

Matinicus Isle Plantation  
State of Maine  
Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2020

Town Meeting  
Friday June 19, 2020  
Outside the Town Office  
4:00 PM

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## **2019-2020 ASSESSORS REPORT**

COVID 19 – The only thing for sure that we know is that there will be change, constantly. Please check on the town website and the Matinicus Island Facebook page for official notices. Please maintain social distances. If you have been out of state, especially to a high risk area, please quarantine yourself according to the governor's recommendations.

ROADS - Since January we have had 3 dump trucks of crushed stone come out to help fill in the roads. We have another truck coming soon. This is paid for by grants.

TAXES – The state, again, has new rules for property assessments. Your assessment may have gone up or down. If you have any questions, please contact the town office. Good news: The Homestead Exemption has increased to \$25,000. It was \$20,000.

SOLAR PROJECT: We have a project in planning to build a solar farm with battery backups and a new diesel generator. The panels will be going on land the town owns east of the power plant. The Island Institute has been instrumental in supporting and paying for the planning of the project. Bids are due later this summer. We will then decide how to proceed and how to pay for the project. We have applied for a federal grant. Our existing system is very old, with frequent breakdowns. Parts can be very hard to obtain.

## **Matinicus Island Recycling and Solid Waste**

Spring 2020

The island recycling program is continuing to work well and to expand, and our program has grown to include most kinds of household and workshop waste.

We still DO NOT TAKE organic material (food, compost,) smelly stuff (moldy items, diapers,) medical waste/sharps, chemicals, poisons, liquids which could leak into ground water, explosive items such as unwanted ammo or fireworks, propane cylinders larger than torch/camp stove size, or oily rags which are a fire hazard in storage. We do not take large quantities of wood (demo).

We take beach and roadside clean-up trash (detailed sorting is not required, no lobster traps;) all kinds of electronics; small metal junk items; appliances (please remove or secure all refrigerator doors;) asphalt shingles in boxes (must be in boxes, not loose!) CFL/fluorescent bulbs, and tires. We DO take old American flags for courteous disposal by a veteran's organization (they do not go in with trash).

As of this writing we plan to take a load of pot warp (fishermen's rope) to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation plant in May, as we have been doing for two years. We plan another rope trip in the fall. Feel free to add rope to the pile.

If you are not sure whether we take a certain item, consider "Would I want to touch it bare-handed?" and "Can it be stored safely?" If in doubt, please call Eva Murray.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection for this year is not scheduled yet; please watch for notices.

### **CORONAVIRUS/COVID 19 advisory:**

Our facility remains open and we will continue to truck recyclables and trash to Rockland as long as they are able to accept it. We open Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. year-round.

Volunteers remain until people seem to be done.

We are NOT taking Goodwill/Salvation Army thrift shop items right now, as those stores are closed, and we do not have room to accumulate "swap shop" items long-term.

No more than one person at a time should be in any shed. We ask that everybody please be patient, wait their turn, allow the volunteers to assist, wear your mask/face covering, and do not crowd other people.

If you have a large amount of material to bring to sheds (such as after a major clean-up) we suggest you call Eva or Robin and make a plan for another time, leaving the Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. time for everybody's quick drop-off of routine household waste.

Additional summer hours (normally Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m. in July and August) will be determined by need.

Here's wishing everybody a safe and healthy summer!

**Matinicus Island School M.S.A.D. #65**

**Annual School Board Report School Year 2019 – 2020**

This fiscal year began with a community-wide question as to why keep the school open without having any full time/year round students now, or in the foreseeable future. Superintendent, Lew Collins, researched this question using data available from Maine towns that have closed their schools and with our lawyers, Drummond Woodsum, Attorneys At Law. This research revealed the legal requirements a community must have in place in order to be considered a “Plantation”. The community must have in place the following positions: “a clerk, three (3) assessors, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, a constable, a school committee and other plantation officers.” Title 30-A; Part 3; Chapter 301; Subchapter 1. If one of these positions is removed or not implemented the community would be out of compliance with state regulations that define that community as a “plantation”. Our attorneys bottom line opinion is, “if you close down the school, you close down the school board and ultimately close down the plantation.” Lew found that the usual motivation for towns to close their schools was monetary, i.e. too few students and a very high tax mil rate, usually over 20 mils. This is not our situation; our mil rate for education is 5 mils and a little over 8 mils for both education and town expenses. Therefore, the actual savings to Matinicus by closing down its operations would be negligible. Our mil rate is already so low, there would be little or no financial rewards from closing the school and the Plantation. Lew developed a School Fact Sheet to be distributed with the Town Report before the Town Meeting.

