

Town of Stonington

2025 Annual Report



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Dedication

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Jim Jackson in recognition of his many years of tireless volunteer service to the Stonington Municipal Airport.

Jim was an accomplished and dedicated pilot. Like many aviators, he began flying small aircraft before serving his country in the military during the Korean War. Following his military service, he went on to a distinguished career as a pilot for Delta Airlines. He flew countless passengers safely to and from their destinations, always with meticulous attention to detail and an uncompromising focus on safety. In addition to his professional achievements, Jim generously devoted his time and personal resources as an Angel Flight pilot, providing critical air transportation for individuals in need of medical care.

Closer to home, Jim's commitment to the Stonington Municipal Airport was unwavering. His deep interest in the airport's well-being helped carry forward the legacy of the pilots who came before him, ensuring that our airport remained compliant, well maintained, and a welcoming destination for all who fly in.

The Board of Selectmen and Town staff sincerely appreciated Jim's dedication, expertise, and steadfast support of our community airport. His contributions have left a lasting mark, and he will be remembered with gratitude and respect.



In Memoriam

Diane E. Berlew	March 20th, 2025
Jeannine Estelle Buckminster	December 14th, 2025
Edward Francis Courville	June 19th, 2025
Linda Sue Eaton	March 6th, 2025
Paul Loren Eaton	September 2nd, 2025
Douglas Ray Edinger	October 16th, 2025
Rose Jeanette Gove	May 3rd, 2025
Jack Wilbur Hamblen Jr.	October 28th, 2025
Barbara Hattemer	November 14th, 2025
Melvin Leroy Hutchinson	November 19th, 2025
Susan Faye Jones	September 5th, 2025
Sandra R. Joyce	August 25th, 2025
Carolyn Edith McEachern	June 21st, 2025
Annabelle M. Olson	May 14th, 2025
Alma Coleman Scully	July 18th, 2025
Serena W. Stevens	October 25th, 2025
Robert Wallace Williams	October 5th, 2025



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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CHAIR
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LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

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

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SUBCOMMITTEE
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses. And

my staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7

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THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

January 5, 2026

Dear Friends and Residents of Stonington,

In 2026, I am continuing my second full term as your State Senator to represent the 22 coastal communities of Senate District 7. As always, I will collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to do the best work we can for all Mainers.

In 2025, we increased our investments in roads, bridges, broadband, housing, and working waterfronts. Recognizing the frequency and severity of extreme weather, my colleagues and I focused on storm preparedness and resilience. We invested \$39 million to strengthen community readiness and resilience, including helping homeowners pay for weatherizing their properties. We also invested \$5 million in the Disaster Recovery Fund, which provides financial support to individuals, businesses, and local governments for disaster recovery and emergency response.

At the same time, we strengthened emergency medical services. We provided funding for the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant, to support rural and underserved municipalities, and we supported the Maine Length of Service Award Program, which incentivizes the volunteer EMS workforce. We also made significant investments in education, which helps alleviate the pressure on municipalities to raise property taxes. We kept our promise to fully fund the state's share of K-12 public education, and we maintained municipal revenue sharing to help our local governments deliver services.

In recognition of the significant impact municipal property taxes have on many of our neighbors, the Legislature created the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force. As the Senate Chair of the two-year Task Force, I am committed to delivering comprehensive, data-driven reforms that reduce the financial strain of property taxes on households. You can find all of the details and materials for the Task Force online at legislature.maine.gov/real-estate-property-tax-relief-task-force. As we continue researching reforms, please make sure that you are receiving the Homestead Exemption and also check your eligibility for the Property Tax Fairness Credit when you file your income taxes. The credit helps Mainers of any age afford to stay in their homes, whether they own or rent.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you have questions about the legislative process: Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov or (207) 287-1515. I also share information via Facebook (www.facebook.com/grohoskiformaine) and Instagram ([@grohoskiformaine](https://www.instagram.com/grohoskiformaine)) and send out periodic email newsletters; please let me know if you would like to be added to my mailing list.

I remain at your service, and I am honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole C. Grohoski'.

Nicole Grohoski
State Senator, District 7
Part of Hancock County and the Town of Isle au Haut



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Dear Stonington Neighbors:

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, especially in rural communities like ours. 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 to serve as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources as well as the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. It is an honor to bring your voice to these committees that directly impact our community—from working waterfront matters and licensing to the state ferry service, and everything in between.

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 Holly.Eaton@legislature.maine.gov and (207) 610-9281.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Eaton".

Holly Eaton
State Representative

Town Officials

Hours

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Mon. — Fri.

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- Notary services available during regular business hours
- Tax maps and commitment books are available online at www.stoningtonmaine.org
- Hunting/fishing licenses available online
- Re-register auto, boat, snowmobile, or trailer online



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Economic & Community Dev. Dir.	Linda Nelson econdev@stoningtonmaine.org
Code Enforcement Officer	Brian Billings ceo@stoningtonmaine.org
Water Superintendent	Matthew Betts stoningtonwaterco@stoningtonmaine.org
Sanitation Operator	D. Gay Atkinson, II sewerqueenwaterwitch@yahoo.com

Sanitary District Trustees

In District	William Gross	2025
	Belinda Hunter	2027
	Robin Sayre	2027
At Large	Robin Taylor	2025
	Ronald M. Eaton	2027

Fire Department

Chief	Steve Rittmeyer (207)-542-5513
Asst. Chief	Carl Shahan
Captain	Seth Reece
Fire Police	Danny Oliver
Treasurer/ Secretary	Mallary Reece
Volunteers	Mallary Reece, Tyler Snow, Jacob Shipman, Travis Eaton, Chris Hovey, Broc Eaton, Callie Shahan, Coleman Brown, Christy Shahan, Jared Murphy

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Recycling Specialist	Carla Falkenstein

Harbor / Pier (207)-367-5891

Deputy Harbormaster	Dana Webb
Deputy Pier Manager	Cory Robertson
Shellfish Warden	Raelene Pert raepert@gmail.com , (207)-266-4327

Board of
Selectmen

1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Donna Brewer

Chair
(207)-367-5100
Term exp. 2026

Evelyn Duncan

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Term exp. 2027

Travis Fifield

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Term exp. 2027

Joseph Rackliff

(207)-299-7303
Term exp. 2028

John Robbins

(207)-367-5842
Term exp. 2026

Boards & Committees

Airport Committee

Meets monthly, May – October

Paul Behnken 2027
Donna Brewer, *Selectboard Representative*

Appeals Board

Meets as needed

Benjamin Pitts, *Chair* 2027
Phil McFarland 2026
Sophie Webb 2026

Planning Board

Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Renee Sewall, *Chair* 2027
Ben Jackson 2027
Thomas Gotwals 2027
Seth Reece 2027
Anna Goff 2027
Robert Winters 2027
David Ryan 2028

Deer Isle — Stonington Consolidated School District

Directors

Genevieve McDonald — Stonington 2027
Co-Chair
Chelsea Torrey — Stonington 2026
Co-Chair
Darian Gove — Deer Isle 2025
Lynne Witham — Deer Isle 2028
James Darrell Williams — Deer Isle 2027

All meetings are held at the Stonington Town Office

Boards & Committees

Stonington Economic Development Committee

Members Active in 2025

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month, every other month, 8 a.m.

Linda Nelson, <i>Chair</i>	2025
Chris Ross	2025
Barrett Gray	2026
Chelsea Brown	2025
Kim Hutchinson	2026
Carla Guenther	2025
Harry Caldwell	2026
John McVeigh	2026
Frank Gotwals	2027
Erika Sanger	2027
Gail Stinson	2027
Julia Zell	2027
Howard Hutchinson	2026
Dean Haskell	2026
Morgan Eaton	2026
Evelyn Duncan, <i>Selectboard Representative</i>	

Colwell Ramp Committee

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month, 5:45 p.m.

D. Gay Atkinson, II	2026
Broc Eaton	2026
Evelyn Duncan, <i>Selectboard Representative</i>	

Harbor Committee

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Hilton Turner, <i>Chair</i>	2026
Justin Boyce	2027
Isaac Dworsky	2027
Cory Webb	2027
Richard Larrabee, Jr.	2025
Dean Eaton	2026
Chris Joyce	2027
George Stevens	2026
Evelyn Duncan, <i>Selectboard Representative</i>	

Shellfish Conservation Committee

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Crystal Gove, <i>Chair</i>	2026
Raelene Pert, <i>Shellfish Warden</i>	2026
Kurt Ciomei	2026
Benjamin Hardie	2026
Kayne Irvine	2028
Allison Melvin	2028
Jacob McCarty	2027
George Powell	2025
Evelyn Duncan, <i>Selectboard Representative</i>	

All meetings are held at the Stonington Town Office

Selectboard Report

It's hard to believe that another year has passed. The Town of Stonington as usual has been a very busy place. We are not just a small town, we are in some ways a mini city with all of the services that we offer and the departments that have to be managed by the town office. However, thanks to our town manager and her dedicated staff, we manage to pull it off.

This year, thanks to the tireless work that Island Workforce Housing has done, the new affordable housing units are on site. The crews are working tirelessly to have them completed this season for renters to move into and make them their homes. Thurlow's Way is going to be a great asset to our town and we thank everyone who played a part in making this a reality. Affordable housing is truly needed in order to keep our businesses running.

The Connectivity Hub at the old Stonington School building is up and running. They are providing very much needed and valuable services to our community. Linda Nelson has done a phenomenal job organizing and overseeing this project, securing the grant money in order to make it happen and working with Deer Isle Adult and Community Education and other partners. The next stage of that project will be to install an elevator in order to make it handicap accessible and then to address the front entrance of the building. It is so good to see that building brought back to life. For me, it is especially good because it was my school.

This year, the Oceanville Bridge was completed. The DOT and Reed & Reed did a great job. It is really a beautiful bridge. We thank the Oceanville residents who donated the extra money that it cost in order to be able to use the original granite.

We are still working on plans for the Odd Fellows Hall building. We have had several good ideas but have not settled on any one plan yet. We are hoping that something will happen with the Old Post Home building and the Tewksbury building. They would be great locations for some new businesses in town.

There have been several improvements at the Transfer Station. We now have internet service and have installed cameras. The recycling building has been repaired and a new door installed by Jim Morey. He did a great job on those. We hope to have a few more windows installed as well. The cardboard and other recycling bins have been moved to make it more convenient and we are encouraging people to continue to recycle whenever possible. The new facelift to the Take-It-Or-Leave-It is proving to be doing well. Anything that can be reused does not go into the demo pile and it also helps people who have a use for the items dropped off. If they are clean and usable we encourage you to drop items off.

We purchased a new plow truck this year. We try to keep our equipment updated so that we have good working equipment for our road crew. They have had a very busy year keeping our roads in good working order — especially with the snow we that we have had so far this year. They are so dedicated to the safety of our roads and we thank them for all that they do.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our previous employees and welcome our new ones. Working with the public in any capacity can be challenging, but we are very fortunate to have people who do it well every day. I would also like to thank the volunteers who serve on all of the various committees. You are all so valuable in keeping this ship afloat.

Selectboard Report (contd.)

We the board extend a huge thank you to our Fire Department and Memorial Ambulance Corp. You people are there to help and support our citizens on what quite often is the worst day of their lives. We would also like to thank the organizations that provide the meals and the help in getting people signed up for the help they need with heating assistance and the many other services that are available them when they need it.

Last but not least, I want to thank the rest of the board for trusting me as your Chairman. I think we have a great board to work with. I really appreciate the citizens for trusting us to make decisions in the best interest of the town. And lastly, we want to thank our Town Manager Kathleen Billings for the many many hours that she spends running the town and making us as a board look good. She is the Captain of the ship and keeps us moving forward. She and Linda Nelson have secured millions in grant dollars to help make the improvements and projects that you see happening all over the town a reality.

It is certainly a privilege to serve as your Select Person as well as your Chairman. Thank you for the opportunity to do this. Remember that you can always contact any of us who are on the board with comments or concerns. We welcome your input. Once again, I am encouraging people to not be afraid to volunteer to be on committees when there are openings, everyone has something to offer.

Respectfully,
Donna Brewer, *Chair*

Town Manager Report

Thank you for the opportunity to present this year's Town Manager's Report. I appreciate the time you take to review the progress we have made and to consider the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Town of Stonington.

Over the past year, we have made meaningful progress on several critical infrastructure and community development initiatives. Road improvements, including work on the Oceanville Road causeway to address sea level rise, have strengthened our long-term resiliency. Renovations to the former elementary school building continue to position the facility as a hub for workforce development, education, and health-related services. With the award of a \$1.2 million grant, an elevator will be installed this coming year to ensure ADA compliance and expand access for all residents.

The Stonington Water Company and the Sewer District have also completed significant capital projects. The Main Street tank expansion has increased sewer capacity to better serve residential properties and restaurant seating needs. The transmission line from the pump station to the standpipe has been completed, improving drinking water reliability and capacity. In addition, planning and design for the School Street infrastructure project have been finalized, and the project is moving out to bid. This work will modernize outdated plumbing infrastructure, with some dating back to 1910, and improve our ability to manage valves and service connections effectively and efficiently.

This year's proposed municipal budget reflects an increase of just over 4%. Like many communities across Maine, Stonington faces financial pressures driven by inflation in insurance, supplies, and equipment, as well as unfunded state mandates. We are also investing in administrative continuity by providing overlap and training to prepare the next generation of public servants in our office who help with running all the above items and more mentioned above. At the same time, we continue to receive substantial third-party funding requests that require thoughtful consideration.

It is important for residents to understand that property tax bills reflect more than the municipal budget alone. They also include county taxes and school assessments. County costs have increased in part due to reduced state support for jails and other mandated services, including policing and county administration needs. School funding remains a significant concern. Because of high coastal property valuations, Stonington and Deer Isle do not qualify for the state's 55% education funding target. Instead, our local share approaches nearly 90% of the approximately \$7 million school budget shared between our two communities. If funded at 55%, the impact on local property taxes would be substantially lower. The current funding formula places a disproportionate burden on working families, seniors, and those of moderate income, and continues to challenge our ability to maintain year-round residency on the island.

