

Town of Stonington

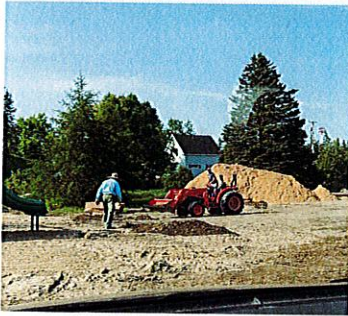
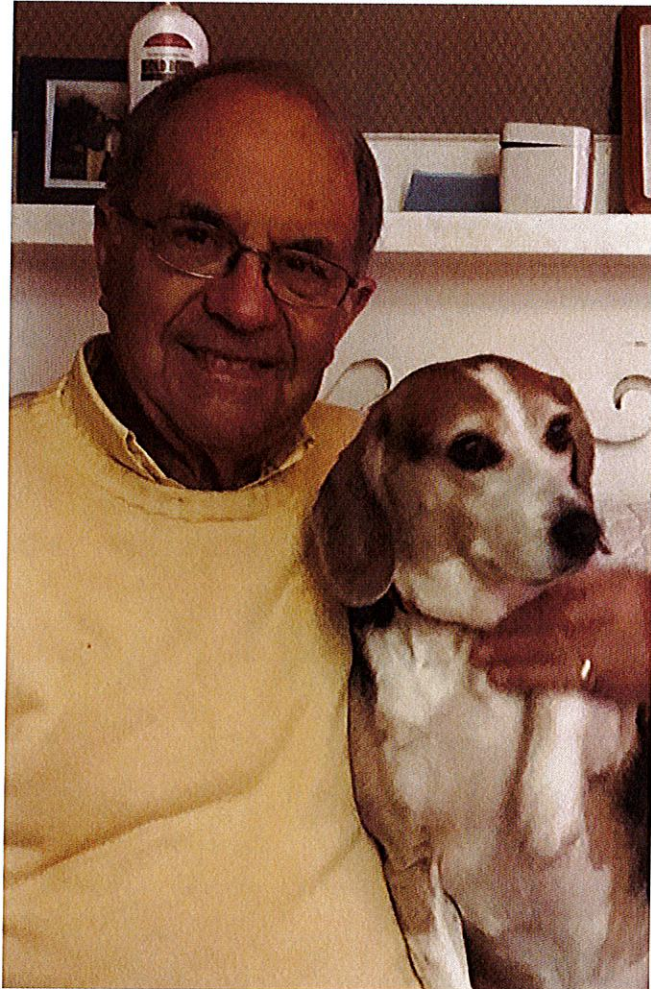


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Dedication



This year we are dedicating the Town Report to Lawrence "Skip" Greenlaw Jr. It is a much-deserved dedication as Skip has been our Annual Town Meeting moderator for many years! It is not an easy skill to manage and facilitate moving 70+ budget articles that formulate good discussion and brings a town forward with its voter authorized spending plan for the year.

Skip has devoted most of his years to public service, whether it was in our Maine State legislature or serving on various boards & committees on our Island. Additionally, he has done years of good community work at his church, St. Brendan's.

He is currently on the INH board again trying to transition it into needed Senior housing.

Skip is pictured with his best buddy Franklin, the escape artist who he lost this past year. Franklin lived a good life with Skip and Diane. He was a clever dog who lived to dodge the mediocrity of being housebound and canvased the neighborhood when he could get away. Luckily, he had an army of Oceanville neighbors and family looking out for him.

Many thanks Skip for all you have done and are continuing to do to make our town and Island a better place!



In Memoriam

Marilyn Alda Hutchinson

February 10, 2023

Vance Earl Gove, Sr.

March 12, 2023

Thomas Dean Ciomei

June 2, 2023

Jennie Lee Dunham

August 16, 2023

Donald Leroy Hutchinson II

August 26, 2023

Lionel Joseph Nault

September 17, 2023

James E. Klemenz, Jr.

October 27, 2023

Beckey Brooks

November 3, 2023



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.


These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

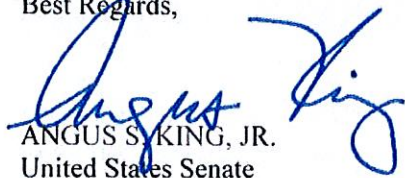
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

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

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7

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THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

January 2024

Dear friends and residents of Stonington,

Lawmakers are back in session in Augusta, and I feel fortunate to represent my hometown and the coastal communities of Senate District 7. I continue to serve as the Senate Chair of the Taxation Committee and am returning to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. I look forward to the work ahead, building on what we accomplished in 2023.

Last year, my colleagues and I worked hard to pass necessary and impactful legislation. We improved the Property Tax Fairness Credit so that our neighbors who are over 65 can afford to stay in their homes, whether they own or rent. We expanded income eligibility for the credit and increased the maximum benefit from \$1,500 to \$2,000. It is important to file income taxes annually to ensure that you receive credit or future relief payments for which you are eligible. We also improved the Property Tax Deferral Program to ensure none of our older neighbors slip through the cracks and lose their homes.

We've kept our promises to students and property taxpayers by funding statewide K-12 public education costs at 55%, fully funding the municipal revenue sharing program to help towns with the cost of local roads and public safety, and continuing to fund universal free school meals.

We increased funding for roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure without taking on debt, an effort that started with unanimous bipartisan agreement in the Taxation Committee. We also dedicated funding to replace culverts and build up roads at risk of flooding, which will help municipalities access significant federal funding and prepare for more intense storms.

Lawmakers invested \$31 million in EMS departments across the state to ensure access to these vital services. We also made a critical investment in the safety and preparedness of Maine's firefighters by providing \$1.5 million to improve our fire service training facilities.

I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for all Mainers. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you have questions about the legislative process. I also share information via Facebook and Instagram (@senator.grohoski) and send out periodic email newsletters; please let me know if you would like to be added to my mailing list. You can email me at Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov or call the Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nicole C. Grohoski'.

