

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE

TOWN OF LIBERTY

MAINE
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

2025



TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am – 6 pm

Tuesday 10 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Friday CLOSED

**(We will be closed on Federal
and State Holidays)**

****Inclement Weather Policy:
If RSU 3 is closed,
the Town Office will be closed.**

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Of every Month

@ 6 pm

In the Overlook Room

**LIBERTY TOWN OFFICE
7 WATER STREET
(PO BOX 116)
LIBERTY, ME 04949
207-589-4318
www.libertymaine.us**

Did you know...?

1. The Walker School Building's design is deeply impacted by the input of its benefactor, Donald S. Walker, who particularly enjoyed the look of brick and columns.

2. The old Village School that was next door (towards the Village) burned on December 28, 1935. Walker School opened two weeks into the winter term in 1937.

Town Officials and Volunteers 2025

Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor

First Selectman..... Theresa Butler

Second Selectman..... Danny McGovern

Third Selectman..... Duane Jewett

Town Clerk / Town Agent..... Lindsey Pottle

Town Administrator..... Autumn Jackson

Treasurer/Tax Collector Nicole Gates

Deputy Treasurer..... Hannah Hatfield

Fire Chief..... Bill Gillespie

Emergency Management Director..... Elise Brown

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector..... Cindy Abbott

911 Addressing Officer / Registrar of Voters..... Gail Philippi

RSU3 School Board Member..... Jim Chasse

Animal Control Officer..... Henry Dow, Robin Dow

Road Commissioner Tammy Reynolds

Planning Board..... **Chair-** Steve Fountain, **Co-Chair-**

Members: Kristine Gorman, Carrie Mancini, Kate Meadows, Bill Stoops–Alternate, VACANT-Alternate..... **Secretary-** Lindsey Pottle

Budget Committee..... **Chair** – Ken Wunderle

Members: Jane Leibler, Sheila Fountain, Dana Philippi, Joe Meadows, Pete Beckford, Harry Schadei

Board of Appeals.....**Chair:** Dana Valteau, **Members:** Melinda Steeves, Steve Chapin

TCSWMO Committee Representative..... Danny McGovern, Alternate: Dana Philipp

Overlock Memorial Scholarship Committee.....**Chair:** Toni Clark

Members: Christine Brackett, John Morris, and Lucille Peavey **Secretary-** Barb Rehmeyer

Walker Building Committee.....**Chair:** Richard King, **Vice Chair:** Elise Brown

Members: Jim Caldwell, Isa Oberle, Joanne Pease, Jane Liebler, Barbara Edmond, Harry Schadei, Dean Bartlett, Carol McGovern, Peter Beckford, Mica Whitney, **Secretary:** Autumn Jackson

Boston Post Cane Holder.....Charlene Sherman

2025 Town Report Dedication



Duane Jewett can still be found at his home on Kager Mtn Road, with his wife Kim tending to his nearly world-famous “Dewey’s Lumber Mill.” Working as hard today with just a few changes since back in the days he was raising his daughters Rachel and Erica teaching his girls how to saw a piece of cedar.

“Dewey” as we have all come to know him, has done his share of civic duty for the Town of Liberty from Planning Board to Selectman. Possibly his most notable contribution would be overseeing the construction of the new Salt and Sand shed for the Town, located on the Pinnacle Rd.

Hard work was poured into his veins at birth, by his parents Steven and Janice Jewett. The family were always farming and helping folks throughout the community, raising cattle and mowing the fields in Liberty and beyond.

Duane grew up in Liberty amongst his four siblings, Darrell, Cami, Nathan and their most beloved (Matthew).

SELECTMAN'S REPORT 2025

The annual town meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th, at 9:00AM at the Liberty Community Hall. We encourage all Liberty voters to attend the meeting to be involved in the annual budget process.

2025 we welcomed new administration & officials to the Town of Liberty. Newly elected first selectman Theresa Butler, new town administrator Autumn Jackson. Hannah Hatfield resigned as treasurer, with Nicole Gates former town administrator hired as her replacement. With the changes in administration there is ongoing training with the assistance of Hannah to ensure the town's finances are well managed by Nicole.

Fiscal year 2026 has been busy with ongoing projects, future planning, and discussion to plan for Liberty's future. While some projects have been more time-consuming, they are all equally important to address.

After several hours of informational meetings, and research, Walker's Future Committee brought forward to the voters January 10th, 2026, to either accept or reject the Walker School building. There were 100 voters in attendance, with a unanimous vote of acceptance of the building from RSU#3. Now the work will begin with the newly developed committee to assist with recommendations of the buildings' use that will best fit the town's needs without increasing the burden to Liberty taxpayers. Anyone that would be interested in joining this committee please reach out to the town administrator by email at townadministrator@libertymaine.us or by phone at (207)589-4318.

On Monday January 12th there will be an on-site meeting with Maine's congressional delegation to discuss future planning for the Walker School building and the possibility of support for congressional funding to assist with renovations and updates needed for the building.

The selectboard worked with a realtor and the town attorney to sell three foreclosure properties and to restore them on the tax rolls. We will continue to make effort in this process for properties that have become vacant and foreclosed. This will assist with the tax burden as well.

The repairs have been completed on the Liberty town office building to alleviate the water intrusion and further damage to the building. As of date the contracted work has been deemed to be successful, and the water seems to have been diverted away from the building.

Within the proposed budget for FY27 there have been additions for the Walker School building's estimated operational expenses starting July 1, 2026. The recommendation has been estimated with the assistance of the committee and the maintenance director for RSU#3. It is with intentions by the selectboard to develop revenue streams with assistance from the committee to offset the costs of covering this added budget. Currently, we have interest from Waldo County agencies that are interested in leasing portions of the building to operate childcare and other services for the community.

A recreation committee was formed this year led by Bobby O'Leary and his wife Katie. Bobby has worked with local businesses in requesting donations to rebuild the dugouts located at the baseball/softball field behind the Walker School building. He was successful in obtaining all of the materials by donation and is

planning to construct new dugouts this spring. **We would like to encourage members of the community to reach out to the town office if interested in being part of this committee.** The ideas that Bobby has for the future of recreational events and activities for children and even adults are great and he could use volunteers to help make Liberty more recreational for the residents and make his ideas a reality.

The ending audit for FY25 contributed funds to the undesignated fund balance. Currently, the balance is estimated to be between 10-12% of the annual operating budget. It is recommended by the auditors to maintain at least a 12% fund balance to assist with times of lowered cash flow and avoid borrowing a tax anticipated note to cover during these times. Within this year's warrant the selectboard has recommended bringing back a discount for advance payment of the full year of taxes. The recommendation is for a 1% discount for those that make payment in full on their taxes by September 30th each year. This is a pilot program that board supports both to help with tax flow and the return on investments are estimated to cover the difference of the discounts.

As we look ahead to FY27 and beyond we will continue to work on the former Walker School building and begin to utilize the building to increase revenues and possible municipal use as well. Continue to work on grant opportunities for the town, to include grant funding for a future walking loop (ADA) behind the ball field, Walker School building, and at the start of the Haystack Mountain trail. As well as another opportunity to obtain funding to assist with a comprehensive plan for the town and possibly construct a continuing sidewalk from downtown to the Walker School facility.

Lastly, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the town administration, boards, committees, and volunteers. The hours that have been spent in support of the town do not go unnoticed. We encourage members of the community to reach out if you have interest in joining committees, fill in an opening on board, or volunteer time to help keep Liberty operating in a forward direction.

Selectboard meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month and public are invited to attend. Each meeting has time set aside for public comment and discussion. If there is an item that you would like to be addressed at the meetings, please reach out to the town administrator to request to have it added to the agenda.

We look forward to working for and with the town in the next fiscal year. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve as the board of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Butler, First Selectman

Danny McGovern, Second Selectman

Duane Jewett, Third Selectman

TOWN WARRANT STATE OF MAINE TOWN OF LIBERTY

To: **Autumn Jackson**, Resident of the Town of Liberty, in the County of Waldo, the State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Liberty in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Liberty Community Hall** in said Town, on **Saturday, the 28th day of March at 9:00** in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1. To elect by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To elect a Third Selectman to serve on the Selectboard, Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term. (This seat is currently filled by Selectman Jewett)
3. To elect the following positions:
 - a. Fire Chief (one year).
 - b. Road Commissioner (one year)
4. To elect a Budget Committee not to exceed 8 members to assist the Selectboard by meeting periodically with the Selectboard and Treasurer to review financial accounts of the Town and assist in budgeting town funds.

The current members are: Ken Wunderle, Jane Leibler, Sheila Fountain, Dana Philippi, Joe Meadows, Pete Beckford, and Harry Schadei.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts.

6. To fix compensation, from taxation, for the following Town Official positions:

ITEM	<i>Adopted FY26</i>	Recommended FY27
Select Board	\$15,000	\$15,000
Town Administrator	\$21,840	\$27,300
Tax Collector	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Clerk	\$35,000	\$36,120
Benefits	\$6,000	\$5,000
Deputy	\$10,000	\$10,000
Registrar of Voters	\$1,500	\$1,500
New: Training Stipend	-	\$1,200
Treasurer	\$20,000	\$20,640
Fire Chief	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,000
Emergency Management Director	\$1,500	\$1,500
Road Commissioner	\$10,000	\$10,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$5,250	\$5,250
Animal Control Officer	\$4,000	\$ 4,250
Plumbing Inspector	\$500	\$500
E911 Addressing Officer	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$146,590	\$154,760

7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise, from taxation, for the following accounts:

ITEM	<i>Adopted FY26</i>	Recommended FY27
Legal Services	\$2,000	\$2,000
Assessor's Agent	\$10,125	\$11,000
Software and Computer Services	\$18,000	\$18,000
Digital Tax Maps	\$3,500	\$3,500
Insurance	\$25,000	\$25,500
TCSWMO	\$33,203	\$32,924
General Administration	\$35,000	\$40,000
Streetlights	\$3,300	\$3,900
General Assistance	\$2,000	\$2,000
Animal Control/Shelter	-	\$1,900
Payroll Expenses	\$13,000	\$14,634
Planning Board	\$3,000	\$3,000
Town Building Snow Shoveling	\$600	\$600
Office Equipment Reserve	\$2,000	\$2,000
EMA Operations	\$ 250	\$250
Cemeteries and Mowing	*	\$13,940
Community Hall	\$7,000	\$3,000
Community Hall Capitol Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$158,978	\$179,148

**We combined all mowing expenses into one line for FY27.*

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to take a loan in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

9. To see what sum if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for interest on any tax anticipation note taken out for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Recommend: \$4,000 from Property Tax Interest.

10. To see if the Town will authorize creation of a dedicated Walker School Building Capital Reserve Account to pay for Walker School building repair and maintenance and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to contribute to this new account.