Our proposed budget was presented to the community on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was explained that this was a maintenance budget in that all infra-structure expenses would remain the same; 2) the teacher’s salary was kept as a show of good faith; and that 3) the budget was decreased by \$65K from last year – a negligible impact one way or the other to taxpayers. A motion was made to approve the operating budget in the amount of \$105,730 – seconded - discussion occurred during the review process – budget approved. Without any resident students to attend school and the school technically in “hibernation” mode, the Board went to work exploring many diverse thoughts and ideas regarding how to attract students to the island, perhaps for an alternative learning experience. This process involved topics such as housing for both the teacher and the students; adopting a different school calendar, i.e., having school open while kids are here, like April – December; student population – perhaps could develop a pre-school; hire a consultant to develop a 3 – 5 year plan/study to brainstorm where to go from here; develop a boarding school for older kids, grade school partnerships, advertise for new families to move here, etc.; just to name a few of the ideas discussed to get the school up and functioning again.

Months later, conversations between the Board and the community resulted in considering two main topics: 1) maintain the status quo, i.e., see if any students will eventually live and go to school here or; 2) be more aggressive and market/advertise to recruit students from away to the island. The general consensus of opinion is “it is what it is” and when there are children we will plan and go ahead from there, i.e., maintain the status quo. The community felt that calling people here from away, is not a priority that we want to address based on who, where and what we are and are not. “To invite people here, who have no idea what remote island life is all about, is doing a disservice to them and to the community who would feel responsible for taking care of them.”

Last spring a community member brought forth a request to purchase new playground equipment that’s “toddler friendly”, ages 2 -5 years. Handouts were submitted including a “quote” invoice, arrangements were made for delivery and set-up if approval was granted. Discussion followed - purchase request was granted with monies coming out of the school’s playground fund.

While the Seacoast Mission’s Boat is hauled out for maintenance and repairs, Sharon Daley, the Mission’s nurse and our school nurse, requested the use of our school property for her tele-med work and patient visits. Also, Douglas Cornman, the Mission’s Outreach and Chaplin Director and Jillian, the ship’s cook, requested use for various social events. After some insurance issues were worked out their use of the school was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Livingston, Chair, Emily Ames, Secretary, Chelsey Bemis, Board Member

## **Emergency medical response and community first aid help on Matinicus Island, 2020**

Matinicus Island no longer has a state-licensed and inspected Emergency Medical Service. We do continue to support informal community efforts to be prepared to assist with stabilization and transport of emergency injuries and illnesses. Eva is still a licensed EMT and Wilderness First Responder, and as such is bound by the state protocols, laws, and regulations regarding response and potential treatment. Several other community members who are or have been nurses, EMTs, paramedics, ski patrollers, or have other training may also help fellow islanders informally as “Good Samaritans” when called upon.

Nobody is officially “on duty” and all have other jobs. No island responder is sitting by the phone. There will be times when no medically-trained responder can immediately be reached on the island.

**Islanders can and should call 911 in an emergency.** Callers will be able to speak with a dispatcher on the mainland who will attempt to contact island responders and may be able to assist or advise the caller on the telephone. However, availability of a licensed EMS responder at any given time on Matinicus Island is NOT guaranteed, and for that reason we cannot legally say that we have a 911 service. Island residents, workers, visitors, and renters should keep in mind that this is a “back-country” location, especially in fog or bad weather, and that no promise of medical care or transport can be made.

Matinicus Island is not equipped to offer any sophisticated emergency interventions such as IV access, intubation, prescription medications, antibiotics, or wound suturing.