Nicole Grohoski
State Senator, District 7



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Stonington Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. When you elected me to the State House, I promised to work to address our state's most pressing challenges head on – and that's exactly what we did in 2023.

The Legislature invested in the well-being of Maine workers and families by establishing a comprehensive paid family and medical leave program, increasing funding for Pre-K and child care support and taking significant steps to address Maine's shortage of affordable and available housing, which is affecting us here in Hancock County significantly. We also invested more than \$30 million to provide grants to EMS departments to help support and strengthen services throughout Maine, particularly in rural communities. Additionally, we enacted measures to improve water quality in Maine lakes and support municipal shellfish conservation programs.

As of this writing, we are three weeks into the second regular session of the 131st Legislature. Over the next few months, we will consider hundreds of bills before we adjourn, which will likely be in mid-April. I continue to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where my colleagues and I develop legislation to strengthen our fishing industries, promote marine conservation and protect and invest in our coastal economy. Recently, I was appointed to serve on the Transportation Committee as well. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve Maine's roads and bridges and to support the ferry service that so many in our area depend on.

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 thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at 207-610-9281 or Holly.Eaton@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Eaton".

Holly Eaton

State Representative

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Eagle Island Township, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven

Town Officials

Board of Selectmen:

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| Richard Larrabee, Sr., Chair | 207-367-8791 | 2025 |
| Evelyn Duncan | 207-367-5814 | 2024 |
| Travis Fifield | 207-367-2313 | 2024 |
| John Robbins | 207-367-5842 | 2026 |
| Donna Brewer | 207-367-5100 | 2026 |

Employees:

Town Manager: Kathleen Billings: (Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner)
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Plumbing Inspector: Matthew Betts: stoningtonwaterco@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 15

Code Enforcement Officer: Brian Billings: ceo@stoningtonmaine.org

Shellfish Warden: Raelene Pert: raepert@gmail.com, 207-266-4327

Fire Chief: Steve Rittmeyer: 207-542-5513

Asst. Chief: Carl Shahan

Captain: Seth Reece

Fire Police: Danny Oliver

Fire Volunteers: Broc Eaton, Chris Hovey, Evan Rainen, Mallary Reece, Chris Shahan, Jacob Shipman, Tyler Snow, Callie Shahan (Jr. Firefighter)

Sanitary District Trustees:

In District: William Gross 2025

Diana Turner 2024

Robin Sayre 2024

At Large: Robin Taylor 2025

Ronald M. Eaton 2024

Sanitary District Operator: D. Gay Atkinson II: sewerqueenwaterwitch@yahoo.com, 207-367-5161

Deer Isle—Stonington Consolidated School District Directors:

Jane Osborne Deer Isle 2025

Darian Gove Deer Isle 2025

Chelsea Torrey Stonington 2026

Tracie Morey Stonington 2024

James Darrell Williams Deer Isle 2024

Town Committees and Boards

Colwell Ramp Committee

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 5:45 PM

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| D. Gay Atkinson II | 2026 |
| Broc Eaton | 2026 |
| Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative | |

Airport Committee

Meets Monthly, May-October

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| Paul Behnken | 2024 |
| Jeff Bennett | 2025 |
| Jim Jackson | 2026 |
| Donna Brewer, Select Board Representative | |

Appeals Board

Meets As Needed

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| Benjamin Pitts, Chair | 2024 |
| Phil McFarland | 2026 |
| Sophie Webb | 2026 |

Harbor Committee

Meets second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM

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| Justin Boyce | 2025 |
| Cory Webb | 2025 |
| Richard Larrabee, Jr. | 2025 |
| George Stevens | 2024 |
| Hilton Turner, Chair | 2024 |
| Isaac Dworsky | 2025 |
| Dean Eaton | 2024 |
| Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative | |

Shellfish Committee

Meets second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 PM

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| Kurt Ciomei | 2026 |
| Benjamin Hardie | 2026 |
| Jacob McCarty | 2027 |
| Lucas Oliver | 2026 |
| George Powell | 2025 |
| Raelene Pert | 2024 |
| Travis Fifield, Select Board Representative | |

Planning Board

Meets third Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM

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| Anna Goff | 2024 |
| Ben Jackson | 2024 |
| Robert Winters | 2024 |
| Peter Haskell | 2025 |
| Caleb Scott | 2024 |
| Seth Reece | |
| Renee Sewell, Chair | 2024 |
| Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative | |

Town Committees and Boards

Economic Development Committee

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 8:00 AM

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| Barrett Gray | 2026 |
| Carla Guenther | 2025 |
| Chelsea Brown | 2025 |
| Christopher Ross | 2025 |
| Harry Caldwell | 2026 |
| Morgan Eaton | 2026 |
| Dean Haskell | 2026 |
| Howard Hutchinson | 2026 |
| Kim Hutchinson | 2026 |
| Phil McFarland | 2026 |
| John McVeigh | 2026 |
| Gail Stinson | 2027 |
| Julia Zell | 2027 |
| Linda Nelson, Chair | 2024 |

Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative

Main Street Sub-Committee

Meets Monthly As Needed

Carla Guenther
John McVeigh
Chris Ross
Barrett Gray
Morgan Eaton

Inter-Local Transportation Task Force

Meets Monthly As Needed

Harry Caldwell, Deer Isle
Phil McFarland, Stonington
Kathleen Billings, Deer Isle
Jim Fisher, Sedgwick
Linda Nelson, Deer Isle
Susan Ford, Sedgwick

Health Care Task Force

Meets Monthly As Needed

Don Bardole
Rene Colson
Roberta Johnson
Jerry Kolosky
Kim Lengert
Gwyn Murray
Marchia Myers
Anne Schroth
Becky Siebert
Linda Nelson, Chair
Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative

Select Board Report

Another busy year for Stonington and I can safely say that all of us, whether select board, town manager, employees, or our great volunteers here at the Town Office all desire the best for our community. We thank them all for their fantastic work. We also want to welcome Brian Billings as our new Code Enforcement Officer and Linda Nelson as our Economic Development Director. We especially want to thank Kathleen Billings, Town Manager, for her leadership and stability in a very complicated small town, and for her tireless efforts and dedication. We thank her for wearing so many hats and hanging in there whether focusing on our economy, our working waterfront, airport, addressing our future needs and the list goes on...

