

Town of Chelsea, Maine

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

★ CHELSEA TURNS 175 ★

— Proud Past • Bright Future —



Road Toll Fundraiser raised \$852.34 for the Chelsea School Food Pantry!

Rooted in History • Growing Together

2026 DEDICATION



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

HELEN (TUTTLE) TAYLOR BLAIS

Helen Christine Tuttle was born in Augusta on March 7, 1937. She attended St Mary's School and later Cony High School until her junior year, ultimately obtaining her GED.

Helen married her first husband, Alfred Joseph Taylor, on July 2, 1955, at St Mary's Church in Augusta. They lived locally before buying their permanent home in Chelsea in June of 1957, where they raised four children, one of whom passed away as a baby—while their home became the central gathering place for family.

Before having children, Helen worked at Hazzard Shoe and Augusta Hospital in housekeeping. She transitioned to being a stay-at-home mom, then served as secretary for Alfred Taylor's Auto Repair, conveniently located at their home. Helen and Alfred were married for 41 years until his passing in January 1996.

Helen's achievements extended beyond family life. From 1989 to 1996, she served as a Notary Public, notarizing documents and officiating several marriages. Her collection of over 1,900 erasers gained attention in the KJ newspaper in 1992, and she also appeared for searching for Chelsea's oldest citizen. As town Historian, she sought to present the Post Cane for Chelsea's 142nd anniversary. In 1995, Helen received the Spirit of America Foundation award for her dedicated volunteerism. One memorable incident involved Alfred bringing home an old town safe, which he managed to open after much effort; its contents included salvageable town records that proved helpful for Helen's historical research.

Starting in 1987, Helen researched Chelsea's history by visiting libraries, town offices, homes, and examining microfiche and vital records. With her family, she explored undocumented cemeteries throughout the town. After eight years, from 1992 to 1995 she compiled her findings into a two-volume set, printed at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston and copyrighted in 1996. On August 19, 2000, Helen was named Town Historian during Chelsea's 150th anniversary celebration.

Helen continued to make an impact, operating a Home Daycare from 1996 to 1998. She married her second husband, Maurice P. Blais, in 1997, and they remained married for 22 years until his death in 2020. She later worked part-time at her son's garage, Dave's Auto, and researched family histories for the Taylors, Tuttlés, and Stickneys.

Today, Helen still lives in Chelsea. Of her four children, two have passed away while the remaining two live nearby. She has five stepchildren, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren. Helen recently celebrated her birthday on March 7, turning 89 years young.

Town of Chelsea, Maine

Annual Town Report

of the

Municipal Officers

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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CHELSEA TURNS 175 DAY OF CELEBRATION

The Town of Chelsea marked its 175th anniversary on Saturday, August 16, 2025, with a well-attended community celebration drawing over 150 residents. The event featured a formal presentation of a commemorative certificate honoring the milestone by Senator Craig Hickman and Representative Michael Lemelin.

Attendees enjoyed a full day of activities, including live music, a BBQ chicken dinner, face painting, balloon twisting, a petting zoo, cotton candy, ice cream and interactive attractions such as Touch-a-Truck and a bounce house staffed by Girl Scout Troops 1075 and 1775. A dunk tank—featuring volunteers from the Kennebec County Sheriff’s Department and the Chelsea Selectboard—added to the fun, along with the periodic drawings for free items, such as picnic tables, custom corn hole board, canvas chairs and items donated by local businesses.

The Chelsea Historical Society showcased the town’s 150th Anniversary time capsule, while residents were invited to contribute items for a new 175th Anniversary time capsule. Local vendors were also on hand displaying their goods.

The Road Toll Fundraiser raised \$852.34 in support of the Chelsea School Food Pantry, reflecting the strong community spirit that made the celebration a success.

This event was generously sponsored by Northeast Bank, E.S. Coffin Engineering & Surveying, Soule’s Auto Supply, JB Powder Coating and Welding. Also, the Chelsea Grange, Chelsea Historical Society and Age-Friendly Chelsea contributed to the meal. Contributions like this make Community Events possible.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and members of the 175th Celebration Committee whose hard work and dedication made this celebration possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dot Grady

Town Administration

Town Office Hours

207-582-4802

Monday Closed

Tuesday 8:30 A.M – 4:30 P.M

Wednesday 8:30 A.M – 6:00 P.M

Thursday 8:30 A.M – 4:30 P.M

Friday 8:30 A.M – 4:30 P.M

Code Enforcement Office Hours

207-592-7073

Monday 9:00 A.M – 6:00 P.M

Tuesday 9:00 A.M – 4:45 P.M

Wednesday 9:00 A.M – 4:45 P.M

Thursday 9:00 A.M – 6:00 P.M

Selectboard / Assessors / Overseers 2024 - 2025

Michael Pushard, Chair

Jacob Soucy, Vice Chair

Sherri Truman

TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator, Cemetery Superintendent, Freedom of Access Officer, Harbor Master.....**Christine Landes**

Town Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters, Moses Agent, Vital Records Agent, BMV Agent.....**Sally Lester**

PT Finance Director, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, BMV Agent.....**Sandra Devaney**

Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Registrar of Voters, Deputy Tax Collector.....**Sophia LaPointe**

PT Office Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector.....**Laurel Mullens / Dorothy Grady**

ASSESSING

Assessors' Representative.....**Roger W. Peppard / Joseph Murphy**

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Superintendent.....**Christine Landes**

Sexton.....**Angie Ellis**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector.....**Greg Lumbert**

FINANCE

Part Time Finance Director.....**Sandra Devaney**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control Officer.....**Gretchen Patrick**

EMA Director.....**Spencer Gagnon**

Fire & Rescue Chief..... **Spencer Gagnon**

Health Officer.....**Greg Lumbert**

ELECTED / APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS

Michael Pushard, Chair.....Term Expires June 2025
Jacob Soucy, Vice Chair.....Term Expires June 2026
Sherri Truman.....Term Expires June 2027

BOARD OF APPEALS

Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Michael Brunelle.....Term Expires 2025
Tanya Condon.....Term Expires 2025
Andrew Cook.....Term Expires 2025
Scott Grady.....Term Expires 2025
Stephen MacDonald.....Term Expires 2025

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Scott Grady
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Scott Grady.....Term Expires 2025
Dorothy Grady.....Term Expires 2025
Palmer SargentTerm Expires 2025
Alan HallettTerm Expires 2025
Angelia ChristopherTerm Expires 2025
Alec Giffen.....Term Expires 2025

PLANNING BOARD

Joel Alexander, Chair.....Term Expires 2028
John Bennett III.....Term Expires 2026
Rachel Gorneau.....Term Expires 2026
Sher Sarosh.....Term Expires 2025
Sean SpillmanTerm Expires 2025
Kathryn Temple.....Term Expires 2026
Vacant

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Henry Truman.....Member
Scott Grady.....Member
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

AD HOC AGE FRIENDLY CHELSEA COMMITTEE

Dorothy Grady.....Co-Chair
Wilma Ware.....Co-Chair
Maureen Malley.....Secretary
Lori Milner.....Member
Andrea Sargent.....Member
Mary Szwec.....Member
Patti Fredette.....Member
Cindy Malcom.....Member

AD HOC 175TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Dorothy Grady.....Chair
John Begin.....Co-Chair
Missy Begin.....Member
Wilma Ware.....Member
Lisa Erickson.....Member
Pat Finale.....Member
Andrea Sargent.....Member
Sherri Truman.....Member
Alpha Williams.....Member
Laurie Williams.....Member

SVRSU #12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Grady.....Term Expires 2027
Richard Cote.....Term Expires 2026
Richard Danforth.....Term Expires 2025

Sheepscott Valley Regional School Unit Officials

Superintendent, SVRSU #12.....Howard Tuttle
Chelsea Elementary School Principal.....Allison Hernandez

Representative to the Maine Legislature District 88

State Representative.....Michael Lemelin

Maine Senate District 14

Craig Hickman.....State Senate

****The Selectboard meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M in the meeting room at the Town Office. Dates are subject to change with notice****

****The Planning Board meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M in the meeting room at the Town Office. Dates are subject to change with notice****

MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT

July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

This year the board reelected Sheri Truman as a Selectboard member. Serving a couple of terms on the board, Sheri has a dedication to the town and to each of you that is unheard of. Always stepping up and volunteering on events and helping around town as needed, the town sends many thanks to her for continuing to serve all of us.

The town continues to work through completing audits. Around the state municipalities are struggling to keep up to date audits due to a lack of municipal auditors that are available. You may notice that the town report does not have a current audit. Each of you is welcome to come to the town office to pick up the most recent audit copy. (As of the publication of this report in 2026, the most recent audit that is completed is FY2023).

In FY2025, the board was honored to award the Boston Post Cane to Robert Kenney Barker. As Chelsea's oldest resident, the Boston Post Cane is quite an honor to receive. Please read about the history of this New England cane awarding at <https://bostonpostcane.org/>.

The selectboard received word this year that our current assessor's agent was cutting back on municipalities. The town manager made some phone calls and Chelsea was fortunate enough to recruit the services of Murphy Appraisal. This switch should allow the town to stay up to date with assessments and modernize the computer programs to reflect true values in modern terms.

The board would like to thank all of the office staff for their dedication and commitment to the town. Staff continue to give more each year and always step up to volunteer at events despite many of them not being residents themselves. That shows what great people we have.

If you have any questions for a board member, please reach out. Your calls are always welcome. See you at one of our meetings- the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm (for the most part).

Thanks, from your board. We are honored to serve each and every one of you.

Chair, Michael Pushard



Vice-chair, Jacob Soucy



Sheri Truman



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Another year is in the books, and I can confidently say that Chelsea is moving forward! This year we had a lot of changeovers in front office staff. Although we are sad to see people leave, we wish each of them well in their new endeavors and are excited to have new staff join in the front office fun! Sometimes it takes a bit of time to bring staff up to speed, especially if they haven't worked in a municipal office before. That being said, I want to personally thank each of you for welcoming the new staff and giving them lots of patience as they learn the computer programs and routines in all municipal work.