Likewise, we cannot provide home health care or regular nursing care. We do have EPI-pens and Narcan on the island.

Call 911 in the event of an emergency and remain on the telephone with the dispatcher.

ALL CALLS TO 911 will come with the assumption that you think you have a real emergency and wish to be transported to the mainland if weather permits. If you say it’s an emergency, we will assume you agree to have a mainland ambulance called, and agree to go to the hospital.

Remember that in some weather no transport to the mainland will be possible. If you are not feeling well, consider going to the mainland while weather and daylight make it uncomplicated. Don’t wait for the situation to get worse!

Calls to Penobscot Island Air for a “Medical Flight” mean you are asking for a priority flight as soon as possible. There is an additional charge for Medical Flights even during the normal workday. The patient should have an EMT or other caregiver along; obviously, the pilot cannot care for a patient in the airplane! Medical Flights mean that you agree to go to the hospital in an ambulance. If you just want a flight to the mainland and will refuse transport to the hospital, just make a regular flight on your own.

For minor first-aid assistance that will not, in your opinion, likely require a trip to the mainland, people may contact Eva or the other island responders at their home telephone numbers.

What's urgent? In general, it's urgent when somebody:

- is UNRESPONSIVE; is confused, disoriented, or unable to think straight or respond to questions for no known reason, cannot stay awake, seems "not right in the head" for no obvious reason;
- has difficulty BREATHING for any reason;
- has significant chest or abdominal PAIN, or uncontrolled pain anywhere severe enough to interfere with activities of daily life;
- has signs of serious INFECTION that seem to be getting worse (such as "fish poisoning");
- has signs of possible STROKE which may include weakness on one side of the body, a sudden-onset disability including in communication, vision, etc., sudden onset extreme headache, "facial droop"/one-sided difference in facial appearance, etc.;
- has obvious serious injury, obvious serious illness such as high fever, or unexplained symptoms.

Island responders can access LifeFlight of Maine for possible helicopter transport and advanced-level medical treatment by contacting the 911 Dispatcher. LifeFlight can come to the island in most--but not all--weather. LifeFlight should be called for life-, limb-, or eyesight-threatening emergencies, or for suspected stroke, without worry about the cost. EMS transports will use licensed medical, licensed commercial, or government-agency transportation across the water except in very unusual cases. The patient who calls for emergency care and transport does not choose which vessel they'd like to ride in. The possibility exists of Coast Guard, Marine Patrol, or law enforcement involvement. No island responder is obligated to ride with a patient in any "civilian" vessel (boat or aircraft) if they believe the trip may be unsafe. This may be an issue of weather, of vessel maintenance or safety, of crew readiness or sobriety, or of other concerns.

#### **COVID 19/Coronavirus update:**

Eva has been in touch regularly, through weekly or biweekly ZOOM videoconference calls and other means, with Maine Emergency Medical Services and local EMTs, Knox County Emergency Management, all the other Knox County towns (plus Waldoboro and Monhegan,) Waldo County, the Maine Seacoast Mission staff, and all of Maine's other year-round island communities. These organizations, agencies, and other communities have helped us get Personal Protective Equipment, hand sanitizer, and other supplies. We support each other with shared knowledge, experience, gear, and resources.

Maine EMS has issued updated protocols for EMS response to suspected COVID19 patients, and Eva has taken the online courses related to these new procedures.

We have a limited amount of PPE (masks, face shields, etc.) for use by responders on the island.

We have some extra oxygen on hand this summer.

As of June 7, 2020 we know of no cases of COVID19/Coronavirus disease on Matinicus Island.

As of June 7th island EMS has not been called to assist in transport of any COVID19 patient. We hope for a safe and healthy summer for all.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS of COVID19, fever, or any respiratory distress, remember that this disease can get worse very quickly. Most patients do not require hospitalization, but remember that on this island, weather can prevent transportation. Do not wait for it to get worse! We urge you to contact your physician immediately and to be open with your island neighbors about your situation.

