

Matinicus Isle Plantation  
State of Maine  
Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2023

Town Meeting  
Saturday April 29, 2023  
At The Matinicus Elementary School  
6:00 PM

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**2021**

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### **ASSESSORS REPORT 2022-2023**

It has been a tough year. Danny Lewis passing was hard for everyone. He served the island tremendously for many years. Danny will truly be missed.

Phil Davies was appointed road commissioner in Danny's place. He is tackling our deteriorating roads. They need lots of work. He has already improved them tremendously. Also – please keep your speed to 15 mph or less.

The power company needs lots of help. The equipment is ancient and parts are almost impossible to find. Two engines have failed recently. Our mechanic from Billing Marine says we need to start looking at new engines. We also need new switchgear, which controls everything. We will start by getting an electrical engineer to come out and tell us what we need to do. Then we will get estimates. This will be an expensive, but needed project. We may start a fund raising campaign.

The new State Ferry for Matinicus is being built. It hopefully will be ready in a year. The name will be chosen soon.

Our longtime Administrative Assistant, Treasurer and Tax Collector, George Tarkleson, is retiring this fall. We would like to thank him for his professionalism and attention to detail these past eleven years. We are grateful for all he has done for the town. Enjoy your retirement, George.

If anyone is interested in the positions, please contact him by email at [matinicustownoffice@gmail.com](mailto:matinicustownoffice@gmail.com) or call or text him on his cell phone 207-691-9030. Minimum requirements are a proficiency in Quickbooks, Excel, Word and willingness to take classes online and in person.

This past year, some residents that are on the mainland in the winter, have elected to pay their excise taxes on their vehicles on the mainland. Reasons that have been given is that it is easier. Matinicus is now a part of Rapid Renewal, where you can easily renew your registration online. Matinicus does get all the tax paid. Excise Taxes really help to keep your taxes lower.

Sincerely,

Clayton Philbrook, Robin Ames, Laurie Webber

Board of Assessors

### **Recycling and Solid Waste, Household Hazardous Waste, and Old Fishing Gear 2023**

**In 2022 we had 16 trucks on ferries. Matinicus has now run a “recycling” program for 20 years.**

**So much for everybody who said, “It’s never going to work!” As most people know, in addition to recyclable containers, cardboard, paper, and metal junk we also take “clean trash,” which means nearly any non-recyclable household refuse that is safe to handle and will not stink, attract vermin, or present a toxic spill risk. We do NOT take any liquids or poisons.**

**We do take appliances, televisions, and metal junk, but cannot take loose demolition debris.**

**Roof shingles should be in cardboard boxes, for example, and mattresses must be dry. All barrels must have the ends out (this is a new rule in Rockland ) and all pressure tanks (such as propane or spray foam) must have a large, obvious hole.**

**The trash crew on Matinicus is made up of your neighbors, working for free, and it is not their duty to handle anything disgusting or dangerous! Please make sure summer renters understand this. It is ESSENTIAL that everybody on the island take seriously that NO food waste should go into trash bags that will be stored in the sheds. We have had maggot and rat problems for the first time this past year! If you want us to take any trash that may contain food residue or material that could smell (diapers, cat litter, etc.) you must store it at your own home until ferry day. You can bring it as we load the truck. Double-bag anything questionable.**

**Last year, we found someone in the Rockland area who can re-use old pot warp, and we sent well over a ton of rope to him last summer. He will take more rope from us this year.**

**I have contacted Buzz Scott to ask about progress on the trap crushing project.**

**The 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection is tentatively scheduled for June 20-22. If transportation works out, we may try to move this collection event to later in the summer. Please watch for signs and online notification.**

**Big thanks to all the volunteers who sort trash, assist people, load trucks, and do a bunch of behind-the scenes tasks. Thanks to Tess who ran a “free yard sale” table last summer at the recycling sheds. Maybe we’ll have that again this year! Thanks to Maury for his frequent help with unloading in Rockland. Special thanks to the cardboard cutters for precision engineering.**

**In 2022 several of the volunteers had the chance to tour the Eco-Maine processing facility in Portland. We can put together another tour if people are interested (contact Eva if so).**

**In 2022, money from returnable deposit beverage containers was donated to: a school kids’ field trip, Maine Lobstermen’s Association, contribution for fireworks for July 4 th , purchase of a new CPR class manikin, ML Webber medical flight fund, and the Ladies Aid (for flowers,**

## **Matinicus Island School MSAD 65 /RSU 65   Annual School Board Report   School Year 2022 – 2023**

We have been fortunate to finish the school 2022 school year with a combined celebration of all the students and a graduation ceremony for Isabella Messer. The students had a meaningful service with music and verse held at the church, with a celebratory community potluck dinner that followed the ceremony held at the school, open to the community. Student learning was led by Todd Martin as the teacher, and Alix Martin as the Ed Tech. In the fall of 2022 the Matinicus Island school went into 'hibernation mode'. One student participated in an online schooling program in the fall term on island. Isabella Messer had the privilege again of representing Knox County and the Maine Outer Islands with the Maine Department of Education Student Cabinet for the year 2022-2023.