Each year, I will continue to attempt an explanation on how property taxes are calculated. Budgets should accomplish three goals; growth, increased services and stable taxes (as much as is possible). As you look at the tax bill each year, please be aware of how the tax categories are distributed and how much of each of your tax dollars are spent. There will be a category for the county, school and municipality. (The town collects all three categories and distributes as necessary.) The municipal side is the only category we can change ourselves (you do elect representatives to the county budget committee and school board representatives to address those budgets). The largest costs in Chelsea are roads, personnel, and benefits. The other categories are fixed costs that will adjust with the economy. Please, always come and ask if you have concerns regarding your tax bill. I will guide you through an explanation on how it is calculated and how much we actually have control over. It is actually very little.

Small changes continue in the office layout. We are always trying to use as much space as is possible within the town office. With the changes we have made the feedback seems to be positive. Please remember that there is still a need for more space, so we will continue to look for a possible expansion or new building at some point in time. As changes occur, please always stay informed if voting is at the office and what public events are occurring as well as public meetings.

Please, my annual plea to each of you is to step up and give just a few minutes of your time to volunteer on a board or committee. Your time and input can only make Chelsea a better town for everyone- including the youth that will hopefully stay here or return after they complete their education. Please see the clerk for a volunteer application.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve each of you. It truly is a pleasure!
Warmest regards:



Christine M. Landes, ICMA-CM | CMM | MBA

CLERK'S REPORT

Sally Lester

Town Clerk
chelseaclerk@chelseamaine.org
207-582-4802

Sophia LaPointe

Deputy Town Clerk
chelseadeputy@chelseamaine.org

VITAL STATISTICS	2023	2024	2025
Births.....	20	21	22
Marriages	24	18	25
Deaths	35	28	30

Vital Records

All Maine's records of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and domestic partnership are housed at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), Data, Research, and Vital Statistics (DRVS) office, as well as in most all municipal offices statewide.

Maine is a closed record State. Individuals requesting a certified copy of a vital record must complete a written request or application, provide acceptable identification, and, depending on the record requested, may have to demonstrate their direct and legitimate interest and/or lineage.

CLERK'S – CONTINUED*Marriages*

Party A	Party B	Date of Marriage
McGuire, Thomas Casey	Moore, Micole Renae	7/17/2024
Jirkovsky, David Charles	Kromhout, Annemarie	10/12/2024
Brown, Gabriel Harrison	Bussell, Cassidy Lyn	09/21/2024
Godin-Churchill, Khamren	Smiley, Kailey-Marie Angela	10/19/2024
Demers, Joshua Roland	Lafrance, Mickelle Grace	2/24/2025
Shaffer, Taylor Hailey	Abram, Jeffrey Arthur	3/19/2025
Choate, Wendy L	Burns, Christopher Quinton	8/3/2024
Grant, Kasie Lynn	Walters, Nicholas William	9/7/2024
Parsons, Taylor Marie	Robinson, Nicholas Paul	7/22/2024
Gagnon, Jennifer Alice	Whitmore, Ryan Gregory	10/5/2024
Wolfe, Brandon Joshua	Cook, Makenzie Madelyn	10/23/2024
Wright, Jocelyn Maria	Dighton, Christopher David	9/7/2024
Nicholas, Michael David Jr	Temple, Madison Lea	6/8/2025
LeRoy, Elizabeth Melissa	Peaslee, Dannie Leslie JR	5/2/2025
Smith, Jacqueline Lee	Michaud, Wayne Anthony	1/17/2025
Michaud, Caitlyn Ann	Darveau, Zachary Michael	1/22/2025
Briggs, Samantha Mae	Emery, Dawson Kristofer	4/1/2025
Frost, Thomas William Jr	Palmer, Shannon Marie	8/4/2024
Pulver, Ryan William	Pancieria, Katherine Olivia	9/7/2024
Haas, Nicole Sharon	Bolduc, Donald Michael	9/7/2024
Bourque, Heidi Lynn	Stickney, Ramsey Cote	8/17/2024
Truman, Almon Richard Jr	Rioux, Caitlin Marie	12/12/2024
Vigue, Allie Weston	Monteith, Betty Joan	12/2/2024
Antonelli, Angela Lane	Roberts, Daniel Keith	6/18/2025
Spaulding, Ashley Marie	Crochere, Michael Eric	6/7/2025

CLERK'S – CONTINUED*Deaths*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
Thomas James Allen, 69	March 6, 2025	Lewiston
Michael Asselin, 67	January 23, 2025	Chelsea
Donna Cecile Babcock, 57	January 17, 2025	Waterville
Carolyn Mae Bailey, 86	February 6, 2025	Augusta
Robert G. Boynton, 77	July 20, 2024	Chelsea
Shawn S Bunker, 58	September 17, 2024	Wiscasset
Jeanette Rita Campbellton, 88	June 27, 2025	Chelsea
Ty E. Carter, 22	June 11, 2025	Chelsea
Dominic Orion Chadbourne, 33	June 17, 2025	Portland
Robert E. Cormier, 87	October 20, 2024	Chelsea
Jonathan Michael Darling, 36	March 27, 2025	Portland
Terri L. Dyer, 63	May 25, 2025	Chelsea
Arlene A. Gervais, 93	November 12, 2024	Augusta
Mark Anthony Graham, 60	January 12, 2025	Chelsea
Christopher J. Hunnewell, 43	June 11, 2025	Chelsea
Lori Anne Little, 60	July 4, 2024	Augusta
Debra E. Lymneos, 69	September 19, 2024	Chelsea
Shawna Lynn Maganti, 47	August 21, 2024	Augusta
Valarie Jo Oberg, 43	July 8, 2024	Chelsea
Diane Houghton Parker, 95	February 1, 2025	Portland
Valmore Edgar Rattie Jr., 79	October 18, 2024	Chelsea
Marjorie Jean Robbins, 84	September 23, 2024	Chelsea
Carol J Robinson, 74	September 3, 2024	Augusta
Richard A. Roderick, 77	December 25, 2024	Chelsea
William Horace Rollins Jr, 82	January 20, 2025	Chelsea
Christine Mabel Slocum, 85	August 19, 2024	Chelsea
Wayne Gary Thornton, 78	January 6, 2025	Togus USVA
Tekla A. Truman, 84	November 27, 2024	Augusta
Edwin S. Vartanian, 96	October 26, 2024	Farmingdale
Normand G Veilleux, 82	January 7, 2025	Augusta

CLERK'S – CONTINUED

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE:

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current proof of insurance, and mileage.

NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (proof) of sales tax paid, title application form, current proof of insurance, and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the Monroney label or window sticker if registering a brand-new vehicle (this became law on September 19, 1997).

NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, title for a vehicle 25 years or newer, current proof of insurance, and mileage.

NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above, PLUS the registration of the vehicle from which the plates are being transferred.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration.

NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (proof) of sales tax paid, ME-assigned number (used), serial number, horsepower, and length for boats.

NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, ME-assigned number, serial number, horsepower, and length for boats.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

Current rabies certificate and neuter/spay certificate (if applicable), provided to you by your veterinarian.

WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:

Please enclose or bring your tax payment stub.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Property Taxes Due:.....October, 2026 and April, 2027
- Dog Licenses Due: December 31
- Boat Registrations Expire:December 31
- Snowmobile Registrations Expire: June 30
- ATV Registrations Expire: June 30
- Motorcycles, excluding antiques Expire:March 31

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

- Friday, July 3, 2026 Independence Day
- Wednesday, November 11, 2026Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26, 2025..... Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 27, 2026.....Thanksgiving Friday
- Friday, December 25, 2026 Christmas Day
- Friday, January 1, 2027 New Year's Day
- Friday, June 19, 2027.....Juneteenth

CLERK'S – CONTINUED
LICENSES SOLD, STATISTICS,
REVENUES RECEIVED, AND FEES COLLECTED

DOG LICENSES	2023	2024	2025
Kennel Licenses	0	0	0
Male / Female Dogs	101	52	50
Spayed / Neutered Dog	435	230	176
VITAL RECORDS	2023	2024	2025
Marriage Licenses Issued	15	17	22
Certified Copies of Birth Records	19	18	18
Certified Copies of Marriage Records	13	18	20
Certified Copies of Death Records	3	2	4
RECORD OF TOWN REVENUES RECEIVED	2023	2024	2025
BMV Excise Tax.....	\$638,677	\$663,676	\$715,658
BMV Agent Fees.....	\$13,564	\$13,454	\$13,906
Boat Excise Tax	\$2,137	\$2,012	\$2,430
Boat Registration Agent Fees.....	\$168	\$152	\$121
ATV Registration Agent Fees	\$135	\$370	\$585
Snowmobile Registration Agent Fees.....	\$85	\$365	\$420
Hunting & Fishing License Agent Fees	\$214	\$207	\$198
Vital Records Fees	\$1,288	\$1,352	\$1,740
Dog License Agent Fees	\$511	\$444	\$407
Dog License Animal Control Fees.....	\$865	\$721	\$673
Late Dog Registration Fees.....	\$3,500	\$1,625	\$1,100
TOTAL.....	\$661,144	\$684,378	\$737,238
RECORD OF STATE FEES COLLECTED	2023	2024	2025
BMV Registration, Sales Tax, and Title Fees.....	\$244,643	\$279,335	\$242,388
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees	\$19,537	\$19,915	\$20,021
Sales Tax on Boats, ATVs and Snowmobiles	\$13,880	\$8,194	\$7,118
Dog License Fees	\$2,276	\$1,970	\$1,724
Vital Records Fees	\$158	\$164	\$207
TOTAL.....	\$280,494	\$309,578	\$271,458

CLERK'S - CONTINUED
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

In Maine, a registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before an election. Voters can request an absentee ballot in person at the town office, by mail, by phone, or on the internet from the Secretary of State’s website. There is a QR Code to the electronic request site at the bottom of this page. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera, and it will take you to the page. Immediate family members may request an absentee ballot on behalf of a family member in person or by mail only. Absentee voting stops three days before Election Day except for certain special circumstances.

As of December 31, 2025, any registered voter, except for a uniformed service or overseas voter (i.e., UOCAVA voter), may apply for Ongoing Absentee Voter status. The previous law, which was in effect since early 2024, limited this status only to non-UOCAVA voters who were aged 65 or older or who self-certified that they had a disability. These restrictions are no longer in effect. A voter applying for this status must do so in writing using the form designed by the Secretary of State and must originally sign the application and submit it to the Municipal Clerk. Voters who previously received Ongoing Absentee Voter status prior to law change will not have to reapply, unless their status was terminated as described below.