The Budget Committee Recommends: \$57,000.

11. To see if the Town will authorize creation of a dedicated Town Building Capital Reserve Account to pay for town building repair and maintenance and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to contribute to this new account.

The Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500.

12. To see if the Town will move and vote to adopt the updated General Assistance Ordinance Appendices as suggested and prepared by Maine Municipal Association in September 2025. Copies of the proposed ordinance and appendices are available at the Town Office.

LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

13. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to operate the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, pay Fire Department volunteer firefighters while on the job, and contribute to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

ITEM	<i>Adopted FY26</i>	<i>Recommended FY27</i>
Fire Department Operations	<i>\$ 60,000</i>	\$70,000
Fire Department Payroll Expenses	<i>\$ 25,000</i>	\$25,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve	<i>\$ 25,000</i>	\$30,000
TOTAL	<i>\$110,000</i>	\$125,000

14. To see if the Town will add any unspent funds from the Operations account to the LVFD Capital Reserve account. *Fund balance as of February 24, 2026, is \$35,636.71*
15. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from the Payroll Account to the LVFD Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

16. To see if the Town will use any donations to the LVFD to offset LVFD Operations or Payroll budget overruns and add any surplus to the LVFD Capital Reserve account.
17. To see if the Town will authorize LVFD to expend \$10,000 from the Fire Department Operations Account to fund a new digital sign for the Liberty Fire and Rescue Station.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

18. To see if the Town will allow the Treasurer to accept and use revenue from Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service billing to pay Liberty Fire & Rescue expenses.
19. To see if the Town will appropriate from Liberty Fire & Rescue revenue \$50,000 for expenses for FY27.
20. To see if the Town will accept funds from other Municipalities (Palermo and Montville) to defray the cost of payroll expenses.
21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate funds, from taxation, \$85,000 to be used for payroll and training expenses for Liberty Fire & Rescue.

HIGHWAYS

22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the Roads and Bridges accounts to be used for the maintenance, sand/salt and snowplowing of contracted Town roads and to be used as Town matching funds for any FEMA/MEMA grants received in FY27.

ITEM	<i>Adopted FY26</i>	Recommended FY27
RDB Maintenance	<i>\$ 60,000</i>	\$60,000
Salt & Sand	<i>\$ 60,000</i>	\$60,000
Snowplowing	<i>\$214,500</i>	\$238,500
Signs	<i>\$ 1,000</i>	\$0
Paving Reserve	<i>\$178,000</i>	\$173,724
Parking Enforcement	<i>\$3,000</i>	\$3,000
TOTAL	<i>\$516,500</i>	\$535,224

23. To see if the Town will add any unspent funds from the RDB Maintenance, and Salt & Sand Accounts to the Paving Capital Reserve account.

RECREATION ACCOUNT

24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following recreation requests:

Recreation Request	<i>Adopted FY26</i>	Recommended FY27
Recreation Fund	<i>\$2,500</i>	\$1,500
Park Maintenance and Portable Toilets	<i>\$2,350</i>	\$3,200
TOTAL	<i>\$4,850</i>	\$4,700

Note: The yearly swimming lessons come from our Recreation Fund Account

25. To see if the Town will accept reimbursements from the Town of Montville for maintenance of the recreation area. Montville has been formally requested to raise \$3,000 for this account.

26. To see if the Town will accept funds from the State of Maine for Recreational Account.

LIBERTY LIBRARY

27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to help support the operation of the Liberty Library.

ITEM	<i>ADOPTED FY26</i>	RECOMMENDED FY27
Liberty Library Operations	<i>\$ 17,000</i>	\$ 18,000

SOCIAL REQUESTS

28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation for the following:

ITEM	<i>ADOPTED FY26</i>	AGENCY REQUEST	RECOMMENDED FY27
Winslow Community Cupboard	-	open	0
Waldo Community Action Partners	4724	4800	4800
Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County	500	500	500
Waldo County Woodshed	1000	1000	1000
Waldo County YMCA	500	500	500
Waldo County Pet Food Pantry	500	500	500
Waldo County Bounty	200	500	375
Belfast Area Childcare Services	500	500	500
Liberty Historical Society	2700	700	700
Citizens Association of Liberty Lakes	800	800	800
Sweetser	500	500	500
New Hope Midcoast	1000	1000	1000
Life Flight	-	934	500
Spectrum Generations	-	893	893
H.O.M.E.	-	951	0
Maine Public Broadcasting	-	150	150
Kennebec Behavioral Health	-	185	150
Total:	<i>\$12,924</i>	\$14,413	\$12,868

MILEAGE

29. To see what rate the Town will vote to authorize as travel expenses for essential travel by any Town Official when such travel is on town business, out of town and Code Enforcement Officer on town business in town, to be paid from the Administration Account. **Recommendation:** Adopt State Standard Mileage Rate: Current rate \$.54/mile

DEBT SERVICE

30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following loans:

ITEM	ADOPTED FY26	RECOMMENDED FY27
Fire Truck Bond	\$33,710	\$33,602
Energy Efficiency Bond	\$13,950	\$12,042
TOTAL	\$47,660	\$45,644

PROPERTY TAXES

31. To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes due and payable to the Tax Collector immediately upon Commitment and:

- To see if the Town will determine that the first half of taxes not paid 30 days after Commitment are considered delinquent and second payment delinquent 1 day after due date.
Recommendation: pass
- To see what sum of interest the Town will vote to charge on all liens and delinquent taxes.
Recommendation: 6% (The maximum rate of interest that may be charged: 7%)
- To see if the Town will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount more than that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from date of the overpayment at an annual rate set 4% below that established in the preceding Article. **Recommendation: 2%**
- To see if the Town will vote to authorize any action necessary, by the Selectboard and Treasurer, to collect any delinquent taxes outstanding for prior years; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon, using a bid process or other such terms as deemed advisable, by the Selectboard and the State, including publishing in local papers, including the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and should the bid process be used, authorize execution of Quit-Claim deeds for such property sold, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S __943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). **Recommendation: pass**

- e. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the 2027-28 year not yet committed. **Recommendation: pass**
 - f. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account. **Recommendation: pass**
32. To see if the Town will accept and carry over any Education Block Grants, Emergency Protective Measure Grants, FEMA Grants, State Revenue Sharing and any other funds as may be available to be used toward Budget appropriations. **Recommendation: pass**
33. Should a vacancy in any elected office arise during the Town Meeting, to vote for a replacement of said official. **Recommendation: pass**
34. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on taxes paid in full, both installments up front, prior to commitment or within 15 days after commitment. **Recommendation: pass**
35. To see if the town will vote to authorize The Selectboard to form a Tax Club, that will allow monthly interest free property tax payment plans for current accounts. **Recommendation: pass**
36. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Liberty by State law in the event that the FY27 Municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. *Vote must be by written ballot.*
Recommendation: pass

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2026

Theresa Butler, First Selectman

Danny McGovern, Second Selectman

Duane Jewett, Third Selectman

A True Copy: Attest _____ Lindsey Pottle, Clerk, Town of Liberty, Maine

TOWN OF LIBERTY, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Management of the Town of Liberty, Maine provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town of Liberty, Maine (the Town) using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Government-wide Highlights:

Net Position – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 by \$4,850,116 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$1,307,651 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Changes in Net Position – The Town's total net position increased by \$365,500 (an 8% increase) for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Fund Highlights:

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025; the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$1,311,065 with \$321,321 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 8.2% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

Long-term Debt:

The Town's total long-term debt obligations decreased by \$38,139 (10%) during the current fiscal year. Existing debt obligations were retired according to schedule.

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 3E of the notes to the financial statements on page 23-24 of this report.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities (if applicable) separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to interfund activity, payables and receivables.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type and fiduciary (if applicable). The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The business-type activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not

available to support the Town's own programs. Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11-13 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14-25 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary). Required supplementary information can be found on page 26-27 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

69% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, bridges and other immovable assets); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	
	<i>Total 2025</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
Current Assets	1,579,924	1,363,415
Capital Assets	3,686,264	3,714,838
Total Assets	5,266,188	5,078,253
Current Liabilities	66,928	228,785
Other Liabilities	303,662	342,361
Total Liabilities	370,590	571,146
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	45,482	22,491
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	45,482	22,491
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,343,903	3,334,338
Restricted	198,562	188,107
Unrestricted	1,307,651	962,171
Total Net Position	4,850,116	4,484,616
Total Liabilities and Net Position	5,266,188	5,078,253

Changes in Net Position

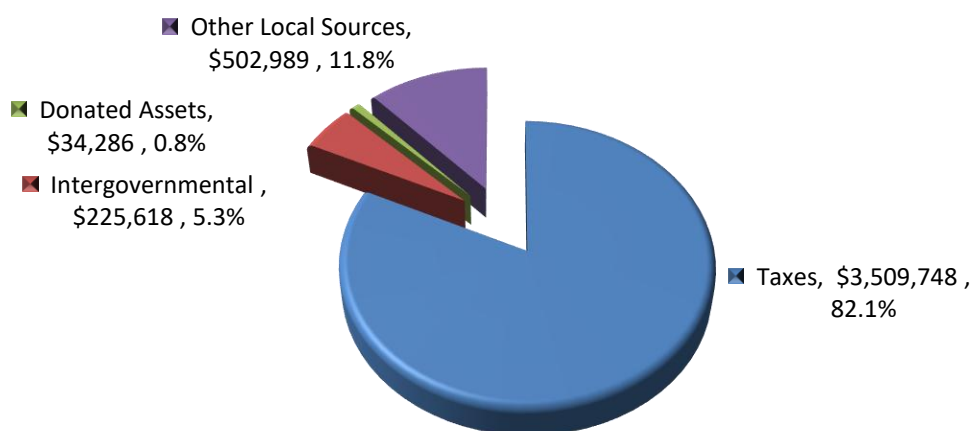
Approximately 82 percent of the Town's total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 5 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 13 percent came from services, investment

earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town's governmental activity assets represents \$340,953 of the total expenses for the year.