*Because of the COVID19 concerns, it is uncertain whether Matinicus will host CPR classes this summer.*

## **MATINICUS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020**

The M.I.H.S. has had a quite year. Larry Liebling and his internet gallery of island photographs is the exception. Larry is nothing BUT busy, receiving new and old photographs from generous donations by Islanders past and present. Thanks go out to Larry.

Robin Tarkleson always does our taxes and we, as always thank her very much as well.

I have done several ancestor searches this year for Islanders past and their descendants. We do not do genealogical work for people but we try to help as much as we can.

Our concentration continues to be catalog work on our collection and, this year, a thorough cleaning of our storage area in the old School and a collection inspection.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and continued encouragement.

Suzanne Rankin, Director

## **REPORT FROM MATINICUS ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019-2020**

In 2019 Matinicus Plantation Fire Department made a few changes to the responding vehicles. We are now utilizing the Matinicus Plantation plow truck as a brush truck. The Indian tanks and hand tools are now in the back of the truck which will be able to respond to more remote locations than the engines. The fire department is currently in the process of locating a pump truck that will be an upgrade to the current trucks.

As a reminder, all open fires require a fire permit. That can be obtained by contacting Fire Chief Gary Peabody at [366-3018](tel:366-3018). Please responsibly extinguish smoking materials.

Thank you to Danny Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief and Terry Averill for their work on the existing trucks and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Peabody, Fire Chief

Matinicus Plantation Fire Department





## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### **Ann Higgins Matlack**

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Dear Residents of Matinicus:

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Over the next two years, I will be working hard on your behalf to provide responsive constituent services, be your advocate in the State House and advance legislation that improves life in our district and in our state.

As we work further into the Legislative session, we will continue working on the 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. Top priorities include expanding health care coverage, bringing relief from the opioid crisis, expanding access to renewable energy, reducing student debt, fighting and dealing with the effects of climate change, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, protecting the independence of seniors, and making sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

We will also be balancing the state budget for the next two years and will work to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

This year I am serving on the Taxation Committee, where we will tackle policy relating to tax policy, Bureau of Revenue Services, property taxes, tax exemptions and credits, property valuation and assessment, and municipal revenue sharing.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [Ann.Matlack@Legislature.Maine.Gov](mailto:Ann.Matlack@Legislature.Maine.Gov). My phone number is (207) 594-4831. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Ann Matlack  
State Representative

District 92 Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston and Matinicus Isle Plantation, plus the unorganized territories of Cribhaven and Muscle Ridge Islands Townships

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to represent you and your family and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

In 2019, I was honored to work with my colleagues to pass hundreds of bills that address everything from fighting climate change to raising the minimum wage. And while Congress has become an increasingly partisan place, I was proud to continue my habit of reaching across the aisle, introducing a number of bipartisan bills and cosponsoring even more.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee I advocated for increased funding for the BUILD grants program which funds investments in transportation infrastructure by states, local governments, and transit agencies. I also pushed for increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, our national park system, local and organic agriculture, election security, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Since my time in the Maine State Senate, lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities. This year I introduced two bills that would help Americans afford their prescription medications. I also voted for a bill that would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to directly negotiate prices for certain drugs. I look forward to continuing this important work in 2020 so Americans are no longer faced with the choice of picking up prescriptions they desperately need or putting food on the table.

I am sure this coming year holds many challenges and opportunities for our country, and I promise that the interests and principles of Mainers will continue to guide my work. If there is anything my offices in Washington or Maine can do to be of assistance – whether you, your town, or your organization is applying for a grant; you're facing an issue with a federal agency; or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion – please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

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January 6, 2020

Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,

Angus S. King Jr.  
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angus" being the most prominent.