REGISTERED VOTERS (as of June 2026)

Democrats	422
Republicans.....	658
Green Independents	72
Unenrolled.....	560
Libertarian	8
TOTAL.....	1720

Upcoming Elections 2026

Municipal/RSU40
 June 9, 2026
Referendum
Election
 November 3, 2026

Absentee Voting Information

Register to Vote Online



Scan me



Scan me

CLERK'S - CONTINUED

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Sales Report July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Boat Registrations – 103
Snowmobile Registrations – 84
ATV – 117
Resident Superpower – 2
Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Permit – 2
Resident Archery Hunting & Fishing Combo – 1
Resident Junior Hunting – 1
Resident Hunting & Fishing Combo – 33
Resident Hunting – 14
Resident Fishing – 24
Resident Archery Hunting – 3
3 Day Fishing – 1
Resident Muzzle-loader Hunting – 3
Resident Bear Hunting – 1
Spring / Fall Turkey – 3
Saltwater Fishing Registry – 3
Resident Over – 70
Lifetime License – 1
Duplicate Recreational License – 1

Total Registrations – 397



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Price Guide for Licenses and Registrations

Boat Registrations

Agent Fee New \$2
Agent Fee Renewal \$1

Boats with Milfoil

Up to 10 HSP	\$40
11-50 HSP	\$45
51-115 HSP	\$51
116 HSP and Up	\$59
PWC's	\$59

Boats without Milfoil

Up to 10 HSP	\$15
11-50 HSP	\$20
51-115 HSP	\$26
116 HSP and Up	\$34
PWC's	\$34

Lake & River Upgrade	\$25
Boat Transfer	\$4
Duplicate Reg	\$1
Duplicate Reg & Sticker	\$2
NR Lake & River Stickers	\$59

Snowmobile Registrations

Agent Fee New \$5
Agent Fee Renewal \$5

Resident Snow new or renewal	\$55
NonResident Snow 3-Day	\$74
NonResident Snow 10-Day	\$99
NonResident Snow Season	\$119
Duplicate Snow Reg	\$1
Duplicate Snow Reg & Sticker	\$2
Res Snow Transfer	\$4

ATV Registrations

Agent Fee New \$5
Agent Fee Renewal \$5

Res ATV Reg new or renewal	\$70
NonResident ATV 7-Day	\$100
NonResident ATV Season	\$115
Duplicate ATV Reg	\$1
Duplicate ATV Reg & Stickers	\$2
ATV Transfer	\$4

Licenses/Permits	Resident	NonRes	Agent Fee
Fish	\$30	\$83	\$2
Hunt/Fish Combo	\$48	\$169	\$2
Hunt	\$26	\$115	\$2
Archery/Fish Combo	\$48	N/A	\$2
Archery	\$26	\$75	\$1
Junior Hunt	\$8	\$35	\$2
Small Game	\$15	\$75	\$2
3 Day Small Game	N/A	\$50	\$2
6 Day Archery	N/A	\$26	\$1
Muzzleloading	\$13	\$69	\$1
Migratory Waterfowl	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$0.25
Pheasant	\$27	\$27	\$2
Spring/Fall Turkey	\$20	\$20	\$2
Bear Permit	\$10	\$74	\$2
Coyote Night Hunt	\$4	\$4	\$2
Salt Water Registry	N/A	N/A	
1 Day Fish	\$18	\$18	\$2
3 Day Fish	\$30	\$30	\$2
7 Day Fish	N/A	\$62	\$2
15 Day Fish	N/A	\$66	\$2
Military Hunt/Fish	\$3	N/A	\$2
Military Depend			
Hunt/Fish	\$20	N/A	\$2
Military Depend Hunt	\$10	N/A	\$2
Military Depend Fish	\$10	N/A	\$2
Exp Archery Either Sex	\$32	\$32	\$2
Exp Archery Antlerless	\$12	\$12	\$2
Superpack	\$212	N/A	\$2
Apprentice Hunt	\$26	\$115	\$2
Apprentice Archery	\$26	\$75	\$2
Apprentice Small Game	N/A	\$75	\$2
November Bear Permit	N/A	\$40	\$2

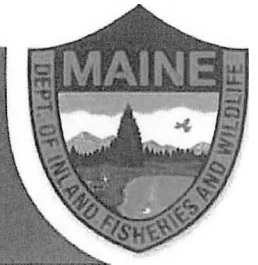
Prices are subject to change.

Salt Water Registry purchased alone is subject to a \$2 Agent Fee.

Salt Water Registry purchased with other permits or licenses have agent fee waived.

Oversized All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

New law effective October 18, 2021



New Law: ATV Size Restriction

Oversized ATV: is a new category of an ATV that is wider than 65 inches or that weighs more than 2,000 pounds according to the original manufacturer’s specifications and cannot be registered with the State of Maine (except in certain situations described below).

- **Exception:** Registration of an oversized ATV is allowed for Maine residents only who previously registered that oversized ATV before January 1, 2022. An oversized ATV that is allowed under this law to be registered by its current Maine-resident owner may be transferred to a new (Maine resident) owner who may also register that ATV.

Where Registered Oversized ATVs May Operate: A legally registered oversized ATV may operate on land where they have permission from the landowner or lessee, on frozen waters of the state, and portions of state approved ATV trails which do not limit the use of oversized ATVs. Additionally, written permission of the landowner or lessee is required for use of an ATV on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard.

Where Unregistered ATVs (Including Oversized ATVs) May Operate: Unregistered ATVs, whether oversized or not, are allowed to be operated only on land the operator owns or leases.

ATV dealers are required to notify purchasers of oversized ATVs (new and used) of this law. ATV registration agents are required to notify ATV owners and provide education on oversized ATVs at the time of registration.

About the ATV Task Force

ATV riders in Maine rely on public access to the private land on which 80 percent of the state-supported ATV trail system resides. Over the years ATV riding has grown in popularity and ATV design has evolved to include several different sizes, widths, weights, and horsepower. The potential impact of these larger vehicles on the trails has raised concerns among landowners and ATV riders alike.

In 2019 Governor Janet Mills established an ATV task force to evaluate and recommend policy changes that would protect private lands and landowners, while also helping to preserve outdoor recreational opportunities including responsible ATV use. The oversized ATV law was initiated by the task force.

Learn more about the ATV task force at mefishwildlife.com/atvtaskforce

View all of Maine’s ATV laws at mefishwildlife.com/laws

Do your part to keep Maine's ATV trails open for generations to come:

- ✓ Stay on marked ATV trails.
- ✓ Respect closed trail signs.
- ✓ Never drink and ride.
- ✓ Drive to the right and at an appropriate speed.
- ✓ Tread lightly – Don't tear up the trail!
- ✓ Remember that modified exhausts are illegal.
- ✓ Be respectful on ATV access routes – Yield to all traffic and never pass a vehicle.
- ✓ Register your ATV. It is required and helps pay for trail maintenance and support.
- ✓ Support a local ATV club! Donate your time and/or money.

AGE-FRIENDLY CHELSEA COMMITTEE

Greetings,

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 P.M 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.

We're also looking for new members to join the committee. If you're interested, we welcome you to attend one of our monthly meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 A.M at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dot Grady

ANIMAL CONTROL

Gretchen Patrick
Animal Control Officer
207-458-8361

I look forward to serving the town of Chelsea as Animal Control Officer (ACO) again this upcoming year and encourage all to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding Animal Control. In 2025, I responded to more than 250 calls and traveled more than 1,961 miles. I also received many phone calls, and email inquiries from people regarding animal control/welfare. In addition, I completed more than 40 hours of CE training to maintain my certification as an advanced ACO, required by Maine Animal Welfare.

Just a few quick notes for you,

The Town of Chelsea contracts with Kennebec Valley Humane Society in Augusta to take in our lost/stray animals that I pick up. So, if your dog gets loose and I cannot identify it, it gets delivered to KVHS for safekeeping until its owner can claim it. Proof of license and up-to-date rabies vaccination are required to claim your dog. A fee must be paid to the shelter to claim your pet once it enters their care. If your dog is licensed and wearing its tags, I will make every effort to contact you and reunite you with your pet before taking it to KVHS. Please make sure the town office has your current phone number when licensing your dog(s).

KVHS will also take in your unwanted pets, but Animal Control will not oversee it. YOU must call KVHS and arrange to get the animal to them for relinquishing.

Dog licenses expire each year on December 31, regardless of when it was first done.

You can renew your dog's license for next year on or after October 15.

A state mandated late fee of \$25.00 is applied starting February 1. This is non-negotiable as it is STATE mandated. You can renew your dog's license at the Town Office.

Licensing your dog and keeping its tags on it is an invaluable tool to ensure its safe return to you and not end up in pet jail if it finds itself lost. We have nearly 200 dogs licensed in Chelsea. Further, micro-chipping is a valuable tool for lost cats and dogs, as when a cat or dog enters the shelter, the first thing done is scanning for a microchip. Please keep your microchip information up to date!

It is Maine Law that every dog and cat be currently vaccinated against Rabies. Even if your cats are indoors only, rabies vector animals (bats) can easily enter your home and make contact with your inside pets. If unsure of your pet's vaccination status, please call the town office or your veterinarian.

ANIMAL CONTROL – CONTINUED

Most rabies vaccines are good for 3 years after a pet's initial rabies vaccine, which is only good for 1 year. Rabies is currently in every County of Maine, including Knox and Waldo counties.

Animal Control does not manage wildlife complaints unless a domestic animal is attacked or a wild animal is attacked, and rabies is a concern. For all wildlife concerns, please contact the Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Department at 207-287-8000.

Stray cats are an issue in every town. **DO NOT FEED THEM!** If you care for or feed a stray cat for more than 10 days, the law states you are now the cat's owner and are responsible for its care. If you think a stray cat is homeless, call me immediately if it has been hanging around for a few days or appears to need veterinary care. I will gladly pick it up, or trap it, and get it to the shelter. Cats are free-roaming animals; therefore, every cat you see is **NOT** a stray or homeless cat. Use your judgment.