The Board worked in sync this year with purpose and clarity. From a staffing perspective, one of the great additions to our team this year was the addition of Dorian Edwin into the position of Administrative Assistant. Currently, this position is a few hours a month in support of the school district's needs.

From a physical building perspective, the Board addressed some key concerns: an electrical wiring issue to an outlet, replacement of the fuel oil tank, addressing furnace issues & cleaning the furnace, addressing safety issues by clearing out the entire back furnace room, addressing storage issues by cleaning out the contents of old storage shed (and moving and adjusting appropriate supplies to proper locations, and these are just a few of the physical plant matters addressed throughout the year). Dorian also helped us by starting the task of eliminating outdated materials from a back room.

From a policy perspective, it was clear in our evaluation that the policy book that the school was operating under was out of compliance. Superintendent Gallace led the charge of selecting policies one by one, presenting them to the Board for a first review. At this point the Board looked at other school districts around the state on each policy to see where we best stood in our unique location and circumstances to review and offer suggested changes. A second reading was then held at the next meeting and most policies were then adopted. The Boards work with the policies was time consuming and thorough, with investigating and reading with the Maine DOE to keep up with the best standards of practice anticipating the opening of the schoolhouse once again. Policies can be located on the school website.

From a technology perspective, the School Board directed Superintendent Gallace to initiate a website to be a location to source policies, information, agendas, meeting notes, Teacher and Student activities, School happenings and public open house style events. The Board Chair also created a Facebook page for a source of communication, ease of use for residents whether one may be on island or off island, as well as transparency of process for what the Board is doing.

From a financial perspective, Belinda has been working diligently to streamline the school budget and payroll. She has also been working with the auditors to ensure that all of the budget funds are correctly accounted for. As we move into the next budget cycle, school accounts will continue to be accurate as well as transparent.

Two other items that we have been researching and discussing include Pre-K and teacher housing. We have discussed, but have not taken any action on beginning a Pre-K program. We have also learned about possible grant funding available through The Maine Housing Authority that could greatly assist in acquiring housing for future teachers and possibly other workers coming to Matinicus. The community was able to utilize the school building this year for opportunities for CPR classes hosted by Eva Murray, the Sunbeam requested its use to service the island, and community dinners were held throughout the winter months. As a Board we extend our thanks to the community members who helped us along the way this year's problem to solve the aforementioned concerns and issues. There are far too many of you to respectfully submit here in writing, but our thanks to you for your vision for the school and investment for the next generations.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Gallace, Superintendent.; Samantha Philbrook, Board Chairperson; Lacey Leigh, Board Member; Alissa Messer, Board Member

## **Matinicus Island Rescue 2023**

Emergency medical response and first aid:

After the sudden passing of Dan Lewis on Harbor Point November, 2022 an emergency telephone was installed near the lower Harbor Point shops. This is paid for by TDS Telecom. It may be used for any local or Rockland exchange calls, and of course for 911.

Please remind your guests, tenants, new employees, and visitors that Matinicus is “the back country!” Emergency medical transport will not be a possibility 100% of the time, no matter how serious your health crisis. You CAN always reach a 911 dispatcher by telephone, so there is always a human being to speak with, but there may or may not be a licensed responder available on Matinicus. Even when weather is fine and all the volunteer responders are on-island, we can only offer basic level care.

We can give no emergency medications except Epinephrine, Narcan, and aspirin. We do not suture, we do not intubate, we do not start IV therapy. There is also no home health nursing for managing long-term health needs. There is no official agency or licensed “EMS Service” entity. For life-, limb-, and eyesight-threatening injuries and for potentially deadly/disabling illnesses such as suspected stroke or cardiac emergency, LifeFlight of Maine can be reached by calling 911. You do NOT need Eva to call them, but you DO need to call 911 first. The dispatcher will call LifeFlight; that way, necessary information is relayed both ways. Calling LifeFlight is not simply a matter of a quick request. They need to accept the mission (based on weather, availability, etc.) and call somebody back with instructions and ETA; that is best handled by 911. The island will need a crew of calm people to manage traffic and lighting at the landing zone. Penobscot Island Air no longer offers night transports. This past winter, they did not work on Sundays at all, even for emergency calls. We might expect limited service next winter as well. Please remember that if you do use PIA for a “medical” flight, meaning you expect to “jump the line” and fly immediately regardless of other peoples’ plans, you WILL be transported to the hospital in an ambulance. If your medical need does not require an ambulance, then you can wait your turn for a flight. No “medevac” patient will be flown to the mainland without an assistant in the airplane—ideally an EMT or medically trained person, but at minimum a calm, sober adult. The pilot must not be alone in the airplane with the patient. Also, anybody who is obviously intoxicated may be denied transport by airplane for safety reasons.