3:20 PM  
01/31/20  
Cash Basis

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Trial Balance**  
As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19	
	Debit	Credit
Camden National Business NOW	324,802.98	
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	6,357.63	
Cemetery Trust Fund Savings	1,336.53	
Indexed Money Market	11,386.38	
Matinicus Tank Farm CD	7,096.94	
Matinicus Community Development	5,263.56	
OM Tank Farm Savings	2,805.60	
Recycle Auto Account	22,444.44	
Road Account	14,672.33	
Accounts Receivable		5,278.81
Accounts Receivable: Taxes receivable	0.00	
Cash on Hand with Tax Collector	15,258.25	
Prepaid Exp MMA Prop Casualty	3,095.50	
Taxes Receivable - 2012	38,487.68	
Taxes Receivable Current Year		2,826.12
Taxes Receivables Prior Years	37,419.25	
Undeposited Funds	3,684.20	
FD Equipment		1,363.64
Furniture and Equipment	1,363.64	
Other Assets	0.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
Deferred Taxes		89,000.00
Due to Power Company		37,716.37
Net Assets Held In Trust - CemF		6,768.73
Refundable Deposits		35,000.00
Opening Balance Equity		31,801.92
Unrestricted Net Assets		362,477.42
Bank Fee for Using Charge Card		230.93
Billing Fee		4.00
Cemetery Donation		210.00
Dog License		82.00
Fire Department	177.61	
Government Grants: Homestead Reimbursement		1,793.00
Government Grants: Veterans Exemption Reimbursement		38.00
Insurance Reimbursement		818.00
Interest Income		524.66
Investments: Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		183.75
Licenses and Fees		179.00
Licenses and Fees: 2018 Boat Registration		5.50
Licenses and Fees: 2018 Vehicle Registration		85.00
Licenses and Fees: 2019 Boat Registration		135.50
Licenses and Fees: 2019 Vehicle Registration		2,316.30
Licenses and Fees: 2020 Vehicle Registration		50.00
MIRescue donations		650.00
Payroll Reimbursement		63,586.31
Revenue Sharing State of Maine		2,404.94
Tax Revenue: Boat Excise Tax 2018		26.00
Tax Revenue: Boat Excise Tax 2019		899.00
Tax Revenue: Interest		1,785.27
Tax Revenue: Lien Fees		280.50
Tax Revenue: Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2018		288.98
Tax Revenue: Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2019		13,927.47
Tax Revenue: Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2020		98.78
Tax Revenue: Real Estate Tax 2016		1,587.64
Tax Revenue: Real Estate Tax 2017		1,596.95
Tax Revenue: Real Estate Tax 2018		23,977.49
Tax Revenue: Real Estate Tax 2019		183,513.34
Tax Revenue: Sales - Use Tax		0.08
Tractor Rental		150.00
Vehicle Deposits		3,750.00
Animal Control	2,804.80	
Animal Welfare Fund	103.60	
Bank Service Charge & Interest	193.58	
Capital Road Account	811.35	

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## OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR 2019

### Collections by Category

2016 Property Tax	\$ 1,587.64
2017 Property Tax	\$ 1,596.95
2018 Property Tax	\$ 23,977.49
2019 Property Tax	\$ 195,513.34
Total Property Tax Collection: 1/1/19 – 12/31/19	<u>\$ 222,675.42</u>

2019 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 14,315.23
Property Tax Interest	\$ 1785.27
2018 Boat Excise Tax	\$ 925.00
Total Local Revenue 1/1/19 -12/31/19	<u>\$ 239,700.02</u>

### Pass-through Revenue:

Sales Tax, Boat Registration, Lien Fees Vehicle Registration, Licenses	\$ <u>3051.86</u>
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Total Collected 1/1/19 -12/31/19	<u>\$ 242,752.78</u>
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## 2019 PLANTATION CLERKS RECEIPTS

### Dog licensing:

12 neutered/spayed dogs @ \$6.00 each =\$72.00

2 dogs capable of producing puppies @ \$11.00=\$22.00

Total from dog licensing (including agency fees)	\$94.00
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### Vital records:

1 marriage license	\$40.00
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1 certified copy of birth certificate	\$15.00
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### IF&W Sales:

1 hunting license with multiple additional permissions (includes agency fees)	\$103.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Eva Murray, Clerk and Registrar

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION   Office of the Tax Collector**  
**Accounts Receivable as of 12/31/19**