Finally, a reminder for those who have livestock (pigs, cows, chickens, etc.). Maine has a law prohibiting your livestock from entering a public way or a neighbor's property. Being a rural community, we see this quite often. And let's face it: animals sometimes get loose; it happens. But you can be cited if you are not proactive about your fencing/kennel/tethers, etc.. Please keep your neighbors in mind when allowing your free-range chickens to roam, as you can be cited for Animal Trespass should numerous violations occur. Cats are the only animals that do not require confinement.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding animals in Chelsea.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Patrick

ASSESSORS' 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 a 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-up 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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE 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)

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Grady

CHELSEA COMMUNITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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.

We're excited about what's ahead! Join us on Saturday, June 13, 2026, for our Kick Off to Summer BBQ featuring live music, a bounce house, dunk tank, face painting, cotton candy and a free BBQ Dinner (burger or hot dog, chips, cookies and a bottle of water).

Mark your calendars for October 10, 2026, for our Fall Fun Trunk or Treat event 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, with three winners to be drawn on December 17, 2026.

We'll wrap up the year with our town's Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

We hope to see you at these exciting community events!

Dot Grady

Chair
Chelsea Community Events & Fundraising Committee

CODE ENFORCEMENT / HEALTH OFFICER

I have issued 64 building permits, 23 CMP 1190 forms, 2 demolition permits, 5 occupancy permits and 34 plumbing and septic system permits for new structures and upgrades on existing structures. Several septic inspections were done in the time period. All construction should meet Maine Uniform Building Codes. I have received 665 calls for service for various questions regarding codes, inspections and ordinances. In addition, I answered and responded to many emails regarding code enforcement and health concerns to residents. I have taken a lot of code enforcement training during this time period.

The new state law LD1706 that has passed and the rules are being worked on. It will more than likely effect our current ordinance that was already passed previously as it relates to housing. Once all the rules are worked out of LD1706, the Planning Board will review, make recommendations to the selectboard and if changes are approved, present all to the town voters at the next town meeting. This has to do with lot size and how many dwellings will be allowed on a lot.

Residential minimum lot size is now 1.38 acres, road frontage 100 feet and setbacks to sides and rear property lines 10 feet and 20 feet back from the town right of way distance. The intern assigned to Chelsea for the summer did a lot of research and we now have a log of the correct right of way distances for most of the roads in Chelsea.

I have attended most all Planning Board meetings in person, and stay in constant contact with the Chairperson and Town Manger on various issues in town. There have been several residents that have attended selectboard meetings to find a solution to their issue without court action. The selectboard is the authority that decides if we take court action in all cases.

Many residents have been cooperative in complying with the dangerous building law and junkyard law. However, there is still a lot of work to do in town. During this time period I have been to court of many of these cases and have received judgments for the town and court orders for the town to clean these properties at the towns expense up front. Then the town can file a lien to recover all expenses for their case. These clean ups are very expenses and the selectboard make the decision to clean up these places.

Our permit applications are on line on the town website. If you to prefer to do your permits on line you can email them directly to me or the town office. Once I receive your application they are most often approved within 48 hours if all the information I need is in the application.

Many thanks to those residents that are cooperative and make efforts to be compliant and make Chelsea a better place to live. Your efforts are appreciated. My contact information is as follows: chelseaceo@chelseamaine.org or cell phone 207-592-7073. 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

FIRE & RESCUE

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 2025, our dedicated team of volunteers responded to 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. In 2025, 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. In mid-July we received our new tanker pumper truck that took the place of the previous tank 2. The new apparatus has been a great addition to the department.

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 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 2026!

Spencer Gagnon, Fire Chief

**FIRE & RESCUE – CONTINUED
INCIDENTS & CALLS**

Incident Type Code and Description	Total Incidents
Building fire	8
Fire Alarm	11
Tree Down	5
Smoke Scare	1
Public Service	2
Power-line	4
Outside Equipment Fire	2
No Incident Found	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	19
Medical Assist	4
Gas Leak	1
Flood Assessment	1
Electrical Issues	3
Dispatched / Cancelled	5
Station Coverage	2
CO Issue	5
Brush Fire	7
TOTAL	81

PLANNING BOARD

Here's a quick look at what the Planning Board worked on over the past year and what's coming next.

Overview of the Year

This year, the Board focused on keeping Chelsea's rural character while allowing for reasonable, well-planned growth. We worked with residents, town staff, and applicants to make sure projects followed the local ordinances.

What We Worked On

Updating Ordinances: We went through the town's land use ordinances and updated them to match recent State laws, including LD 2003 and LD 1829. We also worked on a number of smaller revisions and fine-tuning changes to clean up language and improve how the ordinance works in practice. These changes help keep things current and open the door for more housing options in line with new state laws.

Subdivision Review: The Board approved one small residential subdivision.

Public Meetings: We held regular meetings and public hearings so residents could ask questions and share input.

Animal Control Ordinance: We also helped update the town's animal control ordinance, including adding new State rules for keeping chickens.

Business Development Ordinance: Worked on a business development ordinance.

Ongoing Work

We continue to use the Comprehensive Plan to guide decisions, especially around growth, infrastructure, and protecting open space.

Land use updates are still in progress to reflect current needs and State requirements. More work on LD 1829 will continue as the State finalizes its rules.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the Board plans to:

Keep working through updates related to LD 2003 and LD 1829. Make additional improvements to local ordinances as needed. Encourage more residents to attend meetings and get involved. Work on projects that require Planning Board review and approval.

Closing

Thanks to everyone who took the time to attend meetings or share input this year. Community involvement makes a big difference, and we encourage folks to stay engaged.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Alexander
Chair Chelsea Planning Board

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Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

Winter and Spring 2026

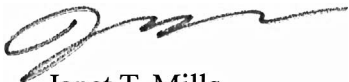
Dear Friends:

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

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

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

With gratitude,



Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends,

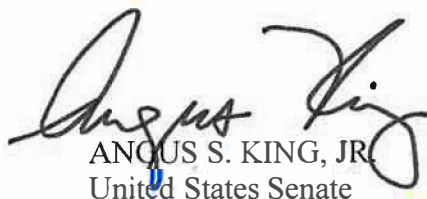
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Craig V. Hickman
Senator, District 14

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Chelsea,

I trust you and your family are well. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. 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 have continued my work as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans & Legal Affairs. This session, we have continued our commitment to overseeing matters on campaign finance, elections, voting rights, cannabis, liquor, gambling and veterans' affairs. As the son of a Tuskegee Airman, and a staunch advocate for our civil rights and freedoms, I take this role as chair very seriously. My fellow committee members and I have completed our deliberations and voting on the bills assigned to us this session, and look forward to working them through the Senate.

I have also continued to serve as Senate Chair of the Committee on Government Oversight. Evaluating state agencies and programs and holding them accountable to the people is most essential to legislative oversight. One notable goal we continue to pursue is evaluating the Office of Child and Family Services and how to address the issues facing so many children and families across Maine. Our children are our future, and we must do better when it comes to protecting those who are most vulnerable from maltreatment.

As an organic farmer and the 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 priorities of mine. Last year, I was 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 district and the state.

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, have comments or concerns to share, 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'.

Craig V. Hickman
State Senator

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It remains a distinct honor to serve as your voice in the Maine Legislature. As your State Representative, one of my primary goals is to ensure the needs of Chelsea are prioritized at the State level, particularly for local aid, education funding, and infrastructure.

On January 7, lawmakers convened in Augusta for their Second Regular Session. With an adjournment date of April 15 set in statute fast approaching, there are still many pressing matters to be addressed, including healthcare and energy costs, taxation, child welfare, housing, and investigations into potential fraud. Decisions made will have a direct impact on our region, thus regular constituent feedback will assuredly help guide my work now and in the future.

As I personally strive to be as accessible and transparent as possible, I hope you will not hesitate to reach out with your questions, concerns, or ideas for prospective legislation. Likewise, if you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send me your email address so that it can be added to my district distribution list.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the good people of Chelsea. I look forward to seeing you at town meetings and community events over the summer and fall.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael H. Lemelin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael H. Lemelin
State Representative

District 53 Chelsea, Dresden, Pittston and Randolph

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January 28, 2026

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the professional services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2025. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We will always provide regional assets to our communities including a K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy and Accident Reconstruction.

As in previous years our Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service.

One call for service continues to decrease and that service is 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 2025 our patrol division welcomed Deputy Chad Webster, Deputy Tyler Johnson, Deputy Max Sawyer and Deputy Nicholas Gage to our team. Currently 3 out of the four mentioned individuals are fully certified law enforcement officers.

In 2025 the Sheriff's Office continued our School Resource Officer duties for MSAD #11 in Gardiner, MSAD #49 Albion, Benton, Clinton and Fairfield and RSU#38 at Maranacook. We have had requests from other communities for a School Resource Officer and should we be able to get to full staff, we will try and fulfill these requests.

In 2025 Detective Devin Polizzotti received eight weeks of specialized training, downloading digital information off phones, laptops and desktops, assisting with retrieving evidence for criminal cases. Our detective is one of only about 15 people in the state with the ability to do this. Our agency also received over \$70,000.00 in specialized hardware at no cost.

We had two retirements in 2025. Staff Sergeant Frank Hatch retired and then rehired as our Patrol Commander. K-9 Vixen, who has served our communities with great distinction and tenacity for several years, is now living the dream of relaxation with her handler Deputy Jeff Boudreau. Her amazing ability to locate people, drugs and other articles associated with crimes, is noteworthy. Maybe Deputy Beaudreau had a little bit to do with it as well.

Deputy Beaudreau reached out to a couple nonprofits and was able to secure monies to purchase not one but two new K-9s, saving the hard-working taxpayers of this county thousands of dollars. Deputy Boudreau's new partner is Rooster, a male Dutch Shepherd and the other is Rico, a Belgian Malinois teamed up with Deputy Curtis as his handler.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2025, the three civil deputies received over 5,130 requests for service in Kennebec County. This has been an increase by over 500 services from 2024. 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.

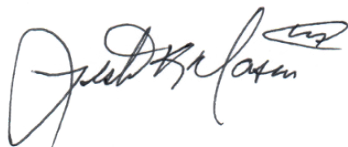
During the past year, our Correctional Facility had 1984 inmate intakes into the facility. The offenses committed by those in our care included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of inmates with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. Kennebec and all other county jails are mandated by state law to provide these services. On a side note, our correctional facility received a 100% compliance during our Department of Corrections inspection. A job well done by all!

