by MSAD #11. This is the 3rd SRO position held by a Kennebec County Deputy Sheriff. The other two are MSAD #49 and RSU#38.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details county wide. To date, the effort of Kennebec County Deputies in those federally funded programs excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities. These details are not limited to motor vehicle stops. We have been conducting watercraft details on several different bodies of water here in Kennebec. We have been using our UTV (provided through a federal grant) driving from Augusta to Hallowell and through Farmingdale and into Gardiner on the Rail Trail.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2024, the three civil deputies received over 4,500 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is a decrease from 2023. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 2600 inmate intakes. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the County, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well. They are very hard workers, and they make a difference.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

I would like to thank all my administrative staff who support the patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. The amount of paperwork that is handled by these individuals is staggering and their work is greatly appreciated. Job well done by all.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2025, my focus will remain constant, serving the people of this county and our visitors honorably, professionally through good common sense and good judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



Lincoln Academy 2025 Annual Report for Sending Towns

To the Residents of Lincoln Academy's Sending Towns,

Thank you for your continuing support of Lincoln Academy, an independent school serving students from midcoast towns since our founding in 1801. The school is thriving thanks to our supportive community, vibrant and diverse student body, and hardworking faculty and staff.

Lincoln Academy "By the numbers"

Total 2025-26 enrollment: 587 students	44% of LA students play at least one sport
18% of juniors and seniors attend vocational programming at BRCTC	20% participate in band, choir, and/or theater programs
22% of students take one or more AP classes	5% of students are in alternative education programs
25% of students qualify as low socioeconomic status (SES)	

Enrollment: 587 students from 23 towns and 18 countries are currently enrolled at LA, with our current ninth grade class size exceeding last year's predictions. The incoming Class of 2029 is expected to be larger than the graduating Class of 2025, so we anticipate total day student enrollment to grow again next year. Our dorm will soon be at full capacity with 50 international and domestic students in residence, contributing income to the overall school budget.

Academics: Lincoln Academy offers 135 classes, including over 40 STEM classes, more than 30 Performing and Visual Arts classes, 33 Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes, and 11 vocational certificate programs through the Bath Regional Career and Technical Center (BRCTC).

Athletics: In 2024 LA sports teams won conference championships in wrestling and boys tennis. We had four KVAC Coach of the Year awards, two Good Sportsmanship awards, and school records broken in several sports. Individual athletes won KVAC and state championships in wrestling and track and field. The boys basketball team made it to the Class B South Regional Finals for the first time since 1989.

2024-25 Facilities Upgrades: We are thrilled with the bell tower repairs completed by alum Robin O'Brien '93 and his team. The bell was rung at Homecoming in September, 2024 with nearly two hundred alumni in attendance. We replaced three HVAC units in the Ryder Science Wing, upgraded our fire alarm system for the entire campus, overhauled and modernized the electric panels in the original building, and replaced the sound system in the gymnasium. We installed new lights on the turf field and the Boosters donated a new speaker system as well as a refresh and upgrade for the indoor fitness center.

Of the 132 graduates in the class of 2024:

81 enrolled in 4-year colleges	36 enrolled in 2 year colleges	15 entered the workforce
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Two members of the class were National Merit Semifinalists and 45 were AP Scholars. Graduates were awarded over \$375,000 in scholarships through school endowments and local, statewide, and national foundations.

Performing Arts: The theater program staged a production of *Macbeth* in the fall of 2024. 13 musicians (including band, choir, jazz, and orchestra for All-State music festivals, while 45 qualified for District III Honors music festival.

Faculty Credentials: 57% of Lincoln Academy faculty have their Master’s or other advanced degrees

Career Preparation

The 3rd Annual Peter J. Benner Job Fair was held in April 2024 and included 30 local businesses with immediate openings for employment. We also invited 8th graders from AOS 93 schools as well as seniors from Wiscasset High School to join us for the job fair. The 4th Annual Fair is planned for April 2, 2025.

Through the Community-Based Learning Experience (CBLE) program, students have the opportunity to learn about a profession and gain valuable work experience, academic credit, and sometimes hours towards a professional certification. In 2024 17 students worked with 13 businesses, and we are planning to increase this number in 2025.

Lincoln’s online [Jobs Board](#) connected dozens of students and recent graduates with summer and year-round jobs at local businesses and organizations.

