Town of Easton



2024/2025 Annual Report of the Municipal Officers Please bring to town meeting April 7, 2025

Town Manager Retires James P. Gardner, Jr.



Jim retired in May of 2024 after 13 years as the Easton Town Manager. With a career in municipal government that began in 1994, Jim has dedicated himself to improving the lives of Easton residents.

Jim's journey began as a Code Enforcement Officer before he took on the role of town manager in Washburn in 1998. He later served in Ashland until 2010, when he brought his expertise to Easton. Over the years, Jim has been at the helm of several significant projects that have transformed our town. From the establishment of town-wide broadband to the development of the Village Acres subdivision and the renovation of Prestile Community Park. His vision and leadership were integral to these accomplishments.

Jim also contributed to the larger municipal community as a member of the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, even stepping into the role of President.

As we celebrate Jim's retirement, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for his years of hard work and commitment. Thank you, Jim, for everything you've done for the Town of Easton. We wish you all the best in this exciting new chapter of your life! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

of the Municipal Officers of the Town of EASTON, MAINE for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2025. Polls will be open at the Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center on Monday, April 7, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM, continuing with Open Town Meeting at 8:00 PM at the Easton Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium.



Bruce Flewelling, Chairman



Scott Allen, Vice-Chairman



Tammy Beaulier-Fuller

Douglas Blackstone

Norman Trask

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Jackalene B. Bradley 1942-2024

In 1985, Jackie assumed the role of Town Clerk and a few years later took on the position of Town Manager, prior to that, she served many years on the Board of Selectmen. Jackie was immensely proud of the Easton Community and its residents. However, Jackie's favorite titles were those of Mom and Gram Brad! Mrs. Bradley's dedication and loyalty to the Town of Easton will always be cherished and remembered.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Cheryl Clark, Town Manager



Heidi Burtt, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



In Easton, small town values are a way of life.



James Desmond, Highway



Greg White, Fire Chief



Ryan Gundy, Buildings & Grounds

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Tammy Beaulier-Fuller	Term Expires 2027
Norman Trask	
Bruce Flewelling, Chairman	
Scott Allen, Vice-Chairman	
Douglas Blackstone	Term Expires 2025

SCHOOL BOARD

Penney Siddiqui, Chairman	Term Expires 2027
Bradley Trask	Term Expires 2027
Richard Henderson	-
Andrew King	Term Expires 2025
Michele MacPherson	-

PLANNING BOARD

Kevin Marquis	Term Expires 2027
Richard Henderson	Term Expires 2027
Cynthia Flanagan	
Andrew Perry	-
Cody Humphrey	1

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Andrew King	Term Expires 2027
Andrew Keep	Term Expires 2027
Sheri Carter	Term Expires 2026
Paul B. McAdam	-
Stuart Cumming	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

Jonah Alexander	Ira Dodge	Vaughn Martin
Paul B. McAdam	Tabitha Dudley	Cynthia Flanagan
Paul DeMerchant	Brian Flewelling	Diane Green
Carrie Hull	Terry White	Mary Wilcox
JeffBlackstone	Merlon Cronkite	

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

Richard Green	Cathy Gundy	Cynthia F
Ira Dodge	Keith Richardson	Ricki
Ruth Cote	Merlon Cronkite	Averill
Elise Perrault	Cody Humphrey	Rya
Vacant	Vacant	

FIELD DAYS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

Ryan Gundy Ronnie Mitchell Kristie Bate Hillary Hallett Joan McAdam Cathy Gundy Nicole Cassidy Bruce Flewelling Nicole King Kara Flewelling Barbara Blackstone

Amanda Hollis Amelia Bate Valorie Flewelling Bernie McAdam Auturmn Flewelling

RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

Rebecca Allen Tabitha Dudley Denise Clark Bruce Flewelling Travis Carter David Fuller Ronnie Mitchell Tammy Beaulier-Fuller Nicole King Peggy Flewelling Sheri Carter

PRESTILE PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

Cheryl Clark Marcel Chalou Heidi Burtt Derek Carlow Ryan Gundy Hillary Hallett Matt Hopkins

Brian Flewelling

REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Flanagan

Gary Barnes Dana Cyr

Brayden Boulier

Zachary Lamoreau

Ryan Johnston

Cody Nadeau

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

official		
Gregory White	Fire Chief	
Kyle White		
Chris Wilcox		
Mitchell Dufour		
Justin Cote	Lieutenant	
Shawn Michaud		
Hillary Hallett	, e	
Chad Hewitt		

MEMBERS

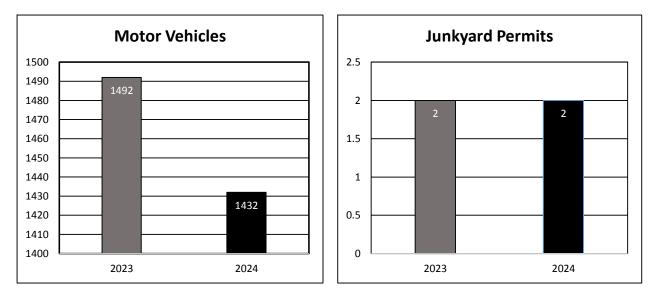
Carl Mullen Jr Paul DeMerchant Stephanie Bernard Ryan Parker Dan Varnum Ashton Bugbee: JR FF Kim White Brady Smith Carter Mazerolle Zach Pelletier Kenzie Legassie

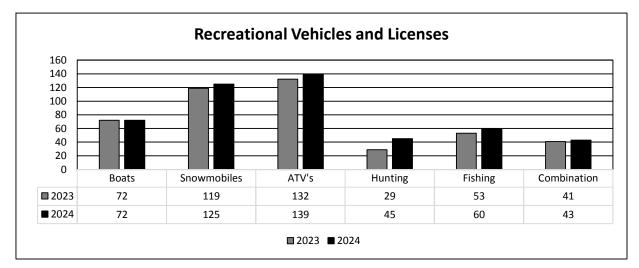
TOWN EMPLOYEES

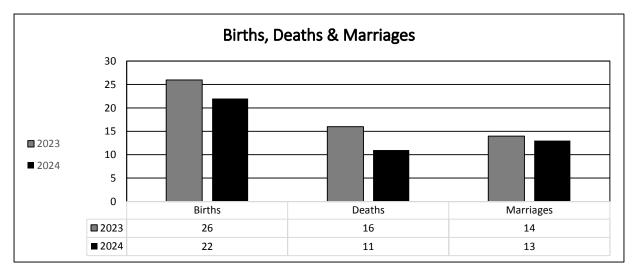
Cheryl Clark	Town Manager
	Tax Collector
	Town Treasurer
	Public Safety Director
	Health Officer
	General Assistance Administrator
Heidi Burtt	Town Clerk
	Excise Tax Collector
	Registrar of Voters
	Election Wardn
Ryan Gundy	Animal Control Officer
	Buildings and Grounds
Tony Levesque	Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Hillary Hallett	
Bob Clark	Highway Foreman
	Road Commissioner
James Desmond	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Gregory White	Fire Chief
	Emergency Management Director
Richard Lyons	Superintendent of Schools
	Attendance Officer
Laura Hunter	High School Principal
Erin Ireland	Elementary School Principal



TOWN CLERK REPORT





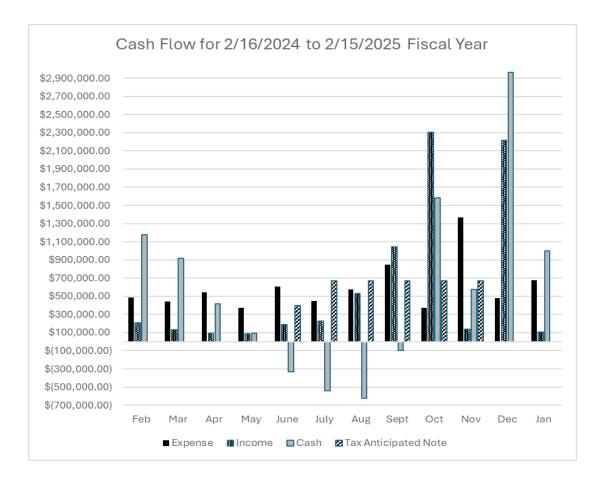


NOTE: Proof of insurance is required when registering motor vehicles. You must show your insurance identification card at the time of registration.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I am pleased to report to the citizens of Easton on the condition of the Town for the year ending February 15, 2025. The municipal budget you will vote on Monday, April 7, 2025, proposes a 16 ½ month budget to change the fiscal year from February 16 through February 15 to July 1 through June 30. There are several reasons this is being considered:

- To line up with the school and state for more accurate reconciliation.
- Cash flow from February 16 to when taxes are due on October 1, the town is essentially operating by using the surplus or undesignated account until May or June. Both the town and the school are unfunded by way of taxes from February 16 until October 1.
- Less need for a Tax Anticipated Note. When the town runs out of surplus (also called the undesignated account) money in May or June, it is necessary to borrow to pay the town and school expenses. Last year we borrowed \$670,000 and had to pay more than \$15,000 in interest.