It is not easy to please everyone in any town or city, but our dedication and loyalty to doing our best is reflected in how our Town runs. That is not to say different opinions are not welcomed because it is that ambiguity that helps us make healthy discussions and to determine the best outcome for the common good. It is challenging today to balance nostalgia and our way of life and yet this is what intrigues new nesters to move here and visitors to want to experience our beautiful island.

This year one of our focuses has been the children's playground. Although it is difficult when a Town loses its school, we can still make Stonington a user-friendly Town for all children. We moved the Memorial playground that was badly in need of repair, formerly located at the Old Elementary School yard to a safer place, the ball field where children will be safer from the car traffic. Also, much work was done to rebuild the ball field for our kids to use and practice. Our philosophy was, "Build it and they will come." We cannot thank enough the many donators, fundraisers, volunteers and workers for their hard work, dedication, and vision.

Our Stonington Fire Department is now getting a new face lift thanks to our new Fire Chief Steve Rittmeyer 's direction and with the aid of new volunteers and seasoned firefighters. We also want to thank Deer Isle firefighters for all their expertise and the help they gave and continue to give us. We are grateful for the many years former Ryan Hayward has served as Fire Chief and he is currently taking time to focus on new endeavors. We wish Ryan our best.

The Holt Mill Pond bridge located on the East side of the Island that divided Deer Isle and Stonington town lines (better known as Lover's Lane Bride to Islanders) was completed this summer. While it made circumnavigating a little difficult at times it was well worth it. The State of Maine did a terrific job.

This is a community where we work together, welcome diversity and are here to help each other in times of strife or need. We are all neighbors on one island. While we may not always agree with each other, we all come from different world views, and have our own biology. That is why we need to listen, communicate, and often compromise. What is truly great about Stonington residents is that we are diverse, strong, and resilient. You must be when you live on an island. Thank you all, it is a pleasure to serve you as a Town of Stonington Select Board.

Richard K Larrabee, Sr., Chair

Select Board

To the Citizens of Stonington,

It is my pleasure along with our Selectmen to present to you this year's town report. I hope you can see from the content of this report how much our team has accomplished for you. To save money, we encourage you to peruse the report on our website, www.stoningtonmaine.org. We will also have printed copies available.

2023 was a busy year in Stonington. In the early spring we finalized Stonington's Economic Resiliency planning document and presented it to the public. I really enjoyed the process of doing this with Camoin Associates. Jim Damicis did a great job facilitating various groups and stakeholders to help us develop a good economic plan strategy moving forward given the challenges that we are facing in the fishing industry, businesses challenges with workforce, housing, and many other associated items. I found it very rewarding to participate in these focus groups and hear directly from residents and taxpayers on what they were feeling and experiencing and hear first-hand what their challenges are. This helps me and the Select Board to be able to direct our energies and resources toward these challenges. Some of these include housing and workforce challenges which were used to initiate the short-term rental ordinance at the town meeting. It is only one small tool to be able to balance out housing challenges. I also have been meeting with various people doing good work in the state of Maine and in other towns, to explore how Stonington can address different housing options in our community. It's not easy and it is going to be a huge challenge, but we can't give up. Our schools, local businesses, public health, and safety groups such as our fire department and ambulance volunteers need to live close to help us in our times of need.

Another enjoyment was our playground project. After a few years of planning, setting aside funds, doing some fundraising, and receiving some nice donations from the American Legion Rodney Stinson post, Graham and Sue Bolton matching some of the fundraising efforts, we were finally able to start building the playground and restore the ball field on School Street. We had lots of folks volunteer their time and equipment to make this happen. Jeff Olson and Corey Webb helped tremendously, giving their time and expertise in leading the project to restore the ball field and install the new playground. Other projects like water and sewer have also received additional funding over and above what we had anticipated needing due to inflation. Also, other carriers will soon be using our cell phone tower to provide additional service.

My days have also been busy working on transportation needs our island faces. Beyond Stonington, I've been working with Deer Isle leaders to address the transportation corridor of the Causeway and Bridge. Both need extensive work and we have found ourselves really pushing to have Maine DOT understand the need to put money towards power one way on and one way off this island. We worked with our County Emergency Management Director Andy Sankey to do a tabletop exercise with our first responders which emphasized how crucial this road is to us. We have been successful in getting some funding for the causeway. Additionally, there is a plan to address the bridge in Oceanville using both donated funds and town funds. Also, Stonington was successful in getting a large grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to address the flooding at the Oceanville marsh. This will go a long way to protect the vital businesses in that area and to ensure public safety.

As usual I put in a lot of time and effort into advocating for our fishing industry, which I really enjoy. As our states #1 lobster port it is crucial we have a leadership role dealing with state and federal regulations, the right whale issue, offshore wind, clamming, and the states' climate council addressing and updating strategies that affect our coastal communities and our working waterfront.

On behalf of Stonington, I serve on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee, Hancock County Budget Committee, Hancock County Regional Planning Committee, the Peninsula Climate Change group, and working regionally with the towns on common issues such as climate change, housing, economic development, and policies to try and shape our area to a better place.