*All amounts do not include interest or lien fees*

*\*= The amount was paid after 12/31/19*

**2019**

<u>Acct</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8	Ames, David A	933.47
15	Ames, Marshall	43.87
34	Ames, Weston	989.89
234	Ames, Weston	232.47
151	Ames, Weston	361.92
202	Ames, Weston	252.00
196	Ames, Weston	220.50
163	Ames, Weston	131.59
50	Bower, Paul	12.13
238	Maddox, William	652.05*
109	Matinicus Isle Vacations	1639.01*
110	Matinicus Isle Vacations	1730.17*
237	Matinicus Isle Vacations	1542.25
129	Nourse, James	389.97
137	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	1570.91
224	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	113.09
236	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	289.80
148	Romberg, Klas and Anita	6071.06*
149	Romberg, Klas and Anita	6.07*
187	Romberg, Klas and Anita	1360.80*
127	Ryan, Laurie	1326.09*
212	Tardiff, Lawrence	5.39
178	Young, Dennis	6.07*

**2018**

8	Ames, David A	1316.66
50	Bower, Phillip	16.44
127	Ryan, Laurie	1465.81*

**2017**

8	Ames, David	1354.89*
50	Bower, Phillip	16.92



**Matinicus Isle Plantation  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2019**

		General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$	392,156
Receivables:		
Taxes receivable - current year		20,967
Tax receivables and liens - prior years		3,601
Accounts		0
Interfund		9,265
Total assets	\$	425,989
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Liabilities:		
Refundable deposits - vehicles		39,750
Total liabilities		39,750
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		10,100
Total deferred inflows of resources		10,100
Fund balance:		
Restricted - Schools		27,604
Committed		21,769
Unassigned		326,766
Total fund balance		376,139
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$	425,989
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		305,125
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are shown as unavailable revenue in the funds.		10,100
Net position of governmental activities	\$	691,364

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

## Statement 4

**Matinicus Isle Plantation**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2019**

	General Fund
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Taxes	\$ 238,889
Intergovernmental	4,236
Interest earned	688
Miscellaneous	11,710
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>255,523</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
<b>Current:</b>	
General government	68,008
Fire department	6,799
Roadways	4,495
Solid waste and recycling	23,982
Unclassified	24,716
Education	85,773
County tax	37,062
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>250,835</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>4,688</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>	
Transfer to Electric Company	(30,000)
<b>Total other financing uses</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>(25,312)</b>
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<b>401,451</b>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 376,139</b>

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**Matinicus Isle Plantation**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2019**

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	(25,312)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
This is the amount of current year depreciation.		(27,710)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the change in unavailable revenues.		
		(5,900)
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(58,922)</b>

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**Matinicus Isle Plantation**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2019**

For the year ended December 31, 2023					Variance with final budget positive (negative)
		Budget		Actual	
		Original	Final		
Revenues:					
	Property taxes	\$ 216,421	216,421	223,938	7,517
	Excise taxes	17,000	17,000	14,951	(2,049)
	Intergovernmental - state revenue sharing	1,000	1,000	2,405	1,405
	Intergovernmental - all other	4,075	4,075	1,831	(2,244)
	Interest earned	-	-	688	688
	Vehicle deposits and adjustments	-	-	3,750	3,750
	Sale of Town owned personal property	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
	Miscellaneous (includes donations)	-	-	7,960	7,960
Total revenues		243,496	243,496	255,523	12,027
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Art.#	Description				
6	Plantation personnel	19,450	19,450	33,506	(14,056)
6	Other plantation charges	31,400	31,400	23,847	7,553
7	Insurance	8,000	8,000	10,655	(2,655)
8	Fire department	14,000	14,000	6,799	7,201
9	Roads	6,000	6,000	3,684	2,316
10	Road projects	15,325	15,325	811	14,514
11	Cemetery maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,823	(823)
12	Town historian	300	300	-	300
13	Chamber of Commerce	50	50	-	50
14	Island rescue	2,500	2,500	2,004	496
18	Donations - other agencies	1,165	1,165	1,165	-
19	Maine Municipal Association dues	1,377	1,377	1,952	(575)
21	LURC fees	5,814	5,814	5,814	-
20	Animal welfare fund	4,610	4,610	3,208	1,402
15,16	Solid waste and recycling	16,000	16,000	23,982	(7,982)
17	Pot warp	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
n/a	Vehicle deposit refunds	-	-	7,750	(7,750)
Assmt.	Overlay	1,062	1,062	-	1,062
Subtotal expenditures		134,053	134,053	128,000	6,053
(Other assessments:					
	MSAD #65	55,208	55,208	85,773	(30,565)
	County tax	37,060	37,060	37,062	(2)
Total other assessments		92,268	92,268	122,835	(30,567)
Total expenditures		226,321	226,321	250,835	(24,514)
Excess of revenues over expenditures		17,175	17,175	4,688	(12,487)
Other financing sources (uses):					
	Budgeted use of capital road fund	12,825	12,825	-	(12,825)
	Transfer to Electric Company	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	-
Total other financing uses		(17,175)	(17,175)	(30,000)	(12,825)
Net change in fund balance				(25,312)	(25,312)
Fund balance, beginning of year				401,451	
Fund balance, end of year		\$		376,139	