In an effort to advocate for meaningful reform, I was elected in this municipal district to the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee and have served on the Legislature's Property Tax Task Force as well to advocate for our towns. In these capacities, I have worked to provide a local perspective on proposed legislation and to advocate for measures such as increasing the Homestead Exemption and exploring tiered property tax structures to provide relief. While these discussions are often complex and contentious, I believe it is essential to speak on behalf of those who struggle with rising tax burdens.

Town Manager Report (contd.)

The Town has a responsibility to present a sound municipal budget for voter consideration. At the same time, we must be transparent about the broader fiscal landscape. Reports on property tax reform, school funding, and county funding challenges are publicly available through state resources. I encourage residents to review these materials, engage constructively, and share informed suggestions. Thoughtful civic participation is far more productive than frustration alone.

Deferring necessary infrastructure maintenance only increases long-term costs. The Select Board and I work diligently to prioritize projects carefully, balancing immediate needs with long-term planning. Strategic investment in infrastructure protects public safety, supports economic vitality, and positions Stonington for continued reinvestment and growth.

We remain proactive in pursuing grant funding, particularly for sea level rise mitigation, waterfront resilience, and transportation infrastructure. Protecting our working waterfront and supporting marine industries remain central priorities. At the same time, we are committed to economic diversification through construction, tourism, the creative economy, and a thriving downtown. Our goal is a resilient community which maintains its character while fostering opportunity.

I am deeply appreciative of our dedicated staff, especially those who are mentoring and training new employees to ensure continuity as retirements approach. Preserving institutional knowledge is critical in a community like Stonington, which, though small in population, functions with the complexity of a small city. Collaboration across departments is essential to our success.

I am equally grateful to the many volunteers who serve on our committees and boards, including the Housing Task Force, Economic Development Committee, Planning Board, Appeals Board, and Transportation Committee. as well as those who serve in our Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. Their expertise, perspectives, and commitment strengthen our town and contribute significantly to our accomplishments and our sense of place we all enjoy.

None of this work can be accomplished by the Select Board and staff alone. Your volunteerism, civic participation, and informed input are essential. I encourage you to attend Town Meeting and vote. Town Meeting remains one of the most direct and meaningful forms of grassroots democracy in Maine.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Billings, *Town Manager*

Town Clerk Report

Vital Statistics	
Births	17
Deaths	5
Marriages	14

Dog Licenses	
Unaltered	3
Spayed / Neutered	64
Kennel	
Service/Rescue/Guide	

Shellfish Licenses			
<i>Commercial</i>			
	Jr.	Adult	Sr.
Resident		12	4
Non-Resident		2	
<i>Recreational</i>			
	Adult	Sr.	
Resident	13	15	
Non-Resident	19	37	

Registrations	
Passenger Cars	886
Commercial	68
Antiques	35
Vanity Plates	
Specialty Plates	
Transfers	
Motor Homes	8
Motor Cycle	15
Transit Plates	
Trailers	104
ATV	27
Snowmobile	35
PWC	1
Boats	225
Documented Vessels	48

Fishing / Hunting Licenses	
Season Hunt	10
Junior Hunt	1
Archery	2
Expanded Archery	
Crossbow	
Muzzleloader	1
Migratory Waterfowl	
Spring/Fall Turkey	2
Bear	2
Coyote Night Hunt	2
Resident Small Game	
Hunt/Fish Combo	6
Season Fish	20
Non-Res. Season Fish	1
1/3/5/7 Day Fish	3
Saltwater Registry	20
Superpack	2
Resident 70+ Lifetime	1

Economic & Community Development Report

Stonington Economic & Community Development continues to be guided by the Economic Resiliency Strategy crafted with Camoin Associates and adopted by the Select Board in 2023. Stonington remains Maine's #1 lobster port in terms of volume and value of landings, but has critical economic issues to address:

1. A lack of affordable housing to support a year-round local workforce and essential services such as schools and healthcare;
2. A resulting over reliance on workers commuting from off-island to fill critical workforce positions;
3. A lack of economic diversity, making the Town highly vulnerable to climate and regulatory changes to the fisheries; and
4. Increased seasonality of property ownership. In order to build on our assets, the Town continues to obtain grant funding to retain, attract, and educate a year-round population and workforce, primarily through community partnerships at our new Connectivity Hub at 43 School St.; support our marine (or "blue") economy through working waterfront access and infrastructure improvements; and maintain and invest in infrastructure, land use policies, and local businesses.

In 2025, our Interlocal Deer Isle-Stonington Housing Task Force submitted its final report of recommended actions including an accepted proposal to hire a shared Housing Manager in 2026. We also co-hosted Maine Service Fellow Holly Werner to advance these housing strategies and Holly will return in 2026. The report outlining these housing actions is available on the website.

2025 also saw the implementation of a Maine Office of Tourism Enterprise Marketing Grant to support our island businesses in strengthening performance in the shoulder seasons. Businesses participated in a series of four hands-on professional development workshops on marketing best practices, and over three shoulder season events – Wings, Waves & Woods; Puffin Passages; and Home for the Holidays – Capshore Photography collected images, videos, and assets to create custom itineraries to be released in Spring 2026.

After two years of planning, and thanks to individual charitable donors to the Stonington Resiliency Development Fund at the Maine Community Foundation, the Town was finally able in 2025 to match a Maine Department of Transportation Village Partnership Initiative Grant and launch that project. A successful RFP was awarded to Tandem Architects of Kennebunk to engage with MDOT and Town to improve our multimodal transportation corridors and intersections, including wayfaring, parking signage, and storm drainage and runoff, all while working toward sea level rise resilience on Main Street.

The Town also released our final report, in collaboration with the National Renewable Energy Lab, Versant Power, and Deer Isle on how we can strengthen the island's electrical grid and lower energy costs. Groundwork has been completed to install pilot PV solar micro-grid systems in each Town to demonstrate opportunities for resilience and cost savings: the Stonington micro-grid will be accessible through the Connectivity Hub at 43 School Street. The Makerspace and Adult Ed programming at the Hub really took off in 2025: stop by and see some of the cool things you can make and learn!

As we go to press with this report, we have just learned that the advocacy of our Transportation Committee and U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Chair of the Appropriations Committee, as well as the rest of our congressional delegation, has resulted in the award of a \$12M Congressionally Designated Spending grant to the Maine Department of Transportation to implement the raising of the Causeway, one component of our vital lifeline to the mainland. An additional \$2M is coming to Stonington thanks to Senator King and Representative Golden to begin dredging necessary to improve and raise our commercial fish pier.

ECD Report (contd.)

And always: thanks so much to the many volunteers who serve on the Stonington Economic Development Committee and its subcommittees, helping to keep the civic engine of our small town running. You make Stonington special, and a leader among Maine's small rural communities. Talk to us! We're also working on solid waste reduction, futures for our fisheries, affordable housing and energy, climate changes and local education. And keep an eye out for events in our popular Talk of the Towns series. Email econdev@stoningtonmaine.org or call anytime.

- Linda Nelson, *Economic & Community Development Director*

*For related documents & details referenced below, go to
<https://www.stoningtonmaine.org/gov/economic-development.php>*

Planning Board Report

The Stonington Planning Board meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Stonington Town Hall. We have five regular members and two alternate members. We must have a quorum of three members at each meeting in order to conduct official business. Agendas for our meetings, which are open to the public, are published in the notices section of the Island Advantages newspaper. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact the Stonington Town Hall, Selectman or the chair of the planning board.

All permit applications are received initially by the code enforcement officer and, when appropriate, are passed on to the Planning Board for action. Planning Board responsibilities are extensive and include, but are not limited to, commercial, Industrial, governmental and roadways.

As chairman, I would like to thank the code enforcement officer for his continued assistance, support and expertise and all of my dedicated board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Sewall, *Chair*

Applications Approved	Applications Denied
Storm Damage Dock / Structure Repair - 1	Short Term Rental - 2
Shoreline Stabilization - 4	
House Addition in Shoreland Zone - 5	
Short Term Rental - 3	
Site Plan Review / Change of Use - 3	
Cell Tower Antenna Additions - 1	
New Home & Garage in Shoreland Zone - 1	
Small Shed on Island - 1	

Workshops to review the Subdivision and Site Plan Review ordinances.

Stonington Water Company Report

In 2025, the Stonington Water Company had another busy year dealing with water leaks and planning for upcoming projects. However, the Water Company also made several positive strides in the maintenance and operation of the water system.

Several major leaks were found in town that were estimated to be more than 7000 gallons per day. We also replaced 3 service valves that were non-operational. We still have a significant amount of non-revenue water. This is attributed to leaks in old piping and private lines that have not surfaced which because of the geology go into the granite making them difficult to find. With the possible replacement of the School Street water line and the installation of the new Smart Meters, the Water Company is hoping to obtain our goal of a loss of fifteen percent or less of billable water.

The Water Company staff have listened to service valves throughout town, conducted walks of the shore, administered chlorine tests on multiple areas where running water was found, and, with the help of the new meters that have been installed, investigated high meter readings to find leaks. Several leaks, mentioned previously, were found this way.

In 2025, we pumped approximately 11.7 million gallons (MG) compared to about 12.75 in 2024. We measured about 6.6 MG in metered water in 2025 compared to 6.3 MG in 2024. Of that amount, we estimate that approximately 1.5 MG was lost due to known leaks, water system flushing, pump house water usage, and wintertime bleeding that protects shallow services and mains. We encourage all seasonal customers to utilize a caretaker to ensure that water is not leaking in the wintertime.

The water company would like to thank the following:

- The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the department in our efforts to serve our users to the very best of our abilities.
- The Public Works Department, Shaun and Christ, for all of their support and help throughout the year.
- The local plumbers for their willingness to work collaboratively — whether it is seasonal services or any other of the other many issues that occur.
- We want to thank EJ Prescott, primarily, both Mike Pelkey and Seth Dickerson for continuing to help our small water system whenever they are needed.
- Jeff Bunt, for his help on multiple projects around town.

Future Projects

- Seven & Maher Engineers has submitted their plans to refurbish the 110 well. This was placed out to bid and a bid was accepted and the project should start as the weather permits. They have also submitted plans for further testing on the 305 well, so we can hopefully put this well into service for summer use.
- The School Street water line replacement plans have been completed and were placed out to bid. Only one bid was received and that was over budget. Since that time, more funding was found and the project has been put back out for bid. By the time of this meeting, the new bids will be opened and we should have more information on the status of this project.
- Work on the new water tank design is still proceeding as scheduled. This project is scheduled to start in 2027.

Stonington Water Company Report (contd.)

Ongoing Challenges

Water leaks, treatment of water obtained from granite geology, and low water supply are the most challenging issues that the Stonington Water Company must manage each year. This is especially difficult during the winter months of periods of severe drought. We will continue to work diligently to improve our system to mitigate these issues. We urge all customers and residents to report any water usage concerns to us.

Improvements to our aging infrastructure will continue, as will our commitment to our customers' satisfaction. The Water Company will continue to comply with the requirements of the State Drinking Water Program and focus on ongoing improvements to the infrastructure. Please feel free to contact us at the Town Office (207)-367-2351 (x2) or Water Company Superintendent, Matthew Betts, at (207)-266-8603 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Annaleis Hafford, *P.E., Water Company Manager*
Matthew Betts, *Water Company Superintendent*
D. Gay Atkinson II, *Water Company Operator*

Colwell Ramp Committee Report

We appreciate all of the users of the Colwell Ramp for sharing and keeping the ramp area clean. There are no trash cans at the site, so please continue to remove your trash.

The site is for boat hauling and launching; 45-minute temporary tie-ups and parking to pick up passengers, load and unload supplies or for quick errands to town. No overnight parking or unattended vehicles are permitted and will be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's Parking Ordinance.

We will continued to search for grants to help us finish the wharf. Contributions, funded through private donations and tax payer dollars, help us to manage the property and fund future improvements! We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Atkinson
Evelyn Duncan
Broc Eaton — Stonington

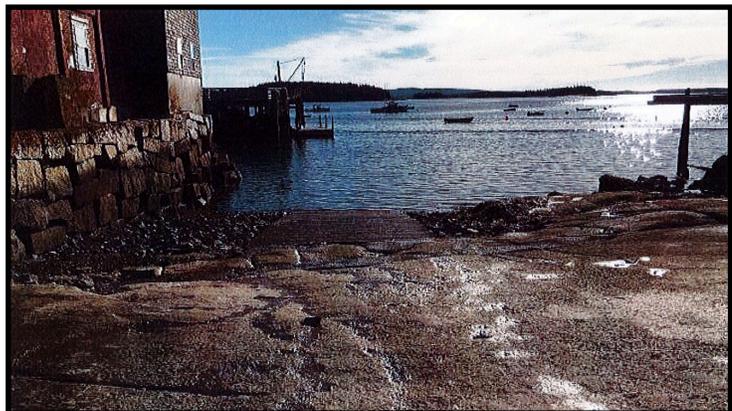


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Animal Control Officer Report

The Animal Control Office remained steadily occupied over the past year, responding to calls involving lost and stray pets, roaming dogs, nuisance concerns, welfare checks, wildlife encounters, and the occasional situation best described as “unpredictable”. As is often the case in a small town, most matters were resolved through cooperation, communication, and a practical approach from residents. Thank you to those who assisted along the way.

Dogs and humans have shared a working relationship for more than 15,000 years. Maintaining that arrangement continues to require responsibility, patience and consideration — particularly in close-knit communities such as ours.

Residents are reminded that dog licensing is required by law and remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to ensure pets are quickly returned home when they wander. Proper supervision and leashing, when appropriate, help prevent conflicts, injuries, and unnecessary misunderstandings.

Nuisance concerns remain a common source of complaints. Persistent barking and failure to clean up after pets tend to attract attention, rarely of the positive variety. Thoughtful pet ownership continues to be appreciated by neighbors.

For personal safety, caution is advised around unfamiliar animals. Even well-behaved dogs may react unpredictably when started or when approached within areas they consider their territory. When uncertain, allowing animals space is generally the safest course.