As I close this report to our town residents, I really want to thank my wonderful staff, who all work so hard to serve you. I simply cannot do my job and do it well without them. They handle a tremendous amount of responsibility, and I am grateful to have them. Some towns are really struggling to find workers and we are fortunate to have our teams which include Public Works, Transfer Station, Fish Pier, Clerks, Economic and Community Development, Finance, and Code Enforcement. I am also grateful for all our committee volunteers who serve on our Planning Board, Appeals Board, Clam Committee, Economic Development, Transportation, Healthcare Task Force. They volunteer their time and realize to make a community thrive and be better it takes volunteerism to make our town and island what it is. Finally, I am truly grateful that I have a Select Board who work well together, understand what the challenges are for our town and put the time, effort and leadership in even though they can be very difficult challenges. We hope to see you at the Town Meeting. Feel free to come to Select Board meetings to gain some understanding of how rewarding public service can be.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Billings

Town Manager

Town Clerk's Report 2023

| Registrations | | Hunting/Fishing Licenses | | Shellfish Licenses | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|----------------------------------|-----|---|-------|----|----|----|
| Passenger Cars | 854 | Season Hunt | 19 | <i>Commercial</i> | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 95 | Junior Hunt | 0 | Resident: | Jr | 0 | Adult | 14 | Sr | 3 |
| Antiques | 27 | Archery | 2 | Non Res: | Jr | 0 | Adult | 2 | Sr | 1 |
| Vanity Plates | 69 | Expanded Archery | 0 | <i>Recreational</i> | | | | | | |
| Specialty Plates | 299 | Crossbow | 3 | Resident: | | | Adult | 13 | Sr | 16 |
| Transfers | 41 | Muzzleloader | 5 | Non Res: | | | Adult | 40 | Sr | 33 |
| Motor Homes | 4 | Migratory Waterfowl | 1 | Vital Statistics Recorded | | | | | | |
| Motorcycles | 17 | Spring/Fall Turkey | 2 | Births | 5 | | | | | |
| Mopeds | 3 | Bear | 1 | Deaths | 8 | | | | | |
| Transit Plates | 14 | Coyote Night Hunt | 1 | Marriages | 10 | | | | | |
| Trailers | 109 | Resident Small Game | 0 | Dog Licenses | | | | | | |
| ATV | 21 | Hunt/Fish Combo | 8 | Unaltered | 6 | | | | | |
| Snowmobile | 13 | Season Fish | 18 | Spayed/Neutered | 106 | | | | | |
| PWC | - | Non Res Season Fish | 1 | Kennel | 0 | | | | | |
| Boats | 278 | 1/3/7/15 Day Fish | 4 | Service/Rescue/Guide | 0 | | | | | |
| Documented Vessels | 56 | Saltwater Registry | 37 | | | | | | | |
| | | Superpack | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | Resident 70+ Lifetime | 4 | | | | | | | |

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.

By State law, all dogs must be licensed by January 31st each year. Fees for spayed/neutered dogs are \$6.00 and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog licenses issued after January 31st must be charged a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual license fees. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required and you must provide a spay/neuter certificate to obtain the spay/neuter rate.

Notary services are available during regular business hours.

Tax Maps and Commitment Books are available online at www.stoningtonmaine.org

You may purchase Hunting/Fishing licenses and re-register your Auto, Boat, ATV, Snowmobile or Trailer online.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Roche, Town Clerk

Economic & Community Development Report 2023

The past year was a busy and productive one for the Town's economic and community development.

Key successes include the receipt of more than \$1 million in competitive grant funding; the completion of a new Economic Resiliency Strategy with nationally-recognized Camoin Associates; the advancement of policies to promote workforce housing and sustain a thriving Main Street; a tangible increase in Stonington's visibility as Maine's #1 Port; successful partnerships with the Town of Deer Isle and Hancock County Emergency Management Agency to push forward public safety work to rebuild both the Deer Isle Causeway and the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge; acceptance into the national Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Program (ETIPP) to develop stronger, more resilient, efficient and cost-effective local energy supplies; the expansion of the Stonington Economic Development Committee; the relaunch of a SHOP/EAT/EXPERIENCE/STAY local initiative; support for the re-invigoration of the Deer Isle Granite Museum on Main Street; and the launch of a new public engagement series, Talk of the Towns.

Stonington is small in population and large in "blue economy" capacity, with the state's best equipped and established working waterfront punching well above its size. We ship millions of pounds of live product from three ports (Webb Cove, Stonington Harbor, and Burnt Cove), plus thousands of tons of granite through Webb Cove. Additionally, as Maine's second largest island, we boast robust seasonal tourism numbers as well—including as home to the state's largest archipelago and the Isle au Haut mail boat, jumping off point for visitors to Acadia National Park – Isle au Haut.

These facts make investments in policy and infrastructure central to economic development, and thus one of three core strategies in our Economic Resiliency Strategy. The other two core strategies -- retain, attract, and educate a year-round population and workforce, and support the blue economy (lobstering, fishing, clamming, small-scale aquaculture, marine trades) – rely on these investments. Currently, state funding programs and federal funds are in use for the necessary increase in elevation and rebuild of roadway through Oceanville marsh; for planning to increase access to and resilience of the waterfront along the Odd Fellows property; and to create plans to raise and secure Fifield Point Road from sea level rise and storm damage. The unexpected severity of damage of December and January's back-to-back storms are a wakeup call that our plans and actions need to advance more rapidly.

We're grateful to the hard work and long hours of volunteer service of those who serve on the Economic Development Committee and its subcommittees and task forces on Main Street and year-round business development; health care; and transportation. Thanks too to the advocacy and assistance of U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, and U.S. Representative Jared Golden, who are helping to advance a second Community Directed Spending proposal through the federal budget for purposes of creating downtown workforce housing; and to our regional colleagues of Peninsula Tomorrow for supporting our bridge advocacy efforts.

Want to play your part in sustaining Stonington? There's a lot for all of us to do. Email econdev@stoningtonmaine.org to volunteer or learn more.

- Linda Nelson, Economic & Community Development Director

Stonington Water Company – 2023 Annual Report

In 2023, 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.

- Two major leaks were repaired in town that were estimated to be 4,000 gallons per day, each. We also replaced 9 service valves that were non-operational. We still have a significant amount of unknown, non-revenue water. This is attributed to leaks that haven't been found yet. The Water Company anticipates the scheduled replacement of the transmission main, and the School Street water line will be a major improvement to this end. Our goal is to obtain a level of not to exceed fifteen percent or less of billable water.
- To this end, Water company staff have listened on service valves throughout town, conducted walks of the shore, administered chlorine tests on multiple areas where running water was found, and investigated high meter readings and evaluated pressure losses to find leaks. Several leaks, that were mentioned previously, were found this way.
- In 2023, we pumped approximately 12.44 million gallons (MG) compared to about 12.22 in 2022. We measured about 5.7 MG (million gallons) in metered water in 2023 compared to 5.9 MG in 2022. 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:
 1. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectman for their continued support of the department in our efforts to serve our users to the very best of our abilities.
 2. The Public Works Department, Shaun and Chris, for all their support and help throughout the year.
 3. The local plumbers for their willingness to work collaboratively – whether it's seasonal services or any other of the many issues that occur.
 4. 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.