As it has been 10 years since our last residential revaluation, we have contracted with Maine Assessment Services to perform a limited scope municipal residential and commercial property revaluation this year. We are using the same company as 10 years ago; therefore many tasks will not have to be done again. The goal is to update our cost files to reflect current market value. Houses have been selling up to twice the town's taxable value. We have implemented across the board value increases twice, 17% and 18% respectively, but as everything does not go up equally, we are going to update the cost files so your land, barn or shed does not go up at the same rate as houses, as that is what is selling at such high prices. If this adjustment is not made, the town is unable to declare it is at 100% market value to the State of Maine Revenue Services, and as a result, the Town would get reimbursed less from the State. Once this Municipal Equalization Project is done, both residential and industrial would be able to declare 100% valuation.

Last April, the town completed a Congressionally Directed Spending Request through Senator Susan Collins. The request was approved by first Senator Collins, and then the Appropriation's Committee. If the federal budget is approved including this request, 75% or \$3,000,000 of the new fire station project will be federally funded. The town will be applying to USDA for the remaining 25% or \$1,000,000.

In September 2024, the town established a cemetery committee consisting of 9 members. Since then, the committee has contracted with Chronicle to create digital mapping and a database system for Estes Park Cemetery which will provide better accuracy of lot lines as well as a tracking system for cemetery records. The public will be able to access this information allowing easier access to cemetery services, genealogy searches, and plot purchasing. The committee has also requested \$25,000 in the proposed budget to repair stones at Estes Park Cemetery and plan to address Pine Tree Cemetery and Mt. Shiloh in the next year or two.

Prestile Community Park has been completed. This project has taken much longer than anticipated, but well worth the wait. Plans are being made to have an introductory opening in the spring and then a bigger celebration in the fall as part of Easton Field Days. Please plan to come and enjoy the park this summer with your families!

I'd like to thank the department heads for their support this year. Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director; Bob Clark, Road Commissioner/Highway Foreman; Greg White, Fire Chief; Ryan Gundy, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; and Rick Lyons, Superintendent of Schools do a great job with their respective departments, and I am grateful for the experience, knowledge and skills they bring to their positions.

Additionally, thank you to James Desmond, who started for the highway department in April 2024 and to our new Town Clerk, Heidi Burtt, who has become invaluable to me already in the past year. I'm looking forward to the coming year and am grateful to have such a great team with me on this journey.

Finally, thank you to the Select Board. They have guided me through this first year with support and great advice.

As you can imagine, this has been a big year! I have very much enjoyed being the Easton Town Clerk for 31 years, but as I complete my first year as town manager, I am finding the town manager position rewarding as well. It is challenging but with skills I have learned from my predecessors, as well as my years of municipal experience, I have settled into this position smoothly. If you have any concerns, questions or comments, please call or stop into the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted Cheryl Clark, Town Manager

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Last's year Highway Department projects included:

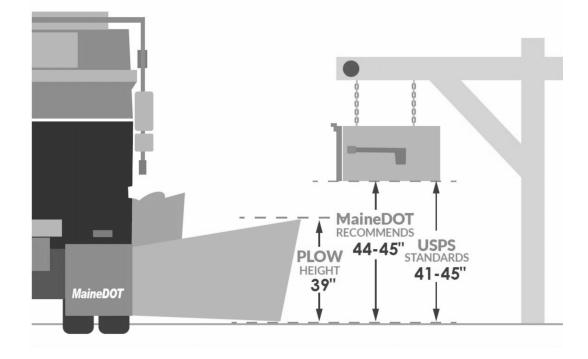
- Ditched from 124 Henderson Rd. north for approximately 220 feet, reset driveway culvert and added 20 more feet of culvert. Hydro seeded ditch.
- Ditched from Ladner Road north for approximately 650 feet, replaced driveway culvert at 7 Bowers Rd. Cut back trees and brush on west side of Bowers Road, from Ladner north for approximately 750 feet.
- Starting 3000 feet east of Route 1A, north side of Mahany Road, ditched 150 feet, replaced driveway culvert and cross culvert and hydro seeded ditch. Cut back trees and brush on the south side of road for the same distance. Contracted with LLL Paving to pave area where we replaced cross culvert and to repave cross culvert just east of 214 Mahany Road.
- Cut back trees and brush starting at 13 Graham Road north for approximately 150 feet.
- Applied 29.12 ton of asphalt patch to various Town Roads.
- Contracted with Steelstone to pave 1.6 miles of the Hersom Road starting at 272 heading west.
- Contracted with Soderberg Construction to rebuild Curtis Road from Ladner Road north to the brook.
- Contracted with Soderberg Construction to pave all of the Lamoreau Road.
- Mowed road sides and old town dump, graded and applied clacium to Bowers, Mahany and Viner Roads.

Along with the above mentioned projects, we have done our yearly duties and preventative maintenance programs for the Highway, Fire, and Buildings & Grounds Departments. I would like to thank Mike Pelkey for his service to the Town and welcome James Desmond to the highway department and thank Matt Pelletier, Brent Bradley and Ryan Gundy for their help over the past year. I would also like to thank the Town Office staff and the Board of Selectmen for their support.

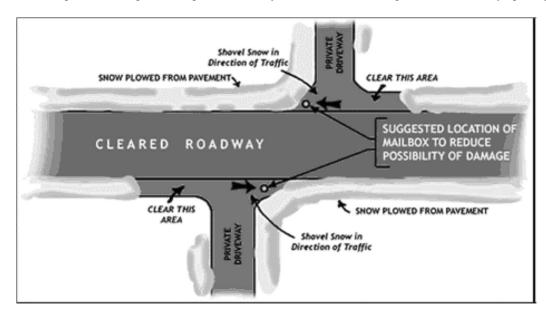
Respectfully Submitted Bob Clark, Road Commissioner

MAILBOX HEIGHT REGULATIONS

There isn't a statute that addresses mailboxes specifically, but the rule that mailboxes located within the road right-ofway are there at the owner's risk is well established. The rule is based on the fact that the land under the road right-ofway is subject to an easement for travel purposes and anything located in the right-of-way is subordinate to the use of the road for travel purposes. This is even more clear for roads actually owned by the town in fee simple - a person has no inherent right to place objects on the Town's property. Therefore, if a mailbox is damaged as a result of routine plowing, there is no liability for the Town.



Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and also make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

An ACO is responsible for making sure Easton residents have their dogs immunized against rabies and licensed with the Town each year. All dogs six months and older are required to be licensed by December 31st each year and, if the licensing is not done by February 1st, a \$25.00 per dog late fee will be charged. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing.

If you need help with getting your dog or cat spayed or neutered, you can go to <u>acf.helpfixme@maine.gov</u> or call (800) 367-1317. The goal of this program is to reduce shelter intakes and euthanasia. This program is restricted to cats and dogs, with a focus on pit bulls and put bull mixes as these breeds are at a higher number in our shelters. Please call, other breeds can be accepted.

In 2024 there were 13 complaints; 7 stray dogs and 1 stray rabbit taken to Animal shelter, 1 dog neglect, in which the owner resolved, 1 dog bite, 2 stray livestock and 1 injured dog.

If you have any concerns about animals, domestic or wild, please call Animal Control Officer Ryan Gundy at (207) 227-9758. For animal traffic safety concerns, call Maine State Police Barracks in Houlton, (207) 532-5400. You may also call the Easton Town Office during regular business hours, (207) 488-6652.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2025 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2025 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee per dog. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2025, the assessors will present the dog warden with a warrant listing of all unlicensed dog owners and this will result in an additional warden's fee being charged. If you no longer have your dog, please notify the Town Office.



SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

I write you having served as your superintendent of schools since January 8th of this year and I look forward to our school budget and town meeting of June 2, 2025.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of specific initiatives that may be of interest to you. First, and on a monthly basis I along with our business manager meet with our town manager. The agenda is straightforward and that is to have an open dialogue between our Town and School.

The School Committee this year is in the initial stages of developing a strategic plan. Our first session is on Monday March 17th. We have a committee consisting of school personnel, school committee members, community members and student representation.

We recently received our financial profile from the Maine Department of Education. The profile contains some great news for our State Share increases from 18.57% to 23.88% or 5.31%; correspondingly our Local Share decreases from 81.43% to 76.12% or 5.31%. The major contributing factor is the mill rate moves from 6.62 to 6.10 or -7.85%.

The school department recently received a new school bus to be added to our fleet. We will review and assess our inventory to determine a future purchase based on mileage and year of the buses.

The Town and School along with Aroostook County Action Program are in the initial stages to determine the feasibility of an early education program and childcare. This initiative is in the very early phases of exploration that started recently with a survey to our community. The three stakeholders are proceeding with outlining the various components. I encourage interested citizens to follow the process with updates on the school department's Facebook and website.

It is my privilege to be part of the Easton school community and very much look forward to being a member of our PK-12 educational environment. If you have a desire to be in contact please call me at 488-7700 or email at <u>Richard.Lyons@eastonschoolsorg</u>.



Respectfully Submitted Richard Lyons, Superintendent of Schools

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year, our emergency response calls were lower than usual, and we want to thank the homeowners and parents who participated in our fire prevention programs. This is a positive sign, but we also know that there will be ups and downs in emergency incidents over the years. We must keep working on fire prevention.