Rabies remains a legitimate concern in this region. Animals displaying erratic or unusual behavior should be reported promptly.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Animal Control Office regarding lost or found pets, stray animals, nuisance issues, suspected neglect, injured wildlife, dog bites, or other animal-related concerns. If a situation involves an animal and raises a question, concern, or complication, a phone call is usually appropriate.

Continued cooperation helps maintain both public safety and the general peace that makes small-town living possible.

With everyone’s help, the goal remains simple: fewer emergencies, fewer misunderstandings, and ideally, fewer reasons for me to meet your dog under less-than-ideal circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward “Seth” Reese,
Animal Control Officer



Code Enforcement Officer Report

Code Enforcement Officer: Brian Billings

Hours: Fridays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Phone: (207)-266-1547

Email: ceo@stoningtonmaine.org

The following building, floodplain, and land use permits were insured in conformance with the shoreland and floodplain ordinances for the Town of Stonington, for the year of 2025.

Permit Type	Number of Permits
Renovation of Existing Buildings	7
Principal Structures	4
Accessory Structures	0
Additions to Principal Structures	8
Garages/Workshops/Storage Sheds	13
Dock/Floats/Ramps	1
Earthmoving	1
Retaining Walls	1
Roads	0
Shoreline Stabilization	3
Stairs to Shore	1
Change of use	2
Temporary Permit	0
Tabled for More Information	2
Clearing & Forest Management Plan	0
Timber Harvesting	0
Deck & Patio	5
Permits Extended	0
Relocated Structure	1
Marine Skidways	0
Power & Utility Service	5
Amended Permits	1

Code Enforcement Officer Report (contd.)

Permit Type	Number of Permits
Application Withdrawal	1
Application Denied	1
Consent/Compliance Agreement	1
30% Expansion	2
Structures ordered to be Removed	1
Stop Work Order	2
Stop Work Order Lifted	2
Flood Plain Permits	5
Subdivision Applications	0
Subdivision Approved	0
After the Fact Permit	1
Foot Bridge	0
Hazard Tree Removal	2
Appeal Board Action	0
Variances Denied	0
Administration Appeal of P/B Action	0
Action to Uphold P/B Decision	0
Applications Returned to P/B	0
Voter to Reconsider Decision	0
P/B Application to Reconsider	0
Complaint Investigated	0
Modified Equipment	0
Demo Permit	4
Foundation Under Building	1
Close in the Existing Porch/Deck	1
Raise Building	2

Code Enforcement Officer Report (contd.)

Permit Type	Number of Permits
Campsite	1
Tent Platform	0
Kayak Rack	1
Remove House Trailer	1
Replace House Trailer	1
Greenhouse	1
Entrance Permit	3
Cutting Trees (House site)	3
Metal Storage Container	1
Solar Panel Roof	6
Solar Panel Ground	1
Elevator in Building	1
Cutting Dead & Fallen Trees	1
Replace Structures	0
Replace Decks	1

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian R. Billings
Code Enforcement Officer

Licensed Plumbing Inspector Report

Permit #	Owner Name	Total Fee	LPI Share	Town Share	State Share	DEP
1967	Litman	60.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	-
1968	Litman	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1969	McDonald	50.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	-
1970	Rieser	50.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	-
1971	Rollins	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1972	Brinser	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1973	Sikoshi	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1974	Ryann	50.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	-
1975	Charles	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1976	Scott	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1977	Shevenell	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1978	Litman	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1979	Ryann	50.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	-
1980	Billings	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1981	Papadopoli	110.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	-
1982	Davis	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1983	Davis	110.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	-
1984	Workforce Housing	840.00	420.00	210.00	210.00	-
1985	Workforce Housing	515.00	250.00	125.00	125.00	15.00
Totals		3390.00	1665.00	832.50	832.50	60.00

Fire Department Report

This was a busy year filled with continued growth for the fire department. We were paged out 226 times this year. 48 of those calls were in Stonington. 149 were in support of our automatic aid agreement with Deer Isle and Sedgwick and 29 were mutual aid calls for other departments.

My priorities as chief remain unchanged. They are as follows:

1. Recruit and retain volunteers
2. Train and equip our volunteers to be successful and effective
3. Continue and improve our relationship with our Deer Isle and Sedgwick automatic aid partners
4. Maintain and improve our equipment, apparatus and facilities

These are all in service of our purpose as stated in our association bylaws:

The purpose of this association shall be: to save lives, to suppress fire, and act in the benevolence of this community; and to prepare ourselves for these actions.

Our progress on these priorities is as follows:

Recruit/Retain

We continued strengthening our membership and investing in training. Our volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of service and training, demonstrating strong commitment to the department and the community. We have expanded our presence on social media to help recruit the next generation of volunteers.

Train/Equip

Two members earned Emergency Vehicle Operator (EVOG) certifications and we added three newly certified pump operators, strengthening our operational capability. We also certified four new interior firefighters -- Mallery Reece, Broc Eaton, Coleman Brown, and Christy Shahan expanding interior response capacity.

Regional Partnerships & Mutual Aid

Our partnership with Deer Isle Fire Department, Sedgwick Fire Department, Memorial Ambulance Corp and the peninsula departments continues. Our investment in recruiting, equipping and training our members means we are now able to send firefighters to help our neighboring departments. Only a few years ago we were entirely dependent on those departments for any fire calls. We now get to return that service.

Maintain/Improve

Our volunteers dedicated significant time this year to improving and maintaining our facilities, apparatus and equipment. A major focus was on enhancing the fire station, including a full exterior repaint and updated signage, improving visibility, community recognition and pride of ownership within the department.

Community Outreach & Support

Community engagement continued to be an important priority this year. We participated in and supported events including Winterfest, a children's library reading and station open house, the Fourth of July celebration, the Lobster Boat Races, Halloween parade, and the Opioid-Free Island Partnership (OFIP) recovery event. Our Fourth of July dunk tank fundraiser helped raise funds toward a trailer for our marine rescue boat, supporting expanded water-rescue capability. We are especially grateful for the generous donations of a rescue boat and outboard motor, as well as ongoing financial contributions and community support that allow us to continue serving Stonington.

Thank you for your continued support,
Steve Rittmeyer, *Stonington Fire Chief*
<https://stoningtonfd.org> <https://facebook.com/stoningtonfd>



Memorial Ambulance Report

Memorial Ambulance Corps provides 24/7 ambulance service for the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington as well as transport of patients from Isle au Haut and provides mutual aid for Peninsula Ambulance in Blue Hill.

MAC also conducts a Community Paramedicine program where we provide non-emergent visits to patients in Deer Isle and Stonington as requested by Northern Light Primary Care, Stonington, as well as other Northern Light facilities in the area. In 2025, we conducted 1,479 such visits, making our service a leader in Maine for this program. Donations and multiple grants have helped fund this program which is provided to patients at no charge.

Bill Wiegmann, EMT & President, Board of Trustees, received an Excellence Award and Genice Billings, Advanced-EMT & Community Paramedicine Coordinator received a Merit Award from Maine EMS.

This year, MAC became a 2-ambulance service for the first time in its 59 year history as we kept the previous rig when the new MAC 1 was delivered. Both ambulances are equipped to the paramedic level. MAC 2 then became operational around the end of July, 2025, and exceeded everyone's expectations as it was used for an additional 49 runs when MAC 1 was not available. When combined with the 375 runs for MAC 1, that brought the total for Memorial Ambulance in 2025 to a record 424 runs.



Scott A. Kane
Sheriff



William R. Birch
Chief Deputy

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF STONINGTON, MAINE

GREETINGS,

I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the events our Sheriff's Office was involved within your town of Stonington for the year 2025. Although most incidents were as a result of citizens from your town calling for assistance or to report a crime, some, such as the service of subpoenas, and protection orders were initiated by our office. Also remember this summary only reports those incidents we were involved in and does not include any activity by the Maine State Police.

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Call	56	In Person/phone/text/internet	4
Assist Law Enforcement	10	Information Report	34
Assist Other	3	Juvenile Runaway	1
Alarm	22	Juvenile Problem	1
Animal Problem	2	Medical Emergency	2
Assault	1	Motor Vehicle Complaint	8
Attended Death	2	Noise Complaint	1
Complaints with ATV's	2	All Court Paperwork	12
Bail Check	11	Parking Violation/Obstructing	1
Burglary	1	Traffic Accident w/ Damage	23
Check well being	13	Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	7
Citizen Requested Assistance	3	Probation Violation	2
Neighborhood Dispute	1	Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	3
Civil Problem	7	Public Service Contact	22
Disorderly Conduct	2	Property/Business Check	101
Domestic Call	3	Any Special Detail	3
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	3	Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	4
Escort	1	Theft	4
Found Property	2	Threatening	1
Fraud	2	Traffic Violation	5
Warrant Arrest	7	Trespassing	6
VIN Inspection	3	Unattended Death	1
Person with Mental Illness	2	Criminal Mischief/Damage	1
ATL Subject on a Warrant	14	Lost Property	2
Bail Violation	1	Total reported:	423

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Kane

Scott A. Kane
 Sheriff of Hancock County

Harbormaster Report

Once again 2025 was a busy year in our harbors. We purchased a new chartplotter for the Harbormaster boat this year to replace a 13 year old unit. This has made our mooring marking process a lot easier so that we can upload all of the info to Google Earth in an effort to keep all info up to date as it applies to billing. We have logged in roughly 570 moorings total for all of the harbors.

Speed through the harbor still remains an issue and we will have No Wake buoys in place in the spring to hopefully curb some of the speed issues which can cause a huge safety issue for our fishermen on their boats as well as our workers at the Co-ops and buying stations in the harbors. We have found that having the Harbormaster boat out on the water during the day has given people pause to slow down a little and look out for others.

We are still working on Hagen Dock issues with Commercial skiffs tying up there which is a violation of our Harbors and Water Ordinance and we are working with the Harbor Committee to address this. We have also reduced the size of our waiting lists for both moorings and other marine related amenities.

We could not do anything without the help from the Harbor Committee and town officials who offer us guidance throughout the year.

In closing, we would like to thank you all for your help and support throughout the year and wish you all a safe and prosperous year on the water.

Cory Robertson
Dana Webb
Deputy Harbormasters

Pier Manager Report

The Pier had another good year with minor structural repairs other than our Fuelmaster program which provides fuel to our fishermen. Age of the system has become an issue and we have purchased a new system to be installed in the spring which will hopefully alleviate the issue of needing to shut down at times to bring in an outside company (who have bent over backwards to help us out).

With the purchase of the Odd Fellows Hall by the town, we are looking into possibilities for more skiff tie-ups and less crowding at the Pier. Permits are in and we look forward to working with all involved to make this come to fruition.

The Pier is a very important asset to the town and is envied by many people who stop in to see it. We started work with a Working Waterfront committee to map town assets as it relates to the waterfront and that continues into 2026.

We did lose one dealer on the Pier but fuel sales and Pier fees continue to allow us to keep the pier running in a financially sound manner. We are committed to keeping the pier running mechanically for the benefit of our fishing community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us or stop in to visit, and we wish you all happy boating.

Cory Robertson
Dana Webb
Deputy Pier Managers

Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee 2025 Report



The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets at 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month except July and August alternating monthly between Deer Isle Town Hall and Stonington Town Hall.

We conducted 3 Conservation Events throughout the year and held a fundraiser at the Stonington Fish Pier on the 4th of July. Our first Conservation Events we finished up on our year long Seeding Initiative Project by surveying Fish Creek and Greenlaw Cove after laying seed a year earlier in these areas. Results were inconclusive for Fish Creek and positive for Greenlaw Cove where we saw at least 60% seed settle in the two plots we set last year with some growth. The last Conservation Event we walked the flats to “rough” them up and prepare them for the coming spat/seed settlement. Walking the flats helps to aerate them and gives the tiny clam seed something to latch onto when settling.



The Shellfish Committee all pitched in on the 4th of July this year selling steamed clams, clam cakes, Digger T-shirts and stickers to raise funds to help pay for our Shellfish Warden. We send a special thank you to our local Shellfish Warden for her continued years of service helping maintain our ordinance and flats.

We saw our budget in the green this year for Stonington, but still fell short of the mark for Deer Isle. We will be working this coming year to remedy this.

As always we are especially grateful to our town’s Residents, Selectmen & Managers of Deer Isle and Stonington for helping to fund and support our local Shellfish Warden and Shellfish Harvesters. It would be very hard to continue these efforts without your support.

Respectfully,
Crystal Gove
DISSCC Chair

Interlocal Housing Task Force Report

The Task Force was appointed by the select boards of both Deer Isle and Stonington in the fall of 2024 to research housing challenges on the Island and report back with recommendations to both towns within a year.

From October 2024-November 2025 the Task Force engaged in focused discussions, data gathering, and resource coordination to better understand the island's housing landscape. The group's work centered on identifying practical and proactive strategies to support a resilient year-round future. In November 2025, we presented our final report to both towns. The report is available on both of the towns' websites.

The purpose of our report is to share these strategies, and the research and data supporting them, to attract funding and inspire the towns, developers, and members of the private sector to take needed actions.

The Task Force has learned that our island has many promising solutions to support the recovery of our housing market. We have focused our recommendations on the following proposed actions:

- Develop owner-occupied family-friendly homes.
- Develop more year-round and seasonal workforce housing options (such as a campground and a manufactured home park).
- Create incentives for property owners to convert seasonal rentals to year-round use.
- Improve financial education. This includes high school coursework, and adult education as well as financial advising for prospective home buyers.
- Encourage and support building rehabilitations and accessory dwelling unit construction/conversion.

Currently there is no one group or organization with the capacity to manage the many different challenges of housing on the island. Because of that, we have recommended that each town allocate \$20,000 to hire a housing manager for one year to begin to act on these strategies. We are optimistic that our communities and community leaders have the willingness and skills to address these issues.

Respectfully submitted by Chair: Stuart Kestenbaum

Members: Richard Barnes, Jay Corvan, Pamela Dewell, Morgan Eaton, Joshua French, Hamilton Hadden, Ned Hill, Caleb Scott, Julia Zell

Staff: Holly Werner (*Maine Service Fellow, Volunteer Maine, Deer Isle & Stonington*) and Linda Nelson (*Stonington Economic & Community Development Director*)

Maine Service Fellow Report

I began my service with the Towns of Stonington and Deer Isle in May as a Maine Service Fellow with a primary focus on housing and community development. My fellowship has concentrated on advancing foundational housing work that will support the island's long-term planning and regional collaboration efforts.