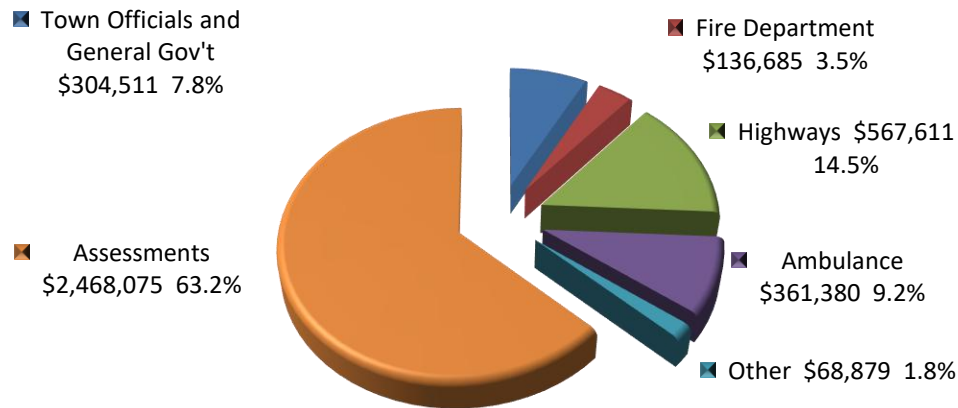
Governmental Activities

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Revenues:		
Taxes	3,509,748	3,020,629
Intergovernmental Revenues	225,618	219,190
Departmental Revenues	34,286	59,724
Other Local Sources	502,989	377,140
Total	4,272,641	3,676,683
Expenses:		
Town Officials	123,647	123,270
General Government	180,864	157,159
Highways	567,611	289,527
Dam Maintenance	6,260	33,615
Fire Department	136,685	150,767
Recreation	11,658	12,103
Ambulance	361,380	354,904
Other	43,408	23,805
Capital Outlay		
Debt	7,553	6,001
Assessments	2,468,075	2,144,212
Total	3,907,141	3,295,363
Changes in Net Position	365,500	381,320

Revenues By Source - Governmental Activities



Expenditures By Source - Governmental Activities



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

At the end of the year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$1,311,065, an increase of \$309,847 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 25 percent of this total amount constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior year or for a variety of other purposes.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$39,335 negative variance in property taxes. The variance is due to unfavorable property tax collections this year.
- \$31,162 positive variance in auto and boat excise. The budget was conservative for revenues.
- \$36,499 negative variance in Steven's Pond Dam maintenance. The variance is due to dam repair. The town planned on using FEMA funds, but those were already allocated to storm damage expenditures.
- \$28,227 negative variance in efficiency upgrades. Due to the government shutdown, the grant money is not guaranteed.
- \$82,633 positive variance in overlay. The total funds were not needed.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$8,558,770, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,872,506, leaving a net book value of 3,686,264. Current year additions included \$7,770 for a mini barn, \$36,500 for a gate replacement, and \$239,882 for paving. Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 3D of the notes to the financial statements on page 23 of this report.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Liberty, P.O. Box 116 Liberty, Maine 04949.

Treasurer's Report July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

BANK ACCOUNTS FY 2025	
Town of Liberty Checking 01-1000-00/01/05/10 and 01-1100-00	
\$206,226.58	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$4,417,858.54	Deposits
\$4,311,520.87	Withdrawals
\$312,564.25	Balance as of 6/30/2025
Hoit CD 01-1000-42	
\$87,779.93	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$3,428.06	Interest
\$91,207.99	Balance as of 6/30/2025
Hoit Savings BSB 01-1000-35 and 01-1000-31	
\$8,547.70	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$12.48	Interest
-\$1,046.62	Transfer to General
\$7,513.56	Balance as of 6/30/2025
	Hoit owed to General \$7,734.77
WOMS Savings 01-1000-20 and 01-1000-21	
\$3,883.45	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$8.80	Interest
\$3,892.25	Balance as of 6/30/2025
WOMS CD First National 01-1000-25 and Andro 01-1000-26	
\$72,077.99	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$3,006.23	Interest / transfer
\$75,084.22	Balance as of 6/30/2025
	WOMS Owed to General \$4,946.47
CEM Checking Androscoggin 01-1000-45	
\$8,532.60	Balance as of 7/1/2024
-\$1,903.05	Transfer to WOMs
\$10.96	Interest
\$6,640.51	Balance as of 6/30/2025
CEM CD First National 01-1000-46	
\$4,793.45	Balance as of 7/1/2024
\$68.74	Interest
\$4,862.19	Balance as of 6/30/2025
	Cem owed to General \$6,603.12

REVENUE FY 2025	
2025 RE Commitment	\$3,227,933.64
RE Lien/Tax Costs and Interest	\$15,531.94
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$311.35
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$224,697.60
Motor Vehicle Agent Fee	\$8,589.33
Boat Excise	\$2,719.00
Boat Agent Fees	\$598.00
Animal Control Fees	\$645.00
Dog Agent Fees	\$211.00
Vitals Agent Fees	\$674.20
Misc Agent Fees	\$28.00
Planning Board Permits & fines	\$1,295.00
Bank Interest	\$5,002.45
URIP/LRAP	\$27,064.00
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$131,514.01
State Park Fee	\$5,203.34
Homestead Reimbursement	\$74,936.00
Renewable Energy Reimbursement	\$412.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$5,396.45
Veterans Exemption Reimb.	\$536.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$102.00
Uncategorized	\$1,129.77
Total Revenue	\$3,734,530.08

FUND BALANCES FY 2025	
CEMETERY FUND	\$4,904.58
HOIT FUND	\$90,986.78
LEGAL RESERVE	\$14,425.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$7,601.00
LVFD CAPITAL RESERVE	\$82,344.79
LOSAP	\$12,196.00
COM HALL RESERVE	\$9,810.54
WOM SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$74,030.00
PAVING RESERVE	\$10,106.00
AMBULANCE FUND BALANCE	\$554,721.00
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	\$321,321.00

AMBULANCE REVENUE FY25	
Revenue from Towns	\$235,625.00
Grant Revenue	\$15,000.00
Ambulance Run Revenue	\$207,828.42
Misc Revenue	\$4,366.47
Ambulance Donations	\$89,237.02
Interest	\$4,449.22
Total Ambulance Revenue	\$556,506.13

Town of Liberty
Town Clerk's Report

The Town Office will be closed when RSU3 schools are cancelled due to the weather. It is suggested that you call ahead if you have any questions as to whether the office is open.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Thursday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

The following is a list of the 2026/2027 State and Town Office Holiday Closures:

HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED
Patriot's Day	April 20, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	July 4, 2026
Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Indigenous People's Day	October 12, 2026
Veterans' Day	November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	November 26, 2026
Christmas Day	December 25, 2026
New Year's Day	January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18, 2027
President's Day	February 15, 2027

EXCISE TAX REPORT

Total Excise Tax Collected: \$224,697.60

All new registrations must be done in the Town Office. You can do re-registrations online.

Please visit our website, Libertymaine.us for further information.

Recreational Vehicles Registered

Boats 139

ATV's 36

Snowmobiles 36

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued 50

Reminders for Recreational Vehicle Registrations:

Boats: Expire **December 31** EACH YEAR. Registration is required if the boat has a motor. All freshwater boat registrations are also required to have Lake and River Protection Stickers.

ATVs: Expire **June 30** EACH YEAR. Registration is not required for an ATV operated on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, provided the ATV is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State.

Snowmobiles: Expire **June 30** EACH YEAR. Registration is not required for a snowmobile operated over the snow on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, provided the snowmobile is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State.

****Hunting and Fishing Licenses and ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Registrations can be issued directly with the Department of Inland Fisheries**

ONLINE AT: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/about/index.html>

Dog Licenses Issued: 126

Dog Registrations are due on or before **January 31st** EACH YEAR.

- If, between January 1 and October 15, the dog reaches the age of 6 months or a person becomes the owner or keeper of a dog 6 months of age or older, the owner/keeper must obtain a license within 10 days of this event. To obtain a license, the owner/keeper must file with the Clerk proof that the dog is immunized against rabies (except for wolf hybrids).
- **The license fees are \$11 for each unaltered dog and \$6 for each Spayed/Neutered dog.** Police dogs and trained guide, hearing, service and search/rescue dogs must be licensed but are exempt from the payment of fees.
- Late Fees are imposed when an owner/keeper required to license a dog by January 31st fails to apply for a license until **after January 31st. The late fee is \$25 in addition to the license fee.**
Registrations can be completed in the office, during regular business hours.

Calendar Year 2025 Vital Records

Births - 8 babies born to Liberty residents. Congratulations to the families!

Marriages – 2 marriage licenses issued.

Deaths – 6 deaths to report in 2025. Our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

Name	Date of Death
Patricia Ahlefeld	09/03/2025
Foster Blake III	12/30/2025
Richard Hurwitz	08/21/2025
Norma O'Neal-Smith	02/17/2025
Charlene Sherman	02/19/2025
Sandra St. Clair	07/09/2025

Thank you for a great year, I look forward to serving you in the years to come, Lindsey Pottle Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report, Fiscal Year 2025**Real Estate Taxes Payable, Totals as of: 06/30/2025**

Interest and costs have accumulated on all accounts that have not been paid in full

Accounts with payments made since 06/30/25 are indicated with:*** Partial Payment **Full Payment**

Acct	Name ----	Original Tax	Balance as of 06/30/2025
** 295	41 KIRB LLC	7,160.54	7,160.54
** 758	ACHORN, WILLIAM R JR	2,755.58	1,377.79
** 1272	ACHORN, WILLIAM R.	989.63	494.81
** 288	Albee, Katherine	906.54	356.24
** 26	ARD, JR., WARREN	1,136.22	1,136.22
** 871	ARD, WARREN H. III & LAUREN	12,890.07	12,890.07
173	BAKER, COLLEEN	2,409.03	2,409.03
** 1095	BARBOUR, JOHN E	3,861.50	1,935.25
293	BARBOZA, LYNN	1,285.28	1,285.28
619	BEAL, BEATRICE (HEIRS)	1,286.59	1,286.59
** 672	BEAULIEU, JAMES A. &	2,035.08	2,035.08
** 60	BECK, WILLIAM & FRANCES DUBORD	1,488.28	1,488.28
** 512	Beckley, Matthew R	7,307.86	417.89
** 513	Beckley, Matthew R	606.39	34.94
** 63	BEER, COURTNEY I (1/2 INT)	2,605.80	3.86
** 759	BILLINGS, BRENDA M	2,220.68	127.27
77	BILLINGS, CYNTHIA	825.92	825.92
1014	BLAIS, JOHNATHAN	480.68	480.68
** 1075	BLOCK, BENJAMIN F	2,452.39	1,251.18
** 1072	BOUCHARD, KENNETH R ET AL	263.32	9.67
** 750	BOULAY, LUKE P & JACKIE A	867.97	867.97
* 107	BOWDEN, SHIRLEY L	1,368.37	1,368.37
** 116	BRACK, HAROLD G	2,785.74	2,785.74
* 1314	BRACK, HAROLD G	14.07	14.07
** 606	BROCK CHARLES E III	659.61	659.61
** 1178	Brown, Mitch	3,202.62	1,233.78
812	BRUNEAU, HENRY	2,186.60	2,186.60
** 1116	CARON, MICHAEL BICKLEY	427.03	427.03
** 1088	CARPENTER, AMY	1,642.13	1,642.13
** 224	CARPENTER, AMY RUTH	930.90	928.92
** 1331	CASH, DENNIS	772.85	386.43
** 154	CASH, GLENN A	1,425.21	208.79
160	CHADWICK, DAPHYNE	1,317.33	1,317.33
** 654	CLARK, HAYDEN	4,311.58	2,155.90
** 184	COCHRAN-GAMMON, SHELBY	2,004.63	41.31
** 1325	COLBURN, CHAD (Parsonage)	1,788.58	6.32
682	COLLINSON, ALBERT	7,997.19	3,998.60
* 706	CRAM, MATTHEW A	6,182.80	6,182.80
141	CULLIVAN, BRAD A	1,522.65	1,522.65
** 1055	DARIGAN, MICHAEL	502.86	251.43
** 1284	Darigan, Michael	488.07	244.03
** 604	DENMAN, MICHAEL J	687.16	343.58
** 120	DIBIASE, MARLO J	5,218.26	4.72
** 258	DOBRIC, ALBINO	904.80	452.40
** 1241	DODGE, CHRISTOPHER G	913.21	0.01
407	DOURANT, TERRY M	1,268.75	1,268.75
** 958	DRAKE MICHELLE (1/2) & JOHNSON, YVONNE	2,600.14	203.35