2024-25 Per-pupil tuition (set by the state, paid by towns)

Tuition Rate	\$14,081
Insured Value (added to tuition for facilities upkeep)	+ \$1,408
Total (<i>Maximum allowable tuition/MAT</i>)	\$15,489

Accreditation: Lincoln Academy is accredited by the Maine Department of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). In 2024 we completed our 10-year accreditation process, which involved an extensive written report and two site visits. This process involved the entire faculty and staff in a reflection process, and the final report details long-term goals for the next decade.

Please join us on the historic Lincoln Academy campus this year for an athletic event, concert, theater performance, or Commencement on June 6, 2025. You can find more information and a calendar of upcoming events on our website, lincolnacade-my.org.



Jeffrey S. Burroughs

Head of School



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March 2025

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

What an honor and privilege it is to have once again been elected to serve the good people of Chelsea! Although the calendar says it is spring, “Old Man Winter” is not yet ready to release his grasp. Easter is around the corner, however, and with it we can look forward to warmer temperatures, new life, and hope.

State lawmakers took their oath of office on December 4, with a more balanced partisan composition of the Legislature being sworn in. The House of Representatives currently has 76 Democrats, 73 Republicans, one independent, and one unenrolled, while the Maine Senate consists of 20 Democrats and 15 Republicans.

Amongst the many challenges we, as policymakers, will face over the coming months are housing, energy, child welfare, and property taxes. Subject matter that will gain much of my attention will be those that fall under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee and Government Oversight Committee, to which I have been assigned.

As some efforts have been made early on to streamline the legislative process, I am optimistic that proceedings during the 132nd Legislature will be run more efficiently. I encourage you to follow our progress online, <https://legislature.maine.gov/>, and to reach out to me personally if there are any State-related issues you would like to discuss.

Best regards,

Michael H. Lemelin

State Representative

District 53 Chelsea, Dresden, Pittston and Randolph

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

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

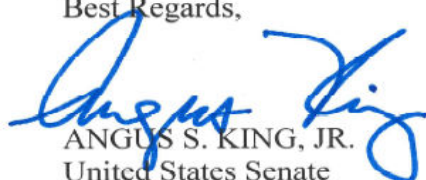
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services.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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Craig V. Hickman
Senator, District 14

THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

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Dear Neighbor,

I trust that you and your family are safe and healthy. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator for Chelsea. It remains the highest honor of my life to represent you in the Maine Legislature and I remain committed to working hard for you every single day.

I am proud to report I am maintaining my position as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. This committee oversees campaign finance, elections, voting rights, cannabis, liquor, gambling and veterans' affairs. As a strong defender of voting rights, I take this part of my committee's role very seriously. Additionally, as the son of a Tuskegee Airman, I know how important it is to invest in the people who have put on the uniform in service to our great nation. I look forward to working with all of my committee members to provide our veterans with the services they need and deserve and to continue supporting the small business owners in the industries that bring in the most revenue for our state.

I am also continuing to serve as Senate Chair of the Government Oversight Committee. Evaluating agencies and programs and holding government accountable to the people remains most essential to legislative oversight. Most notably this year, the Committee continues to evaluate the Office of Child and Family Services and how to address the issues facing so many children and families across this state. I believe that children are our future, and we must do a better job protecting them from maltreatment.

As an organic farmer and author of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the Right to Food Constitutional Amendment, and legislation to End Hunger in Maine by 2030, improving Maine agriculture and strengthening our local and regional food systems will always be a priority. I am excited to announce that I have been appointed to the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board, which will design and implement programs that invest in much-needed infrastructure, especially in the rural parts of our state.

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Public service remains my purpose and my duty, not only during session, but also year-round. If you need to contact a state agency or department, want to share comments or concerns, or know a youngster who wants to serve as an Honorary Page in the Senate, please don't hesitate to send me an email at Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Take care of your blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Hickman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig V. Hickman