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. Thank you to programs inmate supervisor John Matthews, for his dedication to his job.

I again would like to thank all my staff in administration, patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. About 112 of them in total, for their dedicated service to our county.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2026, my focus will remain constant and focused, serving the people of this county and our visitors honorably, professionally through good common sense and good judgement law enforcement.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Ken Mason, Sheriff



Dear Citizens of Chelsea,

As Superintendent of RSU 12, I am pleased to provide this annual update about the Sheepsfoot Valley RSU 12 school district. RSU 12 proudly serves seven towns, Alna, Chelsea, Palermo, Somerville, Whitefield, Windsor, and Westport Island, with a shared commitment to building a strong foundation of learning for every student.

Chelsea Elementary School continues to be a cornerstone of our district, serving students from PreK through eighth grade. Each day, our dedicated teachers and staff work to inspire curiosity, foster growth, and prepare students for a successful future. Full-day PreK continues to be offered at Chelsea Elementary School for Chelsea families. This program provides a strong foundation in early childhood education, with transportation included, making it an accessible and valuable opportunity for our youngest learners. Registration for PreK is now open, and I encourage families with young children to take full advantage of this outstanding program.

I would like to recognize and thank Chelsea's representatives on the RSU 12 Board of Directors, Scott Grady, Richard Cote, and Fletcher Atkinson. Each brings dedication, thoughtful perspective, and a genuine focus on what is best for students and taxpayers to every board discussion. Scott Grady serves on the Operations Committee and the Policy Committee. Richard Cote serves on the Operations Committee and the Negotiations Committee. Fletcher Atkinson serves on the Operations Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Their willingness to give their time and energy on behalf of Chelsea families is a tremendous asset to RSU 12, and we are grateful for their service.

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, the RSU 12 Board of Directors has proposed a budget that represents a 4.2% increase over last year's local budget. For the town of Chelsea, after applying the cost-sharing formula, which is based partly on a town's student count, the increase is approximately 2.6% over last year. This increase reflects real pressures the district is working to manage responsibly, including rising tuition costs for both regular and special education at the high school level, and required capital contributions to the private secondary schools that serve our students. As RSU 12 does not operate its own high school, the district pays tuition and contributes to the schools our students attend.

Despite these challenges, the RSU 12 Board has worked carefully to limit the impact on local taxpayers while preserving educational opportunities, school choice, PreK programming, student supports, and safe, well-maintained schools. Every effort has been made to be strategic, efficient, and mindful of the public's trust in us.

We encourage Chelsea residents to stay engaged in the process. The RSU 12 District Budget Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Chelsea Elementary School, where the budget proposal received unanimous support from voters in attendance. The school budget referendum vote will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Chelsea Town Office. More information about the proposed budget is available on our website, www.svrso.org. Thank you for your continued support of RSU 12's students and schools. Together with Chelsea's strong community spirit, we will continue to create excellent opportunities for every child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Tuttle".

Howard Tuttle
Sheepsfoot Valley RSU 12 Superintendent



Dear Residents of Chelsea,

Erskine Academy is grateful for the continued trust and partnership of the Town of Chelsea. As we progress through our 142nd year of service, we remain committed to providing Chelsea students with a rigorous, supportive, and future-focused high school experience grounded in strong community values and meaningful educational opportunity. This report is intended to share how Erskine Academy is serving Chelsea students and honoring public investment in their education.

Erskine Academy currently enrolls **528 students in grades nine through twelve**, including **55 students from Chelsea**, consistent with recent years. Our role as an independent town academy of choice remains central to our mission, and we take seriously our responsibility to serve students, families, and sending towns with care, transparency, and accountability.

Academic Program and Student Outcomes

Erskine Academy delivers strong academic outcomes across a wide range of postsecondary pathways. The school maintains a **99% graduation rate**, well above the state average, and all graduates leave with a viable postsecondary plan including four- and two-year colleges, technical and trade programs, apprenticeships, military service, and workforce entry.

A hallmark of the Erskine experience is access to **college-level coursework while still in high school**. In 2024–2025, students engaged in **455 opportunities to earn college credit** through Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual enrollment partnerships. Of those opportunities, **407 (90%)** were successfully completed, resulting in college credit issued to students. Based on current University of Maine tuition rates, these credits represent an estimated **\$517,704 in avoided tuition costs** for Erskine families—an important economic benefit for sending towns and taxpayers.

Specifically, **49 students completed 78 AP examinations**, with **92% earning qualifying scores**. Additionally, **377 students participated in dual enrollment courses** with institutions including Kennebec Valley Community College, Thomas College, and UMaine Farmington, with **91% earning college credit**. Many graduates who pursue higher education do so having already completed at least one semester of college coursework.

Experiential Learning

Erskine Academy continues to expand career-connected learning opportunities aligned with current workforce needs. In 2024–2025, **56 students** attended the **Capital Area Technical Center (CATC)**, earning industry-recognized certifications, and **16 students** completed **Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs)**, engaging in internships and applied learning experiences that build professional skills and community connections.

These career-connected experiences ensure that Erskine Academy graduates are prepared not only for college, but for immediate entry into Maine’s workforce with practical skills, certifications, and professional experience aligned with regional employment needs.

Faculty, Climate, and Accreditation

Erskine Academy benefits from a stable and experienced faculty, with low turnover contributing to strong relationships and a positive school climate. The school has been recognized as one of the **Best Places to Work in Maine** for two consecutive years.

Through the **New England Association of Schools and Colleges** (NEASC) accreditation process, Erskine Academy is affirmed as a school with a strong foundation of educational excellence and a consistently safe, welcoming, and well-ordered learning environment. The recent self-study and external independent review of the school demonstrated clear alignment among the school’s mission, instructional practices, and student outcomes. NEASC commended Erskine’s rigorous academic program, effective governance, and dedicated faculty, and highlighted a culture of mutual respect and meaningful student engagement. Recent educational enhancements include the **Innovation Center**, expanded shop technology offerings, and continued implementation of the **Portrait of a Graduate**, emphasizing problem-solving, integrity, civility, collaboration, and academic mastery.

Facilities and Stewardship

Through careful planning and responsible use of the insured value factor, Erskine Academy continues to preserve and modernize its historic campus. Ongoing investments in safety, security, and infrastructure ensure that facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming.

Partnership with the Town of Chelsea

Erskine Academy values its longstanding partnership with the Town of Chelsea and RSU 12. We recognize that high school choice—available to only a few Maine communities—is a right historically supported and endorsed by townspeople. The ability to choose the high school program best suited to a child’s needs provides Chelsea students a tremendous opportunity for future success and is among the reasons families seek to move to the community. We remain committed to honoring that trust through strong outcomes, fiscal responsibility, and open communication. We are grateful for Chelsea’s continued support and look forward to working together in service of your students, keeping them safe, cared for, and prepared.

With appreciation,



Jamie Soule
Head of School, Erskine Academy



Lincoln Academy 2026 Annual Report for Sending Towns

To the Residents of Chelsea,

Thank you for your continuing support of Lincoln Academy, an independent school serving students from midcoast towns. In our 225th year, 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: 600 students
- 18% of juniors and seniors attend vocational programming at BRCTC
- 20% of students take at least one AP exam
- 25% of students are low socioeconomic status (SES)
- 46% of students play at least one sport
- 20% participate in band, choir, and/or theater programs
- 5% of students are in alternative education programs

Of the 133 graduates in the class of 2025:

- 112 enrolled in 2 or 4-yr colleges
- 2 entered the military
- 19 entered the workforce

20 members of the class of 2025 were AP Scholars, 8 were AP Scholars w/ Honors, and 14 were AP Scholars w/Distinction. Graduates were awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships through school endowments and local support. An additional \$500,000 was awarded from statewide and national foundations.

Enrollment: 600 students from 23 towns and 20 countries are currently enrolled at LA. Our dorm currently hosts 44 international students and 3 domestic students from Maine and Texas in our boarding program, contributing income to the overall school budget.

Academics: Lincoln Academy offers 121 academic classes, including 42 STEM classes, 35 Performing and Visual Arts classes, 32 Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes, and 11 vocational certificate programs through the Bath Regional Career and Technical Center (BRCTC).

Athletics: In 2025, LA sports teams won conference championships in boys and girls tennis, boys cross country, and girls lacrosse. The boys tennis team were Southern Maine Finals runners up, and the girls tennis team won the Southern Maine Finals and the Maine State Championship, with coach Melissa Burroughs named Girls Tennis Coach of the Year by the PPH. The LA track team won the MPA Class B Boys and Girls Good Sportsmanship Award, and LA Softball won the Class B South Good Sportsmanship Award. LA track athletes set school records at the State Track meet, with the boys track team finishing second overall – their best finish since 1965. Todd Bracket was named KVAC Class B South Golf Coach of the Year; Garrett Martin and Monique Boutin were named KVAC Class B Cross-Country Coaches of the Year; and Lindsey Herring was named KVAC Class B Field Hockey Coach of the Year.

2025-26 Facilities Upgrades:

In 2025, LA grounds and maintenance staff enhanced and connected all external doors across campus to allow for increased efficient security response. Staff also converted the lighting in the ceramics studio to LED, repainted the gymnasium floor, updated fitness center equipment, improved the electrical panel, and updated the windows and replaced the flooring in the English wing.

Performing Arts: The theater program staged a production of *Into the Woods* in the fall of 2025. 14 musicians (including band, choir, jazz, and orchestra) participated in the All-State music festival, while 29 qualified for the District III Honors music festival.

Faculty Credentials: 60% of Lincoln Academy faculty have a Master’s degree or other advanced degree. In 2025, LA English teacher Bridget Wright was a finalist for Maine Teacher of the Year.

Career Preparation

- The 4th Annual Peter J. Benner Job Fair was held in April 2025 and included 35 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 5th Annual Fair is planned for March 26, 2026.
- 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. The number of students in the program has increased this year from 17 to 25, and the number of participating business partners has grown from 13 to 23.
- Lincoln’s online Jobs Board connected dozens of students and recent graduates with summer and year-round jobs at local businesses and organizations.
- This will be our 3rd summer offering Launch, a free week-long orientation for 9th graders. Students spend the week connecting with classmates and exploring a different community organization each day. Past visits have been to boatyards, oyster farms, and the Darling Marine Center.