A central component of my work was supporting the Interlocal Housing Task Force, including research, coordination, and drafting assistance that contributed to the completion of the Interlocal Housing Task Force Final Report. This report documents housing conditions, workforce impacts, and recommended actions to address local housing availability and affordability.

To inform this effort, I helped to conduct and analyze a Local Employer Survey with the IHTF to better understand how housing shortages are affecting local businesses and the workforce. The survey findings provided valuable data to support policy discussions and future housing initiatives. Further information about the report and survey can be found on the Town of Stonington's website at www.stoningtonmaine.org/gov/economic-development.

Additional housing-related work has included a parcel update and analysis for Deer Isle, reviewing land use and ownership data to help identify parcels that may be relevant to future housing or municipal planning efforts. I also assisted with the preparation of Stonington's Commercial Historic District Application, contributing research and coordination in support of preserving Stonington's historic character alongside thoughtful community development.

Throughout my service, I represented the Town at meetings, events, and tabling opportunities, helping share information, engage residents, and strengthen connections with regional partners. Looking ahead to my next 10-month term of service, I am eager to continue this work in collaboration with the Town's newly established Housing Manager position, a role informed by the recommendations of the Interlocal Housing Task Force and an important step toward implementing long-term housing solutions.

I am grateful for the support and collaboration of the Selectboard, Town staff, IHTF members, and community partners. It has been a privilege to contribute to housing-focused planning efforts during my time with the Town, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Stonington community.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Werner
Maine Service Fellow

Transfer Station Report

Summary

2025 was a transition year from long-term personnel to new management and staff. I was named Manager on July 1 and began to reorganize the building and grounds for greater efficiency and a more pleasant customer experience. With an emphasis on customer service and improving materials processing, we established stable staffing and made strides to address some Transfer Station deficiencies.

Every item that gets thrown into the hopper, we all pay to get it out and haul it to the landfill! It's much cheaper if we adjust our buying, reuse what we can, and recycle. It takes all of us working together to reduce the amount of trash going to the landfill. And since the Juniper Ridge landfill is almost full, it is even more urgent that we remove as much trash from the waste stream as possible. The numbers from 2024 and 2025 can be found in the table on the following page.

One step in the right direction was to stop taking tin cans you had already cleaned and sorted and throwing them in the hopper. Tin cans are now being recycled into other metal products. If, in the past, you were told not to bother recycling your cans, please start sorting them again so we keep them out of the hopper and save tax dollars.

Glass is another recyclable material that sometimes went into the hopper because it is expensive to transport. Now, all glass that has been cleaned and sorted for recycling is processed onsite. Reusable jars from local businesses are retrieved and returned to the same businesses for reuse, e.g., Yellow Birch Farm and Quills End. Mason jars are moved to the Swap Shop table, where they find their way to local kitchens. The rest is pulverized onsite.

Corrugated cardboard and mixed paper are compacted and baled onsite, then sent to be recycled. The income we receive per ton of materials has decreased over the past several years. Even as our income from these goes down, every ounce of dry cardboard and paper that we keep out of the hopper lowers our tax burden and extends the life of the Juniper Ridge landfill. Please continue to flatten those boxes and keep paper out of your trash bags. A special thank you goes to Burnt Cove Market, Stonecutters Kitchen, and Harbor View Store for flattening their cartons for our compactors; and to The Dry Dock for nearly eliminating their cardboard waste through a dedicated program of reuse.

Redeemable bottles and cans are a large portion of the recyclable items processed at the Transfer Station. Income from redeemable bottles will be used for capital improvements at the Transfer Station

According to research by the USDA and University of Maine, 30-40% of household trash consists of **food waste**. The Transfer Station had no compost activity in 2025. However, the Healthy Island Project started a public drop-off point last fall at 91 South Burnt Cove Road. Any residents who don't compost at home can help Stonington reduce taxes by using the HIP compost drop-off point.

Transfer Station Report

Material	2024 Tons	2025 Tons
Metal	144.2	102.5
Glass	2.5	12.6
Cardboard	27 + 4.2 onsite	32.5
Paper	6.6 + 9 onsite	6.5
Electronics	3817 lbs 300 mercury tubes	4608 lbs 129 mercury tubes
Demo	220	
Ash	211	
Solid Waste	1276.17	**
Total to Landfill	1707.17	1146.94

* Glass is processed onsite

** Includes 10.3 tons from Isle au Haut

While progress has been made in reducing the percentage of trash going to the landfill, there is much room for improvement. Here are some of our plans in 2026 to upgrade how Stonington's waste is handled while reducing costs:

- Improve customer service and efficiency with point of sale systems.
- Remove paint and tires from the waste stream.
- Explore a small-scale composting effort to figure out how best to proceed.
- Partner with Stonington businesses to help residents reduce packaging waste and plastic.
- Expand and improve Swap Shop to encourage more neighbors to reuse items instead of throwing them away.
- Establish market opportunities for processed glass.

Thank you for all your help and cooperation this past year. Many of you are dedicated to recycling and reducing your trash, helping us all save money. Together we can make 2026 even better.

Respectfully submitted,
Raelene Pert
Transfer Station Manager

Stonington Municipal Airport (FAA Identifier: 93B) Report

Stonington Municipal Airport (93B) continues to serve as a vital transportation asset for the Town of Stonington and the surrounding Deer Isle region. As a public-use, general aviation airport, 93B supports local business, tourism, emergency response, medical transport, and seasonal visitors.

During the 2025 calendar year, the airport maintained safe and reliable operations with no major safety incidents. Routine maintenance, airfield improvements, snow removal, and stakeholder coordination were prioritized to ensure compliance with FAA and Maine DOT Aviation standards.

Aircraft Operations:

The airport experienced steady general aviation activity, including:

- Single-engine piston aircraft (majority of operations)
- Seasonal transient traffic (May–October peak)
- Occasional charter and business aviation flights
- Medical evacuation and emergency service operations

Stonington Municipal Airport contributes to the local economy by:

- Supporting seasonal tourism
- Providing access for business and property owners
- Enabling emergency medical and public safety operations
- Supporting local fishing and maritime-related industries through business connectivity

We lost a dear airport friend Jim Jackson this past year. This year's town report is dedicated to him. He generously donated money, plus his time and energy with pilot interactions, fly in visitors, mowing and helping with the runway and buildings for many years, carrying on after Larry Snowden passed, who did it after Herb Jones. Paul Benhken has been a steadfast connection to our aviation people and taken over for Jim, caretaking our municipal airport. Jeff Bennett had our granite dedication plaque for founder Herb Jones repolished and it looks great. Jeff helps as well with airport needs and is appreciated for his knowledge and interests in the facility.

We are also looking into the airport lot itself and assessing whether additional income from hangers can be a possibility as most of the airport budget is supported by donations and small town contributions. If you can please donate when you use or fly in, and sign our book.

Kathleen Billings, *Airport Manager*
Donna Brewer, *Selectmen's Representative*





The Island Connectivity Hub at 43 School Street, in the former Stonington Schoolhouse, is a regional resource center serving Deer Isle-Stonington, the surrounding islands, and the Blue Hill Peninsula communities. Its mission is *to provide community members throughout the Deer Isle-Stonington region with tools, skills, and services needed to thrive in our changing economy, through support in workforce pathways and education, digital skill building across disciplines, and health and wellness.*

The Hub was launched in 2024 with a \$1.75 million grant from the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA). These grants created 10 Connectivity Hubs throughout the state to create better access, particularly for Maine’s rural residents, to the many educational, skill building, and health resources now available to us digitally as well as in person.

The Hub is operated by a partnership between several island organizations: the Town of Stonington, Deer Isle Adult & Community Education, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NEC), the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries (MCCF), and the Island Institute. Additionally, active collaborators in its mission include both the Chase Emerson Memorial and Stonington Public libraries; Hancock County Planning Commission; Healthy Island Project (HIP); the Island Community Center; and Project Launch.

The MCA grant is specifically designated for building and technical improvements, and is being used to restore the historic, beautiful, 1905 school building that so many island residents attended through the years until 2001. Interior renovations allowed educational and community health programming to begin in September 2024. Renovations include an office and health monitoring and telehealth equipment for Stacey Roberts, community health worker leading the Healthy Harvesters program funded by NEC and MCCF; classroom and offices, home to Deer Isle Adult and Community Education; and a makerspace, hosting tech support staff and digital technologies such as a 3D printer, large format printer, digital cutter, podcasting equipment and more in partnership with Haystack Mountain School of Crafts’ Fab Lab.

In the spring of March 2026, renovations will be completed with the installation of an elevator on the building’s north side, making the building’s daylight basement and two stories fully ADA compliant.

Watch for this construction, and plan a visit!

Town of Stonington
Fish Pier Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	
Diesel Fuel Sales	588,844.58
Fees & Permits	75,385.00
Fines & Violations	50.00
Fish Pier Misc Income	7,462.76
Pier Soda Machine Income	697.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	8,720.25
	681,159.59
Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	681,159.59
Total Income	681,159.59
Gross Profit	681,159.59
Expense	
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	
Fish Pier Diesel Purchases	552,062.85
Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs	23,633.94
Fish Pier Liability Insurance	4,155.44
Fish Pier Misc Exp	5,785.89
Fish Pier Misc Gas	84.24
Fish Pier Payroll Expenses	
Fish Pier Assistant Wages	45,168.96
Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage	951.75
Fish Pier Manager Wages	1,728.00
Fish Pier Payroll Taxes	1,077.39
Fish Pier Workers Comp	256.03
	49,182.13
Total Fish Pier Payroll Expenses	49,182.13
Fish Pier Postage	468.00
Fish Pier Printing/Copies	182.78
Fish Pier Professional Services	
Fish Pier Professional - Audit	4,400.00
Fish Pier Professional - Office	4,200.00
	8,600.00
Total Fish Pier Professional Services	8,600.00
Fish Pier Snow Removal	6,070.00
Fish Pier Soda Machine Expense	504.29
Fish Pier Supplies	584.99
Fish Pier Trash Removal	5,121.00
Fish Pier Utilities	
Fish Pier Electricity	1,955.48
Fish Pier Sewer	397.80
Fish Pier Telephone/Internet	1,566.48
Fish Pier Water	373.00
	4,292.76
Total Fish Pier Utilities	4,292.76
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES - Other	468.79
	661,197.10
Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	661,197.10
Total Expense	661,197.10
Net Ordinary Income	19,962.49
Net Income	19,962.49

Town of Stonington
Harbor P&L Last Fiscal Year
January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	
Boat Excise	9,761.00
Dinghy Fees	3,600.00
Mooring Fees	69,400.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	10,188.97
Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	92,949.97
Total Income	92,949.97
Gross Profit	92,949.97
Expense	
2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP	
Harbor Boat Expense	1,707.47
Harbor Liability Insurance	1,519.30
Harbor Misc Expense	1,730.78
Harbor Misc Gas	28.00
Harbor Payroll Expenses	
Harbor Assistant Wages	34,418.77
Harbor Payroll Taxes	788.32
Harbor Workers Comp	326.26
Harbormaster Overtime Wages	1,182.60
Harbormaster Wages	2,039.00
Total Harbor Payroll Expenses	38,754.95
Harbor Postage	312.00
Harbor Printing	241.20
Harbor Pub Landing Float Exp	10,280.00
Harbor Pub Landing Trash Removl	120.00
Harbor Snow Removal	1,001.00
Harbor Supplies	904.46
Harbor Utilities	
Harbor Electricity	1,792.80
Harbor Sewer	486.20
Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell	1,112.78
Harbor Water	192.00
Total Harbor Utilities	3,583.78
Total 2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP	60,182.94
Total Expense	60,182.94
Net Ordinary Income	32,767.03
Net Income	32,767.03

Town of Stonington
School Building Profit & Loss
 January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	
Rent Income	53,697.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	9,640.17
Total 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	63,337.17
Total Income	63,337.17
Gross Profit	63,337.17
Expense	
2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPENSE	
School Bldg Clean/Snow Rem.	7,084.60
School Bldg Heating Oil	11,299.44
School Bldg Insurance	4,035.66
School Bldg Maintenance	2,620.27
School Bldg Misc	4,158.65
School Bldg Supplies	461.22
School Bldg Trash Removal	676.00
School Bldg Utilities	12,439.91
Total 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPENSE	42,775.75
Total Expense	42,775.75
Net Ordinary Income	20,561.42
Net Income	20,561.42



Deer Isle - Stonington Chamber of Commerce

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Stonington Residents:

In accordance with its Mission Statement, the Chamber of Commerce plans to continue its advocacy for the Deer Isle/Stonington business community and the Island itself in 2026.

Throughout the past year, the Chamber has focused on the deerisle.com website, the Island Map and Guide, the Welcome Center and events such as the Fourth of July. Following are some highlights:

Deerisle.com is the place where more and more people start to look for services, shops, dining, arts and artisans, accommodations and events. Over the last year, 22,000 people visited the site, looking at 88,000 pages of business listings and events offering unparalleled visibility for businesses to people looking for information about the Island. The Chamber also sends emails to hundreds of people who expressed an interest in Stonington events and inquiries of what to do and where to go on the Island, in addition to promoting businesses happenings on the Chamber website and our Facebook page.

This year, as in past years, the Chamber produced 3,000 copies of the 2025 Map and Guide to the Island and distributes it through local businesses, Deer Isle and Stonington Town Offices, the Chamber's website and the Chamber's own Welcome Center. Thousands of copies of the 2025 Map and Guide were handed out to travelers visiting the Island.

Volunteer greeters work for hundreds of hours each Summer and Fall at the Welcome Center just over the bridge promoting Stonington businesses to hundreds of visitors. The requests for information range from where to find dining, accommodations, arts and artisans, shopping and services. The volunteers at the Welcome Center have been customers of Stonington businesses for years and serve as their brand ambassadors.