Future Projects

- The Water Company started the process to replace the water main between the pump house and the water storage tank. T Buck Construction was awarded the bid for the project. This project will start in the winter of 2024. The Hydro-Geologic Evaluation was completed by Sevee & Maher Engineers and a list of recommendations has been submitted and approved. Work on this list will start as weather permits. The School Street water line replacement plans are nearing completion and will soon be sent out for review and then bidding can occur. Work on the new water tank design is still proceeding as scheduled.

- Ongoing Challenges

Water leaks, treatment of water obtained from a 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 or periods of severe drought. Fortunately, with the wet summer we had, we did not have to truck in any water this year. 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 customer's satisfaction. The Water Company will continue to comply with the requirements of the State Drinking Water Program and focus on improvements to the infrastructure in 2024. Please feel free to contact us at the Town Office 367-2351 (x2) or Water Company Superintendent, Matthew Betts, at 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.



Code Enforcement Officer's Report

2023

During 2023, two individuals held the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Milliard Billings agreed to fill in after Judy Jenkins resigned and a permanent candidate could be hired. Brian Billings was appointed in September, 2023.

During the year, 30 permits were issued (27 CEO and 3 Planning Board) with the following breakdown:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Family Compound | 2 Docks |
| 1 Mobile Home | 1 Driveway |
| 1 Remodel | 3 Sheds |
| 1 Deck | 2 Garages |
| 2 Additions | 1 Dredge |
| 1 Tree Removal | 1 Dormer |
| 1 Porch | 1 Utility Room |
| 1 Art Studio | 1 Expansion |
| 1 Pool Repair | 1 Wood Platform |
| 2 Pole Barns | 2 Power Hook-ups |
| 1 Storage Shed | 1 Fence |
| 1 Sign | |

Brian's office hours are Fridays from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. He can be reached at 207-266-1547 or ceo@stoningtonmaine.org.



Planning Board Report 2023

The Stonington Planning Board meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Stonington Town Hall. We have four 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

Board members:

Renee Sewall, Chair

Peter Haskell

Ben Jackson

Anna Goff

Caleb Scott

Robert Winters

Permits issued in 2023:

Application for dock, ramp, and float - approved

Review of short-term rental applications for approval

Site plan renewal - approved



Licensed Plumbing Inspector Report

| Permit # | Owner Name | Total Fee | LPI share | Town share | State share | DEP |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1910 | Gallagher | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| 1911 | Beaudoin | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| 1912 | Dunham | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1913 | Henzy | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| 1916 | Davis | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| 1917 | Burnt Cove Market | 50.00 | 25.00 | 12.50 | 12.50 | |
| 1918 | Hanrahan | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| 1919 | Davis | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| 1920 | Davis | 130.00 | 65.00 | 32.50 | 32.50 | |
| 1921 | Frost/Welsh | 130.00 | 65.00 | 32.50 | 32.50 | |
| 1922 | Davis | 110.00 | 55.00 | 27.50 | 27.50 | |
| 1923 | McConnell | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| 1924 | Cohen | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| 1925 | Plabar | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1926 | Bond | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1927 | Watson | 60.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| 1928 | Leighton | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| 1929 | Charles | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1930 | Lamb | 70.00 | 35.00 | 17.50 | 17.50 | |
| 1931 | Ciomei | 130.00 | 65.00 | 32.50 | 32.50 | |
| 1932 | Strong | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1933 | Ciomei | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| 1934 | Armas | 265.00 | 125.00 | 62.50 | 62.50 | 15.00 |
| | | TOTAL | LPI | Town | State | DEP |
| | | \$3080.00 | \$1495.00 | \$747.50 | \$747.50 | \$90.00 |

Stonington Fire Department Annual Report 2023

This was a busy year filled with change and growth for the fire department. We logged 238 calls this year. 180 of those calls were in support of our automatic aid agreement with Deer Isle and Sedgwick and 18 were mutual aid calls for other departments.

2023 included a leadership change. I was voted in as chief on July 30th. My priorities as chief are to:

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:

We started off the year with only 4 members in the department. This year we have added 8 new members, Chris Shahan, Edward (Seth) Reece, Mallary Reece, Broc Eaton, Evan Rainen, Tyler Snow, Chris Hovey and Junior Firefighter Callie Shahan.

This year four of our firefighters completed intensive training to be "Interior Firefighters". This training allows them to enter IDLH (immediately dangerous to life or health) environments. Prior to this we have had to rely on Deer Isle and Sedgwick for people with this level of training.

Two additional members received their EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) training which allows them to drive our apparatus to fires/scenes. We now have seven members that are able to drive our apparatus.

We now meet and train weekly with the Deer Isle Fire Department. This regular training allows us to build our skills and respond as a team. In addition, we periodically train with the Sedgwick Fire Department to improve our skills. This has included cold water rescue, live structure fire, live propane fire, extrication and incident command training.

This growth is exciting but also requires us to purchase equipment and PPE for the new volunteers to be safe and effective while serving our community. We thank you for your support as we grow the department.

Respectfully,

Steve Rittmeyer, Stonington Fire Chief

<https://stoningtonfd.org>



HARBOR COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2023

We are happy to acknowledge that Stonington again achieved the goal of being the number one fishing port in Maine. However, the Harbor Committee realizes that with both the current and the upcoming rule changes that our fishing industry will be challenged and will have to adapt to the new rules. The Committee is also aware of the potential effects climate change will have on the fishing industry and therefore also on our island economy.