CPR, First Aid, and Stop-the-Bleed training will be offered several times over the spring/summer/fall. Thanks to RSU65 for the use of the schoolroom for this training. There are 3 AEDs on Matinicus Island. Learning to use them is easy! Contact Eva if interested in CPR/AED.

Last year the two outdoor Narcan boxes that were donated by a nonprofit arranged through Sharon Daley, and installed by Paul Murray, were taken down by somebody. We are hoping a couple of property owners will suggest sites for these weatherproof Narcan kits in public areas.

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## **Matinicus Island Historical Society 2023**

The state of the Society is busy and moving right along. Jen Nourse is our go-to person for putting cataloged items into the computer and she will add Sam Booth's newly completed manuscript concerning his exhausting research into the contributions of Matinicus people to military service of Country. The manuscript was delivered to the Society at the end last year's summer season.

Larry Liebling continues to post photographs of Matinicus persons, places and things on line where others add their contributions of identifications, where needed and interesting information about who, what, when, where and why about photographs.

I have been pleased to assist a writer with his theater script about Island life, in general, along the Maine Coast. Although nothing specific to our island, it has been helpful to him and interesting to me.

Sadly, the MIHS has been notified of the death of Yvonne Moore, a longtime contributor to our knowledge and understanding of the lives and work of the Lighthouse Keepers and their families on Matinicus Rock. She was 93. She spent every summer of her youth during the 1930's on Matinicus Rock Light Station where her uncle was second Keeper. Larry has created the Yvonne Moore Collection containing stories and photos of her summers on the Rock and you find it online. Yvonne's favorite dessert was graham cracker pie, so I made one in her memory on behalf of the island. It was delicious.

We also received an interesting and mysterious contribution to our collection from the Ray Beaudoin family a year or so ago at the end of the summer. It is a glazed, tow toned clay jug. Sealed with a rag and cork stopper. It was thought to be from, the Henry Young and Company Store and contained a "substance" of unknown type or origin. It was not cataloged or removed to the storage area in the old school, but remained secluded for the winter. In August of the next summer, it was taken to the Haz-Mat guys at the harbor, who were very interested in it. They shook and sniffed it, being the brave guys that they are, and they finally stuck bits of wet paper into it and declared that it was insecticide of unknown type or origin. Did we want the insecticide? NO, we did NOT. So, they dumped the contents into a very Haz-Mat-ish looking container and off we went with the jug. Who says history is boring?

Suzanne Rankin, Director

## **REPORT FROM MATINICUS ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022-2023**

The annual report from Matinicus Island Fire Department must first start by acknowledging that on November 23, 2022, Matinicus Island, lost a son. Daniel A. Lewis was not only a lifelong islander, but also a trusted, reliable friend and steward to Matinicus Island and the surrounding waters. Assistant Fire Chief, Daniel A. Lewis showed up. Day or night. No matter what the need or the weather, Danny was there. He not only would drive the fire trucks, but he also knew HOW to drive the fire trucks. He was the mechanic that kept them running. If there was an emergency or a fire, Danny was there. He knew what to do and he did it. Assistant Fire Chief, Daniel A. Lewis will forever be missed. We can only hope that he is still patrolling the island and keeping watch over the only place he ever called home. Rest in peace, Danno. You are truly missed.

2022 Matinicus Island Fire Department had no unpermitted fires to report. Thank you to everyone who responsibly requested fire permits. Thank you to the island community for keeping our 720 acres safe another year. In 2023 we would like to continue to do the same. Wind is never our friend on Matinicus. Especially where fire is concerned. The wind out here can turn without notice. That is why it is necessary to have a fire permit for all open fires. All open fires must be far away from all ignitable vegetation and/or buildings. Please remember that fireworks are a fire hazard. Please be responsible with where you have them and be considerate of the island community

**WHEN** you have them. Matinicus is a working island. If you are a private party, please set off fireworks during reasonable hours. Not after 10 p.m. unless you have notified the island and the fire chief that you are having a special event. Please be responsible for the use of and extinguishing: smoking materials, grills, fireworks and fire pits. Have a water source such as charged water hose, tanks or buckets, rakes and shovels nearby. Let's have a safe, report free, 2023.