Acct	Name ----	Original Tax	Balance as of 06/30/2025
** 1317	EATON, BOYD S & DAPHNE	110.35	14.10
** 566	ENGMAN, KERSTIN L	1,415.64	36.66
* 930	FAGIN FOOD VENTURES, LLC	7,136.90	7,136.90
** 1349	FAITH, EDWARD	2,867.81	1,433.90
** 677	FARIA, HEATHER	626.84	626.84
** 704	FLYE, CATHY LEE	2,692.51	2,692.51
** 951	FLYNN, MICHAEL	3,644.43	4.19
585	FOSTER, DONALD R	1,010.65	1,010.65
1352	GALLOWAY, DEBORAH L	954.68	954.68
355	GARDNER, CHESTER M JR	2,546.93	2,546.93
** 1029	GARRIGAN, BERNARD B JR	2,317.97	1,186.53
** 363	GENEWICZ, JOHN J	1,550.05	12.32
** 187	GERVAIS HOMES LLC	407.16	203.58
** 712	GIBSON, RONALD	923.65	923.65
** 378	GORMAN, KEVIN J	8,700.58	25.03
** 625	GUENZEL, KARL	1,766.83	883.41
** 723	GUENZEL, KARL	1,637.92	819.02
** 841	HAGAR, MARK	650.33	325.16
393	HANCOCK, LAWRENCE D	1,082.43	1,082.43
281	HARRIMAN, ANGIE	891.46	891.46
** 405	HARRIMAN, CYNTHIA	4,048.98	35.29
** 1229	HARRIMAN, DONALD S JR	432.68	227.29
** 876	HARRY D. & OLIVE B. SHUTE FAMILY, LLC	7,606.85	19.43
703	HAYER, MICHELLE	712.82	712.82
** 266	HEINRICH, ROBERT C	4,221.82	4.86
** 435	HOLBROOK, DAVID	1,886.74	1,886.74
** 439	HOOPER, WILLIAM W	989.63	8.07
** 265	HOPE, LAUREEN	1,362.86	35.86
1176	HORTON, CASSANDRA	406.87	406.87
1405	HORTON, CASSANDRA	398.75	398.75
1405	HORTON, CASSANDRA	3,819.01	3,819.01
1409	HORTON, CASSANDRA	368.39	368.39
** 441	HOWARD, JOHN R	1,899.36	952.17
* 446	HURD, KEVIN L	1,365.61	1,025.90
** 454	IVERY, DAVID WAYNE	377.00	295.62
** 1051	JEWETT, DANIEL	320.45	191.46
** 469	JEWETT, DARRELL	525.77	525.77
** 484	JEWETT, KEVIN	475.02	7.67
* 472	JEWETT, STEVEN	374.25	276.13
1260	JEWETT, STEVEN	169.65	169.65
** 1361	JOHNSTON, JEFFREY	2,318.12	2,318.12
** 369	JOHNSTONE-ARMSTRONG FAMILY REALTY TRUST III	11,235.33	3.39
** 506	KEEGAN, ROBERT A	770.53	385.26
529	KNOWLTON, VIOLET	39.59	39.59
** 536	KRADOSKA, YTA (HEIRS)	2,578.83	7.36
* 920	LAFOLLETTE, DUANE J	1,213.07	1,213.07
** 1039	LAGASSE, STEVEN	2,564.62	2,558.86
545	LANDFORD, FRANK	940.76	8.54
** 549	Larrabee Cotz, Amy R	2,381.34	129.73
* 551	LATNO, GERARD R	3,019.92	2,972.55
* 320	LATNO, GERARD RAYMOND	339.30	339.30
817	LeCAPTAIN, JESSICA	1,505.54	1,505.54
** 711	LEWIS, PETER	1,510.61	731.02
** 1289	LEWIS, PETER	135.14	72.04
** 838	LIBERTY TWO, LLC	11,945.83	45.17

Acct	Name ----	Original Tax	Balance as of 06/30/2025
** 148	LIKAS, CYNTHIA C	1,940.39	970.19
1104	LINDAHL, R SCOTT	1,264.98	632.49
** 595	LITTLEFIELD, DANIEL G	2,238.37	17.65
** 596	LITTLEFIELD, DANIEL G	1,386.06	1.59
942	MARCHAND, DANIEL R	4,131.34	4,131.34
** 643	MARPLE HEIRS, RAMONA	1,112.15	647.31
** 1103	MARPLE, BRICE	992.24	495.47
635	MARPLE, ELLEN	357.28	180.81
** 631	MARPLE, JAMES	379.90	189.93
** 1208	MARPLE, JAMES W	395.85	197.93
** 636	MARPLE, TARA	348.73	348.27
** 1233	MARPLE, TARA	348.73	348.27
** 92	MARPLE, TARA A	2,779.65	2,776.01
** 1206	MARPLE, THOMAS E	395.85	1.50
** 1121	Martin, Claude	1,140.43	1.56
* 1025	MCDERMOTT, ROBERT B JR	1,040.23	1,036.13
** 1250	MCDERMOTT, ROBERT B JR	570.58	570.58
** 803	MCENTEE, MAUREEN	1,160.29	15.27
1092	MCFADDEN, ANITA	474.73	474.73
** 662	MCFADDEN, JACK	3,011.80	3,011.80
642	MCGRAY, LORI	561.01	106.28
** 579	MCMAHON, STEVE	867.68	453.51
** 463	Michael Landgarten 2012 Revoc Trust	4,434.10	4.57
** 683	MIDTVEDT, HAROLD L. & KAREN D.	7,059.18	6.95
1273	MILLAY, DANIELLE J	398.75	398.75
** 1188	MILLER, DANIEL H	1,238.01	1,238.01
694	MODARRES, ANDREA ADAMS	1,941.55	1,941.55
701	MORDAUNT, CHRISTOPHER	226.20	226.20
* 1159	MORGAN, COREY JAMES	452.40	452.40
** 705	MORRISON, , DOUGLAS	345.39	38.53
** 1057	MOSHER, ARTHUR	2,900.87	2,900.87
** 707	MOSHER, ARTHUR F JR	1,240.62	620.31
** 708	MOSHER, ARTHUR F JR	904.66	452.33
** 455	MOSHER, ARTHUR JR	1,090.26	1,090.26
1087	MUNRO, PAUL	3,986.20	3,986.20
** 967	NGUYEN, RACHEL E	3,441.72	1,720.86
** 768	NORMAND, DONALD W	466.90	466.90
1251	O'LEARY, KAITLYN R	22.33	22.33
** 981	ONEIL, ROBERT A	2,561.72	2,535.00
** 1318	ONEIL, ROBERT A	117.89	117.89
** 1319	ONEIL, ROBERT A	933.66	933.66
** 1052	OVEROL, LLC	5,160.41	2,420.12
** 18	PAMEL PEARSON, JANET B HAYNES, DAVID SCOTT HAYNES AND STEPHEN HAYNES	822.59	411.29
** 19	PAMEL PEARSON, JANET B HAYNES, DAVID SCOTT HAYNES AND STEPHEN HAYNES	3,501.03	1,750.51
** 1283	PARADY, CORINNE M. & MICHAEL E., TRUSTEES	2,440.50	8.68
** 1353	PARKER, DECINDRA W	474.30	474.30
** 588	PEASE, DENNIS B	947.43	473.99

Acct	Name ----	Original Tax	Balance as of 06/30/25
** 1342	PEAVEY, CARRIE	473.57	4.64
** 773	PERKINS, HEIDI	2,393.37	1,196.68
** 133	PERKINS, JONATHAN	403.25	403.25
** 822	PERMATTEO, MICHAEL	3,461.30	3,461.30
* 1306	PERMATTEO, MICHAEL	648.73	648.73
** 1015	PHILLIPS, MAGGIE A & TRUSTEE	3,185.22	3,185.22
** 786	PLAISTED, KENNETH W	4,904.48	2,452.24
** 788	PLUMMER FAMILY REAL ESTATE COR	3,143.31	153.21
** 789	PONTZ, CURTIS	4,767.17	7.26
** 270	PRENDERGAST, CAROL	3,771.60	12.74
** 309	RASMUSSEN, PETER A	2,644.66	1,322.33
* 1203	REAL, MICHAEL	576.09	576.09
** 10	RIPLEY, BRYAN G	4,385.09	2,192.54
** 1056	RIPLEY, BRYAN G	694.99	347.49
** 826	RIPLEY, MARK	669.76	1.88
** 756	ROBBINS TRUST, MARILYN E. & WILLIAM	1,695.63	847.81
** 839	RUDEK, ROBERT W	989.63	989.63
** 515	RUTKOWSKI, MARIAN C	5,410.10	15.56
594	SANBORN, ARIA	1,055.46	1,055.46
796	SANDNER, JEFFREY R	1,340.09	1,340.09
797	SANDNER, JEFFREY R. & BRENDA	1,583.40	1,583.40
** 1213	SCHADEI, LORETTA	552.02	10.36
** 928	SCHMIEDER, RALPH	620.17	69.09
** 855	SCHNEIDER, KEITH A	2,270.99	426.09
** 858	SEBASTIAN, DON	5,500.72	3.20
** 859	SECOR, PATRICK	3,608.18	73.54
** 1089	SECOR, PATRICK	184.59	3.76
861	Sequeira, Allen A	632.20	72.40
** 862	SEQUIN, CAROL ANN	738.78	371.09
869	SHERMAN, DOUGLAS L II	961.35	961.35
** 873	SHERWOOD, MARK	424.13	4.18
** 126	SINGER, CORIE L	937.72	937.72
** 691	SLOTNICK, WARREN	1,376.78	688.39
** 660	SMITH, AMY M	2,896.09	809.02
** 240	SMITH, AMY M (TIC)	1,836.14	1,836.14
1111	SMITH, LUKE	1,587.03	1,587.03
108	SMITH, RANDALL	1,776.40	1,776.40
170	Snowdrift Farm, LLC	2,969.60	51.26
1270	Snowdrift Farm, LLC	464.73	8.32
1271	Snowdrift Farm, LLC.	452.40	8.11
** 901	SOULE, NANCY	2,908.99	1,476.25
** 902	SOULE, NANCY	2,718.32	1,758.98
** 919	SPROWL, RICHARD D	2,206.03	317.98
880	ST. CLAIR, DAVID L	1,954.75	1,954.75
1280	ST. CLAIR, DAVID L	5.22	5.22
** 401	Stephen Elliott	1,620.67	2.00
1112	The Liberty 009-39 Land Trust, dated March 30, 2020	4,708.44	2,354.22
** 188	THE SEWELL H COLBY LIVING TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2021	1,455.80	1,455.80
** 1341	THE SEWELL H COLBY LIVING TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2021	48.14	48.14
** 410	THOMAS, BARBARA C	2,748.04	1,404.06
** 381	TIMOTHY NIELSON	2,093.95	1,049.04
* 974	TORREY, JR LARRY	851.59	851.59
** 975	TORRY, SARAH	3,629.50	1,627.59