With the above in mind the committee has been focused on:

- Areas within the harbor that need to be dredged, plus contributing to the Town dredging reserve fund.
- Working on waterfront ideas for the area in front of the Odd Fellows Hall, focusing on the possibility of additional skiff space.
- Discussing potential ideas to protect Stonington Harbors from storm surges.
- Not increasing the mooring fees, to offer at least a small help, in the ever-spiraling cost of services and gear.
- Working with the various lobster association groups, informing them of local needs as they try to deal with and possibly change current rules and regulations.
- Reviewing aquaculture leases and checking their effect on other fishing.
- Continuing to work with the Harbormaster to ensure that the fish pier operates smoothly enabling commercial fishermen to have access to the harbor.

In conclusion we would like to remind all individuals with moorings in Stonington waters that they must register the mooring and pay the yearly fee. This can be done at the town office. It is the moorings owner's responsibility to have all tackle inspected and provide adequate tackle for the vessel on the mooring. Also note that any new mooring must come to the Harbormaster for authorization.

We would also like to thank Dana Webb, our assistant harbormaster, for the excellent job he has done again this past year.

Stonington Harbor Committee

2023 Harbormaster's Report

The Harbor was busy again this past year, mostly uneventful, but a few boat incidents from the ongoing severe storms, damage to the Public Landing, along with addressing mooring issues. Moorings in Stonington waters are expected to be checked and serviced. Our Harbor and Water's Ordinance has this requirement, and mooring permits may be denied as a safety measure to other vessels due to the severe storms we are experiencing more frequently now. We also ask each year to be mindful of your wake and speeds in our Harbor and near the shore for others to prevent injuries or damage.

Ongoing work with the acquisition of the Odd Fellows building gives the town the opportunity to explore, design and hopefully provide more skiff spaces and waterfront access. We are already working to bring forth some draft concepts at a future Harbor Committee meeting. This will be expensive, and we are working diligently to find grants and other funds. Waterfront access and maintenance is not free and mooring fees, skiff fees, and boat registrations help with making Stonington harbor a good place to work or visit.

The Public Landing at Hagen Dock continues to be challenged by being a small facility. Plans have been completed and we are seeking funding to provide some pilings, and additional floats to change the configuration to allow for more berthing spaces. The skiff lottery is working well and allowing different people from Stonington to apply for the drawing to be fair to all. Permitted skiffs are expected to be bailed out and tied where directed. The 2-hour berthing limit still applies, and no trash is to be left at Hagen Dock. We were saddened by some vandalism at the Landing this year and may have to install surveillance to deal with complaints.

As always, it is a pleasure to work with the Harbor Committee and the public. Safe boating all!

Dana Webb, Assistant Harbor Master

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|-----------------|---|--------------------|-----|
| Boats accidents | 0 | Boats registered | 297 |
| Boat sinkings | 2 | Documented vessels | 56 |
| Fuel spills | 0 | | |
| Medical calls | 2 | | |



Town of Stonington
Harbor P&L Last Fiscal Year
 January through December 2023

| | Jan - Dec 23 |
|---|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME | |
| Boat Excise | 11,041.38 |
| Dinghy Fees | 3,600.00 |
| Mooring Fees | 64,600.00 |
| Reserve Interest & Fees | 9,745.94 |
| 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME - Other | 50,000.00 |
| Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME | 138,987.32 |
| Total Income | 138,987.32 |
| Gross Profit | 138,987.32 |
| Expense | |
| 2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP | |
| Harbor Assistant Wages | 13,336.00 |
| Harbor Boat Expense | 1,659.38 |
| Harbor Dredging Fund | 10,000.00 |
| Harbor Electricity | 2,454.27 |
| Harbor Liability Insurance | 1,409.80 |
| Harbor Misc Expense | 1,824.62 |
| Harbor Payroll Taxes | 1,116.76 |
| Harbor Postage | 300.00 |
| Harbor Printing | 122.44 |
| Harbor Professional Services | |
| Harbor Professional - Office | 2,000.00 |
| Total Harbor Professional Services | 2,000.00 |
| Harbor Pub Landing Expenses | 5,258.87 |
| Harbor Pub Landing Float Exp | 7,000.00 |
| Harbor Sewer | 272.00 |
| Harbor Snow Removal | 2,463.34 |
| Harbor Supplies | 76.49 |
| Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell | 775.20 |
| Harbor Water | 230.40 |
| Harbor Workers Comp | 583.21 |
| Harbormaster Overtime Wages | 0.00 |
| Harbormaster Wages | 26.00 |
| Total 2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP | 50,908.78 |
| Total Expense | 50,908.78 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 88,078.54 |
| Net Income | 88,078.54 |

2023 Pier Manager Report

The Pier had a good year and is on solid financial ground, with fishermen and dealers busy this past year. The Harbor Committee is committed to keeping it strong and vital with its oversight and help with our town officials. This commercial waterfront access facility provides many jobs in the fishing industry and support to other businesses which is our Town's largest economic driver with almost \$45 Million in lobster landings alone. Our Pier is admired, and we frequently get inquiries about how we run it, how many it serves and what is it we do to make it financially sound. Those are good questions to get asked. The Pier is a separate enterprise fund of the Town, not subject to taxation, it relies on fees and grants to keep it maintained and an asset to Stonington Harbor for our fishing industry and Maine's number one lobster fishing port!

Our fishing industry faced many challenges this year. Changes to the number of days fished due to low prices, high cost of bait and fuel, fishery management lawsuits and regulations, plus the appearance of conservation groups with misinformation campaigns plaguing our fisheries, but the largest fishing fleet in Maine is still going. Some fishermen did retire, some did sell out, but some invested in new vessels and gear. Our town is committed to assist and work to enhance fishing opportunities in the coming years with the help and advice of our fishermen and women. It is our town's identity and cultural heritage, and we take pride in keeping up our working waterfront.

During 2023, all the usual maintenance was done. It is constant as the salt water and heavy use takes its toll on equipment and is costly along with more severe storm repairs. We ask all using or visiting the Pier to be safe and mindful of others using it.