Matinicus Island Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. Everyone that responds to an island fire is a volunteer. That means that if you respond to a fire on Matinicus Island, you will not be compensated as it is an unpaid position and in doing so you are acknowledging you at some point received the necessary training from Fire Chief Gary Peabody or a past Fire Chief to operate equipment, use hand tools and Indian tanks effectively and you know that all must report to and follow direction of the Fire Chief on scene. For everyone's safety it is paramount that you follow chain of command and not try to assume a leadership role unless appointed by the Fire Chief. It is also important to remember that if you have been drinking or are under the influence of any substance you will be asked to return home. This is for your safety and that of your fellow islanders. If you would like to volunteer with Matinicus Island Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Gary Peabody by calling 207-366-3018.

In the event of a fire, dial 9-1-1. Fire Chief Gary Peabody will be called by Knox County dispatch. From there volunteers will be notified where to respond. If you just show up at a fire scene, please communicate with the Fire Chief and he will direct you to where you can be of the most assistance. In the event of a fuel or other chemical spill or leak, please contact the Fire Chief immediately. People are often afraid of the consequences of reporting. The consequences are when you DO NOT report and the fuel or chemical causes harm to health or life, contaminates the ocean, our wetlands, our freshwater supply. The fire department has items that will help contain a spill until the Department of Environmental Protection is able to respond. The Fire Chief can determine if a fuel or chemical leak is a risk to health or life. If DEP is notified promptly, the cleanup happens, and valuable resources are saved.

## **Matinicus Island Library Association 2022-2023 Annual Report**

Matinicus Island Library Association

At the annual meeting in August 2022, the Board of Directors of the non-profit Library Association voted to expand their number to five members. The Board of Directors of the 501©3 includes Kristy McKibben, Christina Young, Robin Tarkleson, Judy Sears, and Eva Murray. Eva also serves as the Treasurer. Kristy is the chief volunteer librarian. The "Library Committee," a slightly larger, informal group, also includes Tom McKibben (all-around helpful person, grant writer, painter, etc.), Laurie Webber (2022 children's room floor artist), George Tarkleson (carpenter), Maury Colton (outdoor maintenance), Carol Cutting (children's story time coordinator), Dave Sears (fundraising helper), and Paul Murray (internet technician and bird-feeder tender). This group welcomes anybody who takes an interest in library events and support. A new roof for the older library shed was installed and contributed by the Goodband family, for which we are very appreciative! The library's two buildings are open year-round, all the time, and should never be locked. Books are checked out by "honor system" and the (unsecured) wireless internet is free. You may also charge mobile phones using our electricity, and there is a telephone available. You may NOT camp overnight in the buildings! No smoking, of course, and please do not leave any kind of mess inside or outside. Please keep your dogs outdoors, especially when they are wet. The combined Library and Historical Society summertime ice cream social fundraiser was a success and a good time. We hope to host a similar event in 2023. The excitement of 2022 came while the topic of Banned Books was all over the news media. An article about our library in the Bangor Daily News was noticed by the Associated Press, which wrote another (not so accurate) article about us, in which it was suggested that we needed all the books anybody could send us, and that we specialized in banned books! The AP story "went viral" and shone unexpected media attention on our tiny library, in all sorts of places. Reporters contacted us from all over the country (and the UK). We had our hands full with some very strange correspondence and telephone calls! Thankfully, not too many random cartons of books were sent to us (but there were some!) An interview with Eva about this experience is on the podcast "For Keeps:" <https://forkeepsodcast.com/85-banned-books-on-a-maine-island-> with-eva-murray-

A reminder that the Matinicus Island Library Association is a 501c3 non-profit and a registered charity in Maine. We are not looking for books to "fill the shelves," as they are nearly full already, so if you'd like to donate books we recommend you just choose a couple of favorites. We would love a few more volunteers during the summer who might have time to stop in occasionally to tidy up and just check on things (see Eva or Kristy if interested). Thank you!

E-mail: [matinicuslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:matinicuslibrary@gmail.com).

2/1/2023

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is my honor and privilege to serve the people of Maine's First District in Washington, DC, and I appreciate the opportunity to share this annual update with you. This past year, our state faced unprecedented challenges, mirroring the difficulties experienced by communities across the nation. High inflation rates, a rapidly changing climate, aging infrastructure, and increasing energy costs were among the top concerns I heard while home in the district. Keeping these in mind, I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Maine Delegation to pass historic legislation to bring federal dollars back to our communities. One of the ways we delivered for Mainers was through the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in August. This law provides much-needed assistance to struggling families. With the help of the IRA, Americans will save an average of \$800 per year on health insurance and Medicare beneficiaries will have increased access to medication. Additionally, the IRA offers billions of dollars to expand rebate programs for Americans who wish to make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can now receive up to a 30 percent tax incentive for the cost of home solar installations and a 30 percent incentive when investing in a heat pump. Over the next decade, these rebates will offer Mainers thousands of dollars in savings while decreasing fuel costs for winters to come.