Acct	Name ----	Original Tax	Balance as of 06/30/25
979	TOWNSLEY, JOSHUA R	3,037.46	3,037.46
** 83	VALLEAU, DANA	1,116.94	559.20
** 837	VAN DUYSSEN, AUDREE E	5,448.09	5,448.09
* 1377	VANDERBRUG, MICHAEL J	1,686.50	1,686.50
** 992	VATTER, JOSEPH T	1,875.43	1,875.43
** 999	VITTUM, BARBARA A (DEVISEES)	2,675.54	46.18
** 1147	VON SALTZA, NICHOLAS T	558.40	279.20
** 56	WALSH, WILLIAM	3,521.62	61.10
** 1253	Walton, Courtney S	533.31	533.31
** 978	WELLS, BENJAMIN	2,655.82	2,655.82
** 1027	WHITE, DONALD A & SHARON M	39.01	39.01
** 1031	WHITESIDE-HASKELL, LINDA A	1,619.22	809.61
** 1036	WINCHENBACH, TANYA	1,037.91	4.18
** 810	WITHAM, JOYCE A	3,992.14	2,001.39
** 1040	WOODS, ROBERT	3,539.02	6.11
** 42	YOUNG, ERNEST	904.08	9.53

2025 Road Commissioners Report

This year, added to the already drought conditions, Maine has been experiencing for the second-year running. Again, the Lake St. George dam was closed on June 1st and never reopened. Although to some the lake appeared low and it was, we are fortunate that we were still able to maintain a healthy amount of water for recreational purposes and for the loons to nest.

The paving that was done included a section of Marshall Shores Road from Route 3 to Sherman rd., Water Street section, Kager Mtn rd. (the towns section) and a section of Upper Hostile Valley.

The Road Committee updated the five-year paving plan last fall and it includes Prescott Hill, Lampson, The Valley, Boynton, Gove and McLain. As was mentioned last year in my report, dirt roads require twice as much maintenance as paved due to the ever-changing weather which contributes to dust, potholes and mud.

Brushing and ditching remain a top priority this year in the maintenance budget.

I am working with MCOG on a Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant to address the Old County Road culvert which was built in the pre-1950's. That particular section was handed over to the town from the state in the same condition as it exists today. The town has looked at a guardrail system, however due to the lack of earth that surrounds the culvert and the narrow ledge it has proven to be a struggle. So, with the help of the folks at MCOG and their engineers hopefully we will finally be able to make that safe again.

Thanks to your selectman for signing a much-needed letter to the Maine Dot reminding them they brushing was a problem on RT 220 (Pinnacle Rd) that hadn't been addressed since the Ice Storm of 1998, the brushing of Pinnacle commenced late last fall.

As a reminder the Town does not maintain the roads in the Village-Pinnacle Road or Rt 173, 207-589-4303 is the best number to contact the state if you have a need on one of them roads.

As Always reach out to me with questions, concerns 207-322-2339

Respectfully,

YOUR Road Commissioner, Tammy Reynolds

Liberty Fire Rescue
187 W Main St.
Liberty, Maine 04949

Chief William Gillespie
Deputy Fire Chief Lisa Gillespie
EMS Deputy Chief Corrie Bonnevie



2025 Liberty Fire & Rescue Annual Report

To the residents of Liberty,

Once again, I would like to thank you for placing your trust in me to lead Liberty Fire & Rescue in 2025. As outlined below, it was a very busy year for your department, with a significant volume of both fire and ambulance calls.

In 2025, Liberty Fire & Rescue responded to 394 ambulance calls, resulting in over 450 patient contacts.

Call breakdown by town:

Palermo: 149 calls (40%)

Liberty: 135 calls (29%)

Montville: 93 calls (22%)

Searsmont: 8 calls Freedom: 5 calls Appleton: 1 call China: 1 call Somerville: 1 call

On the fire side, the department responded to 129 calls for service, broken down as follows:

- **Structure Fires – 16**
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents – 43**
- **Weather-Related Incidents – 26**
- **Station Coverage – 3**
- **Wildfires – 5**
- **Medical Assists – 16**
- **Alarm Investigations – 9**
- **Hazardous Odor – 1**
- **Vehicle Fires – 4**
- **Chimney Fires – 5**
- **Unattended Burns – 1**

This brings the total number of calls for service in 2025 to 523.

Staffing and Training -

We are in critical need of new members to continue our mission of keeping our residents safe. Liberty Fire & Rescue meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and all are welcome. No prior experience is required—we have roles for individuals of all ages and abilities.

Our current active roster stands at 12 members, down from 2024 due to four members relocating outside our coverage area. Despite this, training and commitment remain strong. This year, Firefighter Ian Jewett completed all required training to become an interior firefighter, including Basic Fire School, Pump Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and Extrication (Jaws of Life) training—all within a ten-month period. Our remaining members continue to stay active in ongoing training and skill development.

Community Safety -

In 2025, we saw an increase in motor vehicle crashes and carbon monoxide alarms. We strongly encourage residents to check smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries twice a year, even in hardwired units, and to continue practicing safe driving habits.

Fundraising and Community Support -

Liberty Engine Company 7 remained active in fundraising efforts throughout the year. As many of you have noticed, a bottle return bin is located in front of the station near the sign. Thank you to everyone who consistently donates returnables—your support is greatly appreciated.

EMS Advancements -

We were fortunate in 2025 to expand our paramedic staffing by hiring Ann Harrison-Billiat and Doug Mason. We also hired EMT Johanna Forsythe and EMT Alex Gibson. As a result, Liberty Fire & Rescue now has eight paramedics on staff, allowing us to continue providing the highest possible level of care, with a total of 23 providers.

Commitment to Our Members -

Throughout 2025, our department responded to and witnessed several tragic events that can have lasting effects on mental health. My leadership team and I remain fully committed to supporting our members and addressing the mental and emotional challenges that come with this profession. We understand that we often meet people on the worst day of their lives, and we are dedicated to delivering compassionate, professional care during those moments.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Bill Gillespie

Liberty Fire & Rescue

e911 Report - 2025

Please call us as soon as you know or need to know if you will need an address.

Not much has changed with this process. We always have more properties to address for new buildings, new driveways, new roads, roads that are lengthened for new development and subdivisions. We still measure on foot with a measuring wheel if a new road or building doesn't yet show in aerial photos. Every new dwelling needs a number, and a driveway must be named if there is more than one building or lot accessed by the same driveway. A long driveway with just one house does not need a name. This applies to public and private roads. It also applies to any new construction whether you go to the Planning Board or submit an Intent to Build form (which is available on the Town website.)

Naming a road does not make it a Town Road. Please note that you should never post your own road sign with a name of your choosing if it has not been approved by the town and is not in the system. This can lead to confusion in an emergency or for mail delivery.

The phone company, CMP and insurance companies usually require property owners to get an address before they provide service. They are requesting the information earlier in the process than in the past. The Town provides the address to the property owner, and the Postal Service. Please call the Town Office at 589-4318 or me at home 589-4730.

As always, we have an ongoing problem with sign loss. If you know of a damaged or missing street sign, please let us know. **Missing signs can be a safety issue and more than an inconvenience in an emergency.**

There are still property owners who have not **put-up house #s**. Also, old camp and RR mail #s could lead to confusion in an emergency and should be removed. **Numbers should be at least 3" high and contrast with your building or be reflective. If the house is not visible from the road, they should be posted at the end of your driveway or on your mailbox if you have one.**

When you call 911 from a cell phone, the dispatcher will not necessarily know where you are. Regular "land lines" will show your location automatically when the emergency call is received. From a cell phone you may need to supply all the information starting with the Town you are in, directions from the Fire Station / ambulance to your house or directions to wherever you are if you are not home or if you need the police.

For all callers, Be Specific:

- ✓ Use official road names, right and left turns, distances even if approximate, and any landmarks you can think of.
- ✓ If you are at home, leave an outside light on or a car with lights flashing where it can be seen from the road.
- ✓ Do not assume people will know where you are. There are always new people joining the emergency services and there are new residents, homes, and road names.
- ✓ **Write the directions to your house from the Fire Station and leave them by in a visible location.** In an emergency, you, a visitor, or a renter of your home, can simply read the directions over the phone to the dispatcher.

Please do not forget to shovel out your mailbox, trim branches and keep your address visible year-round!

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Philippi

2024 Liberty Historical Society Report

As of this writing and Town Meeting, Liberty's 200th anniversary is ten months away. Maine became a state on March 15, 1820 and Liberty was incorporated on January 31, 1827.

We at the LHS are eager to help the town celebrate this event. Our Vice President Elizabeth Wilson is organizing our Bicentennial celebration. Please reach out to her at 207-805-4151 or libertymaine200@gmail.com. She welcomes ideas you have for our town's 200th birthday and also in knowing if there is a specific way you would like to help in this endeavor.

Liberty has a rich past that is continuing into present time. Landmarks that define and enrich our physical being are undergoing changes, the old Fire House has morphed into the library which has become a cultural center. The new Fire Station has broadened its scope and interaction with residents.

New businesses have opened, i.e. a restaurant and bookstore. Homes have changed hands after many years, and younger people are moving in. Social gatherings are happening and buildings are being repurposed. These buildings will become part of our history.