Our department's membership remains strong, but recruiting new members and keeping current ones is always a challenge. Life changes can make it tough for members to give their time.

Speaking of changes, the Fire Department had a busy year. We had to move from the upper level of the building on Station Road to the lower bays off Center Road. Now, our fire trucks are parked in the lower level, which means responding to emergencies looks a bit different. Firefighters still go to the Station Road level to get their gear, and the truck is brought to them. This ensures they can get on the truck quickly and safely. Please be patient and give them space while they do this.

On a good note, our new truck can carry five firefighters and allows them to finish getting ready, including putting on their SCBA packs while heading to calls.

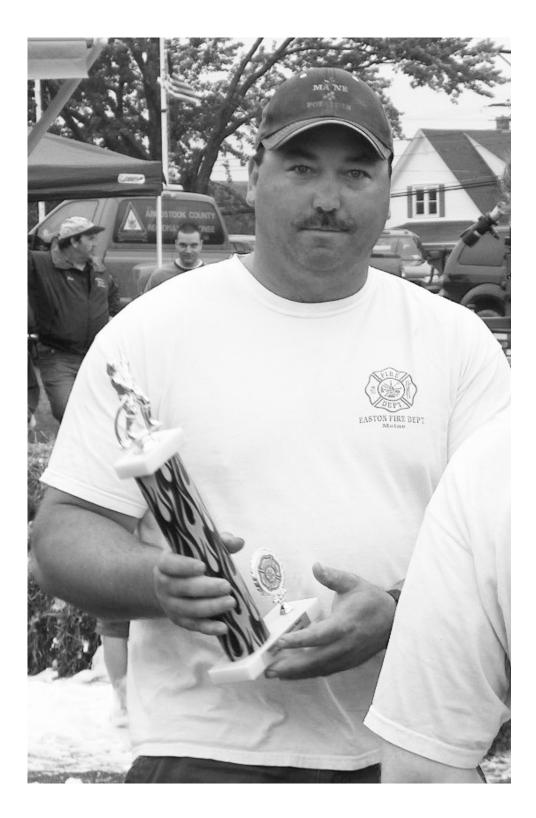
Also, since we can't use the upper part of our station anymore, Senator Susan Collins has agreed to help us fund a new fire station. She has proposed three million dollars to support the Town of Easton Fire Station project, which covers 75% of the construction cost. We're excited about this project and will keep you updated as it progresses.

Lastly, our new 3000-gallon engine tanker has arrived! This 2024 International truck holds 3000 gallons of water, has a 1250 GPM pump, and includes a portable dump tank. It's similar to the 2022 engine tanker we bought, but the new Engine 1 can also use Class A foam. We were able to purchase it with a FEMA grant that covered 95% of the cost!



Easton Fire mourns the loss of one of our brothers today. Mark Kearly was a part of our department for several years and will remain part of our family forever. Our deepest condolences go out to the Kearly family, and all those who knew him.

Rest easy, Mark, we've got the watch from here, brother.



EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND WIDOWS OF VETERANS

A property tax exemption is available to Veterans age 62 or over, to Veterans under 62 if they are certified by the Veterans Administration Office to be totally disabled, or to the un-remarried widow or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to such exemption if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the widow or minor child of veteran.

Persons not already receiving this exemption who wish to apply should do so at the Town Office no later than April 1, 2025. Persons receiving such an exemption are not required to apply annually.

There are three categories for the exemption: Post WW1 - \$6,000, WWI - \$7,000, and Paraplegic - \$50,000.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Residents who have owned, and lived in, a home in Maine for the past twelve months qualify for a homestead exemption of up to the just value of \$25,000. Applications are available at the Town Office.

MAINE PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The State Property Tax Deferral Program is a program that allows certain individuals to defer (postpone) payment of the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move, or sell their property. During the period when the taxes are being deferred, the State reimburses the municipality for the deferred taxes. The deferred tax, plus interest, is then required to be repaid to the State by the individual or their estate when they pass away, move, sell the property, or move the property (if mobile or floating home) out of Maine.

You must file an application with your local municipal assessor between January 1 and April 1. The application is available on the MRS website at www.maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms/property-tax. The municipal assessor will verify certain information, then forward the application to MRS for review. MRS will review your application and may request additional information from you to confirm your eligibility for the program. For more information visit State Property Tax Deferral Program/Maine Revenue Services.



REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/2024

Real Estate:	
Land Value	\$48,358,200
Building Value	<u>\$119,822,400</u>
Total Real Estate Value	\$168,180,600
Personal Property:	
Production machinery and equipment	\$58,611,260
Business Equipment	\$1,537,782
All other personal property	<u>\$130,674</u>
Total Personal Property	\$60,275,656
Total Taxable Valuation	\$228,456,256
Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .0175 (mil rate)	\$3,997,984.48

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2024:

Internal Plumbing Permits	3
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>4</u>
Total	7

Seven (7) projects have been completed and inspected during 2024. There are no voided permits for 2024 and there are two (2) projects pending installation and inspection at this time. I have sent in the State of Maine fees and the State copy of the permits completed and inspected.

There have been three (3) Notice of Violation Issued. Initial and follow up inspections have been completed.

At this time, I would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation provided to me this past year. It is always a pleasure working with you, the Planning Board and your staff as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Easton.



Respectfully Submitted, Tony Levesque, CEO & LPI

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work" (John Trainer, M.D.). At Easton Recreation, we have the privilege of working with your favorite people each day; please know we do not take this responsibility lightly and want to have a positive influence and share new experiences through their eyes. Each day I know I will share special moments with your children and grandchildren, enjoy a hug from our senior citizens, and have a conversation with one of our residents.

As I type, we are wrapping up our basketball season for the 3rd and 4th graders. This team started out with many who still struggled to dribble, and the progress they made was truly impressive. It will be fun to continue to watch them improve over the next few seasons. It's been a crazy 3 months for our 5th & 6th basketball teams, with as many as three games some weeks. Again, progress, not perfection has been the name of the game, and that's exactly what we look for in recreation sports and activities. Thanks to Coach K for working with these teams and to Mr. Warren, Mr. Carter, and Mrs. Ferris for officiating. Up next on the gym floor will be our Little Bears K-2 basketball program and Little Bears cheerleaders with Varsity Coach Cathy Gundy & her team.

Summer of 2024 was amazing - warm, sunny, and filled with fun! Our programs were filled to capacity, and everyone enjoyed their time together. Our veteran staff of Kaden Arnett, Kody Carter, and Chloe Lento and, new to the crew, Allison Bate were instrumental in how smoothly the summer programs functioned. We were able to offer 4H Wonka Camp, Summer Vibes Camp, Dutch Soccer Academy, Crochet Camps, three basketball camps with Varsity Coach Danny Warren, LEGO Club & Camp, Art Camp with Kristina Lento, Archery Camp with Bryan Shaw, Golf Camp at Mars Hill Country Club, & swimming lessons at Fort Fairfield outdoor pool. We also participated in Taylor Swift Camp, Sweet Treats Camp, and STEAM Camp at Wintergreen Arts Center. Bus trips included: Paradise Mountain, Quill Family Fun Park, Northern Maine Fair, splash pad, swimming pool, Houlton Farms Dairy, Goughan's Farm, and Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library. Our three baseball leagues kept us on the diamond many afternoons and we were privileged to have Spencer Bragan, Kody Carter, and Blake King manage these teams. Our traditional t-ball program was replaced with the Quick Ball program and the kids, parents, and coaches enjoyed the new techniques. Also offered was Maine Celtics Basketball Clinic, Art with Heart, Hunter Safety Classes, ATV/Snowmobile safety class, NMCRA Track and Field, and MRPA Back Yard Camp Out. "Back-to-School" was offered for a third year; this program benefited 38 Easton elementary and junior high students. Every child who registered received a backpack, lunch box filled with snacks, water bottle, and all the school supplies requested by their classroom teachers. During the Back-to-School party, there was face painting, an obstacle course, and children got to visit with Freya, a mini horse from East of Eden. We cannot express adequate thanks to our sponsors for this program including United Way of Aroostook, Pineland Farms/Michael's Food, Huber Engineered Woods, McCain Foods, and Northern Light Health - AR Gould. Our first annual Community Safety Day was a great way for us to meet our law enforcement and fire safety personnel. We also got to meet Miss Maggie, the dog from PIPD and she brought along Chief Hayes. Also, new this summer was our Camping Extravaganza with a petting zoo, axe throwing, duck shooting game, friendship bracelets, & Red Cross Pillow Case emergency preparedness project. We were blessed to receive the Summer Feeding Program this year, which provides breakfast and lunch 5 days a week. The previous year Easton didn't qualify. Please remember (even though students receive free lunches throughout the school year) it is very important to fill out the paperwork that comes home at the beginning of every school year.