In 2022, Congress also passed meaningful legislation to help create skilled jobs in the construction, manufacturing, and engineering sectors. The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act will allow the U.S. to advance its leadership in the development of semiconductors used in the manufacturing of computers, cell phones, cars, and numerous other technologies we rely on. By developing this industry at home, we can bolster our national security and lessen our reliance on foreign technology.

As I look toward this Congress, I am excited to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of Maine people. It is critically important that we continue to take action to increase job growth, decrease inflation, take measures to promote our national security and invest in our health care and education systems.

Each year my office receives over 40,000 calls, letters, and emails from Mainers. I recognize the tremendous trust you place in having me represent you in Washington and by sharing your stories, thoughts, and concerns. Please rest assured, I will continue to fight for the interests of Mainers in Congress, and my staff and I will do everything we can to ensure your needs are met.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree Member of Congress

1/1/2023

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My AUTO for Vets Act also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade. This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the Respect for Marriage Act, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the Electoral Count Reform Act, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President. No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,  
Susan M Collins United States Senator

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles. As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our

neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high. Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – legislation that makes

generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21 st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the American Rescue Plan in 2021, which

enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide. Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy.

The bipartisan CHIPS Act will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small

town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator

3:36 PM  
04/11/23  
Cash Basis

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Trial Balance**  
**As of December 31, 2022**

	Dec 31, 22	
	Debit	Credit
Camden National Business NOW	345,501.75	
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	6,411.02	
Cemetery Trust Fund Savings	137.74	
Indexed Money Market	11,432.15	
Matinicus Tank Farm CD	7,186.82	
Matinicus Community Development	1,864.01	
OM Tank Farm Savings	2,810.78	
Recycle Auto Account	22,752.38	
Road Account	14,840.33	
Accounts Receivable		5,927.82
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	0.00	
FD Equipment		1,363.64
Furniture and Equipment	1,363.64	
Other Assets	0.00	
Accounts Payable	207.00	
Deferred Taxes		69,000.00
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		360,249.25
Bank Fee for Using Charge Card		25.44
Cemetery Donation		555.00
Dog License		63.00
Government Grants		4.42
Government Grants:ARPA		3,806.58
Government Grants:Homestead Reimbursement		3,215.00
Government Grants:URIP Payment		2,632.00
Government Grants:Veterans Exemption Reimbursemen		37.00
Insurance Reimbursement		843.00
Interest Income		464.59
Investments:Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		112.67
Licenses and Fees		90.00
Licenses and Fees:2021 Vehicle Registration		35.00
Licenses and Fees:2022 Vehicle Registration		933.50
Licenses and Fees:Boat Registration 2022		92.50
MIRescue donations		460.00
Other Income		321.36
Other Types of Income:Inventory Sales		1,700.00
Payroll Reimbursement		74,590.68
Recycle Donations		50.00
Revenue Sharing State of Maine		4,888.75
Tax Revenue:2022 Boat Excise Tax		997.00
Tax Revenue:Interest		183.19
Tax Revenue:Lien Fees		31.14
Tax Revenue:Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2021		204.22
Tax Revenue:Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2022		9,905.14
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2021		5,886.79
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2022		202,947.04
Tax Revenue:Sales - Use Tax	16.50	
Tractor Rental		150.00
Vehicle Deposits		1,750.00
Animal Control	2,270.50	
Animal Welfare Fund	103.60	
ARPA (Covid)	7,728.90	
Cemetery Expense	5,334.74	
Contract Services:Audit	5,000.00	
County Tax:Communications Fee Knox County	1,528.00	

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**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Trial Balance**  
**As of December 31, 2022**