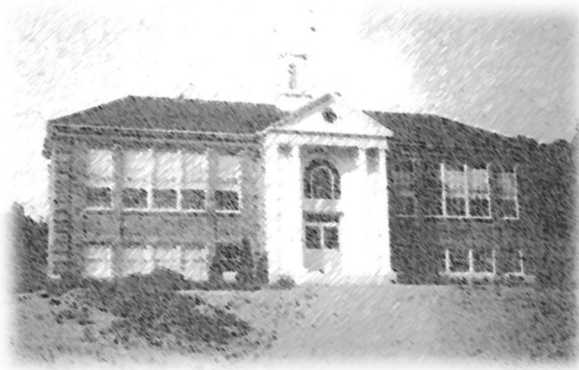
Our task is to ensure that the current citizens are aware of our past and that as we move into the future both past and present are blended and enjoyed. As always, we encourage new people to work with us to help maintain our history.

Please do come and visit our museum housed in the octagonal former Post Office. We love showing off our history and adding to our collections. Help is welcome in identifying current items such as photos and articles used in our manufacturing past. All are welcome.

And on a final note, we have completed the disposal of all the outdated foodstuffs and decaying chairs and freezers, etc. from the Sharp House (former AmVets) building. A big shout out goes to a downtown neighbor for the extended use of dumpster space, ten plus huge loads. Many thanks!

Respectfully submitted, Dana Philippi, President

WALKER SCHOOL PROPERTY REPURPOSING COMMITTEE



The school is closed, the children gone elsewhere, but the building remains. Clearly, from the unanimous vote to accept the building from RSU3 in January, the aura of the property beckens to us to make it once again a vibrant community asset. Our committee has begun its work with an abundance of enthusiasm, a plethora of ideas, and a determination to "make it happen."

We have a **Mission Statement:**

To transform the Walker school and its surrounding property into a sustainable community asset that acknowledges the historical value of this cherished landmark and serves as a vital hub for connection and community activities including recreation, education, social support, and essential services to enhance residents' social, emotional, and physical well-being.

and a **Work Description:**

The committee's work is to develop and execute a proposal that Liberty residents approve which presents the vision, funding mechanisms, renovation plans, project management, business & operational models, and occupancy components necessary for success.

We are off and running and will be making our work available to keep you well informed and up to speed on our thoughts and progress—and we welcome and encourage feed back in person or via email:

Addressed to: **townadministrator@libertymaine.us**

Subject: **Walker School Property**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard King, Committee Chair

2025 Registrar of Voters Annual Report and Notice

All residents of the Town of Liberty wishing to vote in any Town Meeting or Election, Annual or Special, **MUST BE ON THE VOTING LIST AS A REGISTERED VOTER.**

In June 2025 at the School Budget vote, we had a turnout of 10.4% Odd numbered years typically have a lower turnout when there are no candidate races or Referendum votes. In November 2025 we had a turnout of 50.4%. This day also had a lower turnout as there were no candidate races, but it possibly was higher than it might have been because of the issue being voted on. Thank you all for voting!

The Town of Liberty currently has 769 registered voters: 263 Republican, 245 Democrat, 23 Green Independent, 2 Libertarians, and 236 Unenrolled in a party. The **official political parties** in which you may register are: Democratic, Republican, Green Independent, Libertarian. Voters do not need to select a political party though; you may register to vote and be Unenrolled in a party. Starting in 2024, Maine now has a **Semi-Open Primary** which means that those voters who are Unenrolled in a party can choose a Democratic or Republican ballot for Primaries.

All Liberty residents at least aged 18 can **register** at any time in the Town Office, online, at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or on voting day. A 17-year-old who will be 18 on Election Day in November can register ahead of time and vote in a Primary. 16-year-olds can also now pre-register but not vote. Please bring **identification and proof of residency**. Voters new to Liberty are required to supply either a Maine driver's license or photo ID for identification at the time of your first registration in Liberty. If your mailing address is a P.O. Box, that alone is not proof of residency. We must also see mail you receive at a Liberty address (example: an insurance bill or bank statement showing your street address) to prove residency. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will now put a residence address on the back of your driver's license if your mailing address is a P.O. Box.

No one may switch parties less than 15 days before any voting day or caucus **UNLESS** you are currently Unenrolled in a party. Once a voter has chosen or switched to a new party you must stay in that party for at least 3 months.

There is a lot of good election and voter registration info at <https://Maine.gov/sos/elections-voting>.

We have **Accessible Voting** equipment which is useful to anyone who has difficulty seeing or reading. And assistance is always available. This equipment can be used by anyone with no reason required to prove need and it will be available at all state and federal elections.

When you sign a **petition**, please be sure to sign and print your name in the correct columns. Use your street address, even if you have a P.O. Box. Where you reside, not where you get your mail is what is required. There are so many petitions, and they can circulate for long enough that it can be hard to remember what petition issues you have already signed. The Registrar must certify all signatures and duplicates are eliminated at the State level.

Absentee ballots may now be requested in person, by phone, and online through the Secretary of State's office at maine.gov/sos/elections. Absentee ballots must now be requested **no less than 3 business days** before an election unless you have one of four Special Circumstances situations. This is the Thursday before voting day. You must still leave enough time for us to mail the ballot to you and for you to mail it back. Absentee ballots must be returned by 8 pm on Election Day or they cannot be counted.

Many thanks go to Election Warden Kelly Hassanein, Town Clerk Lindsey Pottle, and all the election clerks and ballot counters** for putting in long hours. If you would like to help at the polls, please contact anyone in the Town Office. And you do not need to wait for us to call, please do not hesitate to call us first!

Polling hours are 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Any voter already in line at 8:00 pm can vote.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Hansen Philippi, Registrar of Voters

**Election Clerks: Elise Brown, Mildred Burke, Michael Cyr, Kelly Hassanein, Autumn Jackson, Dana Keniston, , Sara Melanson, Isa Oberle, JoAnn Peavey, Lucille Peavey, Bridget Simard, Marilyn Stumpff, Sylvia Sim, Elizabeth Wilson and Dorothy Wyman.

2026 Annual Town Meeting Update
Waldo Broadband Corporation (WBC)
Joe Meadows, Liberty Director/Board Member to the WBC
Email: Liberty.Director@WaldoBroadband.org

The creation of a **fiber optic broadband network** that will serve the great majority of the residents of Liberty, Montville, Palermo, Freedom, and Searsmont **remains on track for completion by mid-October, 2026**. This is according to reports provided to the WBC by Direct Communications, the private, for-profit company that is building the network. A small number of Liberty residents (in the village) are already receiving service through the network and anecdotal reports from those with whom I have spoken indicate that the service has performed very well, even through recent storms and weather events. I have yet to hear of any problems or complaints about the service.

Direct has been working with its subcontracted installers to complete the work required to build the “backbone” of the network across all five WBC member towns, and **many side roads now have fiber installed** on the utility poles along those roads. **Creating the main network is where Direct must focus most of its resources at this stage, rather than completing installations to individual homes or businesses**, in part because the industry’s standard practice of using specialized subcontractors for the one-time, initial work of installing hundreds of miles of fiber optic cable means that those installation crews will be available for only a limited window of time, before they must move on to another project. That said, I am confident that many installations to individual homes and businesses will occur as the weather improves and we move through the spring, summer, and fall of 2026. Additional installations will occur after the main network is built, including some that will likely need to occur in 2027.

Unfortunately, I can’t tell you when YOUR house will be eligible for service, just as I don’t know when my own home will be eligible. Direct has been unwilling to share a road-by-road schedule with the WBC, for reasons that I find frustrating but understandable. They don’t want to “overpromise but underperform”. For now, I’m taking comfort in hearing that the hard work of building the network remains on schedule. If you are interested in receiving service, be sure to sign up to let Direct know you’re interested at <https://register.directcom.com/> or if you have questions (or can’t sign up online), you can call their office in Unity at 207-948-3900.

As a reminder, the WBC is a not-for-profit “Broadband Utility District” formed by the five towns that own it. It was formed in an effort to bring broadband to our communities, and the original hope was for the member towns to own the network through the WBC. Unfortunately, that hope was squashed when our grant proposal was turned down by MCA

in a very competitive process that would have required us to come up with several million dollars in “matching” funds, which we did not see as feasible. To obtain funding for the network before grant funds were likely further restricted (which happened shortly after our grant was approved), the towns and the WBC pursued a “fallback” approach of partnering with a company that would put up the required money. Direct, a family-owned company that focuses on providing service to small communities all across the USA, was selected as that partner, and their \$4 million+ in funding was the fuel we needed to obtain more than \$10 million in grant money, enabling creation of the network. Direct is also able to offer service at a much lower price than the WBC projected it would be able to offer to subscribers, in large part because they already have an infrastructure in place. But the downside to this arrangement is that neither the WBC nor its member towns have power or control over Direct, because neither the WBC nor the towns are parties to the contract with them. The Maine Connectivity Authority (a “quasi-governmental” entity run by the state) holds the contract with Direct, which leaves the WBC in essentially an advisory and community support role. The WBC plans to focus on activities that help our residents make use of the network once it is built, in large part by working with other groups such as local libraries, and hopefully with organizations that might be able to help with things like telehealth, education, and small business support. **If you’re interested in being involved with that type of work, please let me, or another WBC Director, know.**

My primary goal when I got involved in this effort more than five years ago was to help our town obtain access to affordable, reliable broadband. With that goal now in sight, I think it’s time for another person to have an opportunity to serve as Liberty’s Director on the WBC Board, as the organization turns its attention to various not-for-profit, community support efforts. I plan to help with some of that work but am **hoping another person with better skills in those areas will take my place on the WBC Board by early 2027. If you are interested, please let me – and/or the Select Board, which appoints the person to this role – know.**

If you have questions or comments for me, I can be reached at Liberty.Director@WaldoBroadband.org. Let’s all hope things continue on schedule throughout the remainder of the year.

Liberty Library

2025

Approximately 7,500 people visited the library



• Items Loaned

2,919	Adult Books
5,320	Children's Books
976	DVDs
1,570	Interlibrary Loans



• Memberships

- **507 Residents** (Liberty & Montville tax payers)
- **57 Nonresidents**



Also loaned were passes for the Farnsworth Art Museum, a Maine State Park Vehicle Pass, tickets for the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, day pass to Penobscot Marine Museum, Discovery Kits, digital, and more, bringing the total circulation to **12,385** items!

• Digital Items

2,747
from CloudLibrary and hoopla©
(2,186 were audiobooks)

• Exhibits

Jan/Feb - Alice Mooskian, Drawings
Mar/April - Simon Beckford, Photography
May/June - Leigh Norcott, Drawings
July/Aug - Judith Fischer, Oil Paintings
Sep/Oct - Joe Barberio, Ceramics
Nov/Dec - Laura Jackson, Doll Houses
Jan/Feb 2026 - Multiple Artists, Fiber Arts

STORYWALK.
3 per year
On Haystack Mtn.