As harvest break arrived, children had an opportunity to participate in multiple programs: BBQ Camp with Mr. Tom from Smokey Bears BBQ, 4H Wizarding World, and swim lessons at Gentile Hall. Field trips during break included Kings Landing, Hunter Brother's Farms, Goughan Farm's corn maze, and Kingswood Entertainment Centre. Grades 1&2 soccer players were back on the field improving their ball handling skills, and the 3rd & 4th grade soccer team enjoyed the beautiful fall weather competing in several games under the direction of Coach Kody Carter. It was great to have our 5th & 6th grade team competing each Saturday in several round robins around Aroostook County and a season-end tournament with Coaches Carter & Carter! Thanks to our many volunteer officials who make this possible! Other fun fall events were an "Adopt a (stuffed) Pet" Day with visitors from Central Aroostook Humane Society, and a Paint & Pizza night at Wintergreen Art for the tweens.

After-school programs during the school year included a variety of themes: Happiness Club, Dr. Suess Day, eclipse activities, "park n' play", Potato Day, Insect Day, Cooking Matters, LEGO Days, Apple Day, Healthy Me, Ag Explorers, Mother's and Father's Days gifts, various holiday crafts & movies, 4H meetings, movement classes, open gyms, and character building with Aroostook Healthy Families & with Hope & Justice. School vacations and early-release trips

have included: Challenger Center, inflatable fun, Children's Museum of Aroostook, bowling at Northern Lanes, Wintergreen Arts, the Maple Moose, roller-skating, and ice-skating!

Our seniors' group is active and have enjoyed "lunch 'n learns" compliments of Northern Light Health discussing medications, making scarecrow & pumpkin crafts, and talking with Natalia Bragg; receiving an explanation of the Hope & Justice's Projects services, getting an overview of the ALICE program from United Way; and making a Christmas swag with Kevin & Ronnie Mitchell. Lunches out on the town took place at Presque Isle Country Club and The Maple Pig. Monthly classes with SNAP-Education have included 10 Tips for Better Eating and are fully funded by Good Shepard Food Bank and Hannaford. Happy Days Senior Citizen Club meets twice a month and exercise classes continue twice a week in the Recreation Room at the West Ridge Manor. Special holiday meals were held for Valentine's, Christmas Brunch, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. If you wish to be added to the mailing list of activities, please call 488-6601. Easton was also the recipient of a grant of over \$30,000 to enhance our senior programing at the recreation center. The Aroostook Area Agency on Aging provided televisions, computer equipment and technology services, furniture, chairs, tables, a white board, defibrillator, a first aid kit, coffee pot/mugs and so much more in an effort to reach more senior citizens around the County with their programming.

Good Canine Citizen classes have graduated many well-behaved pooches. We had such a great response to this class with Chris from Critter Hill and look forward to her return this spring. If you would like to be on the list for that class, please call 488-6601.

So many organizations and businesses help facilitate programs and/or assist with funding. I am hesitant to list them all for fear of forgetting one, but I will do my best as they are an integral part of our department. 4H Aroostook, American Red Cross, Aroostook Area Agency on Aging, Aroostook Council for Healthy Families, Aroostook County Action Program, Big Bang Theatre, Big Rock Mountain, Broadway Kids/County Kids Theatre Company, Children's Museum of Aroostook, Critter Hill Kennel, East of Eden, Easton Fire Department, Francis Malcolm Science Center, Huber Engineered Woods, Imagination Station, McCain Foods USA, Maine Health 5-2-1-0, Maine Recreation & Parks Association, Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Mars Hill Country Club, Northern Light Health – AR Gould, Northern Maine Community Recreation Association, Pineland Farms, SNAP-Education, UMPI Gentile Hall, Wintergreen Arts Center, and Winter Kids.

The Rec. Department has a great working relationship with our schools, grounds, fire, & highway departments, and I always look forward to working with Cheryl & Heidi at the Town Office. Much thanks to all who have refereed, chaperoned, transported children, and served on the Field Day & Recreation Committees. I'm incredibly grateful to Cheryl, Tabitha Dudley, & Penney Siddiqui for their time spent editing.

It's crazy to think, I have had the privilege to be part your community for over 20 years! You embraced a new college graduate with lots of learning still to do, and then allowed my family to grow in what we now consider home. We've had amazing experiences, created traditions and enjoyed adventures, I can't wait to see what the future holds! Most importantly, thanks to our community for your participation and support over the past year and to the parents for sharing your amazing children with us!



Yours in Recreation, Hillary Hallett Recreation Director

















2023 TAX LIENS

Boneville-Hull, Barbara J	\$108.24	
Condon, Eric	\$344.10	Bal.
Cote, Roger W(Heirs)	\$2,024.22	
Dionne, Robert W	\$1,151.85	
Francis, Carol A	\$1,241.40	Bal.
Guyette, Paul	\$630.05	
Hersey, Jack L	\$269.79	
Hull, Rickie M	\$512.11	
Johnston, Edward W	\$455.57	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$474.96	
Michaud, Steven M (Heirs)	\$634.89	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$2,041.99	
Nichols, Lawrence W	\$373.18	
Patterson, Patrick T	\$30.84	Bal.
Peers, Thomas M	\$2,063.03	Bal.
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$4,100.14	
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A	\$352.18	
Tibbetts, Adam	\$78.87	Bal.
Tompkins, Anthony	\$1,008.07	
Vado, Cyrill JT	\$300.00	Bal.

TOTAL

* Paid after books closed.



\$18,195.48

2024 LIST OF TAXES DUE

Bate, Kristie L	\$934.50		
Beaton, Matthew D.	\$234.50		
Bonville-Hull, Barbara J.	\$117.25		
Caron, Jayson W.	\$2,282.00		
Condon, Eric M.	\$374.50		
Cornell, Joshua W	\$868.00		
Cornerstone Village LLC	\$425.25		
Cornerstone Village LLC	\$451.50		
Cote, Ruth E.	\$2,192.75		
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Tony & Andrew Curtis	\$413.00		
Cyr, Grace	\$84.00		
Dionne, Robert W.	\$1,247.75		
Embelton, Logan N.	\$658.00		
Emery, Wendy	\$22.75		
Francis, Carol A.	\$1,191.75		
Guyette, Paul A.	\$311.50		
Hair, Jason A.	\$365.75		
Hersey, Jack L.	\$292.25		
Hewitt, Jason E.	\$204.41	Bal.	
Holmes, Lance O.	\$1,012.57		
Hull, Rickie M.	\$554.75		
Ireland, Tina L.	\$437.50		
Jackson, Andrew	\$1,305.50		
Johnston, Edward W.	\$493.50		
Kennedy, Raymond M.	\$880.25		
Ladner, Heirs of Fern E.	\$167.44	Bal.	
Lamoreau, Cole L. & Rae	\$1,177.75		
Lamoreau, Craig M. & Amanda L.	\$1,447.25		
Lamoreau, Rae M. & Cole L.	\$255.50		
Lanter, David B.	\$511.00		
Lombard, Matthew R.	\$211.75		
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$514.50		
McGee Storage Solutions, Inc.	\$388.50		*
McGlinn, Reid A	\$252.00		*
McLaughlin, Brooklyn	\$549.50		
Michaud, Steven M.	\$1,186.50		
Millett, Kristy R	\$1,139.25		*
Monroe, Michael	\$1,797.25		
Mortin, Luc Jean	\$4.04	Bal.	
Nadeau, Holly R.	\$444.50		
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$2,212.00		
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$404.25		
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$952.00		
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$2,030.00		
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Parlin, Leighton J. & Glenna P.
Patterson, Patrick T.
Peers, Thomas M.
Plourde, Raymond N.
Poole, Roxanne R.
Robbins, Warner C.
Saucier, Leane M.
Sherwood, Cathie
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.
Stickney, Theodore F. & Brandi S. Clark
Sunvest Solar Inc.
Thomas, Tricia
Tibbetts, Adam
Tibbetts, Michael JT
Tompkins, Anthony
Tompkins, Lisa S.
Tompkins, Marie JT
Tompkins, Samuel A
Tompkins, Trent M.
Town of Easton LLC
Turner, William R.
Vado, Cyrill
White, Brittney M.
Young, Lennie K.
Young, Lennie K. & Deborah L.
Young, Lennie K. & Deborah L.

TOTAL

* Paid after books closed.

\$2,450.18 Bal. \$1,338.75 \$2,761.50 \$4,441.50 \$75.25 \$780.50 \$2,003.75 \$1,019.94 Bal. \$381.50 \$522.90 \$84,726.25 \$154.74 Bal. \$980.00 \$680.75 \$1,092.00 \$1,181.25 * \$1,991.50 \$719.29 * \$1,193.50 \$1,021.65 Bal. \$1,298.50 \$663.25 \$262.50 \$1,858.50 * \$238.00 * \$238.00 *

\$147,417.55



NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

The **Moderator presides over Town Meeting** in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's Maine Moderators Manual

<u>Please observe separation of Voters from Non-Voters;</u> Registered Voters must check in with the Registrar and be seated inside the guard rail.