2025-26 Per-pupil tuition (set by the state, paid by towns)

Tuition Rate	\$15,055.22
Insured Value (added to tuition for facilities upkeep)	<u>\$1,505.52</u>
Total (Maximum allowable tuition/MAT)	\$16,560.74

Accreditation: In 2024, Lincoln Academy completed its re-accreditation process with the Maine Department of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Please join us on the historic Lincoln Academy campus this year for an athletic event, concert, theater performance, or Commencement on June 5, 2026. You can find more information and a calendar of events at lincolnacademy.org.



Jeffrey S. Burroughs
Head of School

Town of Chelsea Data:

2025-26 by the Numbers	2025 Graduates	Total Enrolled 2025-26	% of Town Students Enrolled in One or More AP Courses 2025-26	% of Town Students Participating in Performing Arts	% of Town Students Participating in BRCTC	Approx. % of Town Students Participating in at Least One Sport, Spring 2025-Winter 2026
Chelsea	1	1	0%	0%	0%	0%



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May 22, 2026

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We were engaged by the Town of Chelsea, Maine and are currently in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Chelsea, Maine as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office upon completion of the audit.

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine 04093

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2024 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Chelsea

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

1.	Total taxable value of real estate	1	\$247,151,527 <small>(from page 1, line 6)</small>
2.	Total taxable value of personal property	2	\$1,095,230 <small>(from page 1, line 10)</small>
3.	Total taxable value of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	\$248,246,757 <small>(from page 1, line 11)</small>
4. a.	Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4a.	\$20,301,403 <small>(from Page 1, line 14f)</small>
	b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4b.	\$15,429,066
5. a.	Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5a.	\$138,550 <small>(from page 2, line 15c)</small>
	b. BETE exemption reimbursement value	5b.	\$69,275
6.	Total valuation base (Line 3 + line 4b + line 5b)	6	\$263,745,098

ASSESSMENTS

7.	County tax	7	\$296,075.00
8.	Municipal appropriation	8	\$2,202,066.00
9.	TIF financial plan amount	9	\$134,867 <small>(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small>
10.	Local education appropriation	10	\$2,990,550.00
11.	Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	\$5,623,558.20

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

12.	Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12	\$432,450.00
13.	Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)	13	\$1,210,950.00
14.	Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	\$1,643,400.00
15.	Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15	\$3,980,158.20

	A		B	=	C	
16.	\$3,980,158.20 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	1.05	=	\$4,179,166.11	Maximum Allowable Tax
17.	\$3,980,158.20 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	+	\$263,745,098 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	0.01509	Minimum Tax Rate
18.	\$4,179,166.11 <small>(Amount from line 16)</small>	+	\$263,745,098 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small>	=	0.01585	Maximum Tax Rate
19.	\$248,246,757.00 <small>(Amount from line 3)</small>	x	0.01520 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$3,773,350.71 <small>(Enter on page 1, line 13)</small>	Tax for Commitment
20.	\$3,980,158.20 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	x	0.05	=	\$199,007.91	Maximum Overlay
21.	\$15,429,066 <small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small>	x	0.01520 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$234,521.81 <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Homestead Reimbursement
22.	\$69,275 <small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small>	x	0.01520 <small>(Selected Rate)</small>	=	\$1,052.98 <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	BETE Reimbursement
23.	\$4,008,925.49 <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small>	-	\$3,980,158.20 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small>	=	\$28,767.29 <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small>	Overlay

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

DELIQUENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

Town of Chelsea

220 MAIN STREET FREEPORT, LLC	2,152.29	GEROUX, LAURIE A	909.05
220 MAIN STREET FREEPORT, LLC	865.48	GEROUX, MATTHEW	374.88
730 RIVER ROAD, LLC	3,143.47	GEROUX, SCOTT C SR	2,710.57
ABC FUEL, INC.	2,543.02	GEROUX, TRAVIS	692.74
ALAM, MOHAMMED S	1,964.41	GIRARD, PETER E III	604.78
ALLEN, WAYNE S	302.33	GIRARD, PETER JR	1,060.02
ARNOLD, BRENDA	297.95	GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	1,268.23
ARNOLD, SCOTT D	1,938.79	GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	683.84
BANCROFT, CASEY A	20.52	GJG HOLDINGS, LLC	1,144.49
BELL, JEFFEREY	1,540.53	GLIDDEN, PATRICIA L	334.74
BLAIS, HELEN C	268.99	GOBACK, PIO	680.38
BOUDREAU, CATHERINE A	675.41	GRAHAM, WALLACE (HEIRS OF)	126.15
BRIGGS, CRYSTAL	1,054.82	GRAY, MELISSA	704.58
BUNKER, SHAWN	704.87	GRIMES JEANNE E	668.59
BURNS, STUART A	923.79	HALL, JON	2,355.91
BURTON, JERRY A	1,614.55	HARRIS, DAVID K	3,013.98
BUZZELL, TAMMY J	1,593.19	HATCH, STEVEN	1,190.17
CAMPBELLTON, FRANK W SR	467.65	HIBBARD, JOHN A	1,758.37
CAPITAL AREA SELF STORAGE LLC	6,853.63	HICKEY, NELSON P	376.66
CARRIER, DENIS Y	3,856.32	HICKEY, STEVEN J	423.58
CARTER LISA M	285.76	HINDS, DANIEL W	460.91
CASORIA, ANTHONY G V	847.38	HINDS, DANIEL W	1,240.94
CASORIA, ANTHONY G V	1,054.61	HINDS, DANIEL W	169.63
CASORIA, ANTHONY G V	2,557.40	HINDS, DANIEL W	169.53
CASORIA, HEATHER L	845.52	HUBBARD, LISA G	4,331.38
CHABOT, REGINALD G	436.72	HUMPHREY, DAVID E	699.00
CHANDLER, KATHRYN G & JEFFREY G	1,217.95	HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER	2,406.16
CHARCZENKO, NINA P	2,885.06	HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER J	2,264.69
CHELSEA RANDOLPH LLC	4,445.20	HUSTUS TRAVIS LAWRENCE	1,203.30
CHEN, MEIQING	1,830.95	HUTCHINS, DAVID M	563.07
CHERRY, ELIZAH	797.30	JAMISON, LINDA M	322.80
CHOUINARD, ROBIN S	829.27	JONES, SANDRA A (VIGUE)	636.06
COFFIN ENGINEERING & SURVEYING LLC	4,883.47	KEN CHRISTOPHER & SONS	1628.18
COITRONE, TIMOTHY J HEIRS OF	664.87	CONSTRUCTION, INC	
COPAGE, MARGARET	1,787.95	KHALVATI, CARRIE S	1,012.99
COTE, JENNIFER L	781.53	KHALVATI, CARRIE S	14.59
CYR, RONALD B JR & DEMOS, MICHAEL E	348.84		
DAVIDSON, JAMES E	1,305.97	KIMBALL, CYNTHIA L	364.80
DEARBORN, JILLIAN M	1,132.17	KIMBALL, JOYCE (SEARLES)	474.77
DESJARDIN, MARK R	343.80	KIMBALL, JOYCE E	277.70
DORE, TAMMY	92.49	KINCAID JEFFREY A.	1,230.17
DOYLE, JENNIFER L	1,441.22	KRECHKIN, MERRY A	2,701.55
EDWARDS, KAREN L	357.30	LACOSTE, JOHN P	2,069.77
ELLSMORE, JUDITH D	268.39	LAPOINTE, JUSTIN A	1,248.98
ERICKSON, TODD	5,593.31	LAPOINTE, ROBERT A	1,024.51
ERICKSON, TODD	1,784.63	LATHROP, JODI L	636.30
EXPRESS AUTO LLC	6,900.53	LATULIPPE, KATHRYN HEIRS OF	788.72
FARRINGTON, LARRY	114.88	LAWSON, MICHAEL J	115.88
FERGUSON, DOROTHY M HEIRS OF	765.73	LEMOINE, A JOHN	390.46
FIELDER-HALL, SHAUN HEIRS OF	1,198.20	LEOTSAKOS, ALEXAND	1,988.56
FITZGERALD, TERRENCE	174.16	DEWISEES OF	
FOURNIER, SEAN J	733.75	LEWIS BEATRICE	352.40
FRENCH, FRANK G	6,548.97	LEWIS, BEATRICE	277.48
FRENCH, JASON A	364.80	LEWIS, BEATRICE A	651.41
FRENCH, STEVE	208.91	LEWIS, ROBERT	1,431.26
FROST, STACY J	430.56	LEWIS, WANDA M HEIRS OF	1,128.54
GARRETT, ALYZA	1,705.33	LIN, TONY	1,402.81
GARY, CHARLES A	622.35	LOGAN, BAYLEIGH K	1,656.90