The Pier is run under the Harbor and Waters Ordinance and Terms and Conditions for users who do use it. The Pier is not free and depends on the honesty of users to keep it financially viable. Copies are available at the Pier office and at the Town office. If you require a sticker to use the Pier, see the Pier Manager at his office or call 367-5891 or come to the Town Office to purchase or call 367-2351.

Dana Webb, Assistant Pier Manager

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|---------------------|-----------|
| Transport permits | 0 | Parking permits | 63 |
| Skiff permits | 58 | Vessel user permits | 61 |
| Service vehicles | 1 | Gal Diesel sold | 273,466.7 |



Town of Stonington
Fish Pier Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

Accrual Basis

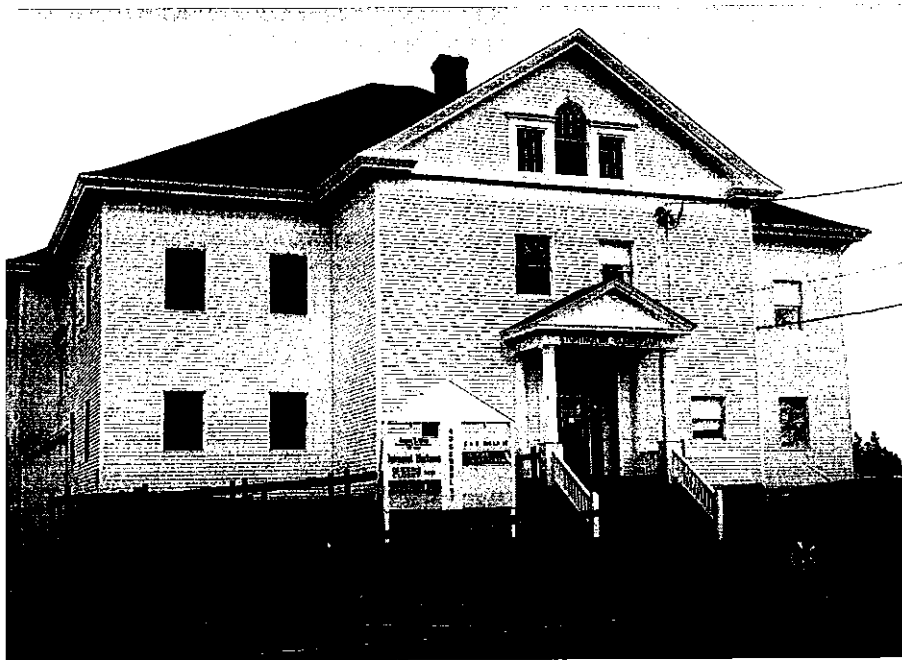
| | Jan - Dec 23 |
|--|---------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME | |
| Diesel Fuel Sales | 998,791.52 |
| Fees & Permits | 108,511.00 |
| Fish Pier Misc Income | 6,850.00 |
| Pier Soda Machine Income | 724.00 |
| Reserve Interest & Fees | 8,341.07 |
| Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME | 1,123,217.59 |
| Total Income | 1,123,217.59 |
| Gross Profit | 1,123,217.59 |
| Expense | |
| 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES | |
| Fish Pier Assistant Wages | 20,829.00 |
| Fish Pier Diesel Purchases | 943,902.28 |
| Fish Pier Dredging Fund | 10,000.00 |
| Fish Pier Electricity | 3,681.43 |
| Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs | 23,762.04 |
| FISH PIER EXP to RESERVES | 52,826.86 |
| Fish Pier Liability Insurance | 3,838.50 |
| Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage | 0.00 |
| Fish Pier Manager Wages | 0.00 |
| Fish Pier Misc Exp | 4,837.50 |
| Fish Pier Misc Gas | 94.61 |
| Fish Pier Payroll Taxes | 1,720.26 |
| Fish Pier Postage | 277.06 |
| Fish Pier Printing/Copies | 632.93 |
| Fish Pier Professional Services | |
| Fish Pier Professional - Audit | 2,000.00 |
| Fish Pier Professional - Office | 5,200.00 |
| Total Fish Pier Professional Services | 7,200.00 |
| Fish Pier Sales Tax to State | -6,233.63 |
| Fish Pier Sewer | 408.00 |
| Fish Pier Snow Removal | 4,072.86 |
| Fish Pier Soda Machine Expense | 495.35 |
| Fish Pier Supplies | 78.68 |
| Fish Pier Telephone/Internet | 1,162.80 |
| Fish Pier Trash Removal | 10,089.00 |
| Fish Pier Water | 345.60 |
| Fish Pier Workers Comp | 683.73 |
| Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES | 1,084,704.86 |
| Total Expense | 1,084,704.86 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 38,512.73 |
| Net Income | 38,512.73 |

2023 Old School Building Rental Report

Our building is doing well and we are looking to improve our entrance areas this year, and also exploring the costs of an elevator and improving ADA accessibility to the building. We have had our engineer on site and is developing some plans and cost estimates to see if we can undertake this endeavor soon with either some grant funding, or a mix of loan or reserve funds to do this.

Our 2023 Profit and Loss report we shows a good year with a full building. The tenants in the building bring a variety of professional services such as insurance, tax & accounting, legal, therapeutic offerings, and non-profits, who provide jobs and services which enhances our retail/service center of our Town. Our building is a valuable asset to the town and continues to be a hub of activity.

If you have questions or would like information on the facility or to be on our waiting list for rental space please contact the town office at 367-2351.