- Procedure: The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond "so moved", then "second". (Note: it is best to avoid negative motions such as to defeat an article where "yes" means "no" - if you oppose an article; it's best to move the article and vote against it)
- Amendments: an amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that they can only be decreased (not increased). Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor; only up or down. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon.
- Voting: The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required please keep your hand raised until the Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. Challenge: A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator's determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state "I doubt it"; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting. Written Ballots: any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded; no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
- If you wish to speak on an article: wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand and wait for the Moderator to recognized you:
- State your name for the record & whom you represent, if applicable.
- Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator.
- State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion.
- The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion.
- Order, Prohibitions:
- The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
- Personal or accusatory comments are out of order; comments should be respectful and courteous.
- Profanity, and disorderly; conduct, language, or gestures at meetings are out of order.
- At no time will the public be allowed to argue debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
- Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator; the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other engaging in other distractions. Cellular phones must be turned off, with the exception of emergency responders.
- If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.

Therefore: in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2523, please check the legal posting of the Warrant seven days prior to Town Meeting posted at: Town Office, Easton Post Office, Country Farms Market, Easton Elementary School, Easton High School, Tulsa One Stop and www.eastonme.com.

Special Note: The following is the **"PROPOSED WARRANT"**, as much as the Board of Selectmen attempt to have all the Warrant Articles ready for the Town Report prior to going to print, there are occasions where legally there could be Warrant Articles added, edited or deleted from what has been printed in the Town Report.

GUIDELINES TO ATTENDING A TOWN MEETING

- If you wish to speak, wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comments. When the Moderator has recognized you, stand, state your name for the record, the agenda item, and nature of your business.
- Please refrain from discussion on the article if you have a conflict of interest in any article.
- The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
- The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be prepared to state your business in a brief and concise manner.
- During a Public Meeting, only the subject matter can be discussed.
- Comments should always be courteous. Personal and accusatory comments are out of order. Profanity, disorderly language or gestures at meetings are prohibited.
- At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
- During discussion, the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other distractions.

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, April 7, 2025

STATE OF MAINE COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Ryan Gundy, Citizen of the Town of Easton, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Easton Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center in said Town on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the morning, and then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below. The polls will open at 9:00 AM and close at 6:30 PM.

And then to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium, in said Town on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 8:00 in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 44, all of the Articles being set out below, to wit:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art 3: To see if the town will vote to set a date or dates when taxes shall be due and payable and to set a date or dates from which interest will begin to accrue on delinquent taxes and a rate of interest to be charged against delinquent taxes.

Recommendation: The selectboard recommends that one half of the taxes be due on October 1, 2025 and one half be due on April 1, 2026 and that interest at a rate of 7.5% per annum be charged on unpaid balances beginning 30 days after each due date.

Art. 4: To see if the Town will require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of taxacquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs, personal representative or devisees three (3) months to repurchase the property on terms the board deems in the best interests of the Town; if no repurchase occurs, the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C. If the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by §943-C (3), the board may sell the property in any manner it deems in the best interests of the Town. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

> Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 5: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to accept as gifts any acceptable properties donated to the Town and to sell or dispose of any properties as they deem advantageous to the Town during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and assign un-matured tax liens for not less than the amount, interest and costs included.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 7: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any outdated capital equipment after advertising in local newspapers.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 8: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a budget committee to meet as required, to recommend the necessary appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 9: To see if the Town will appropriate in estimated revenue from motor vehicle excise taxes, all state revenue sharing funds, all state snowmobile reimbursements, dog license fees, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 to reduce the tax commitment by \$684,403.00.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 10: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to use the overlay as an abatement account and for any costs incurred in addressing potential abatement requests.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

* NOTICE: THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS FOR 16 ½ MONTHS AS THE FISCAL YEAR WILL CHANGE TO END JUNE 30, 2026.

Art. 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$306,515.00 for Town Administration.

	2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
	2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
	Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
Salaries	\$131,204.00	\$128,321.81	\$167,594.00
457 DC Match	3,461.00	3,287.31	5,028.00
Health Insurance	55,942.00	51,149.14	74,558.00

MSRS Match	13,515.00	12,853.54	16,928.00
Medicare Match	1,903.00	1,902.46	2,430.00
MPFML Match	0.00	92.24	838.00
CarAllowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	5,200.00	5,410.60	7,398.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	1,096.67	1,370.00
IT Services	1,300.00	1,383.11	1,918.00
Telephone/Internet	4,500.00	4,608.48	6,165.00
Electric	2,100.00	1,569.22	2,877.00
Training/Travel/Dues	2,500.00	4,373.94	5,754.00
Building Fuel	3,000.00	1,615.44	4,110.00
Postage	2,500.00	3,088.48	3,425.00
Building Services	1,500.00	<u>1,472.51</u>	<u>2,123.00</u>
TOTAL	\$233,625.00	\$226,224.95	\$306,515.00

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Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$142,315.00 for the Fire Department.

	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025	*2/16/2025 to 6/30/2026
	<u>Appropriated</u>	Actual	Proposed
Payroll	\$44,805.00	\$44,805.00	\$48,653.00
Chief's Car Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,370.00
Telephone & Internet	3,800.00	3,458.72	4,650.00
Contract Services - Dispatch	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,600.00
Building Fuel	10,900.00	4,843.67	10,823.00
Electric	4,600.00	4,887.31	6,302.00
IT Support	1,300.00	1,245.00	1,781.00
Training	3,200.00	2,049.41	4,384.00
Dues & Printing	1,200.00	1,878.70	2,740.00
Medicare	650.00	649.67	659.00
FICA	2,778.00	2,578.53	2950.00
MPFML	0.00	0.00	225.00
Repairs	9,000.00	9,020.16	12,330.00
Annual Truck Certification	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,110.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	4,000.00	2,073.53	3,500.00
Tools & Supplies	7,000.00	6,481.53	9,590.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	100.00	0.00	137.00
Building Repairs and supplies	1,500.00	2,502.56	5,186.00
SCBA	2,500.00	2,226.38	3,425.00
Gloves, Coats, etc.	9,000.00	9,630.74	13,700.00
Insurance	1,100.00	<u>1,088.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$113,333.00	\$105,318.91	\$142,315.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$669,884.00 for the Highway Department.

	2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
	2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
	Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
Salaries	\$150,344.00	\$127,238.52	\$255,916.00
457 DC Match	3,735.00	3,609.39	7,677.00
Medicare Match	2,180.00	1,887.22	3,711.00
MSRS Match	15,486.00	12,515.09	26,103.00
MPFML Match	0.00	130.63	1,280.00
Health Insurance	31,496.00	40,451.63	117,705.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	42,000.00	23,602.32	57,540.00
Sand & Salt	73,500.00	55,593.36	102,750.00
Equipment Repair	34,000.00	27,422.24	46,580.00
Tool & Supplies	7,000.00	8,274.58	11,645.00
Blades & Chains	4,400.00	2,462.00	6,028.00
Telephone/Internet	1,400.00	1,367.50	1,918.00
Electric	4,600.00	4,321.39	6,302.00
IT Support	1,300.00	1,245.00	1,781.00
Building Fuel	6,600.00	4,882.51	8,220.00
Training/Dues	1,000.00	1,033.59	2,055.00
Building Maintenance	8,500.00	4,890.30	11,645.00
Drug Testing	500.00	<u>433.00</u>	<u>1,028.00</u>
TOTAL	\$388,041.00	\$321,360.27	\$669,884.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$176,353.00 for Recreation.

	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025 <u>Appropriated</u>	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025 <u>Actual</u>	*2/16/2025 to 6/30/2026 <u>Proposed</u>
Salaries	\$44,700.00	\$44,720.00	\$68,390.00
457 DC Match	1,341.00	1,341.59	2,052.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	13,500.00	12,804.76	21,235.00
Rec Director Car Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,055.00
Health Insurance	34,027.00	32,329.86	49,400.00
Medicare Match	774.00	852.98	1,300.00
MSRS Match	5,498.00	5,407.76	9,142.00
MPFML Match	0.00	55.76	448.00
Programs/Equipt/Supplies	7,000.00	7,864.47	11,508.00
Telephone/Internet	2,650.00	2,798.75	4,110.00
Electric	300.00	508.33	685.00
Building Fuel	800.00	615.83	1,096.00
IT Support	1,300.00	1,333.00	1,918.00

Budget Committee Recommends: YES					
Selectmen Recommend: YES					
TOTAL	\$116,090.00	\$114,038.90	\$176,353.00		
Training/Travel	2,000.00	<u>1,905.81</u>	<u>2,740.00</u>		
Field Maintenance	700.00	0.00	274.00		
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Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,274.00 for the Buildings & Ground Maintenance Department.