The Chamber sponsors and/or supports the Fourth of July festivities, Holiday events, and citizens' forums such as the Stonington and Deer Isle Economic Development Committees. The Chamber also issues news flashes which inform Members about important Island events and also posts these on its social media sites.

Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber appreciates the Town of Stonington's continuing support of our endeavors.

Due to increased costs and expenses, this year we are asking for a contribution of \$5500 towards the July 4th celebration, which is an increase of \$1000.00 from last year due to the increased costs of fireworks for 2026 and a contribution of \$1000 for our ongoing promotional efforts, which is an increase of \$300.00 from last year to cover anticipated higher costs for 2026 for Welcome Center maintenance, repairs and operations, updating the Chamber website and updating the Island Map & Guide to make it more suitable for the racks at Maine information centers.

Please visit our website at www.deerisle.com or our Facebook Page for more information.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Haskell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dean Haskell, President, Chamber Board of Directors
October 17, 2025

	Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce			
Ray Dinsmore	Joe Grey	Annie Taylor Gray	Dean Haskell	
Craig Hutchinson	Katy Rinehart	Erika Sanger		



Community Action in Aroostook, Washington & Hancock Counties

771 Main St., Presque Isle, ME 04769 (207) 764-3721
18 Avery Lane, Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 664-2424
www.acap-me.org

October 22, 2025

Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Municipal Representative,

We are writing to update you on an exciting and transformative development in the delivery of essential community services across Washington, Hancock and Aroostook Counties—and to ask for your continued support in ensuring those services remain strong and effective for residents of Stonington.

Efforts to establish a new, unified Community Action Agency to serve all three counties are progressing ahead of schedule. This is not a merger, but a strategic transformation. Downeast Community Partners (DCP) has formally transitioned programs and services to Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP), and leaders across the region are working to establish a new three county entity. In 2026, we expect to launch a new agency—with a new name and a tri-county governing board—designed specifically to meet the unique needs of Downeast and Northern Maine.

This transition has prioritized people above all.

Essential programs such as Head Start, Child Care, Energy and Housing Services, Whole Family Services, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Elder Services (including Friendship Cottage) have successfully transitioned. Most of the same hardworking and dedicated DCP program staff are ensuring continuity of services with the familiar, trusted faces that residents in your community know.

At a time when many critical services are being decreased or eliminated, your town's local support is more important than ever because it will directly benefit your residents in need.

The return on this investment is significant because it enables the agency to attract more dollars for heating assistance, housing repair, early childhood education, family supports, and elder care from federal, state, and private resources - which allows us to assist more people in your town and across the region.

Among the changes in our efforts region-wide is the way in which we turn to our municipal partners for partnership and support. Accordingly, and moving forward, we are respectfully requesting a **\$0.40 per capita** contribution based on your municipality's 2020 Census population to help us continue delivering high-impact services in your community.

For Stonington, that requested amount for 2026 is **\$421.60**.

Enclosed are the following documents that support our request for allocation of funding from your municipality for the coming year:



November 7, 2025

Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Re: Third Party Request

Dear Selectmen and Residents:

Please find this as Downeast Transportation's funding request for FY '27.

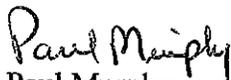
Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. This is the same amount we have requested from the town for many years.

We continue to strive to provide the best public transportation possible, in the face of significant cost increases, without increasing our burden on the communities of Hancock County.

Please note: If Downeast Transportation finds itself with a surplus at the end of our fiscal year, we will carry that surplus over to defray operating costs in the next fiscal year. Please let us know if that is not satisfactory to you.

Please call if you have any questions.

Best regards,


Paul Murphy
General Manager

6/2/27



Eastern Area Agency on Aging

240 State Street

Brewer, ME 04412

(207) 941-2865 (800) 432-7812

www.eaaa.org

Town of Stonington

Thank you for your continued support of Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA). Our mission is to help older adults, caregivers, and adults with disabilities across Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington counties stay healthy, independent, and connected to their communities.

Your support makes a lasting impact:

- **13,571 people** received help from our Resource Specialists.
- **1,816 Medicare appointments** saved community members over **\$1.5 million**.
- **215,684 meals** were delivered to homes, and **4,454** were served at community sites.
- **498 volunteers** contributed more than **24,000 hours** of service.

As a nonprofit serving 13,000 square miles, we rely on municipal partnerships to sustain this level of care.

This year, we face serious **funding challenges**. Federal support through the National Council on Aging ends in **November**, and temporary COVID-era grants that expanded local outreach have expired. These changes forced position reductions and tighter budgets, especially in rural areas where residents depend on trusted, local support.

Our **Nutrition Program** has also been **flat-funded** while food costs have climbed **35% in three years**—a reality that stretches every dollar and limits how many people we can reach. We're working hard to avoid major service reductions, but the strain is real.

As you plan your town's budget, please know that **local support is more critical than ever**. Demand for our services continues to rise, and the need for meal assistance has **doubled since 2019**, with more than **200 older adults** waiting for Meals on Wheels.

Marie, one of our clients, shared:

"Just to have food in the house, and be able to eat a meal that has meat, is a gift. Most of the time, what I eat, I get from Meals on Wheels. Before I learned about the agency, I wouldn't have been able to survive."

We respectfully ask for your continued support:

- **Last year's allocation:** \$3,000
- **Request for 2025:** \$3,500

Your partnership helps us continue caring for older and disabled adults across our region. Please reach out if you'd like more information about our work in your community.

With appreciation,

Christopher Hill

Director of Development & Communications
Eastern Area Agency on Aging

HIP healthy island project

October 2025

Enhancing the broad health of the Deer Isle-Stonington community through...

- *active island*
- *age-friendly island*
- *edible island*
- *engaged island*
- *mindful island*

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Friends of HIP,

Each year, HIP continues to grow in response to the needs of our neighbors and the widening gaps in social services. Our mission is steadfast and year round: to enhance the broad health of the Deer Isle-Stonington community. With our community's enthusiastic participation, we continue to run a mix of ongoing programs and special events which are focused on nutritional support and bringing islanders together to encourage health and social connections. Here's a snapshot of what we do:

- **HIP LunchBox** meals for older islanders, freshly made and delivered (130 weekly)
- **Salt Air Seniors** events and **Wednesday Morning Coffee Group**
- **Bridging Neighbors** resource navigation for older islanders to help them remain safe and supported as they age in place
- **WinterFest, the Bike Rodeo, and Community Breakfasts**
- **HIP Pantries, School Backpack Program and Pantries, and Free Produce Days**
- **Fuel Up! Food-Fitness-Fun and A Matter of Balance** (with Coastline PT)
- **Edible Island Cooking Workshops** and weekly **FarmDrop Pick-Up**

Our new HQ in Stonington is home to the HIP Pantry, HIP programs, the HIP Community Kitchen, and a growing number of other community programs such as the new DIS Community Chorus. We are thrilled to see how we are able to serve our community from this fantastic space.

HIP is hyper-local and hyper-focused on the people of Deer Isle and Stonington. We do not receive State or Federal funding, relying solely on private donations, grant funding, and support from the towns to fund what we do. Thousands and thousands of volunteer hours by over one hundred phenomenal volunteers paired with our small, resourceful, and dedicated staff keep us the responsive and nimble organization we are, focused on meeting the needs of islanders with joy, dignity, and respect.

We are grateful to the Town of Stonington for your ongoing support. With rising costs and our ever-expanding offering of social supports, our anticipated 2026 budget is \$420,000, a 15% increase from 2025. We respectfully request 3% of our overall budget from the Town of Stonington, which equals \$12,600. Your continued support will allow all islanders to live healthier, happier lives.

René Colson
Executive Director



Susan Toder
Board President



**Report to the taxpayers and residents of Stonington for the year 2025
Appropriation Request 2026**

As we approach 2026, the Island Community Center (ICC) proudly celebrates 24 years of enriching island life through inclusive programs and events that promote wellness and foster connection among residents and visitors alike.

As 2024 ended, the Island Community Center was honored to lead the Festival of Trees—a cherished fundraiser that enabled us to provide meaningful support to our local fire departments and other local organizations. In 2025 our fitness center experienced continued growth and has solidified its role as a cornerstone of community health and wellness. With a range of membership options and a dedicated scholarship fund, the center remains open and accessible to all who wish to participate. We are especially proud to offer complimentary fitness center memberships to all EMS responders from Stonington and Deer Isle, in recognition of their vital service to our community. Summer programs such as Camp Kooky continued to thrive making the season fulfilling and busy as ever.

Financially, ICC closes the year in a stable position with a healthy reserve. However, approximately 80% of our operations are funded through usage fees, individual donations, grants, and special events. Public funding from the Towns of Stonington and Deer Isle remain essential to bridge the gap, especially as we face rising costs in utilities, heating, and facility maintenance.

As we move forward with a strategic plan to address community and facility needs, we respectfully ask for taxpayers' support for our general operations in the amount of \$13,000. This commitment will enable the ICC to continue to offer high-quality programs that serve our neighbors and enrich the community at large. We recognize the need to use public monies appropriately, with much effort placed in wise choices, and we pledge to do so. We are committed to meeting the needs of this community and to reaching all segments of our island population. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in the past and for your serious consideration of this year's request. We encourage any questions regarding our finances, facility, or programs. (367-2735)

Respectfully submitted,
The Island Community Center Board of Trustees

Torri Robbins, Co-President
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ISLAND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Dear Residents of Stonington,

This year, we again respectfully request \$6,000 from each island Town to support our work in addressing a housing need which continues to grow, straining working individuals, island families, and the businesses that employ them. These funds are requested to help support the completion and availability of rental apartments at Thurlow's Way on Cemetery Road in Stonington, a designated "growth area" in the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Since 2023, Island Workforce Housing's complex in Deer Isle -- Oliver's Ridge -- has delivered affordable apartments to island teachers and other school employees (half of our capacity this past year), food service workers at Stonecutters Kitchen, 44 North, and Aragosta, a carpenter, fishermen, and a bank employee. Affordable housing means that the cost of rent is no more than 30% of income, enabling those in the household to save for a down payment on a home of their own and more comfortably manage their personal needs.

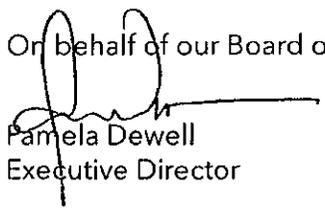
When complete, Thurlow's Way will provide 12 year-round rental apartments within walking distance of downtown Stonington. Six one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments will be available to households earning between 80% and 140% of the area median income. In 2025, that was between \$54,000 - \$94,500 for a single person, or \$77,000 - \$135,000 for a family of four. These members of our community are sometimes referred to as the "missing middle" as there are currently no funding programs to support the development of housing for our local workforce, even as market forces continue to drive the cost of housing on the island out of their reach.

New studies continue to reinforce the findings of the *Housing Needs Assessment* IWH commissioned in 2019. Addressing demand for year-round rental housing is necessary to achieve generally agreed-upon goals for our island community: 1) Ensure younger residents put down roots in Deer Isle-Stonington, supporting school district enrollment, local volunteer organizations, and community group membership; 2) Establish a larger customer base of year-round residents for local businesses; 3) Better enable businesses to attract and retain workers; and 4) Create a more vibrant culture and a stronger sense of place that is attractive to both current and potential residents.

Neither the need, nor IWH's response, has changed since the 2019 study and we continue our mission **to create housing solutions in Deer Isle and Stonington that are permanently affordable to individuals and families working in these communities. Housing these valued community members is a critical first step in securing the longevity of the economic development and civic health and well-being of the island.**

We expect to again raise the money from private sources as there is currently no state or federal funding available for median-income workforce housing. We are also exploring several other models to deliver additional affordable housing in both Towns. Please accept our sincere thanks for demonstrating your past support as well as your consideration this year!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and committed volunteers,


Pamela Dewell
Executive Director

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PO BOX 523 - DEER ISLE ME 04627 · WWW.ISLANDWORKFORCEHOUSING.ORG



November 2025

Kathleen Billings, Town Manager
Town of Stonington
32 Main St
Stonington, ME 04681

Greetings,

We are fortunate to call Maine home. It is a state defined by its rugged beauty, close-knit communities, and resilient people. That spirit of resilience and connection is at the heart of LifeFlight of Maine's mission.

Since 1998, we have transported over 41,000 patients, rapidly delivering ICU-level care to people facing the worst moments of their lives — cardiac arrests, strokes, traumatic injuries, and newborn medical emergencies. **In this moment when our healthcare system seems fragile, LifeFlight continues to respond to greater demand for its services statewide. We cannot do it alone. We need your community's support.**

In the last 27 years, LifeFlight has transported 101 patients from Stonington. Each transport represents someone whose life depended on the speed, skill, and ICU-level care our teams deliver. When you support LifeFlight, you are investing in your own community's access to critical care.

Please consider giving a gift of \$528, based on a \$0.5 per capita rate. We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to our mission. We know that communities like yours have many important priorities. Supporting LifeFlight is one of the most direct, impactful ways to invest in the health and safety of Maine's people.

Thank you for believing in our mission, thank you for standing with us, and thank you for helping LifeFlight ensure access to critical care when it is needed most for every community in Maine.

Enclosed are FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map depicting where the patients we transported last year live, and a map of Maine communities that support LifeFlight — as you'll see, it takes all of us coming together to make this work. We encourage you and the leaders in your community to reach out to us with any questions. If you need additional information or a specific application form is required to accompany this request, please let us know.

With grateful appreciation,

Joe Kellner
Chief Executive Officer
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
The LifeFlight Foundation



The LifeFlight Foundation | PO Box 859, Augusta, ME 04332

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**Town of Stonington
Non-profit Request for Financial Contribution**

OPIATE-FREE ISLAND PARTNERSHIP

Organization Name: Opiate-Free Island Partnership **Federal Non-Profit ID#:** 82-1562516
Contact Name: Charlie Osborn **Address:** PO Box 295 Deer Isle, ME 04627
Telephone #: 207-348-5255 **E-mail:** cposborn@gmail.com

Requested funding amount: \$5,000 (same as last year) **Date of request:** 10/30/2025

Program(s)

What services do you provide to the Town of Stonington residents? OFIP makes Narcan and fentanyl test strips available in the Deer Isle-Stonington community free of charge. Year-to-date in 2025 OFIP has distributed over 400 boxes of Narcan at public events like the Blue Hill Fair, the Stonington Boat Races, and Winterfest; in trainings for Island organizations like the Deer Isle and Stonington Fire Departments and the DIS schools; and to businesses large and small, from Billings Marine to Eggemoggin Country Store. More than 75 business, non-profit, school, F/V, and municipal sites around the Island now host a free OFIP Opioid rescue kit containing four doses of Narcan for public overdose emergencies.