2373 uses of Wi-Fi and Public Access Computers

Numerous pie sales, bake sales, craft fair, raffles, and other fundraisers. Thank you for your support!

• Programs

Ongoing:

WELCOME

- Book Discussion - Monthly
- Handcrafters - Weekly
- Scrabble - Weekly
- Mahjong - Weekly
- Tech Help - 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- Homeschool Group - Monthly
- Story Time - Weekly
- Cribbage Tournament - in March

Held in 2025:

- Pysanka Egg Workshop
- Free For All: the Public Library (with Searsmont Town Library)
- Osher Map Workshop
- The Buzz On Native Plants
- Within the Whale (with Searsmont Town Library)
- Social Security: Your Questions Answered
- Puzzle Palooza
- Watercolor Workshop
- Think About the Moon
- Artists' Openings
- Cookie Swap
- 13 NDEC Tech Classes (beginning again soon)



To learn more about your library, go to liberty.lib.me.us. You can also subscribe to the newsletter.

Barb Rehmeier, Library Director



Liberty.

12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Paws is the contracted Animal Shelter for the town of

123 John St, Camden, ME,

(207) 236-8702

Tuesday – Sunday

Greetings from your Animal Control Officers: Henry Dow and Robin Oulton.

Animal Control responded to **1 Cruelty Complaint, 27 Dog at Large, 1 Loose Donkey and 1 loose Pig.** We had **Several Unlicensed dogs.** We gave out **10 Court Summons.**

We had **6 dog bites, (*this is unacceptable*)** when your dog bites someone, your dog will go into a mandatory 10 day quarantine at your house, unless there are other problems.

All dog licenses run out December 31st.

You can license as early as **Oct. 15th**, for the following year, with proof of up dated Rabies. You have until **Jan. 31st**, as of **Feb. 1st**, you will face a late charge of **\$25.00 per dog**, a visit from **Animal Control** and a possible **Court Summons.**

Maine Law requires that dogs wear their tags at **ALL Times!** It is a violation to put the wrong tags on your dogs. ***You can be fined!***

Do Not Feed Stray Cats !

Once you feed them they belong to you, you are responsible for them, and it will cost you to have them removed. We responded to **9 Cat calls.**

Maine Law states:

All Cats and Dogs must be rabies vaccinated at the age of **3 months.**

Is your Cat or Dog Chipped ??

Please, make sure you give the Town Office a working **phone number.**

That along with the dog tags or your chip can help us get your pet back to you.

It is against the law to threaten an Animal Control Officer, you will go to court !

Liberty A.C.O. Face Book page is there to give you info for up coming Rabies Clinics etc... Please call us if you find or loose a pet, you are welcome to post pictures.

Call the Office: 324 - 3259 or Waldo Dispatch at 388 - 2040

Or try our cell phone's: **Henry 322 - 4705, Robin 323 - 9490**

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION OF LIBERTY LAKES (C.A.L.L.) 2025 REPORT

C.A.L.L. is a volunteer-based nonprofit whose mission is to help maintain and improve the exceptional quality of the beloved lakes in Liberty. Our close partnership with the Town of Liberty, Lake St. George State Park, Lake Stewards of Maine, and the State Department of Environmental Protection serves to benefit all those who live, work, and recreate in the watershed. We educate, monitor, and advocate to protect our waterbodies, including Lake St. George, Stevens Pond, and Cargill Pond, which are vital resources impacting the tax base of the Town. They also help fuel our local economy and benefit our quality of life.

2025 was highlighted by meeting our membership goals and increased donations, introduction of a new dedicated Coordinator for the Lake Keepers Camp, a successful year of Courtesy Boat Inspections, boosted communications to our community, and the welcoming of new C.A.L.L. Board members. These highlight details included:

- The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program ran from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Lake St. George and Stevens Pond, it was coordinated by Volunteer Kerry Black, and the inspectors were supervised by Julie Beckford. C.A.L.L. funded this work with a 50% grant from the DEP., The goal was to prevent the spread of all invasive plant species. In 2025, inspectors performed 1573 inspections over 140 shifts for a total of 480 hours. Our invasive species work is overseen by volunteer Charlie Evans; no invasive plants were reported in Liberty in 2025. Volunteer Barbara Edmond submitted inspection data to the State.
- We welcomed Janelle Mooskian as our dedicated Lake Keepers Camp Coordinator, the camp took place August 4 through August 8, 2025. It was attended by an average of 16 kids daily with four junior campers and volunteers who learned about lakeside erosion control, fish life, the aquatic food chain, water clarity, invasive plants and more. C.A.L.L. is always in great need for more adult volunteers to assist with the program in 2026.
- Volunteers Wayne Rancourt and Dana Valteau oversee and perform water testing and readings on dissolved oxygen and temperature readings. Volunteers Charlie Hudson, Al Collinson, Richard Whittier, and Ken Wunderle also assist with water quality monitoring. Jim Caldwell, with help from Bob Kohl, Richard Whittaker and Doug Schmitt conducted the e-coli testing following the State of Maine protocols; our summer e-coli testing is being monitored for areas of concern.
- The annual Maine Audubon loon count took place on July 15th, Six bodies of water were covered resulting in a count - with 37 adults and 5 recorded chicks on Lake St. George in 2025.
- The 2025 Annual Meeting featured guest speaker Jeremy Deeds with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, with a presentation about "Lake Science: How Liberty Lakes Measure up to other Maine Lakes". Attendees learned that Liberty's lakes are doing as well and/or better than expected for similar lakes in Maine. Slides from the meeting can be viewed on CALL's website libertylakes.net. The meeting also featured a fundraising raffle for a 1-hour seaplane ride to view the Lakes of Liberty from the skies. Special thanks to Charles Evans for the donation which yielded over \$1,300 in raffle proceeds which will directly aid our mission toward water quality preservation.
- Communications and membership drives continued to be prioritized in 2025. Digital communications and newsletters include timely news about upcoming events and lake stewardship. Online payments for dues and donations have expanded our accessibility.
- C.A.L.L. was fortunate to welcome new Board members in 2025. The Board rotates leadership and actively seeks new volunteers to help us maintain organizational strength and forward momentum. The current Directors are President, Dana Valteau, Secretary, Laura Hummer, Treasurer, Gail Philippi, and Board Members Kate Ahlefeld, Kerry Black, Jim Caldwell, Barbara Edmond, Elizabeth Johnston, Teresa Smith, Hugh Mahon, Valentina McLaughlin, Pamela Page, and Anne Shure.

Membership to C.A.L.L. is open to anyone who cares about the lakes and would like to support this work by making financial or volunteer contributions. Volunteer opportunities are available to anyone interested in making a difference to our community and mission through our programs including the Lake Keeper's Camp, Boat Inspection Program, Water Quality, Newsletter Committee, Invasive Plant Survey Committee, Membership Committee, or serving on the C.A.L.L. Board of Directors. **For more information, please visit us online at www.libertylakes.net or follow us on Facebook CALL: Citizens' Association of Liberty Lakes.**

Respectfully submitted by Valentina McLaughlin, C.A.L.L. Board Member

WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Belfast, ME 04915*

SHERIFF
Jason W. Trundy

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CHIEF DEPUTY
Matthew C. Curtis

February 11, 2026

Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to provide law enforcement, correctional, and civil process services to the citizens of our County. We sincerely appreciate the continued support and partnership of our 26 municipalities as we work collectively to preserve public safety and enhance the quality of life throughout Waldo County.

In 2025, the Patrol Division responded to 7,822 calls for service. These calls included a broad spectrum of incidents such as domestic violence, burglaries, thefts, motor vehicle crashes, substance-related emergencies, protection order violations, and many other requests for assistance. Each call represents a citizen, family, or business in need of professional and timely service.

Traffic safety remained a core operational priority. During 2025, deputies conducted 2,726 traffic stops across Waldo County. These enforcement efforts are focused on reducing crashes, deterring impaired and distracted driving, and promoting safe travel on our roadways.

Our Civil Process Division served 1,093 sets of legal paperwork throughout the County in 2025. This essential function supports the judicial system by ensuring that court orders, subpoenas, evictions, and other legal documents are properly and efficiently served.

The Correctional Division continued its operation of the 72-Hour Intake Facility and the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center (MCRRC), both of which play critical roles in public safety and offender accountability.

During 2025, the 72-Hour Intake Jail processed 765 individuals, including 558 males and 207 females. This facility ensures safe, secure, and efficient intake and short-term detention for individuals arrested within Waldo County, while supporting the broader justice system.

The participants of the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center completed 2,246 hours of structured programming focused on accountability, life skills development, and successful reintegration. In addition, residents performed 2,923 hours of community service throughout Waldo County, providing meaningful labor support to municipalities, non-profit organizations, and community initiatives such as the County Garden Project.

Residents of the Reentry Center also fulfilled financial obligations as part of their rehabilitation and accountability. In 2025, they paid \$2,519 in fines, \$1,915 in restitution, and \$9,221 in room and board. These contributions reinforce personal responsibility while helping offset public costs.

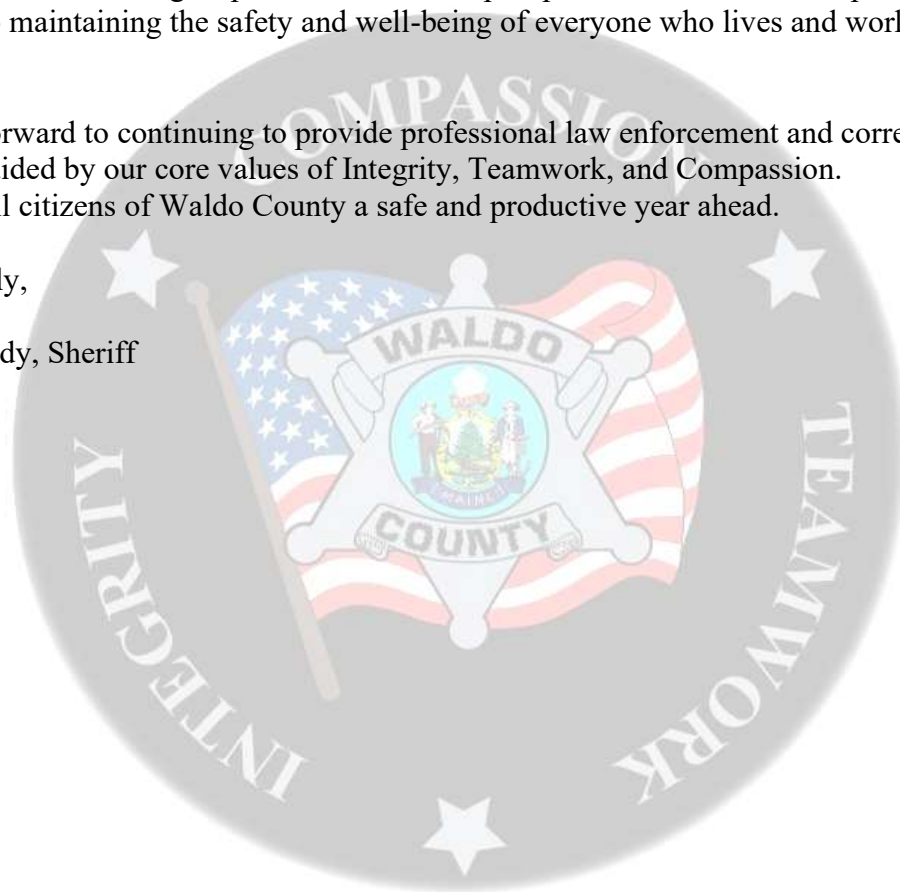
Through structured programming, community service, and financial accountability, the Reentry Center continues to support rehabilitation and successful reentry, creating measurable and positive benefits for our communities.