	2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
	2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
	Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
Salaries	\$25,785.00	\$19,128.70	\$36,032.00
Medicare	374.00	277.11	523.00
MSRS Match	2,630.00	1,914.24	3,675.00
MPFML	0.00	18.50	180.00
Gas	1,400.00	1,778.91	2,740.00
Electric	300.00	295.49	411.00
Tools & Supplies	2,500.00	2,606.50	3,425.00
Building Fuel	800.00	747.38	1,233.00
Building/Vehicle Maint.	2,100.00	<u>384.06</u>	<u>2,055.00</u>
TOTAL	\$35,889.00	\$27,150.89	\$50,274.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$16,440.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
	2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
	Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
Building Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$4,309.00	\$5,480.00
Building Fuel	3,625.00	1,730.41	4,110.00
Telephone	2,100.00	2,083.05	2,877.00
Electricity	2,900.00	<u>2,592.03</u>	<u>3,973.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,625.00	\$10,714.49	\$16,440.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$521,182.00 for other expenses:

	2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
	2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
	Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
Tri-Community Landfill	\$169,950.00	\$173,477.83	\$242,000.00
Ambulance Service	85,800.00	85,800.00	107,250.00
Animal Control Officer	1,675.00	1,027.78	2,105.00
Plumbing Inspector	2,235.00	2,222.75	3,368.00
Code Enforcement Officer	1,120.00	1,111.39	1,688.00
Assessing	16,000.00	15,734.02	49,000.00

Beautification	4,000.00	3,327.12	6,850.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Legal	3,000.00	2,769.44	4,110.00
Audit	12,000.00	8,275.00	16,440.00
TAN Interest	1,750.00	1,750.00	4,000.00
Advertising	3,000.00	3,436.39	4,500.00
Town Report	2,800.00	2,440.40	5,600.00
Street Lights	16,530.00	11,879.56	22,646.00
Contract Services	15,500.00	15,076.27	40,100.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	2,500.00	3,545.28	3,425.00
Selectmen's Stipend	4,100.00	<u>4,068.90</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$345,960.00	\$339,942.13	\$521,182.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$80,158.00 for Outside Requests:

2	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025	2/16/2024 to 2/15/2025	*2/16/2025 to 6/30/2026
Α	<u>ppropriated</u>	Actual	Proposed
Cemetery Appropriation	\$13500.00	\$13,500.00	\$42,100.00
MMA Dues	3,090.00	3,088.00	6,342.00
Catholic Charities	800.00	800.00	800.00
ACAP	504.00	504.00	504.00
Homeless Shelter	2,310.00	2,310.00	2,640.00
NMDC Dues	4,910.00	4,909.55	4,910.00
Memorial Day Services	350.00	350.00	350.00
Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Aroostook Agency on Aging	800.00	800.00	800.00
Cen. Aro. Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00
Little School Restoration	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Humane Society	2,772.00	2,772.00	2,772.00
ME Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Francis Malcolm Science Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Historical Society	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Prestile Community Park	0.00	0.00	2,740.00
Veteran's Cemetery	100.00	100.00	100.00
Senior Citizens	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Field Days	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Easton ATV Club	500.00	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,236.00	\$45,233.55	\$80,158.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES Art. 19: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,881.00 for insurance.

2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed
\$33,700.00	\$33,700.00	\$47,881.00
Selectmen Re	ecommend: YES	
Budget Com	mittee Recommends	s: YES

Art. 20: To see if the Town will raise \$300,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 21: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$45,848.00 from the State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program for town road improvement in accordance with the requirements outlined in public law, chapter 492, L.D. 1691-1981.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 22: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances to fiscal year 2026.

Selectmen's Discretionary Education General Assistance Town Road Improvement Equipment Reserve Municipal Building Maintenance Town Retirement Reserve Signage	Planning Board Account Tennis Court Insurance Reserve Town Owned Properties Office Equipment Reserve Economic Community Development Municipal Building Repair Project Fire Truck
Cigiuge	Selectmen Recommend: YES
	Budget Committee Recommends: YES
2025 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$191,361.23
Town Owned Property Sales	\$15,797.46
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$1,232.79
General Assistance	\$5,965.79
Tennis Court	\$5,684.28
Planning Board Account	\$599.15
Education	(\$41,498.01)
Equipment Reserve	\$150,850.29
Insurance Reserve	\$3,004.17
Office Equipment Reserve	\$2,050.51
Town Retirement Reserve	\$4,159.87
General Building Maintenance	\$2,899.28

Municipal Building Repair Project	\$237.76
Signage	\$887.27
Fire Truck	\$550.76
Economic Community Development	\$1,712.39

Art. 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$537,209.23 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2/16/2024 to	2/16/2024 to	*2/16/2025 to
2/15/2025	2/15/2025	6/30/2026
Appropriated	<u>Actual</u>	Proposed

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$200,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 25: To see if the Town will appropriate, not to exceed, \$17,000.00 from equipment reserve account to equip the new fire truck.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 26: To see if the Town will appropriate not to exceed, \$11,000 from equipment reserve account to purchase a hydraulic thumb for the excavator for the highway department.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 27: To see if the Town will raise & appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to Office Equipment reserve and to carry over any balance.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES Art. 29: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to apply and accept an award from the State of Maine Small Community 90-10 Matching Grant for pollution abatement construction, to correct, on a priority basis, defective residential septic systems on the Prestile Stream banks or on the banks of other streams or bodies of water, and further authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management, and completion of such projects.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 30: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Maine State Planning Office and if said application is approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management and completion of the project.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 31: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6 (six) percent for the fiscal year 2/16/2025-6/30/2026 pursuant to M.S.R.A. Title 36 §506A.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$4,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. **Selectmen Recommend: YES**

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 33: To see if the Town, in accordance with M.S.R.A. Title 36 §506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year ending 6/30/2026.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 35: To see if the Town will vote to expend all proceeds from the State of Maine Grant in Aid Snowmobile Program estimated to be \$21,000.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club. Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 36: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2025-2026 Community Development Block (Grant) applications for the Business Assistance Program, the Economic Development Fund Loan and the Community Enterprise Program. To submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant

funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 37: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2025-2026 Rural Development Grant applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for \$99,999 and for Rural Business Enterprise Loans for up to \$300,000 each and to submit same to the USDA, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 38: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton Board of Selectmen to authorize and accept the proposal from Machias Savings Bank to purchase the Town a tax anticipated note, on a drawdown basis, and award said note to Machias Savings Bank.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 39: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton Board of Selectmen to trade Map 4 Lot 20-13V, owned by the Town of Easton for Map 18 Lot 60, owned by James Brown. The value of the trade is \$12,000.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 40: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Order of Discontinuance of a Public Easement pertaining to the old entrance to the Bowers Road (approximately 66 ft wide and beginning at the Ladner Road and running for a distance of approximately 935 feet in a generally northerly direction, as shown more particularly on the Town of Easton Tax Map number 5, on file in the Town of Easton), which was issued by the Municipal Officers on March 10, 2025.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 41: To see if the Town will appropriate \$56,312.50 to from the undesignated fund for the revaluation of residential and commercial properties as per required after 10 years.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 42: To see if the Town will appropriate \$6,921.77 from the equipment reserve fund to install a security system and radio at the town office.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES Art. 43: To see if the Town of Easton will appropriate \$3,822.00 from the equipment reserve account, to match a 50/50 grant received from Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) to purchase 6 coats, pants, traffic vests, googles and foam.

Selectmen Recommend: YES Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 44: Shall the Town of Easton vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a construction line of credit, not to exceed \$500,000, from Machias Savings Bank to be used for the fire station project.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025 A.D. EASTON SELECTMEN

Bruce V. Flewelling

Scott F. Allen

Douglas R. Blackstone

Tammy M. Beaulier-Fuller

ATTEST:

Norman G. Trask

Heidi Burtt, Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

Pursuant to the within warrant, I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at:

Easton Town Office Country Farm's Market Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center Easton Elementary School Easton High School Easton Post Office

The same being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the _____ day of March, 2025, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated:

Ryan Gundy

SAMPLE BALLOT

STATE OF MAINE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TOWN OF EASTON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

Make a cross (X) or a check mark ($\sqrt{1}$) in the square at the left of the name of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or a check mark ($\sqrt{1}$) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names. Names written in must show the municipality of residence of each write-in candidate.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (TERM ENDING APRIL 2028) VOTE FOR ONE

	Blackstone, Doug	Easton
		Easton
SCHOOL BO	DARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2028)	<u>VOTE FOR TWO</u>
	Brewer, Randi	Easton
	Bugbee, Ryan	Easton
	Guess, Nicole	Easton
	King, Andrew	Easton
	MacPherson, Michele	Easton
		Easton
		Easton



March 12, 2025

Selectboard Town of Easton Easton, Maine

We have been engaged by the Town of Easton and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Easton as of and for the year ended February 15, 2025. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed by management and have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office upon completion of the audit.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Schedule E
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Capital Funds	Schedule F

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	Budget	ed Amounts	Actual	Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 16, 2024, Restated Resources (Inflows): Taxes:	\$ 1,040,068	\$ 1,040,068	\$ 1,040,068	\$-
Property Taxes Excise Taxes Intergovernmental Revenues:	3,997,984 301,000		3,875,113 294,745	(122,871) (6,255)
State Revenue Sharing Homestead Reimbursement BETE Reimbursement	170,000 122,294 2,010,324	122,294	191,166 110,099 2,010,380	21,166 (12,195) 56
LRAP Snow grant	45,848	45,848	- 14,000	(45,848) 14,000 968
Charges for Services Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs Interest Income	9,700 5,000 5,000	5,000 5,000	10,668 5,991 18,918	991 13,918
Miscellaneous Revenues Amounts Available for Appropriation	10,000 7,717,218		46,003 7,617,151	36,003 (100,067)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows): General Government	314,081	314,081	303,528	10,553
Public Safety Public Works	217,338 593,880	3 217,338	204,033 521,989	13,305 71,891
Recreation and Culture Education	116,090 3,922,834	116,090	114,038	2,052
County Tax Outside Appropriations	679,942 45,236	45,236	679,942 45,234	- 2
Unclassified Debt Service:	276,999		161,821	115,178
Interest Transfers to Other Funds Total Charges to Appropriations	1,750 509,000 6,677,150	4,431,834	1,750 4,438,519 6,470,854	- (6,685) 206,296
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 15, 2025	\$ 1,040,068		<u> </u>	\$ 106,229

