



THE CHELSEA MESSENGER

Spring 2026 Issue

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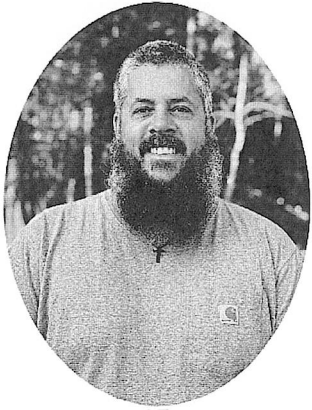
Mike Pushard
Selectboard Member

From the Desk of the Town Manager:

Once again, it is my pleasure to provide each of you with a brief update as to the things happening in the town office and around town. The selectboard approved reserve fund disbursements to start the building of a small kitchen in the meeting room of the town office. As part of that upgrade, we had a refrigerator donated, had someone volunteer to purchase a new stove anonymously, an anonymous individual paid to have the wiring done, and recently, a certified plumber stepped up and donated the cost of plumbing, and we are working on a donation of cabinets and a countertop. This new kitchen will allow groups to prepare meals and hold lunchtime meetings, hunter breakfasts, the warming and cooling center will have good facilities, and staff will finally have a place to cook their lunch. That meeting room also had a new rug installed, a wall-mounted tv for presentations, and fresh paint. This is exciting stuff! I recently collaborated with a new vendor to have the photocopier upgraded in the office. Not only did this upgrade save the town about \$150 a year, but the CEO and Assessors Agent office will have their own copier. This is great news for them as they previously did not have access to a photocopier on Mondays. We have a new storage box by the office. This one is identical to the one we currently use but will hold all of the miscellaneous items that are used for town events. The current one onsite will continue to hold documents, voting equipment, etc., but only town staff will have access to that container. At the polls in November, Chelsea voters were asked to consider two questions: borrowing up to \$650,000 for additional funding for a new office and consideration of forming a charter commission. Although both questions failed, I want to be clear on a couple of things. Failure of the bond question does not necessarily mean that the town will not be building a new town office. Currently, the plan for a new town office was placed into motion several years ago with the sale of the cell tower. As of today, the town has almost \$900,000 to fund the new office. At this point, the board will regroup and consider a path forward on how to accomplish good growth for this town. Also, the board has asked me to work on some proposed changes to the charter instead of reopening the whole charter with the formation of a charter commission. This will be a project for me over the next few months, and proposed changes will be brought to voters in June. I am busy at work creating the FY2027 proposed budget but want to remind every voter/resident that creating a budget that is palatable is no easy task. You have my word that I will do everything in my power to keep the town's expenses to a minimal/low increase, however, please remember that personnel and roads are a huge expense in the annual budget. We have a great team serving the town and we are attempting to make the roads better every year. Please keep that in mind when you come to vote at the town meeting in June. As always, it is my pleasure to serve the town of Chelsea. I always have an open-door policy and welcome your comments, questions, or concerns at any time. Please stop by or give me a call.

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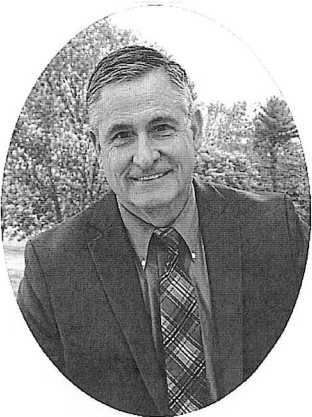
Candidates Night: You are invited to attend Candidates Night on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at the town office to meet the Selectboard candidates. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.



Jacob Soucy is a lifelong resident of Chelsea, where he has proudly lived for 38 years and remains deeply committed to serving his community. With a strong belief in local involvement and civic responsibility, Jacob has dedicated much of his time to public service.

He began his service with the Chelsea Fire Department, where he spent 10 years contributing to the safety and well-being of residents. Building on that experience, he later served on the Planning Board, gaining valuable insight into responsible growth and development within the town.

Jacob is currently completing his first three-year term as a Town Selectman and is seeking re-election. During his time in office, he has worked to support thoughtful decision-making, fiscal responsibility, and the long-term sustainability of the community he calls home. Continuing to always keep Chelsea's best interests at heart is what Jacob will continue to do if re-elected. Outside of his public service, Jacob enjoys spending time with his family, fiancé and son. Being outdoors, gardening, and raising his own meat to support his growing family. His hands-on lifestyle reflects his values of self-reliance, hard work, and dedication to providing for those around him.




I am Representative Michael Lemelin, a longtime resident of Chelsea, Maine, where I have lived since 2006 and built a strong record of public service at both the local and state levels.

At the local level, I have served as Chair of the Chelsea Planning Board, as well as a member of the school board, working on issues related to community development, education, and municipal planning. These roles reflect my ongoing commitment to addressing the needs and priorities of our community.


At the state level, I have represented my district in the Maine Legislature, serving on the Government Oversight Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee. In these roles, I have contributed to policy decisions affecting taxation, infrastructure, education, and local governance, always working to balance statewide priorities with the specific needs of my constituents.