	Dec 31, 22	
	Debit	Credit
County Tax:County Tqx	35,809.97	
Dog License Fees to State	42.00	
Donations	845.00	
Elections	790.53	
Facilities and Equipment:Equip Rental and Maintenance	784.56	
Facilities and Equipment:Fuel	458.00	
Facilities and Equipment:Lawn Care	362.68	
Facilities and Equipment:Rent, Parking, Utilities	25.00	
Fire Department Expense:Fire Chiefs Payroll	5,153.83	
Fire Department Expense:Maintenance	350.00	
Fire Department Expense:Supplies	75.00	
Historical Society	300.00	
IF&W Boat registration	75.00	
Kevin's Bench	1,995.00	
Liens	116.00	
LURC Fees	6,066.00	
Matinicus Plantation Electrical:Annual Subsidy	35,000.00	
Matinicus Plantation Electrical:MPEC Payroll	57,293.57	
Merchant deposit fees	59.13	
MSAD 65	80,955.00	
Operations:Telephone, Telecommunications	1,758.66	
Other Types of Expenses:Insurance - Liability, D and O	7,586.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Memberships and Dues	1,401.00	
Payroll Expenses:Administrative Assistant	8,000.46	
Payroll Expenses:Assessors	4,446.65	
Payroll Expenses:Employee Contribution SS, Medi	25,621.74	
Payroll Expenses:Ferry Board Representative	2,082.85	
Payroll Expenses:State of Maine Withholding	2,574.00	
Payroll Expenses:Tax Collector	8,204.43	
Payroll Expenses:Town Clerk	1,482.22	
Payroll Expenses:Treasurer	4,000.10	
Payroll Expenses:Unemployment	368.91	
Payroll Expenses:Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,348.00	
Recycle:Conferences	70.00	
Recycle:Hazardous Waste Removal	6,381.65	
Recycle:Junk vehicle removal	850.48	
Recycle:Misc	700.00	
Recycle:Pot Warp Removal	126.00	
Recycle:Remove recyclables and rubbish	21,003.17	
Recycle:Supplies	300.22	
Rescue	1,401.01	
Roads:Airstrip Maintenance	450.00	
Roads:Equipment Maintenance and Repai	320.00	
Roads:Fuel	314.31	
Roads:Road Repairs	361.70	
Roads:Snowplowing	1,237.66	
Tax Collector Expense	108.43	
Technology:Computer and Software	689.61	
Technology:Website	228.00	
Town Clerk Expense	29.02	
Town Office:Books, Subscriptions, Reference	203.98	
Town Office:Emergency Management	430.94	
Town Office:Maine Islands Coalition'	200.00	
Town Office:Postage, Mailing Service	213.19	
Town Office:Supplies	623.86	
Treasurer's Expense:Payroll Service	2,260.80	
Vehicle Deposit Refund	750.00	
Vehicle State Regist Fees	1,194.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>867,628.86</b>	<b>867,628.86</b>

## OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR 2022

### Collections by Category

2021 Property Tax	5,886.79
2022 Property Tax	202,890.39
Total Property Tax Collection: 1/1/21 – 12/31/22	<u>\$ 208,777.18</u>
2021 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 204.22
2022 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 9905.14
Property Tax Interest	\$ 183.19
2022 Boat Excise Tax	\$ 997.00
Total Local Revenue 1/1/22 -12/31/22	<u>\$ 220,066.73</u>
Pass-through Revenue:	
Sales Tax, Boat Registration, Lien Fees	\$ 1151.00
Vehicle Registration, Licenses	
Total Collected 1/1/22 -12/31/22	<u>\$ 221,217.73</u>

### Licenses and certified records issued by the plantation clerk

#### Calendar year 2022:

#### (3) certified copies of marriage records

#### (1) IF&W Maine resident hunt/fish license

#### 2023 Year-to-date:

#### (22) dog licenses dated 2023 including those sold in December of 2022

#### (1) certified copy of death record

#### (1) IF&W Maine resident hunt/fish license

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Murray

clerk

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION   Office of the Tax Collector**  
**Accounts Receivable as of 12/31/22**

*All amounts do not include interest or lien fees*

*. \* = The amount was paid after 12/31/22*

<u>Acct</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>2021</b>		
8	Ames, David A	1252.87
73	Coyne, Richard	852.28
138	Coyne, Richard	14.34
182	Oakes, Colby	7.17
<b>2022</b>		
8	Ames, David A	1084.70
6	Ames, David A II	1143.29 *
7	Ames, David A II	1772.35 *
205	Ames, David A II	12.42 *
17	Ames, Mark K	3180.50
19	Ames, Mark K	1472.08
19	Ames, Mark K	1803.74
163	Ames, Weston	134.73
196	Ames, Weston	225.75
202	Ames, Weston	258.00
34	Ames, Weston	1014.36
234	Ames, Weston	616.62
151	Ames, Weston	402.02
45	Bemis, Tyler	416.35
66	Chamberlain, Verna	225.75 *
73	Coyne, Richard	737.88
138	Coyne, Richard	12.42
55	Johnstone, Andrew	2394.37
186	Moody, Richard Heirs of	12.42 *
182	Oakes, Colby	7.17
137	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	1446.61
152	Russell, Christopher	3457.65
177	Young, MR & MK	239.94 *
143	Young, Seth	137.39