		TOV	Ň	TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE	TON	, MAINI	111					5		
	BAL	BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 15, 2025		HEET - GOVERNMEN FEBRUARY 15, 2025	/ERN 15, 2	IMENT/ 2025	AL FI	SONL						
		General Fund		UDAG Fund	Edu SI Reven	Education/ Special Revenue Funds	а Ш Ш	Education Bond	Move Nonma Rc Improv	Moved from Nonmajor Fund Town Road Improvements	Gover C	Other Governmental Funds	00	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable (net of allowance	Ś	1,001,615	Ś	247,491	Ŷ		ŝ	4,627	\$	191,361	ŝ	323,068	÷	1,768,162
ior unconectibles). Taxes Liens		155,297 18,195												155,297 18,195
Other		3,571		137,315		17,704		'		'		'		158,590
Due from other governments		33,036		I		ı		I		ı		I		33,036
Tax acquired property Due from other funds		14,713 98,705												14,713 98,705
TOTAL ASSETS	φ	1,325,132	φ	384,806	÷	17,704	ŝ	4,627	69	191,361	ь	323,068	φ	2,246,698
LIABILITIES Accrued expenses Due to other finds	¢	5,343 -	φ		Ś	-	¢		¢	39 503 -	¢		\$	5,343 98.705
		5,343				59,202		'		39,503		'		104,048
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Prepaid taxes Deferred tax revenue		1,396 172 096												1,396 172 096
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		173,492		'		'				•		'		173,492
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) Nonspendable		14,713		ı		ı		- - -				I		14,713 7 627
Committed				- 384,806				' 1 20,4	-	151,858		- 323,068		4,027 859,732
Assigned Unassigned		- 1,131,584				- (41,498)		1 1						- 1,090,086
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)		1, 146, 297		384,806		(41,498)		4,627		151,858		323,068		1,969,158
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$	1,325,132	¢	384,806	69	17,704	¢	4,627	¢	191,361	¢	323,068	¢	2,246,698

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT C

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	General Fund	UDAG Fund	Education/ Special <u>Revenue Funds</u>	Education Bond	<i>Moved from</i> <u>Nonmajor Fund</u> Town Road Improvements	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
/ENUES							
axes:	* 0.075.440	•	*	*	<u>,</u>		* 0.075.440
Property taxes	\$ 3,875,113		\$-	- \$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 3,875,113
Excise taxes	294,745		4 040 000	•	45.040	-	294,745
tergovernmental revenues harges for services	2,325,645 10,668		1,010,982	-	45,848	343,280	3,725,755 10,668
vestment income	18,918	3,604	-			- 6,591	29,113
iscellaneous revenues	51,994	12,000			516	21,387	85,897
ALREVENUES	6,577,083	15,604	1,010,982		46,364	371,258	8,021,291
	0,011,000	10,004	1,010,002			011,200	0,021,201
PENDITURES							
General government	303,528					-	303,528
Public safety	204,033					-	204,033
Public works	521,989		-	-	-	-	521,989
Recreation and culture	114,038		-	-	-	-	114,038
Education	-		4,965,166	-	-	-	4,965,166
County tax	679,942		-	-	-	-	679,942
Outside appropriations	45,234		-	-	-	-	45,234
Unclassified	161,821	720	-	-	-	364,925	527,466
Debt service:							
Principal	-	•	-	148,020	-	-	148,020
Interest	1,750		-	-	-	-	1,750
apital outlay	-				441,080	200,694	641,774
'AL EXPENDITURES	2,032,335	720	4,965,166	148,020	441,080	565,619	8,152,940
ESS OF REVENUES OVER			(A. A. T. A. A. A.				
JNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,544,748	14,884	(3,954,184) (148,020)	(394,716)	(194,361)	(131,649)
HER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) ransfers in			3,922,834		300,000	225,685	4,448,519
ansfers (out)	(4,438,519)		0,022,001		-	(10,000)	(4,448,519)
AL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(4,438,519)		3,922,834	- -	300,000	215,685	<u></u>
CHANGE N FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	106,229	14,884	(31,350		(94,716)	21,324	(131,649)
JD BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2024, AS EVIOUSLY REPORTED	1,646,557	539,224	(542,624) 152,647		548,318	2,344,122
JD BALANCE CORRECTION ANGE WITHIN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY	(606,489)	(169,302) 532,476	-	- 246,574	(246,574)	(243,315)
	(606,489)	(169,302	532,476	· ·	246,574	(246,574)	(243,315)
	(000-,000)	(100,002			210,014	(=10,01=)	(210,010)
VD BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2024, AS RESTATED	1,040,068	369,922	(10,148) 152,647	246,574	301,744	2,100,807
JD BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 15, 2025	\$ 1,146,297	\$ 384,806	\$ (41,498) \$ 4,627	\$ 151,858	\$ 323,068	\$ 1,969,158

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

		Original Budget	Budget Adjustments		Final Budget		Actual	>° ⊂ ž	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -	÷		÷	£		÷		÷	
General government Selectmen's stinend	9	200,020 4 100	• •	9	4 100	\$	220,224 4 NG9	9	1,402 31
Plumbing inspector		2,235	I		2,235		2,223		12
Code Enforcement Officer		1,120	I		1,120		1,111		6
Insurance		33,700	I		33,700		33,701		(1)
Audit		12,000	I		12,000		8,275		3,725
Legal		3,000	I		3,000		2,769		231
Advertising		3,000	I		3,000		3,436		(436)
Town report		2,800	I		2,800		2,440		360
Elections		2,500	I		2,500		3,546		(1,046)
Assessing		16,000	I		16,000		15,734		266
		314,081	I		314,081		303,528		10,553
Public Safety -									
Animal control		1,675	I		1,675		1,028		647
Fire department		113,333	I		113,333		105,325		8,008
Ambulance		85,800	I		85,800		85,800		I
Street lights		16,530	I		16,530		11,880		4,650
		217,338	I		217,338		204,033		13,305

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SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public Works - Highway	388,041	I	388,041	321,360	66,681
Buildings and grounds Tri-Communitv landfill	35,889 169 <u>.</u> 950	1 1	35,889 169 <u>.</u> 950	27,151 173 <u>,</u> 478	8,738 (3.528)
	593,880		593,880	521,989	71,891
Recreation and Culture - Recreation	116,090	,	116,090	114,038	2,052
	116,090		116,090	114,038	2,052
Education	3,922,834	(3,922,834)	'	-	1
County Tax	679,942	1	679,942	679,942	I
Outside Appropriations	45,236	1	45,236	45,234	2
Debt Service - TAN Interest	1,750		1,750	1,750	T
	1,750	1	1,750	1,750	1

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	ive)
Unclassified - Unanticipated expenses		,	,	14,210	۲۲)	(14,210)
Odd Fellows	11,625	I	11,625	10,713		912
Beautification	4,000	I	4,000	3,327		673
Contract services	15,500	I	15,500	15,076		424
Snowmobile grant	I	I	I	14,000	(12	14,000)
Truck repair	I	I	I	36,813	(36	(36,813)
Overlay	245,874	I	245,874	67,682	178	178,192
	276,999		276,999	161,821	115	115,178
Transfers to Other Funds -						
Education fund	I	3,922,834	3,922,834	3,922,834		I
Special revenue funds	4,000	I	4,000	4,000		I
Capital projects funds	505,000	Ι	505,000	511,685	(((6,685)
	509,000	3,922,834	4,431,834	4,438,519	9)	(6,685)
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 6,677,150	، م	\$ 6,677,150	\$ 6,677,150 \$ 6,470,854	\$ 206	206,296

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	R	Special levenue Funds		Capital Projects Funds		al Nonmajor vernmental Funds
ASSETS	¢	20.042	¢	201 026	¢	202.069
Cash and cash equivalents TOTAL ASSETS	\$ \$	39,042 39,042	\$	284,026 284,026	\$	323,068 323,068
LIABILITIES						
Due to other funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-		-		-
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable		-		-		-
Restricted		-		-		-
Committed		39,042		284,026		323,068
Assigned		-		-		-
Unassigned		-		-		-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		39,042		284,026		323,068
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND						
BALANCES	\$	39,042	\$	284,026	\$	323,068