Town of Chelsea

LOGAN, CHARLES	2,568.98	PRUETT, LAURA L(TRUST)	2,485.99
LOGAN, CHARLES F	672.85	ROBINSON, DAVID SCOTT	443.81
LOIKO, ANTHONY W	2,553.27	ROBINSON, PAUL D	470.35
LOOK, TONY R	627.90	ROBINSON, ROBERT A JR	500.20
LOON ISLAND CAPITAL, LLC	2,209.79	ROY, DANIELLE	593.85
LUCAS, BRITTNEY A	370.06	SEARLES, DONALD R L	757.26
MACDOWELL, CAROL A	368.69	SEARLES, PAUL K	1,103.80
MACMASTER, THOMAS C JR HEIRS OF	991.59	SEARLES, STEVEN S	991.27
MAHONEY, MABLE LOUISE	894.82	SHOREY RANDALL JR	1,210.56
MAROIS, BRENDA L	1,835.37	SHOREY, LINDA	1,052.11
MARSHALL, CRAIG A	4,011.33	SIDELINGER, GARY	585.94
MCKECHNIE, MARK	49.61	SIRABELLA, DAVID K	1,711.40
MCKECHNIE, MARK R	182.40	SMILEY, SHIRLEY	601.02
MCLAUGHLIN, JEFFREY L	527.99	SMITH, DAVID A JR	510.12
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	280.44	SOPER, RUSSELL	1,947.61
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	1,532.04	SPRAGUE, TIMOTHY	1,530.54
MERRILL LINDA	2,291.98	SS207, LLC	11,487.63
MERRILL, JEFFREY L	1,547.37	ST JEAN, DENNIS M	516.50
MICHAUD, ROBERT L SR	107.54	ST PIERRE, REBECCA E	2,748.46
MILLS, JASON A	27.03	ST. AMAND, JOYCE A	323.39
MOODY, BRENDA J HEIRS OF	841.55	STANLEY, RICHARD E	1,556.10
MOODY, ROBERT E	622.04	STEEVES, BARRY SR	1,912.37
MOODY, THOMAS	1,063.74	STEVENS, EDWARD	278.53
MOODY, THOMAS	565.71	STICKNEY, MARK A	336.30
MOODY, THOMAS P	3,198.61	STICKNEY, MARK A	1,525.78
MOODY, THOMAS P	18.47	STROUT, GINGER L	2,431.50
MORANG, HEIRS OF NANCY,	864.91	STROUT, ROBERT L SR (LE)	581.11
MORANG, ROBBIE LEE	617.88	TALBOT, JESSICA	223.32
MORANG, ROBERT H	608.76	TAYLOR, ALFRED J, RAYMOND	1,478.41
MORANG, ROBERT H	1,554.49	E JR, TRAVIS L & GRONDIN, DIANA	
MORANG, ROBERT H	249.15	TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	181.47
MORGAN, MICHELLE L	11.63	TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	46.32
MOULTON, LAURIE J	450.55	TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	1,859.41
OLSON, STEVEN	331.92	THIBODEAU, DOROTHY	658.85
OUELLETTE, DIANE	872.56	THOMPSON, DAVID	2,394.64
PAQUETTE, CELMALENA	1,458.21	TIBBETTS, JOSHUA M	3,762.74
PARKER, DAVID J	1,397.99	TILLSON, MICHAEL	1,910.14
PERREAULT, LEON D SR	553.57	TLB PROPERTIES LLC	193.80
PERRY FAMILY PROPERTIES LLC	758.10	TLB PROPERTIES LLC	1,709.58
PERRY FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC	320.68	TOBIAS, ALFRED JOHN	298.43
PERRY, MARK A	2,383.79	TPM REALTY	1,196.53
PERRY, WILLIAM H	355.68	TREMBLAY, LAURA	2,782.18
PERRY, WILLIAM H	1,939.65	TRUMAN, STEVEN A	667.10
PERRY, WILLIAM H	292.19	ULMER, BRAD R	1,753.04
PERRY, WILLIAM H	370.18	VEILLEUX, ROBERTA A	499.36
PINEO, CANDACE L	2,602.60	WATSON, TOBY J	2,848.65
PINKHAM, LINDA M	722.17	WEISBACKER, ALFRED	163.60
PLANTE, ALFRED J JR	1,013.23	WESTON, KELLY M	1,197.39
PRATT, PAUL O JR	1,186.86	WHITTIER, STEVEN G	2,189.41
PRESCOTT, DALE T	15.05	WHITTIER, STEVEN G	41.98
PRESCOTT, DALE T	1,578.84	WILLIAMS, DAVID	262.50
		WILSON, BRIAN K	734.87
		YORK, BRADLEY	1209.21

UNPAID 2024 REAL ESTATE TAXES

ABC FUEL, INC	2,513.40	PRUETT, LAURA L(TRUST)	1,227.13
BUNKER SHAWN	643.53	ROY, DANIELLE	627.03
BUZZELL, TAMMY J	368.25	SEARLES, DONALD R L	786.11
CARRIER, DENIS Y	643.04	SEARLES, STEVEN S	1,012.45
CHOUINARD, ROBIN S	203.85	SHOREY RANDALL JR	1,224.55
FERGUSON, DOROTHY M HEIRS OF	794.27	SHOREY, LINDA	932.18
GEROUX, MATTHEW	416.23	SIDELINGER, GARY	195.94
GEROUX, TRAVIS	631.81	SOPER, RUSSELL	1,845.60
HARRIS, DAVID K	2,968.93	STEEVES, BERRY SR	245.27
HIBBARD, JOHN A	1,754.43	TAYLOR,ALFRED J, TRAVIS	1,272.28
HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER	976.35	L,RAYMOND	
HUNNEWELL, CHRISTOPHER J	1,090.32	THOMPSON, DAVID	1,366.36
KIMBALL, JOYCE (SEARLES)	420.98	TILLSON, MICHAEL	938.57
KINCAID JEFFREY A.	580.06	TILLSON, MICHAEL	938.57
LATHROP, JODI L	669.09	WALLS, LINDA	1,090.32
LEMOINE, A JOHN	431.30	WILSON, BRIAN K	672.57
LEOTSAKOS, ALEXANDRA HEIRS OF	1,977.07		
LEWIS, BEATRICE	125.00		
LEWIS, ROBERT	1,346.13		
LEWIS, WANDA M HEIRS OF	542.68		
LOON ISLAND CAPITAL, LLC	2,187.92		
LUCAS, BRITTNEY A	319.68		
MARSHALL, CRAIG A	1,979.90		
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN D	1,443.62		
MERRILL, LINDA	2,280.22		
MOODY, BRENDA J HEIRS OF	330.51		
MORANG, HEIRS OF NANCY,	890.22		
PINEO, CANDACE L	2,488.79		

UNPAID 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CHURCHILL, JOHN	77.52
COFFIN ENGINEERING & SURVEYING LLC	38.76
CRYSTAL FALLS	77.52
HANNAH MANUFACTURING	77.52
HARRIS, DAVID K	77.52
HICKEY, PETER & JUDY	77.52
JUSTIN'S AUTOMOTIVE & OFF ROAD	77.52
MILLER'S GARAGE	77.52
MUGHAL PLACE	77.52
PUSHARD'S POWER SPORTS	91.20
S & M RADIATOR	77.52
SARGENT, ALEX L	77.52
SCOTT ARNOLD WOOD HARVESTING	304.00
SELF STORAGE OF MAINE	77.52
SOUCY, MAURICE D	77.52
TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	77.52

UNPAID 2024-2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

AT&T MOBILTY LLC	2024	8.88
CHURCHILL, JOHN	2023	86.04
CHURCHILL, JOHN	2024	90.58
CRYSTAL FALLS	2023	52.37
CRYSTAL FALLS	2024	90.58
HARRIS, DAVID K	2023	86.04
HARRIS, DAVID K	2024	90.58
HICKEY, PETER & JUDY	2023	86.04
HICKEY, PETER & JUDY	2024	90.58
JUSTIN'S AUTOMOTIVE & OFF ROAD	2023	86.04
JUSTIN'S AUTOMOTIVE & OFF ROAD	2024	90.58
MARSHALL GRINDING, INC	2023	86.04
MARSHALL GRINDING, INC	2024	90.58
MILLER'S GARAGE	2024	52.01
MUGHAL PLACE	2024	34.14
PERFORMANCE COLLISION SPECIALISTS	2023	253.05
PERFORMANCE COLLISION SPECIALISTS	2024	266.40
S & M RADIATOR	2024	14.86
SARGENT, ALEX L	2023	86.04
SARGENT, ALEX L	2024	90.58
SCOTT ARNOLD WOOD HARVESTING	2024	355.20
SELF STORAGE OF MAINE	2024	90.58
SOUCY, MAURICE D	2023	86.04
SOUCY, MAURICE D	2024	90.58
TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	2023	86.04
TCI PROPERTIES, LLC	2024	90.58

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Election

**June 9, 2026 Tuesday
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Chelsea Town Office**

Business Meeting

**June 16, 2026 Tuesday
6:00 PM
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

To: Dorothy Grady, a citizen of the Town of Chelsea, in the County of Kennebec:
GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Chelsea Town Office** in said Town of Chelsea at **8:00 A.M.**, on **Tuesday, the 9th day of June, A.D., 2026**, there and then to act on **Article 1**, to elect a Moderator, and then the polls will be open from **8:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** to allow a vote on **Article 2**,

AND

to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School Gymnasium** in said Town of Chelsea at **6:00 P.M.** on **Tuesday, the 16th day of June, A.D., 2026** there and then to act on **Articles numbered 3 through 59, to wit:**

ARTICLE 1. To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Town Officer/Officials by secret ballot as set forth on the specimen ballot posted herewith:

SELECTBOARD/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

RSU #12 SHEEPSCOT VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD of DIRECTORS

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

PLANNING BOARD

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Three Vacancies - Three-Year Term

BOARD of APPEALS

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Three-Year Term

BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Three-Year Term

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- One Vacancy – Two-Year Term
- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. Absentee ballots will be processed beginning at 10:00 A.M. and continuing at 1:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Amend the Town of Chelsea Land Use Ordinance to Impose Noise Limits” be enacted?

Note: The enactment of the proposed amendment will incorporate Imposing Noise Limits into the Chelsea Land Use Ordinance.

Note: A copy of the text of the proposed ordinance changes is attached hereto and is available from the town clerk.

ARTICLE 4. Shall an ordinance entitled “Business Development Ordinance” be enacted?

Note: The enactment of the proposed amendment will incorporate Business Development Ordinance into the Chelsea Land Use Ordinance.

Note: A copy of the text of the proposed ordinance changes is attached hereto and is available from the town clerk.

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “Animal Control Ordinance of the Town of Chelsea, Maine”, be enacted?

Note: A copy of the text of the proposed ordinance is available from the town clerk.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to establish the Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. 5801 for the purpose of funding capital improvements to public roads within the Town, including the reconstruction, restoration, repair, replacement and repaving of public roads, culverts and related facilities?