Are specific segments of the Stonington population the focus of your programs? OFIP programs serve those in the Stonington community affected by opiate use disorder, including those dependent on drugs and their families, friends, schools, employers, and communities. Programs also serve students in the DI-S schools.

How many of the Stonington residents have used your services in the past year?

- Free NARCAN trainings at Winterfest, the Stonington Boat Races, Fishermen's Day, and the Blue Hill Fair; for Billings Marine, the Deer Isle and Stonington Fire Departments, etc.
- 30+ free rescue kits for opioid emergencies distributed to Stonington business and municipal sites.
- Drug education, resilience-building, and NARCAN training events in the DI-S schools including Black Balloon Day, Yellow Tulip Day, Red Ribbon Week, and others.

Funding Request

How was the amount of your request determined? OFIP steadily reduced its town warrant requests over time in line with its transition to private funding, from \$20K for 2017 and 2018, to \$10K for 2019, \$7.5K for 2020 and 2021, and \$5K for 2022-2026.

Do you seek funding from other towns? Town of Deer Isle.

Did you use the same method of determining the amount of your request from other towns? Yes.

How would your services to Stonington change if no funds were appropriated? A budget reduction of \$5K would limit OFIP's critical partnership with AMHC for the services of Ashley L. Pesek, LCSW, which supports OFIP's training and distribution of NARCAN and fentanyl test strips, collaboration with the schools, needle exchange program, and confidential assistance to members of the Stonington community in navigating the landscape of harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

Financial Summary

Please attach a summary of the current year's financial results, including revenues (by source) and expenses, and a summary balance sheet. As of 10/30/2025 OFIP P&L Detail and Balance Sheet statements for its fiscal year ending 6/30/2025 are being prepared by our bookkeeper and will be forwarded as soon as available.

What percent (%) is received from municipal funding? Estimate for OFIP FY 2025-2026: 4% Stonington, 4% Deer Isle.

OPERA HOUSE.

Arts

PO Box 56
Stonington, ME 04681
operahousearts.org
207-367-2788

October 28, 2025

Select Board and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9, Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Select Board and Residents of Stonington,

On behalf of the staff and board directors of Opera House Arts, thank you for your generous support in 2025. I am writing now to ask you to renew your support in 2026 at the \$7,500 level to help us keep our doors open year-round, to serve the residents of Stonington, and to create even more opportunities to foster a sense of community and belonging through the arts.

In 2025, 7,200 people from 48 states attended over 100 programs at the Stonington Opera House. 1 in 5 attendees live on Deer Isle, and 1 in 10 are residents of Stonington. We distributed free tickets to 121 Hancock County students and ½ price tickets to 143 people from Maine age 17 and under.

Opera House Arts preserves and promotes our local history and identity while boosting our island economy. People who buy tickets for Opera House Arts programs spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on local businesses and services. A visitor from the Bangor area left us a note after a performance:

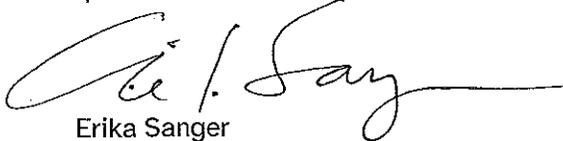
I attended Matinicus in July and brought my husband and 5 friends with me. I received an email about Rooted and invited my daughter to come with me. We dined locally and shopped each trip. This will now be on our list of things to do each summer!

As we celebrated our first 25 years as a non-profit, we removed financial barriers to a third of our 2025 programs. We started a new Film Club series, restored Pay What You Can nights for live theater, and moved Live! for \$5 programs to 6pm for better access. Our 2025 Audience Surveys showed that 83% of "Live! for \$5" audiences traveled less than 15 miles to attend the program.

I really appreciate the Live for \$5 programming. It makes it possible for me to take my grandkids to live performances that would be less affordable and therefore less frequently attended by us. Thank you!

In 2026, programs at the Stonington Opera House Arts will honor our Downeast history and heritage, give voice to our community, and welcome audiences to performances at our unique, historic theater. Your support helps make everything we do possible and accessible.

With humble thanks in advance for your consideration,



Erika Sanger
Executive Director



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

October 22, 2025

Select Board and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Community Leaders,

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I am writing to respectfully request your municipality's support for delivery of our humanitarian mission – preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of life's emergencies.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters across the country—ranging from home fires to storms and floods—providing shelter, food, emotional support, and recovery assistance to those affected. In Northern New England, more than 1,800 trained volunteers work tirelessly to support local families, train residents in lifesaving skills, and ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for hospitals. In our most recent fiscal year, we:

- Responded to **525 disasters**, the majority of which were home fires, assisting nearly **2,200 people**.
- Trained more than **41,000 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills
- Collected over **137,000 blood products**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross to meet the need for lifesaving blood.
- Installed more than **2,800 free smoke alarms** to help keep local residents safe.

Your partnership is vital. *This year, we respectfully request consideration for a contribution of \$750.00.* With your support, we can continue to prepare local residents for life's emergencies, and when emergencies do happen, ensure that help is available at no cost to those impacted.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached service delivery summary. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Together in service,

Stephanie Couturier
Regional Executive

32 N. Prospect St.
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St.
Concord, NH 03301

524 Forest Ave.
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne

American Red Cross of Northern New England



STONINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 15, 2025

Town of Stonington
32 Main Street
Stonington, Maine, 04681

Dear Town of Stonington,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am writing to request funding to continue your support for Stonington Public Library (SPL). With a wide range of offerings, SPL has shown how vital it is to the town of Stonington and to the wider community on island and across the peninsula.

The statistics over the past year, October 2024 to September 2025, speak for themselves. They include 6,852 visitors, 3,792 items borrowed, 2,443 Wi-Fi users, and nearly 1,000 volunteer hours. The circulation numbers include patron activity on our digital collections—Hancock County Download Library (HCDL), CloudLibrary, and Kanopy—which give registered patrons 24/7 access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and streaming video. SPL joined HCDL and *The New York Times* All Access, another countywide collaboration giving patrons at participating libraries free access to all NYT content, at the beginning of 2025. SPL has added 495 items to our physical collection. Our interlibrary loan numbers remain robust: 706 items borrowed from and 835 items loaned to libraries all across Maine.

SPL has offered a vast array of programs and activities over the past year. Since October 2024, SPL has provided over 150 hours of programming for all ages and spanning diverse interests. Attendance across 118 events has totaled 2,222 participants, or 1,679 adults and 543 youth. Programs include activities for pre-k children, Music with Abby and Read with Tenny (a therapy dog); school-aged children, Second Saturday Story Time and a Build Your Own Board Game workshop; and adults, seasonal art exhibits and a monthly Reader's Choice book club.

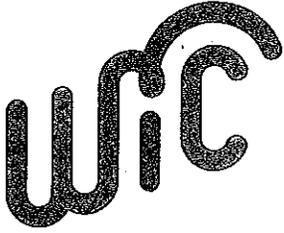
Our fundraising efforts this year were just as diverse. We returned to the Farmer's Market and had a booth at the Fourth of July celebration on the pier. A three-day historical fiction writing workshop with the author Ben Shattuck was a great success. We also offered sunset cruises, barn concerts, and other fundraising events in addition to our traditional appeals.

In order to continue to provide such offerings, we are seeking a total funding amount of \$25,000. This funding will be used to support the library further, and provide more programming and resources for our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Emily Newell, Secretary



WIC Program
248 State St. Suite 3A, Box #10
Ellsworth, ME 04605
Tel: 667-5304 ext. 7228 Fax: 667-6117
Serving Washington and Hancock Counties



November 4, 2025

Selectboard and Residents
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Selectboard Residents,

This year, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program celebrates fifty years of service to some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Time flies when you are doing the good work for good people! Once again this year, I am reaching out to the towns we serve and asking for your continued support. At its core mission, WIC provides essential, nutritious foods for income-eligible women who are pregnant, have just given birth and may be breastfeeding and customized food packages for infants (including formula) and children up to the age of five years old.

In addition to the federal funded part of our program, WIC is proud to also support families through our Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and produce gleaning initiatives, free infant and toddler car seats and safety checks, free well water test kits, oral hygiene supplies, diapers, baby wipes, books and more! We have an extensive breastfeeding program that offers one-to-one peer counseling, prenatal and post-partum education, breastfeeding supplies and loaner breast pumps – all of which are critical to a family's ability to feed their babies. It may also surprise you to know that our WIC agency provides counseling and support (including medical formulas) for high risk infants and children, Comfort Cases for children entering into foster care.

Last year, 28 residents from the Town of Stonington participated in WIC, receiving \$20,496 in food benefits. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$1,400, representing \$50 per resident served last year from the Town. Federal funding will match up to \$2,000 of municipal contributions, amplifying your support and enabling WIC to serve even more young families in need.

We are proud to serve our communities throughout Hancock and Washington counties and understand the critical need to be accessible, especially in our more rural areas. In addition to our main offices in Ellsworth, Machias and Calais, we provide in-person access through our outreach clinics in Bucksport, Stonington, Milbridge, and Eastport. Your local community support is so important to our mission and we hope you will consider saying "yes". Without financial support from the towns we serve, we simply would not be able to provide as much as we do for our families. We are grateful for your consideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

With much gratitude,

Tamara J. Wilson
WIC Director
667-5304 Ext 7245 Fax 667-6117
twilson@mainefamilyplanning.org

Town of Stonington, Maine Cemetery
& Athletic Awards Trusts Reconciliation

December 31, 2025

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income Interest Earned	Disburse. Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
Anderson, Mabel	500.00	988.13	35.85	-	500.00	1,023.98
Anderson, Millard	200.00	214.49	7.78	-	200.00	222.27
Bailey, Marjorie Estate	2,000.00	2,138.11	77.57	-	2,000.00	2,215.69
Barter & Burrill	400.00	519.93	18.86	-	400.00	538.79
Barter, Mary	300.00	596.99	21.66	-	300.00	618.65
Billings, Llewelyn & Ursula	500.00	2,509.42	91.04	-	500.00	2,600.46
Billings, Mabel & William	300.00	363.61	13.19	-	300.00	376.80
Eban Candage & George Eaton	500.00	1,429.23	51.85	-	500.00	1,481.09
Castallucci-Donatelli	200.00	214.49	7.78	-	200.00	222.27
Collins, Charles & Lucy	100.00	484.19	17.57	-	100.00	501.76
Coombs, James & Celeste	150.00	550.52	19.97	-	150.00	570.50
Cousins, Percy	400.00	502.22	18.22	-	400.00	520.44
Cripps, Ernest T	300.00	609.78	22.12	-	300.00	631.91
Dunham, Laura	500.00	663.89	24.09	-	500.00	687.98
Eaton, Chester	1,000.00	4,221.57	153.16	-	1,000.00	4,374.73
Eaton, Joseph	100.00	101.54	3.68	-	100.00	105.22
Eaton, Nora	300.00	1,064.08	38.61	-	300.00	1,102.69
Fifield, Lila E	245.86	734.51	26.65	-	245.86	761.16
Frink	1,000.00	1,420.26	51.53	-	1,000.00	1,471.78
Greene, Amanda & Sullivan	200.00	326.17	11.83	-	200.00	338.00
Greene, Sullivan	200.00	257.93	9.36	-	200.00	267.29
Greenlaw, William L	500.00	1,427.53	51.79	-	500.00	1,479.32
Gross, Frank	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
Gross, Lawrence	300.00	677.16	24.57	-	300.00	701.73
Hamlin-Gross	200.00	128.27	4.65	-	200.00	132.92
Judkins, Edith	9,576.66	21,542.93	781.59	-	9,576.66	22,324.53
Judkins, Ruel & Harry	600.00	1,031.93	37.44	-	600.00	1,069.37
Knowlton & Coombs	200.00	692.97	25.14	-	200.00	718.11
McDonald, Stephen	100.00	101.44	3.68	-	100.00	105.12
McGuire, Frank	300.00	587.82	21.33	-	300.00	609.15
McKenzie, Smith, Goodrich	200.00	935.60	33.94	-	200.00	969.54
McMahon, Dennis	350.00	664.25	24.10	-	350.00	688.35
Merrill & Merrill	1,000.00	2,036.48	73.89	-	1,000.00	2,110.37
Milne, Alexander	500.00	751.51	27.27	-	500.00	778.78
Morey, Lena	377.00	532.68	19.33	-	377.00	552.01
Noyes, George B	200.00	901.27	32.70	-	200.00	933.97
Parson, Celia	300.00	581.06	21.08	-	300.00	602.14
Pray, Jessie M	50.00	17.79	0.65	-	50.00	18.43
Richardson, Gordon & Lida	300.00	439.26	15.94	-	300.00	455.20
Robbins, Abbie	200.00	214.49	7.78	-	200.00	222.27
Robbins, James & Sarah	300.00	371.55	13.48	-	300.00	385.03
Saunders, William & Mary	100.00	194.10	7.04	-	100.00	201.14
Sturdee, Thomas	500.00	833.26	30.23	-	500.00	863.49
Thurlow & Hundley	2,900.00	4,016.90	145.74	-	2,900.00	4,162.64
Thurlow, Louise	150.00	248.51	9.02	-	150.00	257.52
Turley-Herrick	200.00	241.71	8.77	-	200.00	250.48
Webster, Nattie	300.00	960.52	34.85	-	300.00	995.37
Welch, Hattie & Guy	100.00	365.46	13.26	-	100.00	378.72
Cemetery Trusts Grand Totals	29,399.52	60,407.52	2,191.63	-	29,399.52	62,599.15
Donald Bartlett Scholarship	227.50	990.05	35.92	3.00	227.50	1,028.97
Stephen McDonald Scholarship	100.00	392.73	14.25	4.00	100.00	410.98
Athletic Awards Trusts Grand Totals	327.50	1,382.78	50.17	-	327.50	1,439.95