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	al Nonmajor vernmental Funds
REVENUES Intergovernmental Interest income Other TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 338,280 56 20 338,356	\$ 5,000 6,535 21,367 32,902	\$ 343,280 6,591 21,387 371,258
EXPENDITURES Capital outlay Other TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 359,475 359,475	 200,694 5,450 206,144	 200,694 364,925 565,619
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 (21,119)	 (173,242)	 (194,361)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (out)	 14,000 (10,000)	 211,685	 225,685 (10,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 4,000	 211,685	 215,685
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	 (17,119)	 38,443	 21,324
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	56,161	492,157	548,318
CHANGE WITHIN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY	 -	 (246,574)	 (246,574)
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 16, 2024, AS RESTATED	 56,161	 245,583	 301,744
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 15, 2025	\$ 39,042	\$ 284,026	\$ 323,068

SCHEDULE E

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	Signage		Economic Community Development	mic unity ment	^ ₩ 0	VFA Wildlife Grant	hsurance	Ce	Town Retirement		School Retirement
REVENUES Intergovernmental Interest income Other TOTAL REVENUES	ନ	· ← · ←	Ś	· ~ ' <	ъ	2,941 - - 2,941	θ	- 4 - 4	÷	ک 0 - D -	
EXPENDITURES Other TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>1,300</u>		46		587 587		· ·	14,599 14,599	 ରୁରୁ	1 1
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,2	(1,299) -		(44)		2,354		4	(14,593)	 ଜ୍ଞ	'
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (out)				· ·		1 1			10,000	 	- (10,000)
IUTAL UTHER FINANUING SOURCES (USES)		' '		'		'		'İ	10,000	 2	(10,000)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	(1,2	(1,299)		(44)		2,354		4	(4,593)	33)	(10,000)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2024	2,1	2,186		1,756		(2,354)	ر ی	3,000	8,754	24	10,000
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See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE E (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDLILE OF REVENITES EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES

SCHEDULE G

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2025

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

January 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR. United States Senate SUSAN M. COLLINS

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Junan M Collins

Susan M. Collins// United States Senator/



131th MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Harold "Trey" Stewart III Senator, District 2 Senate Republican Leader January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have again placed in me to be a voice in Augusta for you, your family, and our community; and I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. Additionally, as the Senate Republican Leader, rest assured the best interests of all Maine citizens remain at the heart of my public service.

Many of you have reached out to me regarding concerns about the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing as well as fears about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety. These issues, of course, remain a priority; and I will continue to advocate for our most vulnerable citizens and work towards commonsense solutions.

Details of the Governor's biennial budget proposal have been revealed; and I can confidently say that I will not be supporting the many tax and fee increases contained in the document – from pensions, prescriptions, ambulance services, streaming services, hunting and fishing licenses, concealed carry permits, arborist licenses – the list goes on and on. In the words of President Reagan, "*We don't have a taxation problem. We have a spending problem.*"

Additionally, the 132nd Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding the anticipated budget gap of nearly \$1 billion. We must scrutinize all state spending and carefully consider any new initiatives. I believe it is imperative that Republicans and Democrats work together not only on the state budget but every policy proposal and consider the impact on all Maine citizens.

As a lifelong resident of the County, I take great pride in our communities and the people who live and work here. I will remain steadfast in working for you and tackling the unique struggles that face rural Maine.

Again, thank you for re-electing me to serve you in the Maine State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at <u>trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov</u> if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating state government.

Sincerely,

Harold 'Trey' Stewart, III State Senator

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Committee on Armed Services Committee on Small Business

Jared Golden Congress of the United States 2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a <u>letter</u> to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

% Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009

- % Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- % Bangor Office: 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jarred & Golden

Jared Golden, Member of Congress

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Mark Michael Babin

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January 2025

Town of Easton 80 Center Rd. Easton, ME 04740

Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank the residents of Easton for the opportunity to serve as your State Legislator for a second term. It is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to getting to work as the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature convenes.

I am proud to share that I have been appointed to serve on the Judiciary Committee in the Maine State Legislature. This committee plays a crucial role in shaping our legal system, overseeing everything from criminal and civil procedures to family law, civil rights, and constitutional protections. In this role, I am committed to ensuring that Maine's legal framework is fair, accessible, and just for all citizens. I will focus on supporting policies that protect victims' rights, improve access to legal services, and ensure that our justice system is both efficient and equitable. I look forward to working on issues that directly impact the safety, wellbeing, and rights of all Mainers.

There is a great deal of work ahead this legislative session for the people of Maine, and I am committed to working tirelessly on their behalf. I believe it is critical to protect the fundamental rights of families and individuals. We must safeguard parental rights, ensuring that parents remain the primary decision makers in their children's education and upbringing. Additionally, I will stand firm in defending the Second Amendment, protecting the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms. Finally, I am committed to fighting for lower energy costs by supporting policies that foster innovation and reduce burdensome regulations, helping families in Maine keep more of their hard-earned money.

Please know that your questions, comments, and concerns are of great importance to me. I can be reached at (207) 227-0198 or via email at Mark.Babin@legislature.maine.gov.

Again, thank you for trusting me to serve you in Augusta Sincerely,

Mark M. Balin

Mark M. Babin State Representative

TOWN OF EASTON OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	
Tuesday	
Friday	

Easton Board of Selectmen meet as needed, but generally on the second Monday of the month at the Easton Town Office at 6:30 PM.

Easton School Board meets the second Monday of the month at the Easton Elementary School Library at 6:30 PM.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 3

Representative Mark M. Babin	
Augusta	
email address:	mark.babin@legislature.maine.gov

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 2

Senator Harold "Trey'	'Stewart III
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Augusta (sessions only)	
email address:	trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov



TRI-COMMUNITY LANDFILL HOURS:

	Private	Commercial
Monday-Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

All vehicles are required to display a valid TCL permit sticker, which must be affixed to the permitted vehicle. The permit does not guarantee free waste disposal. Disposal fees are based on type and origin of waste.

Closed all federal and state legal holidays and Sundays.

CLEAN UP DAY INFORMATION:

Easton Clean Up: Twice a year, the Town of Easton will provide a collection point at the town garage on the Fry Pan Road for household junk, such as appliances, tires, furniture, wood, etc. Wood products must be separated. **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR USED OIL.** There will also be a collection point **b**ehind the fire department to dispose of electronics such as: televisions, computers, monitors, printers, fluorescent bulbs, circuit boards, cell phones, fax machines, scanners, laptops, DVD/VCR players, batteries, and copiers. All recyclables must be deposited in the igloos behind the Town Office. **EASTON RESIDENTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL LOADS.**

Pinetree Waste, Inc.: Commercial pick-up on Wednesday and residential pick-up on Thursday.



RECYCLE!

The amount of tonnage that is being hauled to the landfill has increased causing the cost of waste disposal fees paid by the Town of Easton to increase as well. Recycling is something you can do to help reduce this cost. The recycling containers listed below are available to Easton residents and are located behind the Town Office on Station Road. The information below was obtained from the Tri-Community Landfill website.

Red Igloo - #2 HDPE Clear Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only CLEAR plastic containers with the #2 recycling symbol in the igloo
- Include clear milk and water jugs
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

- Place white, "light-block" milk jugs in the red igloo these should be placed in the blue igloo with colored plastic containers (white is a color)
- Place any type of lid or cover in the igloos these are normally made from a different type of plastic

Blue Igloo - #2 Colored Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only COLORED, narrow-mouth plastic containers with the #2 symbol in the igloo
- Include detergent, bleach, shampoo, dish liquid, and white light-block milk containers
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

• Include wide mouth containers such as whipped cream, plastic coffee cans, or butter, regardless of the #2 recycling symbol. The plastic resins in these containers are different and these items unfortunately are not accepted by the markets.

Gray Igloo - Tin Cans

Do:

- Include food cans, empty aerosol cans, cat food cans, etc.
- Rinse the cans clean
- Labels are acceptable

Do Not:

- Include aluminum cans, aluminum foil, or food trays
- Please do not put bags in the igloo

Yellow Igloo - Newspaper

Do:

- Include newspapers, all magazines and catalogs, telephone books, and newspaper inserts
- Please leave loose

Do Not:

- Include any other paper; such as office paper, cardboard, magazines or mail
- Tie, bundle, or put bags in the igloo

There are also two green containers for corrugated cardboard.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Easton Town Office - 80 Center Road	488-6652 or 488-7706 Fax 488-7706
Town Manager	1 un 100 / / 00
Town Clerk	
Estes Park Cemetery	
Mount Shiloh Cemetery	
Pine Tree Cemetery	
Easton Odd Fellows' Hall Rental	
Easton Highway Department	
Easton Fire Department	
EMERGENCY ONLY	
All other calls	
Easton Animal Control Officer	
Easton Recreation Department	
Easton Odd Fellows' Hall	
Odd Fellows' Hall: Scheduling of the use of the Odd Fellows' Hall Check for availability by calling Heidi at 488-6652.	can be done at the Town Office.
Easton School Department	400 5501
Elementary School	
High School	
Superintendent	
Easton Post Office	
Ambulance	
Pinetree Waste Management	
Tri-Community Landfill	
Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer (Tony Levesque).	
Maine State Police	532-2261
EMERGENCY ONLY	
Aroostook County Sheriff's Department EMERGENCY ONLY	
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