It remains an honor to serve the citizens of Waldo County. As Sheriff, my continued focus is on enhancing traffic safety, addressing substance misuse, strengthening operational efficiencies, and ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources. These priorities are essential to maintaining the safety and well-being of everyone who lives and works in our County.

We look forward to continuing to provide professional law enforcement and correctional services guided by our core values of Integrity, Teamwork, and Compassion. We wish all citizens of Waldo County a safe and productive year ahead.

Respectfully,

Jason Trundy, Sheriff





Waldo County Sheriff's Office

• 6 Public Safety Way Belfast Maine 04915 •
• 207-338-2040 •



Total Number of Complaints received in 2025 for Liberty

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Disconnect	10	4.37%
911 Misdialed	7	3.06%
911 Open Line	6	2.62%
ATV Complaint	2	0.87%
Abandoned Vehic	2	0.87%
Agency Assist	16	6.99%
Alarm	7	3.06%
Animal Prob LAW	1	0.44%
Assault	1	0.44%
Business Check	1	0.44%
Car/Deer PD	6	2.62%
Civil	8	3.49%
Crim Mischief	2	0.87%
Crim Trespass	5	2.18%
Detail K-9	1	0.44%
Detail Misc	1	0.44%
Detail Parade	1	0.44%
Detail Radar	12	5.24%
Detail Traffic	2	0.87%
Disturbance	7	3.06%
Domestic	6	2.62%
Drugs	3	1.31%
Escort	1	0.44%
Found Property	1	0.44%
Fraud	2	0.87%
Harassment	3	1.31%
House Check	1	0.44%
Information	14	6.11%
Intoxication	1	0.44%
Juvenile Prob	1	0.44%
Late 10-55	2	0.87%
Lost Property	1	0.44%
MV Complaint	17	7.42%
Mental Medical	3	1.31%
Motor Veh Theft	1	0.44%
Motorist Assist	2	0.87%
Noise Complaint	3	1.31%
OUI	2	0.87%
PD Accident	8	3.49%
PI Accident	8	3.49%
Property Watch	2	0.87%
Public Assist	1	0.44%
Reported Death	1	0.44%
Service PO	6	2.62%
Suspicious	10	4.37%
Theft	3	1.31%
Threatening	1	0.44%
Traffic Hazard	1	0.44%
Traffic Offense	7	3.06%
VIN Verify	1	0.44%
Veh Off The Rd	4	1.75%
Vehicle Fire	1	0.44%
Violation PO	1	0.44%



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Total Number of Complaints received in 2025 for Liberty

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Wanted Person	2	0.87%
Welfare Check	7	3.06%
Wildlife Prob	3	1.31%

Total Complaints Reported: 229

Total Traffic Stops: 98

January 14, 2026

Dear community members and friends,



Our team at Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) is grateful for the opportunity to conserve and care for the lands and waters that sustain our Midcoast communities. For nearly forty years, we have worked to protect 5,495 acres of land with extraordinary conservation value across 23 public preserves and 57 conservation easements. With our passionate volunteers, we maintain 80+ miles of hiking trails to ensure year-round access to nature and outdoor recreation. We also offer free community programs across the watershed that build community, connect people with nature, and provide environmental education.

With the support of our members, volunteers, and communities, we are wrapping up another great year. We are excited that Maeve Cosgrove joined our team in 2025 as our Community Engagement Manager. Maeve is working to diversify our free community events, and strengthen our partnerships with local schools. In her first year, Georges River held 36 public events across the watershed! We are also delighted that Alex Owre has joined the team as our Development Manager. Alex is working to build connections with local businesses and grow our fundraising capabilities to ensure the land trust's longevity and success. Finally, Isabella Childs Michael joined our growing Stewardship team in a new role as our Stewardship Assistant and provides support year-round to new trail builds and maintenance, easement monitoring, and invasive species management.

The town of Liberty and its community are vital partners in the work we do and we are grateful for our collaboration. In 2020, Georges River Land Trust, with support from the community, purchased Quigg Island Community Forest Preserve on Stevens Pond from the Robbins brothers, who expertly managed it for the past 50+ years. Quigg Island is accessible by water from the Stevens Pond public boat launch and has a corresponding dock on the island that is available during the summer. Come visit the island and walk our beautiful 1-mile trail through tall and healthy white pines and hemlocks! We are happy to share this land with the community, the beavers, the herons, and the loons. This summer, we added a picnic table to the preserve, which we hope will create memories for island visitors.

Many of our 1,000+ members and volunteers are Liberty residents. Please join us in helping care for our local watershed and expand community access and opportunities for public recreation. **Reach us at 207-594-5166 or georgesriver.org to get involved and become a member.**

See you on the trails,

Georges River Land Trust Team



Our new picnic table on Quigg Island – waiting for your next visit!

January 29, 2026



Dear Liberty community members and friends:

Midcoast Conservancy is pleased to submit this letter to the Town of Liberty, a vital partner in our work. The mission of Midcoast Conservancy is to protect and restore vital lands and waters on a scale that matters, and for the benefit of those in the communities we serve throughout the midcoast region with our focus on conservation, restoration, education, and providing meaningful connections to nature. Our service area comprises 24 towns in three watersheds, including 16,000 acres of conserved land, 55 preserves, and nearly 100 miles of trails.

As Midcoast Conservancy looks to the future, we are committed to understanding challenges, including those faced by the communities we serve, and pursuing new opportunities. This year we completed a Strategic Plan that guides our efforts in five key areas:

- Land Conservation: Preserving vital natural spaces for all.
- Land Stewardship: Actively caring for and maintaining conserved lands.
- Water Quality Protection and Ecosystem Health: Monitoring and safeguarding our waterways and supporting healthy ecosystems.
- Connecting People to Nature: Creating opportunities for everyone in the community to experience and appreciate the outdoors.
- Organizational Excellence and Sustainability: Ensuring Midcoast Conservancy is a strong and effective agent for environmental preservation and stewardship.

By focusing on these priorities, we aim to make meaningful and lasting impacts for each community and for the environment we all share.

Over the last year, some of the tangible products of this strategy included:

- partnering with the Lake St George State Park to design a trail system, partially on state park land and partially in our Liberty Woods Community Forest;
- working with Hills to Sea volunteers in trail building efforts, on a trail slated to open later this year;
- supporting Friends of Haystack Mountain (acting as their Fiscal Sponsor) in their successful purchase of Haystack Mountain, and then working to transfer the land and to Georges River Land Trust for their stewardship of it;

- conserving 327 acres of ecologically vital forestland and wetlands in the northern headwaters of the Sheepscot River (in nearby Montville and Freedom), expanding our Northern Headwaters Preserve to over 1,750 contiguous acres;
- conserving 280 acres of ecologically significant wetlands and uplands as part of new Watersong Preserve (Appleton).

Many of our members and volunteers come from Liberty and all are invited to join us! Learn more at midcoastconservancy.org. Feel free to call or email me or staff members at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



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Co-Executive Director
Midcoast Conservancy

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Glenn "Chip" Curry
Senator, District 11

THE MAINE SENATE
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January 2026

Dear Friends and Residents of Liberty,

It is an honor to continue serving as your State Senator, representing the rural, coastal, and island communities of Waldo County in the Maine Senate. I'm grateful for the trust you place in me and for the opportunity to share an update on our work in Augusta.

This session, my colleagues and I are focused on a central question: how do we ensure Maine remains a place where people can afford to live, work, and raise a family? From housing costs to energy bills, too many families are feeling stuck. Addressing those pressures requires practical solutions rooted in Maine's values and shaped by local needs.

As Senate Chair of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, my work has centered on protecting and expanding housing opportunities across our state. That includes preserving affordable housing, supporting responsible local development, and ensuring that economic growth serves the people who call our communities home. When people can stay in their homes, communities remain strong.

I also continue to serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, where I advocate for solutions that keep our communities safe while supporting the first responders who do this critical work every day. My approach in both roles is shaped by listening to municipal leaders, volunteers, small businesses, and residents who know their communities best.

In Augusta, I strive to keep Waldo County's diverse needs at the forefront of my work. Whether your community is coastal, inland, or island, your concerns matter, and your voices inform the decisions I make at the State House.

Please remember that I am here to help. If you need assistance, have questions about legislation, or wish to share your thoughts, feel free to reach out at Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a stronger future for [TOWN] and all of Waldo County.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your State Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Curry".

Chip Curry
State Senator, District 11

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Dear Liberty Residents:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

Since taking office, one of the biggest issues I've heard loud and clear from constituents is that the rising cost of living is making it harder for working families to make ends meet. Household budgets just aren't going as far as they used to, and it's making it difficult for everyday Mainers to afford to build their lives here.

In 2025, the Legislature put working families first by passing measures to protect critical investments in health care, food security, education, child care and housing. But we still have a lot more work to do. This year, I will continue fighting for real solutions to help address the problems facing families here in our district and across the state, including tackling the rising costs of housing, health care, child care and energy.

As of this writing, we have just begun the second year of the two-year term. Over the next few months, we will consider hundreds of bills before we adjourn, which will likely be in mid-April. Once again, I am proud to continue serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which oversees the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Highway Fund, as well as policies related to bridge and highway construction, driver education and highway safety.

In my personal work, I am pleased to share that my bill to assist firewood banks has become law. This change requires the state to promote wood banks and provide resources on how to create them. As a volunteer of our local wood bank, I've seen firsthand how tough the job is, not just getting it started but keeping it going. If the state can help, then that could lead to more wood banks and fewer Mainers will struggle to stay warm.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family, please feel welcome to reach out. I always enjoy connecting with constituents – whether you have concerns about local matters, questions about state programs or would like to discuss your thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at Michael.Ray@legislature.maine.gov and (207) 930-0371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Ray

State Representative

District 40: Appleton, Islesboro, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill and Searsmont