State Senator

NON-ZERO BALANCES
2024 TAXES
As of: 6/30/2024

730 RIVER ROAD, LLC	2024	2,959.96
ABC FUEL, INC.	2024	2,433.06
ALLEN, ALYSEN J	2024	965.90
AYOTTE, DARREN	2024	314.35
BARRETT, KAILEY	2024	1,712.76
BLAIS, HELEN C	2024	138.98
BOLDUC, MICHAEL D	2024	1,370.76
BOUDREAU, CATHERINE A	2024	229.10
BRIGGS CRYSTAL	2024	320.83
BUNKER, SHAWN & WHIPPLE, RICHARD (HEIRS OF)	2024	583.49
BURTON, JERRY A	2024	2,998.59
BUZZELL, TAMMY J	2024	707.98
CAMERON, WILMA L	2024	915.12
CAPITAL AREA SELF STORAGE LLC	2024	1,286.46
CARRIER, DENIS Y	2024	2,978.51
CARTER LISA M	2024	152.40
CHARCZENKO NINA P	2024	2,536.05
CHELSEA RANDOLPH LLC	2024	7,802.31
CHEN, MEIQING	2024	852.48
CHOUINARD, ROBIN S	2024	346.90
COFFREN, JESSICA	2024	325.21
COLLINS, CLERISSA	2024	1,037.64
COOMBS, THOMAS D	2024	134.16
COTE, JENNIFER L	2024	705.20
COUSINS, ELIZABETH (ALLEN)	2024	579.04
COUSINS, ELIZABETH (ALLEN) Estate	2024	329.90
CUMMINGS, JILL E	2024	1,918.55
CUNNINGHAM, PHILLIP	2024	2,477.38
DARVEAU, RITA L	2024	623.69
DAVIDSON, JAMES E	2024	392.67
DEARBORN, JILLIAN M	2024	2,243.91
DOYLE, JENNIFER L	2024	1,450.44
EDWARDS, KAREN L	2024	119.34
ERICKSON, TODD	2024	5,260.55
ERICKSON, TODD	2024	1,707.46
EXPRESS AUTO LLC	2024	13,204.32
FARRINGTON, LARRY	2024	681.56
FERGUSON, DOROTHY M ESTATE OF	2024	732.59
FIELDER-HALL, ESTATE OF SHAUN	2024	1,111.48
FISH, TRAVIS J	2024	1,114.69
FITZGERALD, TERRENCE	2024	372.94
FOURNIER, SEAN J	2024	280.99
FOWLER, CLYDE A JR	2024	504.33
FRENCH, FRANK G	2024	6,265.78
FRENCH, JASON A	2024	349.02
FRENCH, STEVE	2024	108.98
GEROUX, LAURIE A	2024	923.98
GEROUX, MATTHEW	2024	358.65
GEROUX, MELISSA	2024	248.93
GEROUX, SCOTT C SR	2024	1,888.94

GEROUX, TRAVIS	2024	571.89
GIRARD, PETER JR	2024	559.73
GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	2024	398.51
GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	2024	213.09
GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	2024	356.60
GLIDDEN, PATRICIA L	2024	549.64
GRAHAM, WALLACE (HEIRS OF)	2024	225.74
GRAY, MELISSA	2024	479.63
HALL, ANDREW E	2024	728.59
HALL, ANDREW E (ESTATE OF)	2024	130.88
HALL, ANDREW E (ESTATE OF)	2024	741.68
HALL, JON	2024	2,213.73
HARRIS, DAVID K	2024	2,883.65
HERON, PAUL M	2024	563.93
HIBBARD, JOHN A	2024	1,682.33
HICKEY, NELSON P	2024	165.67
HICKEY, STEVEN J	2024	189.62
HUBBARD, LISA G	2024	4,053.18
HUMPHREY, DAVID E	2024	609.02
HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER	2024	912.57
HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER J	2024	1,025.29
HUTCHINS, DAVID M	2024	391.07
JACKSON, MICHAEL S	2024	781.27
JONES, SANDRA A (VIGUE)	2024	77.76
KEN CHRISTOPHER & SONS CONTRUCTION, INC	2024	1,464.84
KHALVATI, CARRIE S	2024	1,754.39
KHALVATI, CARRIE S	2024	27.92
KIMBALL, CYNTHIA L	2024	349.02
KIMBALL, JOYCE (SEARLES)	2024	363.35
KIMBALL, JOYCE E	2024	265.70
KINCAID JEFFREY A.	2024	1,086.07
LACOSTE, JOHN P	2024	317.56
LAPOINTE, CHARLOTTE L	2024	567.33
LAPOINTE, ROBERT A	2024	889.32
LATHROP, JODI L	2024	608.77
LATULIPPE, KENNETH E	2024	520.96
LAWRENCE, VICTOR	2024	530.53
LAWSON, MICHAEL J	2024	300.00
LEMOINE, A JOHN	2024	373.56
LEOTSAKOS, ALEXANDRA (HEIRS OF)	2024	1,902.55
LEWIS, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	2024	265.48
LEWIS, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	2024	532.34
LEWIS, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	2024	337.15
LEWIS, CONRAD A	2024	1,845.56
LEWIS, ROBERT	2024	1,278.47
LEWIS, WANDA M Estate	2024	535.96
LOGAN, BAYLEIGH K	2024	3,046.25
LOIKO, ANTHONY W	2024	47.13
LOON ISLAND CAPITAL, LLC	2024	2,111.11
LP MANAGEMENT, LLC	2024	2,545.17
LUCAS, BRITTNEY A	2024	263.15
MACDOWELL, CAROL A	2024	141.13
MADORE, ROGER	2024	222.22