TRUSTS TOTAL 61,790.30 2,241.80

DT General Fund 440.19

Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
40 R	Banfield Jr., Alfred T	2025	1,712.27	0.00	1,712.27
433 R	BETTS, MATTHEW B	2025	953.19	0.00	953.19
305 R	BILLINGS, NORMAN W & LILLIAN ANDERSON	2025	510.62	502.02	8.60
536 R	BLOCK, ROGER T	2025	173.02	172.98	0.04
870 R	Bloom, Michael L	2025	3,210.37	3,088.68	121.69
104 R	Booth, Judith Fowler	2025	348.15	0.00	348.15
108 R	Bowker, Lindsay N	2025	5,661.66	2,947.05	2,714.61
1397 R	Burgess, Brian K	2025	3,443.52	3,425.12	18.40
1239 R	CARTER, JEREMY	2025	3,594.39	20.91	3,573.48
196 R	Clough, Jason	2025	365.03	0.00	365.03
301 R	CLOUGH, JASON J	2025	1,436.91	1,392.13	44.78
1347 R	COOPER, AUDREY O	2025	257.42	0.00	257.42
223 R	COX, DANIEL M	2025	4,305.46	0.96	4,304.50
235 R	Crowell, Thomas	2025	1,336.69	12.86	1,323.83
269 R	DAMON, WILLIAM J	2025	895.70	861.72	33.98
859 R	EATON, CHERYL	2025	1,837.81	0.00	1,837.81
1318 R	EATON, DAWN & GAVIN (LIFE ESTATE)	2025	345.51	249.33	96.18
293 R	Eaton, Dennis C	2025	926.29	0.00	926.29
312 R	EATON, RONALD M	2025	245.29	0.00	245.29
324 R	Eaton, Timothy	2025	1,884.76	0.00	1,884.76
329 R	EDWARDS, RAYMOND W	2025	351.32	1.49	349.83
351 R	Fifield, Wallace W	2025	1,286.05	1,283.41	2.64
1352 R	Friedell, Peter	2025	1,945.42	0.00	1,945.42
1353 R	Friedell, Peter	2025	2,255.59	0.00	2,255.59
415 R	Gove, Jeffrey	2025	181.46	0.00	181.46
426 R	Gray, Everett G	2025	651.46	38.81	612.65
685 R	GRAY, JEREMIAH	2025	676.26	0.00	676.26
309 R	Gray, Penny Rose	2025	1,773.46	300.00	1,473.46
452 R	Greenlaw Jr., Lawrence P	2025	2,988.29	2,732.50	255.79
461 R	GRINDAL, AARON C	2025	5,156.84	0.00	5,156.84
1292 R	GRINDAL, DARCY J	2025	165.64	0.02	165.62
1293 R	GRINDAL, DARCY J	2025	168.80	0.00	168.80
1294 R	GRINDAL, DARCY J	2025	168.80	0.00	168.80
1295 R	GRINDAL, DARCY J	2025	166.69	0.00	166.69
1299 R	GRINDAL, DARCY J	2025	165.64	0.00	165.64
462 R	Gross, Adelbert	2025	1,782.95	8.03	1,774.92
463 R	Gross, Adelbert	2025	9.50	0.00	9.50
485 R	Hagerthy, Allan	2025	237.38	0.00	237.38
510 R	Hardy, Ruth	2025	278.52	313.89	-35.37
518 R	Haskell, Peter	2025	2,399.60	2,385.30	14.30
259 R	HASKELL, PETER S, INC	2025	2,520.40	2,505.38	15.02
1379 R	Hellstedt, Jon	2025	4,731.68	4,637.98	93.70
43 R	Hero, Lindsey R	2025	1,251.23	0.00	1,251.23
1149 R	Hero, Lindsey R	2025	1,320.86	0.00	1,320.86
547 R	Holland Heirs, Alvernon	2025	444.16	0.00	444.16
549 R	Holland, Edith	2025	2,016.11	0.00	2,016.11

Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
795 R	HUDGINS, ALVIN	2025	4,453.16	4,428.46	24.70
677 R	Huggins, Cleo	2025	808.13	7.77	800.36
1170 R	HUGGINS, CLEO	2025	3,497.33	0.00	3,497.33
420 R	i5 HOLDINGS LLC	2025	1,941.20	0.00	1,941.20
585 R	Indian Point Realty Trust	2025	208.89	105.00	103.89
664 R	Indian Point Realty Trust	2025	2,254.54	1,127.27	1,127.27
533 R	JDCH Limited Liability Company	2025	3,772.68	3,448.00	324.68
534 R	JDCH Limited Liability Company	2025	319.67	296.00	23.67
607 R	John Jarvis Revocable Trust	2025	948.45	0.00	948.45
289 R	JONES, DAVID JR	2025	765.93	0.00	765.93
629 R	Jones, David Jr	2025	739.56	0.00	739.56
626 R	JONES, JAMES ALVAN	2025	1,914.30	0.00	1,914.30
646 R	JOST, GRETCHEN	2025	377.69	0.00	377.69
647 R	JOST, GRETCHEN	2025	299.62	0.00	299.62
670 R	Klemenz Sr., Peter J	2025	1,260.73	0.00	1,260.73
669 R	Klemenz, Laurie Ann	2025	1,183.18	0.00	1,183.18
665 R	LARRABEE, JENNIFER	2025	6,684.48	6,619.92	64.56
113 R	LARRABEE, JOSHUA STEPHEN	2025	1,704.35	0.00	1,704.35
703 R	Lawson, Kim	2025	1,368.86	0.00	1,368.86
719 R	Lund, Andrew & Ruth	2025	8,967.50	0.00	8,967.50
487 R	MacDonald, Jennifer	2025	932.09	0.00	932.09
738 R	Marden, Herrick	2025	5,748.70	0.00	5,748.70
779 R	Michaelson Family Trust	2025	5,809.89	5,799.15	10.74
126 R	MURPHY, JARED M	2025	553.88	0.00	553.88
206 R	Nevels, Forrest	2025	1,552.96	0.00	1,552.96
1302 R	NOLAN, HEIDI DANIELLE; ALLEN, DANIELLE MARINA;	2025	2,206.53	0.00	2,206.53
127 R	Oliver, Lucas	2025	1,479.64	0.00	1,479.64
871 R	OSWALT ANDERSEN TRUST , THE DATED JULY 4TH 1996	2025	401.96	0.00	401.96
1289 R	PLANET GREEN BUILDING SERVICES, LLC	2025	2,961.39	2,957.74	3.65
916 R	Ray Heirs, Edgar	2025	1,257.03	0.00	1,257.03
751 R	Read, Jean E	2025	2,268.25	728.00	1,540.25
879 R	RIEMERSMA, RICK	2025	739.56	738.80	0.76
955 R	Robinson, Craig J	2025	774.90	10.43	764.47
963 R	Rockefeller, Peter	2025	2,931.85	0.00	2,931.85
378 R	ROLLINS, DENNIS A	2025	2,444.96	2,469.41	-24.45
976 R	Rovnyansky, Yelena AKA Yelena Kunkel	2025	2,615.35	0.00	2,615.35
1381 R	Scott, Priscilla G	2025	2,257.17	951.66	1,305.51
527 R	SIEBERT, BECKY A	2025	2,439.69	2,231.00	208.69
1390 R	SIMMONDS, BARBARA B	2025	2,904.42	978.52	1,925.90
18 R	Stonington Sunset House, LLC	2025	5,926.99	0.00	5,926.99
1109 R	Sullivan, Charles	2025	2,073.60	2,073.70	-0.10
913 R	Taylor, Austin	2025	1,769.24	0.00	1,769.24
914 R	Taylor, Austin	2025	3,508.93	0.00	3,508.93
915 R	Taylor, Austin	2025	15,539.10	0.00	15,539.10

Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2025-1
As of: 12/31/2025

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
1116 R	Tea Hill Enterprises LLC	2025	327.05	0.00	327.05
1190 R	THOMPSON, DAWNA	2025	2,067.80	0.00	2,067.80
1121 R	Thompson, Dawna F	2025	376.64	0.00	376.64
1127 R	Thompson-Weed, Susan	2025	2,222.36	2,221.42	0.94
1132 R	Trundy, Daniel M	2025	2,249.79	0.00	2,249.79
1317 R	TRUNDY, MATTHEW B	2025	394.57	394.16	0.41
1138 R	Trundy, Ricky	2025	233.16	0.00	233.16
1161 R	Varisco, Stuart	2025	945.28	0.00	945.28
1349 R	VARISCO, STUART	2025	2,140.60	0.00	2,140.60
869 R	WHITLEY, NICHOLAS EDWARD	2025	11,128.14	107.06	11,021.08
1249 R	Wilson, Henry	2025	4,077.58	0.00	4,077.58
1259 R	Zanke, Dominic	2025	2,281.97	2,281.03	0.94
Total for 102 Bills:		102 Accounts	211,551.44	66,855.07	144,696.37

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
C - Correction	-12,447.23	0.00	0.00	-12,447.23
D - Discount	24.45	0.00	0.00	24.45
P - Payment	63,848.99	0.00	0.00	63,848.99
U - Tax Club	14,151.39	0.00	0.00	14,151.39
Y - Prepayment	1,277.47	0.00	0.00	1,277.47
Total	66,855.07	0.00	0.00	66,855.07

Non Lien Summary

2025-1	102	144,696.37
Total	102	144,696.37



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MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
2025 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Stonington

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

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 1. Total taxable valuation of real estate (392168900), 2. Total taxable valuation of personal property (980000), 3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (393148900), 4a. Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted (6019800), 4b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value (4575048), 5a. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property (1108900), 5b. BETE exemption reimbursement value (554450), 6. Total valuation base (398278398).

ASSESSMENTS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 7. County tax (218369.31), 8. Municipal appropriation (2254829), 9. TIF Financing plan amount (0.00), 10. Local education appropriation (2009204.56), 11. Total assessments (4485402.87).

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing (96500), 13. Other revenues (250000), 14. Total deductions (346500).



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MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
2025 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Stonington

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS CONTINUED...

15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 1 minus Line 14).....	4135902.87
16. Maximum Allowable Tax. (Line 15 multiplied by 1.05).....	4342698.01
17a. Minimum Tax Rate. (Line 15 divided by Line 6).....	0. <u>.010384</u>
17b. Maximum Tax Rate. (Line 16 divided by Line 6).....	0. <u>.010903</u>
18. Selected tax rate (Here and MVR pg 1 Line 12).....	0. <u>.01055</u>
19. Tax for Commitment. (Line 3 multiplied by Line 18) (Enter here and on MVR pg 1, Line 13).....	4147720.90
20. Maximum Overlay. (Line 15 multiplied by 0.05).....	206795.14
21. Homestead Reimbursement. (Line 4b multiplied by selected rate) (Enter here and on Line 8 Assessment Warrant).....	48266.76
22. BETE Reimbursement. (Line 5b multiplied by selected rate) (Enter here and on Line 9 Assessment Warrant).....	5849.45
23. Overlay. (Line 19 plus Lines 21 and 22 minus Line 15) (Enter here and on Line 5 Assessment Warrant).....	65934.24
(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)	

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

Town of Stonington Proposed Budget 2026

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual as of 11/18/2025	2026 Proposed	
5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL				
5101 · Animal Control Kennel	500.00	500.00	500.00	
5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous	1,000.00	637.76	1,000.00	
5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes	-	-	250.00	
5104 · Animal Control Travel	-	696.47	1,000.00	
5105 · Animal Control Wages	-	2,587.50	9,500.00	
5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp	-	-	200.00	
5107 · Animal Control County ACO fees	7,500.00	362.11	-	
Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL	9,000.00	4,783.84	12,450.00	
Animal Control Budget	9,000.00			
5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT				
5111 · Code Enforcement Misc	825.00	570.88	825.00	
5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes	2,000.00	365.77	1,800.00	
5113 · Code Enforcement Travel	550.00	545.91	550.00	
5114 · Code Enforcement Wages	22,000.00	15,007.00	22,000.00	
5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp	440.00	67.94	440.00	
5116 · Code Enforcement Rental Regs Enforcem	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	
Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT	28,315.00	18,057.50	28,115.00	
Code Enforcement Budget	28,315.00			
5120 · PLANNING BOARD				
5121 · Planning Board Advertising	1,500.00	1,580.55	1,700.00	
5122 · Planning Board Misc		48.40	300.00	
5123 · Planning Board Training	600.00	50.00	500.00	
5125 Planning Board Legal	4,100.00	25,836.00	6,000.00	
5124 · Planning Board Stipends	-		2,100.00	
Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD	6,200.00	27,514.95	10,600.00	
Planning Board Budget	6,200.00			
5130 · TRANSFER STATION				
5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal	20,000.00	300.00	14,000.00	
5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris	20,000.00		18,000.00	
5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint	20,000.00	9,685.09	20,000.00	
5134 · Transfer Station Insurance	800.00	672.61	1,000.00	
5135 · Transfer Station Misc	5,000.00	11,840.01	7,400.00	
5137 · Transfer Station Mowing	2,700.00		3,000.00	
5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes	10,000.00	2,986.89	10,000.00	
5139 · Transfer Station Recycling	11,000.00	1,442.97	7,000.00	
5140 · Transfer Station Telephone	700.00	2,102.05	2,300.00	
5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees	135,000.00	100,257.62	135,000.00	
5142 · Transfer Station Transportation	140,000.00	103,584.00	140,000.00	
5143 · Transfer Station Utilities	5,000.00	4,424.30	5,000.00	
5144 · Transfer Station Wages	114,000.00	105,879.18	122,500.00	
5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp	4,100.00	998.28	4,400.00	
Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION	488,300.00	344,173.00	489,600.00	
Transfer Station Budget	488,300.00			