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2022**

		General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$	406,388
Receivables:		
Taxes receivable - current year		16,531
Tax receivables and liens - prior years		1,884
Accounts		22,174
Interfund receivable		14,635
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>461,612</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Liabilities:		
Refundable deposits - vehicles		45,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>45,000</b>
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		17,200
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>		<b>17,200</b>
Fund balance:		
Restricted for education		30,564
Committed		16,704
Unassigned		329,970
<b>Total fund balance</b>		<b>399,412</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>		<b>461,612</b>
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.		264,500
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are shown as unavailable revenue in the funds.		17,200
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>681,112</b>

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2022**

	<b>General Fund</b>
Revenues:	
Taxes	\$ 247,722
Intergovernmental	14,584
Interest earned	577
Miscellaneous	78,731
Total revenues	341,614
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General government	136,980
Fire department	5,579
Roadways	2,684
Solid waste and recycling	26,090
Unclassified	27,151
Education	80,955
County tax	37,338
Total expenditures	316,777
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	24,837
Other financing sources (uses):	
Transfer to Electric Company	(35,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(35,000)
Net change in fund balance	(10,163)
Fund balance, beginning of year	409,575
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 399,412</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, 2022**

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Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	(10,163)
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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 by which depreciation expense (\$16,255) exceeded capital outlay (\$7,754) in the current period.

	(8,501)
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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.

	10,700
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<b>Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(7,964)</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, 2022**

	Budget			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 226,795	226,795	235,682	8,887
Excise taxes	14,000	14,000	12,040	(1,960)
Intergovernmental - state revenue sharing	1,000	1,000	4,889	3,889
Intergovernmental - all other	5,425	5,425	9,695	4,270
Interest earned	-	-	577	577
Vehicle deposits and adjustments	-	-	1,750	1,750
Sale of Town owned personal property	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
Miscellaneous (includes donations)	-	-	76,981	76,981
Total revenues	252,220	252,220	341,614	89,394
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Art.# Description				
6 Plantation personnel	35,330	35,330	56,412	(21,082)
6 Other plantation charges	15,450	15,450	70,265	(54,815)
7 Insurance	8,000	8,000	10,303	(2,303)
8 Fire department	14,000	14,000	5,579	8,421
9 Roads	6,000	6,000	2,684	3,316
10 Road projects	17,417	17,417	-	17,417
11 Cemetery maintenance	3,500	3,500	5,335	(1,835)
12 Town historian	300	300	300	-
13 Chamber of Commerce	100	100	-	100
14 Island rescue	2,500	2,500	1,401	1,099
18 Donations - other agencies	1,165	1,165	845	320
19 Maine Municipal Association dues	1,401	1,401	1,601	(200)
22 LURC fees	6,066	6,066	6,066	-
20,21 Animal welfare fund	4,605	4,605	2,374	2,231
15,16 Solid waste and recycling	18,000	18,000	26,090	(8,090)
17 Pot warp	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
n/a Vehicle deposit refunds	-	-	1,500	(1,500)
Assmt Overlay	1,738	1,738	-	1,738
n/a Heat pump (COVID-ARPA)	-	-	7,729	(7,729)
Subtotal expenditures	140,572	140,572	198,484	(57,912)
Other assessments:				
MSAD #65	61,128	61,128	80,955	(19,827)
County tax	37,338	37,338	37,338	-
Total other assessments	98,466	98,466	118,293	(19,827)
Total expenditures	239,038	239,038	316,777	(77,739)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	13,182	13,182	24,837	11,655
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted use of fund balance	7,000	7,000	-	(7,000)
Budgeted use of road reserve	14,818	14,818	-	(14,818)
Transfer to Electric Company (Art. #4)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(13,182)	(13,182)	(35,000)	(21,818)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(10,163)	(10,163)
Fund balance, beginning of year			409,575	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		399,412	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**December 31, 2022**

<b>Business-type Activities - Electric Company</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$	153,016
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$6,767		27,068
Inventory		29,129
Total current assets		209,213
Capital assets:		
Land		2,815
Property and equipment		675,754
Accumulated depreciation		(673,503)
Total capital assets		5,066
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>214,279</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Interfund payable		14,635
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>14,635</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets		5,066
Unrestricted		194,578
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>199,644</b>

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**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2022**  
**Business-type Activities - Electric Company**

Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$	182,412
Total operating revenues		182,412
Operating expenses:		
Wages and related expenses		96,311
Postage		537
Telephone		1,112
Computer and internet		880
Legal and audit		5,000
Office supplies		1,064
Sales tax		191
State fees		1,782
Switchgear		734
Powerhouse tools, parts, repairs		5,616
Engine repairs, supplies and freight		5,958
Pole plant repairs and freight		4,264
Fuel		118,962
Other miscellaneous		2,444
Depreciation		500
Total operating expenses		245,355
Operating income (loss)		(62,943)
Transfers:		
Transfers from Town general fund		35,000
Total transfers		35,000
Change in net position		(27,943)
Net position, beginning of year		227,587
Net position, end of year	\$	199,644