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**Matinicus Isle Plantation**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**December 31, 2019**

<b>Business-type Activities - Electric Company</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$	187,943
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$2,956		9,896
Inventory		6,905
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>204,744</b>
Capital assets:		
Land		2,815
Property and equipment		675,754
Accumulated depreciation		(667,967)
<b>Total capital assets</b>		<b>10,602</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>215,346</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Interfund payable		9,265
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>9,265</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets		10,602
Unrestricted		195,479
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>206,081</b>

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# **Warrant for 2020 Annual Town Meeting Matinicus Isle Plantation**

To: Wanda Philbrook, Resident of Matinicus Plantation, in the County of Knox.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Plantation of Matinicus, in the County of Knox, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet outside the Town Office in said Plantation on Saturday, the 19 of June, 2020 at 4:00 PM, there and then to act on the following articles, namely:

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

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

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

**Article 4:** To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for support of the Power Company. (Assessor's suggest \$30,000)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will set the pay of Town Officers, namely:  
Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters (Assessors suggest \$1500.00)  
Treasurer (Assessors Suggest \$4000.00)  
Tax Collector (Assessors Suggest \$4000.00 plus 2% of taxes collected)  
Assessors (Assessors Suggest \$1500.00 each.)



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

Assessors recommendations:

Salaries:

Clerk/Registrar	\$1500.00
Administrative Assistant	\$7000.00
Treasurer	\$4000.00
Tax Collector	\$4000.00
Assessors- 3 @ \$1500.00 each	\$4500.00
Ferry Advisory Rep.	\$2000.00
Social Security/Med. Match	\$4000.00
Unemployment Contrib.	\$2000.00
Workers Comp	<u>\$2800.00</u>
	\$31,800.00

Plantation Expenses:

Clerk/Registrar expenses	\$ 400.00
Treasurer's expenses	\$ 1300.00
Tax Collector's expenses	\$ 250.00
Assessors' expenses	\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 2000.00
Election costs	\$ 500.00
Audit	\$4400.00
Technology	\$ 800.00
Town Office	\$4600.00
Plantation Maintenance	\$6500.00
Staff Development	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	\$22,250.00

(Assessors recommend \$54,150, with \$14,000.00 from estimated Excise Taxes, \$1,000.00 in estimated State Revenue Sharing, and \$39,150.00 from taxes).

**Article 7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for insurance coverage on Town buildings and vehicles, Town officials, and Liability coverage. (Assessors recommend \$8000.00 from taxes.)

**Article 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for support of the Fire Department. (Assessors recommend a total of \$14,000 with \$7000 coming from surplus and \$7000 to be raised from taxes).

**Article 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for road maintenance, including plowing, grading and similar upkeep. (Assessors recommend \$6,000 from taxes)

**Article 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to buy road salt (Assessors recommend \$3000 from taxes)

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

(Assessors recommend \$14756.06 with \$12,256.06 carried over from the Capital Improvement Road Account, and estimated \$2500 in URIP funds from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2020. Funds in the Capital Improvement Account come from the MDOT and cannot be used for plowing, routine grading, or similar annual upkeep. A “yes” vote will authorize the Assessors to accept MDOT funds and utilize capital improvement funds carried over from previous years.)