\$51,465
Article 16
** includes 6008 Appeals Board*

\$489,600
Article 27

Town of Stonington Proposed Budget 2026

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual as of 11/18/2025	2026 Proposed	
5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS				
5501 · 4th of July	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,500.00	<i>Article 50</i>
5502 · Chamber of Commerce	700.00	700.00	1,000.00	<i>Article 51</i>
5505 · DownEast Transportation	800.00	800.00	800.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5506 · Eastern Area Agency on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5507 · Hancock County Homecare & Hospice	7,500.00	7,500.00		<i>Ballot</i>
5508 · Healthy Island Project	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,600.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5509 · Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5510 · Island Community Center	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5511 · Island Rec Board	-			<i>Ballot</i>
5512 · Stonington Public Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5514 · Memorial Day	550.00	550.00	600.00	<i>Article 52</i>
5516 · American Red Cross	750.00	750.00	750.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5518 · Downeast Community Partners	5,666.00	5,666.00	422.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5519 · DownEast Family YMCA	3,000.00	3,000.00		<i>Ballot</i>
5521 · WIC Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5522 · Project Launch	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5523 · Opiate Free Island Partnership	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	<i>Ballot</i>
5524 · LifeFlight Foundation	528.00	528.00	528.00	<i>Article 53</i>
(5525) Opera House Arts	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	<i>Ballot</i>
(5526) Island Workforce Housing			6,000.00	<i>Ballot</i>
Total Third Party Requests	90,994.00	90,994.00	87,100.00	
Third Party Request Budget	90,994.00			
5601 · Fire Dept Electric	3,000.00	3,010.50	3,400.00	\$119,200 <i>Article 22</i>
5602 · Fire Dept Equipment	40,000.00	36,527.85	40,000.00	
5603 · Fire Dept Fuel	2,000.00	1,284.90	2,000.00	
5604 · Fire Dept Heat	4,600.00	1,949.36	4,600.00	
5605 · Fire Dept Insurance	7,000.00	7,202.10	7,500.00	
5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses	2,500.00	1,968.79	2,500.00	
5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair	28,000.00	23,735.31	28,000.00	
5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes	1,600.00	-	1,800.00	
5609 · Fire Dept Telephone	2,600.00	2,224.09	2,600.00	
5610 · Fire Dept Wages	20,000.00	9,250.00	23,000.00	
5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer	1,600.00	1,524.00	2,000.00	
5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp	1,600.00		1,800.00	
Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	114,500.00	88,676.90	119,200.00	
Fire Department Budget	114,500.00			

Town of Stonington Proposed Budget 2026

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual as of 11/18/2025	2026 Proposed
5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT			
5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas	17,000.00	11,961.27	15,000.00
5622 · Public Works Insurance	5,500.00	4,708.27	5,500.00
5623 · Public Works Repairs	16,000.00	7,239.63	14,000.00
5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip	3,850.00	2,857.00	3,850.00
5625 · Public Works Misc	1,650.00	454.94	1,650.00
Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	44,000.00	27,221.11	40,000.00
Public Works Budget	44,000.00		
5630 · TOWN GARAGE			
5631 · Town Garage Electricity	3,600.00	3,106.93	3,800.00
5632 · Town Garage Equipment	3,025.00	277.14	3,025.00
5633 · Town Garage Heat	1,000.00		2,500.00
5634 · Town Garage Maintenance	3,500.00	1,683.01	3,500.00
5635 · Town Garage Misc	880.00	649.33	900.00
5636 · Town Garage Telephone & Internet	2,585.00	2,654.72	3,000.00
Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE	14,590.00	8,371.13	16,725.00
Town Garage Budget	14,590.00		
5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE			
5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch	5,500.00	2,541.50	5,500.00
5642 · Road Maint Culverts	2,750.00		2,750.00
5643 · Road Maint Gravel	6,000.00		4,000.00
5644 · Road Maint Guardrails	1,500.00		1,500.00
5645 · Road Maint Misc	2,420.00	912.29	2,420.00
5646 · Road Maint Mowing	2,860.00		3,000.00
5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes & UI	4,000.00		5,200.00
5648 · Road Maint Cellular	660.00	300.00	600.00
5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks	2,200.00		1,000.00
5650 · Road Maint Signs	1,760.00	279.41	1,760.00
5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep	70,000.00		70,000.00
5652 · Road Maint Wages	72,600.00	52,294.08	72,600.00
5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp	3,000.00		3,000.00
Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE	175,250.00	56,327.28	173,330.00
Road Maintenance Budget	175,250.00		
5660 · WINTER ROADS			
5661 · Winter Roads Misc	3,000.00	225.96	3,000.00
5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment	24,200.00	32,021.11	22,000.00
5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes & UI	13,000.00	6,872.54	9,000.00
5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand	87,500.00	93,795.22	95,000.00
5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract	6,000.00	2,255.00	3,500.00
5666 · Winter Roads Wages	110,000.00	82,030.72	110,000.00
5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp	6,050.00	3,229.17	6,050.00
Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS	249,750.00	220,429.72	248,550.00
Winter Roads Budget	249,750.00		

\$479,375
Article 30
** includes 6013 - E911 Signs*

Town of Stonington Proposed Budget 2026

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual as of 11/18/2025	2026 Proposed	
5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES				
5668 · Harbor Management	-		-	
5669 · Dog Park	-		-	
5671 · Seawall	1,000.00		100.00	<i>Article 36</i>
5672 · Conservation	100.00		100.00	<i>Article 44</i>
5673 · Fire Dept Equip	-		-	
5674 · Gym Building	1,000.00		-	
5675 · Odd Fellows	-		-	
5676 · Road Equipment	-		-	
5677 · School Building	1,000.00		-	
5678 · Town Hall	500.00		-	
5679 · Transfer Station Equipment	100.00		100.00	<i>Article 29</i>
5680 · Unemployment	-		-	
5681 · Harbor Float Reserve	1,000.00		-	
5683 · Shellfish Conservation	100.00		100.00	<i>Article 48</i>
5684 · Playground	-		-	
5686 · Broadband/Internet	-		-	
5687 · Fire Dept Building	-		-	
5688 · Sea Level Rise	-		-	
5689 · Athletic Field	-		-	
5690 · Waterfront Access	1,000.00		-	
4020 · Airport	500.00		100.00	<i>Article 49</i>
Total 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES	6,300.00	-	500.00	
5690 · DEBT SERVICE				
5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch	15,300.00		15,300.00	<i>\$15,300 Article 34</i>
5697 · Debt Service Moose Island				
5698 · Debt Service Peterbilt Truck	-		-	
5699 · Debt Service Hagen Dock Rebuild	3,400.00		-	
Debt Service International Truck	-		-	
Total Debt Service	18,700.00	-	15,300.00	
5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES				
5701 · Athletic Field	3,850.00	2,581.80	3,850.00	<i>Article 43</i>
5702 · Cemeteries	4,500.00	3,726.00	4,000.00	<i>Article 43</i>
5703 · Colwell Ramp	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	<i>Article 54</i>
Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	11,350.00	9,307.80	10,850.00	
5900 · PARKS				
5901 · Parks Mini Village	1,200.00	714.20	1,200.00	<i>\$30,850 includes Athletic fields and cemeteries Article 43</i>
5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms	9,900.00	11,093.00	12,500.00	
5903 · Parks Stinson Park	1,300.00	1,097.74	1,300.00	
5905 · Parks Trash	5,000.00	3,764.26	5,000.00	
5906 · Playground	1,300.00	460.17	1,300.00	
5907 · Parks Small Cove	1,700.00	1,071.00	1,700.00	
Total 5900 · PARKS	20,400.00	18,200.37	23,000.00	

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	2025 Budget	2025 Actual as of 11/18/2025	2026 Proposed	
6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM	1,420.00	3,122.00	-	
6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,500.00		1,500.00	<i>Article 21</i>
6007 · HEALTH OFFICER	250.00		250.00	<i>Article 19</i>
6008 · APPEALS BOARD	300.00		300.00	<i>inc in Article 16</i>
6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	52,000.00	36,465.48	52,000.00	<i>Article 20</i>
6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS	770.00	51.95	770.00	<i>Article 30</i>
6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS	110,500.00	82,875.00	115,300.00	<i>Article 26</i>
6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES	110,000.00	80,064.00	89,000.00	<i>Article 17</i>
6016 · STREETLIGHTS	15,600.00	15,660.13	16,500.00	<i>Article 33</i>
6017 · COUNTY TAX		218,369.31	-	
6018 · EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT		1,840,446.97	-	
6019 · ABATEMENTS FROM OVERLAY		4,531.11	-	
6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS	30,000.00	25,769.43	26,000.00	<i>Article 4</i>
6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC	5,600.00	5,596.80	5,851.00	<i>Article 18</i>
6030 · SAND BEACH	-		-	
6031 · Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	<i>Article 46</i>
6032 · Rent	5,500.00	5,281.34	6,000.00	
	-		314,971.00	
Totals	2,192,800.35	1,693,001.21	2,299,781.00	
			\$ Difference	<i>106,980.65</i>
			% Difference	<i>4.88%</i>

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL ELECTIONS
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: D. Gay Atkinson, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in said Town affairs, to assemble at the Stonington Town Office in said Town on Monday the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2026 at ten o'clock in the morning to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To choose the following Town Officers:

Two - Three-year Selectmen terms

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, 2026 at Stonington, Maine



Donna Brewer



John Robbins



Evelyn K. Duncan

Travis Fifield

Joseph Rackliff

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

MARCH 2, 2026

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: **D. Gay Atkinson II, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.**

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Stonington Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room in said Town on Monday, the 2nd of March, 2026 at three o'clock in the afternoon. (3:00 p.m.) then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To see if the Town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
3. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest to charge on taxes unpaid after such date.
The Selectboard recommends the due date be September 1, 2026 and the rate of interest be 7. per annum beginning September 1, 2026.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from commitment of the tax list to the Tax Collector, with an appropriation of \$26,000.00 added to the annual tax commitment.
Note: In 2025, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$25,769
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to issue a Tax Anticipation Note which will be repaid before the end of the tax year and to pay interest on the note as necessary from investment returns.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to keep or dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in Title 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in Title 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to file a Waiver of Foreclosure prior to a property becoming tax acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon when the Treasurer deems the waiver to be in the best interest of the Town.

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 2, 2026**

8. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectboard to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.
9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, donations, real estate, personal property, and certain funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.
10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany the grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard or their designee to accept and to expend funds from the State, Federal, and County Governments related to the American Rescue Plan Act program and if said funds are received, to authorize the municipal officers to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose(s) granted.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to act as the Trustees for the Stonington Water Company and vote the stock held by the Town to keep the Stonington Water Company operating and transact other business at any meeting of the stockholders of the Stonington Water Company.
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$675,170
15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall operation and maintenance.
The Selectboard recommends: \$34,320
16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning Board & Enforcement (animal control, code enforcement, appeals board, planning board).
The Selectboard recommends: \$51,465
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$89,000** for law enforcement.
Note: This amount is to continue to contract patrols up to 3 days per week.
The Selectboard recommends: \$89,000

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18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911 dispatch) charges.
The Selectboard recommends: \$5,851
19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.
The Selectboard recommends: \$250
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.
The Selectboard recommends: \$52,000
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,500
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Fire Department.
The Selectboard recommends: \$119,200
23. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of all the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department's equipment now owned by, or to be purchased by the Department during the ensuing year and then allow the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department to use said equipment.
The Selectboard recommends approval
24. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Fire Department Roof and Door project.
The Selectboard recommends: \$120,000
25. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$30,000
26. To see what sum Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Hydrants.
The Selectboard recommends: \$115,300
27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of solid waste and the operation of the Stonington Transfer Station.
The Selectboard recommends: \$489,600
28. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, to negotiate, enter, sign, and execute necessary agreements and/or contracts with a vendor for the town's municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal needs under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen in its sole discretion deems to be in the best interest of the Town.
The Selectboard recommends approval

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29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station Equipment Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works (Town garage, road maintenance, winter roads, E-911).

The Selectboard recommends: \$479,375

31. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Road Improvement Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$70,000

32. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Road Equipment Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$40,000

33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Streetlights.

The Selectboard recommends: \$16,500

34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service.

The Selectboard recommends: \$15,300

35. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus for the Harbor Float Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$5,000

36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Seawall Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

37. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus for the Waterfront Access Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$20,000

38. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Sea Level Rise Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$40,000

39. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Housing Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$20,000

40. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to take from Surplus for Gym and School Building reserves for the purpose of undertaking major repairs or improvements.

The Selectboard recommends:

- Former Elementary School Building Reserve **\$100**

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- Gym Building Reserve **\$5,000**

41. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the School Building Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$40,000

42. To see if the Town will vote to approve a loan up to Fifty thousand dollars for the big Elementary School building front drainage and new porch project.

The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000

43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Facilities (Athletic Field, Playground, Cemeteries, Parks).

The Selectboard recommends: \$30,850

44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and for the Conservation Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

45. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus for the Town Hall Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000

46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for the Sand Beach property lease and insurance fees.

The Selectboard recommends: \$7,500

47. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Playground Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$5,000

48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Airport Reserve Account.

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fourth of July Celebration/Fireworks.

The Selectboard recommends: \$5,500

51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce.

The Selectboard recommends: \$1,000

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52. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.
The Selectboard recommends: \$600
53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LifeFlight Foundation.
The Selectboard recommends: \$528
54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Colwell Ramp.
The Selectboard recommends: \$3,000
55. To see what sum the Town will vote to take from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Oddfellows Hall Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000
56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish, settle, and clarify the boundary line of any property owned by the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of town roads, and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate these agreements.
The Selectboard recommends approval
57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply up to \$250,000.00 from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) towards reducing property taxes.
The Selectboard recommends approval

Given under our hands this 16 day of February, 2026 at Stonington, Maine.


Donna Brewer


Evelyn K. Duncan


Travis Fifield


Joseph Rackliff


John Robbins

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town, including: Town Office, 32 Main St.; Harborview Store, 5 Atlantic Ave.; and the Harbormaster Office, 8

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Fish Pier Rd., on the ____ day of _____, 2026, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

D. Gay Atkinson II, Resident