MAHONEY, MABLE LOUISE	2024	765.23
MARSHALL, CRAIG A	2024	1,895.56
MASON, GARY L	2024	936.11
MCKECHNIE, MARK R	2024	349.02
MCLAUGHLIN, JEFFREY L	2024	414.27
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	2024	1,374.89
MERRILL LINDA	2024	2,192.87
MERRILL, JEFFREY L	2024	1,346.27
MILLS, JASON A	2024	25.85
MOODY, BRENDA J Estate	2024	350.70
MOODY, ROBERT E	2024	381.01
MORANG, HEIRS OF NANCY,	2024	827.50
O'BRIEN, WILLIAM D	2024	703.79
OLSON, STEVEN	2024	26.44
OUELLETTE, DIANE	2024	834.82
PARKER, DAVID J	2024	1,246.65
PERRY FAMILY PROPERTIES LLC	2024	715.58
PERRY FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC	2024	303.08
PERRY, DEAN	2024	2,452.07
PERRY, MARK A	2024	2,208.04
PERRY, WILLIAM H	2024	336.15
PERRY, WILLIAM H	2024	1,788.27
PERRY, WILLIAM H	2024	349.86
PHAM, QUANG	2024	1,835.60
PINEO, CANDACE L	2024	2,399.17
PLANTE, ALFRED J JR Estate	2024	878.53
PRUETT, LAURA L(TRUST)	2024	2,377.67
PUSHARD, MICHAEL J	2024	1,717.91
RIDEOUT, DENNIS E SR	2024	1,013.73
RIDEOUT, DENNIS E SR	2024	2,268.77
ROBINSON, DAVID SCOTT	2024	209.72
ROY, DANIELLE	2024	567.16
S&M RADIATOR KING, INC	2024	5,272.92
SEARLES, DONALD R L	2024	724.52
SEARLES, MICHAEL S	2024	705.71
SEARLES, STEVEN S	2024	948.40
SHERMAN, RICHARD A	2024	2,468.29
SHOREY RANDALL JR	2024	1,158.20
SHOREY, LINDA	2024	869.00
SIDELINGER, GARY	2024	469.72
SIMMONS, CHARLES A	2024	278.14
SIMMONS, CHARLES A	2024	580.04
SIRABELLA, DAVID K	2024	1,447.31
SMILEY, SHIRLEY	2024	484.12
SMITH, DAVID A JR	2024	542.35
SOPER, RUSSELL	2024	1,772.51
SPRAGUE, TIMOTHY	2024	1,619.71
SS207, LLC	2024	4,205.68
ST PIERRE, REBECCA E	2024	1,231.51
ST. AMAND, JOYCE A	2024	49.43
ST. AMAND, JOYCE A	2024	100.50
STANLEY, RICHARD E	2024	1,397.91
STEEVES, BARRY SR	2024	1,829.68