**Article 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for cemetery maintenance. (Assessors suggest \$3000.00 from taxes).

**Article 13:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses for the Town Historian.(Assessors suggest \$300.00 from taxes).

**Article 14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses of the Matinicus Chamber of Commerce. (Assessors suggest 100.00 from taxes).

**Article 15:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Matinicus Island Rescue. (Assessors suggest \$2500.00 from taxes).

**Article 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for Solid Waste and Recycling. (Assessors suggest \$10,000.00 from taxes).

**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for a household hazardous waste collection day. (Assessors suggest \$6,000.00 from taxes).

**Article 18:** To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise to remove unusable “pot warp” from Matinicus. “Pot warp” is rope that is used in lobstering.  
(Assessors suggest \$5000 from taxes)

**Article 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise a total of \$1165 for the following organizations:

Island Community Medical Center. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).  
Maine Behavioral Health Care. (Assessors suggest \$51.00, as requested, from taxes).  
Maine Seacoast Mission. To help pay power costs for telemedicine unit. (Assessors suggest \$320.00)  
LifeFlight of Maine Foundation. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).  
South Thomaston Ambulance. (Assessors Suggest \$300.00 from taxes).  
Penquis Comm. Action Program. (Assessors suggest \$74.00 from taxes)  
Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. (Assessors suggest \$50 as requested from taxes).  
Maine Public Broadcasting (Assessors suggest \$100, as requested from taxes)  
WIC (Women Infants and Children) (Assessors suggest \$70, as requested from taxes)

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$1368 from taxes for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the Animal Welfare Fund. (Assessors suggest \$105 from taxes).

**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control.  
(Assessors suggest \$4500)

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to bill the transportation costs of the Animal Control Officer(ACO) to the owner of the animal the ACO has to come see.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$5877.00 payable to the State of Maine, as required, for the services of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the next fiscal year:

- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Local Road Assistance
- State Aid to Education
- Civil Emergency Funds
- Snowmobile Registration Money
- Tree Growth Reimbursement
- Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
- General Assistance Reimbursement
- Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- State Grants or other funds not covered by the above  
(including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief).

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Real and Personal Taxes before being committed to the Tax Collector for collection but not to pay interest on prepayments.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix an interest rate to be charged on such taxes after said date. It is recommended that taxes be due and payable on November 1, 2020 and that the rate of interest to be charged for payment after that date be 8.0 % per annum, the rate set by the Maine State Treasurer.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute Quitclaim deeds on such property.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2020 taxable year in anticipation of taxes or other revenues due in said 2020 taxable year, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Town, said loans to be repaid during the 2020 taxable year.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2020 taxable year in anticipation of Power Company revenue and/or revenues raised and appropriated for the Power Company by the Town, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Power Company, said loans to be repaid during the 2020 taxable year.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to allow all balances to lapse into surplus to the extent permitted by law.

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from surplus those monies necessary to conduct Plantation business from January 1st of 2021 until the 2021 Town Meeting. Such monies shall not exceed 33 1/3% of the 2020 budget for each specific category, and shall be limited to those categories with balances lapsed into surplus or remaining in a special fund at the end of fiscal 2020.

**Article 33:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$5,000.00 dollars or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**Article 34:** To choose an Assessor to serve for three years.

**Article 35:** To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**Article 36:** To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

**Article 37:** To choose a Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters for the ensuing year.

**Article 38:** To choose a Director of MSAD#65 to serve for three years.

**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors fill the following offices by appointment, and require the Assessors to post the list of appointees on the Town Bulletin Board by May 31st:

- Administrative Assistant
- Cemetery Committee
- Animal Control Officer
- Health Officer
- Chamber of Commerce
- Road Commissioner
- Fire Warden
- Town Historian
- Rescue Director

**Article 40:** To see what date, time and place the Town will vote to hold the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. (Suggest Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, at the School).