Now, as a candidate for the Selectboard, I am seeking to bring my combined local and state experience back to the municipal level. I am focused on strengthening our community, addressing local priorities, and providing effective, responsive leadership for the people of Chelsea.


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 **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**
are available at
the town office
MAY 12, 2026

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 **VOTING WILL BE**
AT THE TOWN OFFICE
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
Polls are open
8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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 **OUR ANNUAL**
TOWN MEETING
will be at the
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
AT 6:00 P.M.


 **TOWN OF CHELSEA**
12 MONTHS OF GIVING


DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHELSEA TOWN OFFICE,
560 TOGUS ROAD, CHELSEA, MAINE 04330


JANUARY 2026	HEAT ASSISTANCE DONATIONS	
FEBRUARY 2026	SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS	
MARCH 2026	PET FOOD SUPPLIES	
APRIL 2026	NON-PERISHABLE FOOD	
MAY 2026	COMMUNITY GARDEN DONATIONS	
JUNE 2026	VETERAN TOILETRY DRIVE	
JULY 2026	CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD DRIVE	
AUGUST 2026	SCHOOL SUPPLIES	
SEPTEMBER 2026	HATS/MITTENS/SCARVES/SOCKS	
OCTOBER 2026	KINDNESS FOR KIDS	
NOVEMBER 2026	HARVEST VEGETABLES	
DECEMBER 2026	READING CONNECTION DONATIONS	

★ ♥ LET'S HELP THOSE IN NEED ♥ ★

 **Chat with the Manager**






 **MAY 27, 2026**

 **6:00 - 7:00 P.M.**


 **AT THE TOWN OFFICE**

Come share your questions and concerns.

Topic of Discussion:
FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

≡ *Everyone is welcome to attend.* ≡

 **REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY**
AGE-FRIENDLY CHELSEA ♥

The Chelsea 
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
is returning for another season! 

 Join us outside the Town Office on
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
AND MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026
FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

 Age-Friendly Chelsea continues to host
FREE MONTHLY LUNCHEONS
at the Town Office on
THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

 **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** 
to help maintain the
COMMUNITY GARDEN
at the Town Office.

 **PLEASE CALL THE TOWN OFFICE**
(207) 582-4802

 **AGE-FRIENDLY CHELSEA**
is looking for new members
to join the committee.

If interested, please join one of our
MONTHLY MEETINGS
held the second Wednesday of the month,
10:00 A.M. AT THE TOWN OFFICE. 



The Chelsea Community EVENTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



BUILDING COMMUNITY • CREATING MEMORIES • SUPPORTING CHELSEA

The Chelsea Community Events & Fundraising Committee, formed in September 2025, has been off to a fantastic start!



Our First event – the
**CABIN FEVER RELIEVER
BATTLE OF THE BANDS FUNDRAISER**
in February 2026 – raised an
impressive

\$2,565.00

to support community events
and projects.

Join us!
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
**KICK OFF TO
SUMMER BBQ**

- LIVE MUSIC
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- DUNK TANK
- FACE PAINTING
- COTTON CANDY

**FREE
BBQ DINNER!**
Burger or Hot Dog,
Chips, Cookies
and a Bottle
of Water

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026**
**FALL FUN
TRUNK OR TREAT**
OUTSIDE THE TOWN OFFICE

We're currently looking for businesses
and residents to participate –
there will be a prize for the
best decorated vehicle!

AT THE END OF OCTOBER,
WE'LL BEGIN SELLING TICKETS FOR OUR

Christmas Raffle

THREE WINNERS TO BE DRAWN ON
DECEMBER 17, 2026

WE'LL WRAP UP THE YEAR WITH OUR TOWN'S

**Christmas
Tree Lighting**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

*We hope to see you at these
exciting community events!*



CEMETERY REPORT

Greetings,

The Chelsea Cemetery Maintenance Committee needs 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 currently two cemeteries with plots for sale. To purchase plots, call the Town Office at (207) 582-4802.

- Chelsea Heights, located on Route 9
- Douglas 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. Approximately 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.



A special thank you goes out to the following for their involvement with the town's cemeteries:

- Chelsea Historical Society
- Girl Scout Troop #1075
- Girl Scout Troop #1775
- Maureen Malley (American Legion Representative)
- Scott Grady



Preserving our heritage. Respecting our loved ones. Serving our community.

THE CHELSEA ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEEDS MEMBERS!



Meets quarterly with the Road Commissioner to discuss projects and contracts.



If interested, please call
CHRISTINE LANDES
(207) 582-4802

Select Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Chelsea Town Office.

Chelsea Community Events & Fundraising: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Chelsea Town Office.

Chelsea Elementary School PTA: 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Chelsea School Library.

SVRSU #12 School Board: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Chelsea School Cafeteria.

Planning Board: 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Chelsea Town Office.

Chelsea Grange #215: 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 a.m., 230 Togus Road, Chelsea.

Chelsea Fire Department: Meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hallowell Road Station.

Age-Friendly Chelsea Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m., Chelsea Town Office.

Together we can make great things happen!