STEVENS, EDWARD	2024	218.35
STREET, MARY B	2024	243.32
STREET, MARY B	2024	423.53
STREET, MARY B	2024	1,783.07
STROUT, GINGER L	2024	1,138.52
SZARO, PAMELA, BOLITHO, STACIA A	2024	931.73
TALBOT, JESSICA	2024	183.81
TAYLOR,ALFRED J, TRAVIS L,RAYMOND	2024	1,323.58
TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	2024	101.07
TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	2024	296.10
THERIAULT, SUSAN LEE	2024	826.54
THIBODEAU, DOROTHY	2024	181.00
THOMPSON, CINDY	2024	645.50
THOMPSON, DAVID	2024	2,291.10
THOMPSON, PAUL M	2024	657.44
THOMPSON, TRENT R	2024	269.58
TILLSON, MICHAEL	2024	875.20
TOBIAS, ALFRED JOHN	2024	103.25
TRASK, DANIEL F JR	2024	530.88
TREMBLAY, LAURA	2024	2,203.89
TRUE, GEORGE R JR	2024	672.97
TRUMAN, ALMON JR	2024	429.83
TRUMAN, STEVEN A	2024	268.24
WATSON, TOBY J	2024	30.42
WESTON, KELLY M	2024	1,117.49
WHITTIER, STEVEN G	2024	2,003.83
WHITTIER, STEVEN G	2024	40.16
WILLETT PROPERTIES, INC.	2024	1,840.14
WILLETT, TIMOTHY	2024	470.27
WILLETT, TIMOTHY	2024	859.03
WILLETT, TIMOTHY	2024	240.27
WILLETT, TIMOTHY E	2024	578.10
WILLETT, TIMOTHY E	2024	957.94
WILLETT, TIMOTHY E	2024	1,078.30
WILLETT, TIMOTHY E	2024	674.90
WILLETT, TIMOTHY E	2024	848.62
WILLIAMS, DAVID	2024	251.15
WILSON MICHAEL R	2024	1,272.42
WILSON, BRIAN K	2024	612.21
WILSON, CAROL	2024	726.95
WILSON, MICHAEL R	2024	2,064.10
WING, RICHARD A Estate	2024	676.17
Total:		211,082.52

NON-ZERO BALANCES
2024 TAXES
As of: 6/30/2024

5 OUTLET RD, LLC	2023	1,327.65
BUNKER, SHAWN & WHIPPLE, RICHARD (HEIRS OF)	2023	638.22
CARRIER, DENIS Y	2023	2,051.33
DEARBORN, JILLIAN M	2023	1,206.77
DOYLE, JENNIFER L	2023	570.55
FERGUSON, DOROTHY M ESTATE OF	2023	790.86
FRENCH, FRANK G	2023	6,047.64
FRENCH, JASON A	2023	399.70
FRENCH, STEVE	2023	170.56
GEROUX, MATTHEW	2023	408.90
GEROUX, TRAVIS	2023	571.74
GLIDDEN, PATRICIA L	2023	599.73
HARRIS, DAVID K	2023	1,673.14
HIBBARD, JOHN A	2023	1,672.41
HUBBARD, LISA G	2023	3,935.56
HUMPHREY, DAVID E	2023	647.87
KIMBALL, JOYCE (SEARLES)	2023	413.37
KINCAID JEFFREY A.	2023	1,087.28
LATHROP, JODI L	2023	647.65
LEOTSAKOS, ALEXANDRA (HEIRS OF)	2023	1,949.20
LEWIS, ROBERT	2023	1,301.04
LP MANAGEMENT, LLC	2023	2,062.24
MAHONEY, MABLE LOUISE	2023	172.32
MCKECHNIE, MARK R	2023	399.70
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	2023	322.65
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	2023	1,378.96
MOODY, BRENDA J Estate	2023	228.15
MOODY, THOMAS	2023	976.89
MOODY, THOMAS	2023	583.19
MOODY, THOMAS P	2023	2,987.79
MOODY, THOMAS P	2023	83.40
MORANG, HEIRS OF NANCY,	2023	856.43
PERRY, DEAN	2023	1,225.52
PINEO, CANDACE L	2023	2,365.23
SEARLES, DONALD R L	2023	779.68
SEARLES, MICHAEL S	2023	371.54
SEARLES, STEVEN S	2023	971.85
SHOREY RANDALL JR	2023	1,172.11
SHOREY, LINDA	2023	940.65
SIDELINGER, GARY	2023	289.77
SOPER, RUSSELL	2023	1,807.90
STANLEY, RICHARD E	2023	1,400.92
STEEVES, BARRY SR	2023	1,813.08
TAYLOR,ALFRED J, TRAVIS L,RAYMOND	2023	423.63
TPM REALTY	2023	1,159.31
TRUMAN, ALMON JR	2023	485.36
WILSON MICHAEL R	2023	1,281.14
WILSON, BRIAN K	2023	650.93
WILSON, MICHAEL R	2023	2,078.31
YORK, BRADLEY	2023	1,170.88
Total:		58,550.70



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We were engaged by the Town of Chelsea and are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Chelsea as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. A complete copy of the draft audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office after completion of the audit.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation throughout the entire audit process.

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