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**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2022**  
**Business-type Activities - Electric Company**

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	167,845
Payments to suppliers		(158,309)
Payments to employees		(96,311)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(86,775)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Operating transfers from Town general fund		35,000
Net cash provided by (used in) non-capital financing activities		35,000
Net increase (decrease) in cash		(51,775)
Cash, beginning of year		204,791
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>153,016</b>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$	(62,943)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation		500
(Increase) decrease in receivables		(14,567)
(Increase) decrease in inventory		(12,247)
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables		2,482
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(86,775)

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

# **Warrant for 2023 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 at the Matinicus Elementary School in said Plantation on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 at 6:00 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. Assessors ask for \$125,000 (Assessor's suggest \$125,00 with \$50,000 taken from town surplus funds for a total of \$75,000 raised) .

For years we have been asking for a \$35,000 annual subsidy. This has enabled the power company to just break even every year. This year we have had one engine rebuilt at a cost of at least \$30,000. Another one needs to be rebuilt soon at around another \$30,000. We are buying a new backup generator for around \$40,000. This should arrive late summer or early fall. We need line work done in places around the harbor. Estimates have not been received yet but could easily be \$20,000, especially with the huge transportation costs prevalent.

So, these repair costs add up to at least \$120,000 extra on top of the normal operating expenses. We would like to ask for this year's subsidy to be \$125,000 with \$50,000 taken from town surplus funds, for a total to be raised of \$75,000.

We should ask for more, but will hope nothing else breaks and we can get by with this amount.

We also need to look to the future and start replacing the switchboard and engines. All the equipment we have is very old and worn. Parts are becoming almost impossible to get. Billings Marine has advised us we need to get new engines. So, we are thinking about a fundraising campaign to defray or hopefully eliminate these costs for new equipment.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will set the pay of Town Officers, namely:  
 Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters (Assessors suggest \$1846)  
 Treasurer (Assessors Suggest \$4922)  
 Tax Collector (Assessors Suggest \$10,350)  
 Assessors (Assessors Suggest \$1846)

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

Assessors recommendations:

Salaries:

Clerk/Registrar	\$1846
Administrative Assistant	\$8614
Treasurer	\$4922
Tax Collector	\$10,350
Assessors- 3 @ \$1846.00 each	\$5538
Ferry Advisory Rep.	\$2461
Social Security/Med. Match	\$2580
Unemployment Contrib.	\$500
Workers Comp	\$3000
	<u>\$39,811</u>

Plantation Expenses:

Clerk/Registrar expenses	\$ 200.00
Treasurer's expenses	\$ 2500.00
Tax Collector's expenses	\$ 250.00
Assessors' expenses	\$ 0.00
Telephone	\$ 2000.00
Election costs	\$ 800.00
Audit	\$ 5200.00
Technology	\$ 1200.00
Town Office	\$ 2000.00
Plantation Maintenance	\$ 3000.00
Staff Development	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$ 17,150.00</u>

(Assessors recommend \$56,961, with \$9000 from estimated Excise Taxes, \$5,000.00 in estimated State Revenue Sharing, and \$42,961 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 gravel for the roads. (Assessors recommend a total of \$12,000)

**Article 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for road maintenance, including plowing, grading and similar upkeep. (Assessors recommend \$16,000 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 \$20,163 with \$17,417.15 carried over from the Capital Improvement Road Account, and estimated \$2,600 in URIP funds from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2022. 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 \$3,500.00 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 \$0.00 from taxes).

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

**Article 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for Solid Waste and Recycling. (Assessors suggest \$20,000 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 \$0.00 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 \$1401 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 appropriate and raise \$6453.00 payable to the State of Maine, as required, for the services of the Land Use Planning Commission.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to 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 25:** 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 26:** 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, 2023 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 27:** 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 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2023 taxable year in anticipation of taxes or other revenues due in said 2023 taxable year, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Town, said loans to be repaid during the 2023 taxable year.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2023 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 2023 taxable year.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to allow all balances to lapse into surplus to the extent permitted by law.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from surplus those monies necessary to conduct Plantation business from January 1st of 2024 until the 2024 Town Meeting. Such monies shall not exceed 33 1/3% of the 2023 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 2023.

**Article 32:** 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 33:** To choose an Assessor to serve for three years.

**Article 34:** To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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

**Article 36:** To choose a Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters for the ensuing year.

**Article 37:** To choose a Director of MSAD#65 to serve for three years.

**Article 38:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors fill the following offices by appointment, and require the Assessors to post the list of appointees on the Town Bulletin Board by May 30th:

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

**Article 39:** To see what date, time and place the Town will vote to hold the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. (Suggest Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, at the School).