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$290,753** for **Administration Salaries.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$181,056	\$200,501	\$252,858	\$278,387	\$290,753

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$290,753	Vote was 2-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$290,753	Vote was 6-0-1

***Explanation: The FY2027 Budget Proposal includes an extra payroll week and the start of a vacation bank to cover payouts of vacation.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$103,300 for Administration Expenses.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$41,583	\$63,852	\$80,500	\$101,808	\$103,300

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$103,300	Vote was 2-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$103,300	Vote was 5-2-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$17,800 for Town Office Expenses.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$10,420	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$17,000	\$17,800

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$17,800	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$17,800	Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$38,200 for Administration Miscellaneous.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$54,720	\$39,700	\$38,550	\$35,940	\$38,200

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$38,200	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee* Recommends	\$38,200	Vote was 6-1-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$65,900 for Assessor.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$26,244	\$27,500	\$28,000	\$26,000	\$65,900

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$65,900	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$65,900	Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$4,500 for Contracted Labor Services.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$3,830	\$16,400	\$14,000	\$4,500	\$4,500

Municipal Officers Recommend \$4,500 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$4,500 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$11,100 for **Boards.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$6,400	\$11,700	\$10,600	\$11,300	\$11,100

Municipal Officers Recommend \$11,100 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$11,100 Vote was 4-0-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$99,527 for **Employee Benefits.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$55,733	\$70,540	\$92,090	\$92,836	\$99,527

Municipal Officers Recommend \$99,527 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$99,527 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$321,760 for **Winter Roads** and to transfer any unexpended balance to the **Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$318,820	\$252,200	\$261,200	\$308,110	\$321,760

Municipal Officers Recommend \$321,760 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$321,760 Vote was 6-0-1

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$688,000 for **Summer Roads** and to transfer any unexpended balance to the **Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$640,700	\$676,500	\$703,500	\$707,500	\$688,000

Municipal Officers Recommend \$688,000 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$688,000 Vote was 4-0-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$240,009 for the **Fire Department.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$104,308	\$163,518	\$229,590	\$234,204	\$240,009

Municipal Officers Recommend \$240,009 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee* Recommends \$240,009 Vote was 5-0-2

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$86,541 for **Public Safety.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$61,035	\$31,673	\$121,647	\$127,680	\$86,541

Municipal Officers Recommend \$86,541 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$86,541 Vote was 6-0-1

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$38,500 for **Insurances.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$28,395	\$30,456	\$32,315	\$42,115	\$38,500

Municipal Officers Recommend \$38,500 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$38,500 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$23,192 for **Animal Control.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$11,261	\$15,029	\$17,789	\$19,570	\$23,192

Municipal Officers Recommend \$23,192 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$23,192 Vote was 5-2-0

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$99,501 for **Ambulance.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$56,491	\$60,000	\$84,877	\$77,795	\$99,501

Municipal Officers Recommend \$99,501 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$99,501 Vote was 6-1-0

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$98,653 for **Code Enforcement.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$38,860	\$78,576	\$93,590	\$94,444	\$98,653

Municipal Officers Recommend \$98,653 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$98,653 Vote was 6-1-0

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$28,250 for **Landfill.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$42,006	\$44,710	\$44,710	\$27,460	\$28,250

Municipal Officers Recommend \$28,250 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$28,250 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$1,200 for **Street Lights.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$1,356	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200

Municipal Officers Recommend \$1,200 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$1,200 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$7,100 for **General Assistance.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$12,100	\$7,500	\$5,900	\$6,100	\$7,100

Municipal Officers Recommend \$7,100 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$7,100 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$17,350 for **Cemeteries & Parks.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$20,920	\$18,350	\$17,600	\$18,000	\$17,350

Municipal Officers Recommend \$17,350 Vote was 3-0-0
 Budget Committee Recommends \$17,350 Vote was 7-0-0

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$7,500 for the **Donations & Contributions.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$2,500	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$7,500

Details:

Chelsea Grange \$1,000
Chelsea Historical Society \$500
Chelsea Food Bank \$1,500

Chelsea Backpack Program \$3,000
KVCAP \$500
All Seasons Trail Riders \$1,000 (Pass through funds from State of Maine for maintenance of trail system)

Municipal Officers Recommend \$7,500 **Vote was 3-0-0**
 Budget Committee Recommends \$7,500 **Vote was 6-0-1**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$33,301** for **High School Transportation.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$29,032	\$29,322	\$30,788	\$32,020	\$33,301

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$6,000** for the **Contingency Fund.**

(The Selectboard feels it is in the best interest of the Town to appropriate some funds to take care of unforeseen, emergencies or unanticipated expenditures in 2026/2027.)

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

Municipal Officers Recommend \$6,000 **Vote was 3-0-0**
 Budget Committee Recommends \$6,000 **Vote was 7-0-0**

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$45,000** for **Reserve Accounts.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$53,000	\$75,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$45,000

	<u>BOS</u>	<u>BC</u>
Fire Department Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fire Station Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Office Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000
Revaluation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Equipment Replacement	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sand/Salt Shed	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$45,000	\$45,000

Municipal Officers Recommend \$45,000 **Vote was 3-0-0**
 Budget Committee Recommends \$45,000 **Vote was 5-2-0**

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 to **Miscellaneous Accounts (TIF Consult).**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Municipal Officers Recommend		\$500	Vote was 3-0-0	
Budget Committee Recommends		\$500	Vote was 7-0-0	

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$79,358 to **TIF Transfer.**

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$41583	\$134,964	\$134,867	\$79,358	\$79,358

The municipal officers and budget committee did not vote on this.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED STATE REVENUE SHARING** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2026/27** as detailed below or take any action thereon. Recommended amount is \$394,735.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$300,000	\$450,000	\$400,000	\$394,735	\$394,735

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2026/2027** as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

<u>REVENUE TYPE</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
A. Auto Excise Tax	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
B. Boat Excise Tax	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
C. Building Permits	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
D. Plumbing Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
E. Motor Vehicle Agent	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
F. Interest on Liens	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
G. Lien Costs	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
H. GA Reimbursement	\$ 5,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,270	\$ 4,970
I. Local Roads Assistance	\$ 27,450	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
J. Animal Welfare Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
K. Recreation Agent Fees	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
L. Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
M. Interest on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
N. Investment Interest	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000
O. Snowmobile Reg. Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
P. Junkyard Permits	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0
Q. Dog Agent Fees	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

R. Marijuana License	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
S. Rental Agreement	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
T. Recycling Fees	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
U. Workers Comp Refund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
V. Misc. Revenues	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
W. Copy Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100
X. Recovery Legal	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600
Y. Non-budgeted Revenue	\$	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
Z. Cemetery Sales	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 400
Total	\$ 587,750	\$ 643,300	\$ 711,520	\$ 744,070

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to fund repairs at the Chelsea Sand/Salt Shed located at 176 Collins Road.

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this. The Municipal Officers asked that the article be brought forward to the voters as a separate article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of taxes, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year’s taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be **zero percent (0%)**.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use unappropriated revenues from previous fiscal year’s undesignated fund balances as necessary to offset the **2026/2027** tax commitment.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an Overlay in an amount not to exceed the State of Maine limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover the cost of abatements during the fiscal year.

(The Selectboard, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA Section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay can not be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the corresponding accounts.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote authorize the Selectboard to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Selectboard to accept said grants and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

- ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for **2026/2027** Community Development Block Grant and if a grant is received, to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend said grant funds and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.
- ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to determine a date when **2026/2027** taxes shall be due and payable and the date after which interest will accrue.
- 2026/2027 Recommendation:**
- 1st Half Due Date: **(Wednesday) October 14, 2026 or 30 days from commitment date whichever is later.**
- 2nd Half Due Date: **(Wednesday) April 14, 2027**
- (This article provides taxpayers with as many as 30 days to pay the first half of their taxes because occasionally the commitment date of taxes is delayed for reasons beyond the Board of Assessor's control.)**
- ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on **2026/2027** taxes unpaid as of the due date at **seven percent (7.0%)**. All payments will be credited as of the date the town receives them.
- ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of **zero percent (0%)** on abated taxes that were prepaid.
- ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable except that the Selectboard shall use the special sales process required by 36 M.R.S.A § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s) and to execute quit claim deeds for such property if sold, or to retain such property for town use if the Selectboard decides this is more advantageous to the Town.
- ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and transfer funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales when applicable.
- ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize yearly unexpended Winter and Summer Road budget surplus funds to be deposited into a dedicated capital road reserve fund intended for completing ongoing projects or future capital projects.
- ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to accept all funds collected through various fund-raising activities and donations and to authorize the Selectboard to expend the same.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use the unexpended **2026/2027** balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to set the date and time of the next Town Meeting to approve the municipal budget for the **July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028** fiscal year.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this article is to allow the continuation of ongoing voter approved programs.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter multiple-year leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions that the Selectboard deems necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to accept the proceeds of any insurance claims for damage occurring to Town equipment and to allow the expenditure of funds as necessary to replace said equipment as they deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town shall authorize the Selectboard to expend such monies as they deem necessary from the following Reserve Funds or take any action related to same.

Mobile Equipment/Investment
Fire Department Equipment/Investment
Fire Station/Investment
Town Office/Investment
Revaluation/Investment
Equipment Replacement/Investment
Sand/Salt Shed/Investment
Transfer Station/Recycling/Investment
Wood Lot Cash/Investment
Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town shall authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with the FY2027 budget for sixty (60) days into FY2028 shall any budget article fail?


ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town shall authorize the Selectboard, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon. (FY2026 Annual Town Meeting changed this to a 3/3 vote.)

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town shall vote to continue funding half of the 1% required Maine Paid Leave Contributions requirement with the other .5% being deducted from the employee's wages. (Estimated cost amount is \$2,250.)

ARTICLE 58: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector, with approval of the Selectboard, to waive the foreclosure of the tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S. 944.

ARTICLE 59: To see if the Town will (i) authorize the Selectboard to convey up to 1.63 acres of Town-owned property, being a portion of Tax Map 01, Lot 089 near the Sand/Salt Building, at a price to be negotiated by the Select Board, subject to such other terms and conditions as the Select Board determines to be in the Town's best interests and to execute such documents and instruments necessary and convenient to effect such conveyance; and (ii) to appropriate the purchase price for the conveyed property, less any transaction costs incurred by the Town, to the Sand/Salt Building Reserve.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2026
CHELSEA SELECTBOARD**


Chair Sheri Truman

A True Copy Attest: 
Samantha Peaslee, Clerk


Vice-Chair Jacob Soucy


Selectboard Member Michael Pushard

Resident's Return

KENNEBEC
MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Town Meeting Warrant at the Chelsea Town Office, Chelsea Gas Station, Bell's Liquidation, and Soule's Auto Supply on the 20 day of May, A.D., 2026, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: 
Dorothy Grady - Chelsea Resident

Notes