Town of Stonington
School Building Profit & Loss
 January through December 2023

| | Jan - Dec 23 |
|---|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME | |
| Misc Income | 3,268.96 |
| Rent Income | 45,158.00 |
| Reserve Interest & Fees | 3,004.14 |
| Transfers In from GF | 100.00 |
| Total 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME | 51,531.10 |
| Total Income | 51,531.10 |
| Gross Profit | 51,531.10 |
| Expense | |
| 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPENSE | |
| School Bldg Clean/Snow Rem. | 3,759.88 |
| School Bldg Heating Oil | 10,850.66 |
| School Bldg Insurance | 3,596.40 |
| School Bldg Maintenance | 1,369.29 |
| School Bldg Misc | 1,037.53 |
| School Bldg Supplies | 488.85 |
| School Bldg Trash Removal | 624.00 |
| School Bldg Utilities | 10,576.25 |
| School Building Reserve Expense | 34,009.86 |
| Total 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPENSE | 66,312.72 |
| Total Expense | 66,312.72 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -14,781.62 |
| Net Income | -14,781.62 |

Transfer Station Report 2023

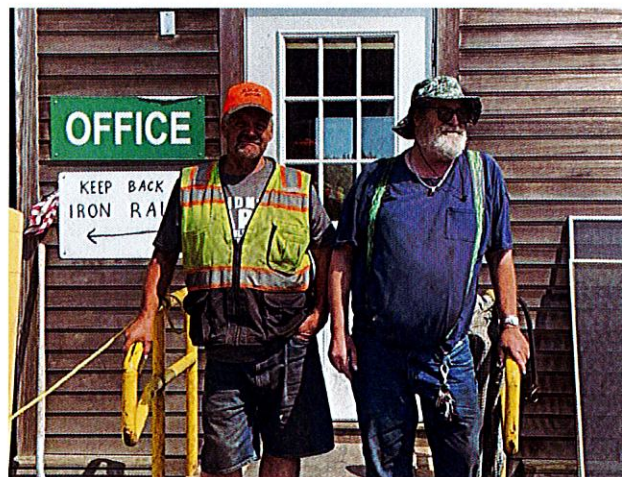
In an effort to ensure disposables are placed in the proper areas, new signs have been ordered for Wood placement (clean and dirty), Hot Loads and Demo Areas as well as the Recycle Building. A second Bailer has also been installed for Recyclables.

All areas of the Transfer Station have been cleaned up and Ash, Demo and Recyclables sent out to their proper disposal units with the assistance of the Public Works crew and in accordance with DEP regulations.

The Scholarship Fund raised \$2000 to be given to local students to assist with tuition payments.

| 2023 Solid Waste Summary | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Waste Type | Tons Shipped |
| Solid Waste | 2310.73 |
| White Goods | 129.36 |
| Demolition | 193 |
| Ash | 211 |

| 2023 Recycling Summary | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Material Type | Tons on Site | Tons Shipped |
| Glass | 10.2 | |
| OCC | | 18.6 |
| Mixed Paper | | 19.2 |
| Recyclables- North Coast | 3371 | |
| Mercury Tubes | 206 | |
| Roof Shingles | | 36.8 |





Colwell Ramp Committee Annual Report 2024

The float was launched before Memorial Day & hauled after Columbus Day Weekend again this year, giving us a nice long season of public use!

Please remember to clean-up your own trash & remove it from the site, as there is no trash pick-up. Berthing & parking are allowed for up to 45 minutes, to load, un-load & for quick errands to town.

Overnight parking & any unattended vehicles parked at the Colwell Site longer than 45 minutes may be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's Parking Ordinance. The parking restriction is necessary to ensure all users the ability to maneuver on the site.

Contributions, funded through private donations & tax payer dollars, help us manage the property & build-up our account so we have Grant Matching Funds available for future improvements! Due to our recent storms, repairing pilings and wharf wash-outs will be our next projects, when monies become available.

We would like to thank both Communities for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Atkinson, Evelyn Duncan & Brock Eaton - Stonington &
Kyle Devereux, Aiden Olney & Charlie Sisk - Isle au Haut

2023 Stonington Municipal Airport Annual Report

In spite of the rain and fog which reduced airport activity in the early summer, the Airport Committee remained active and welcomed those who were able to fly in. While it was proposed to charge a tie down fee for those who land and stay overnight, the Airport Committee has found that those who do fly in often make a donation to the Airport Fund. Also those who fly in frequent local businesses and provide support to local shops, restaurants and lodging options. And in reviewing Economic Development recommendations, the Airport Committee has advised the Airport Manager and the Selectmen that airport property could be better utilized by providing space for additional hangars. This would bring in revenue to the town as additional hangars could be built on leased airport land. Taxes, airport use fees, and lease fees would be paid to the town. In the past there have been as many as 7 aircraft based in Stonington. At present there are 3.

Currently the Airport is completely maintained and supported by the Airport Committee with the town of Stonington providing snow removal.

The small office/terminal at the airport was purchased, placed and maintained thru contributions and labor of the Airport Committee. Solar panels are in place to allow for phone charging, USB ports, and overhead lighting. The building provides information for visiting pilots and welcomes pilots to sign-in.

Over the past years the Airport Committee has:

- *Created and mounted a plaque commemorating Herb Jones and all volunteers who recognized the need for an Island Airport.
- *Installed signage with pilot information and emergency numbers.
- *Fenced off the airport area for safety.
- *Replaced the Terminal/office building.
- *Purchased and placed traffic cones to allow for snow removal on the Runway.
- *Replaced the windsock.
- *Installed tie downs for visiting aircraft.
- *Maintained and mowed the grounds of the airport.

This year has seen some changes for the committee. Mark Robinson has served as the recording secretary for 10 years, and has monitored winter operations at the airport. He initiated the pilot sign-in logs, and prepared and maintained information books for incoming pilots. Erik Walters, another 10 year member, was instrumental in replacement of the terminal building, fencing, traffic cones, and has provided wind socks in the past. The Committee wishes to thank them for their years of service to the Airport.

Paul Behnken has offered to be secretary and Jeff Bennett joined the committee this past summer.

Our Stonington Airport is the preferred and primary Landing Zone for Medivac Life Flight helicopters. Local fire departments set up Landing Zone boundaries and keep the airport secure during medical evacuations.

The Airport Committee meetings are open to the public, and guests are welcome.

Kathleen Billings, Airport Manager
Donna Brewer, Stonington Selectman Representative
Jim Jackson, Committee Chairman
Paul Behnken
Jeff Bennett

2023 Microloan Report

The Town of Stonington operates a Micro-Loan Program that can provide up to \$15,000 to qualifying businesses.

Stonington has a unique loan program, with several different funds of money, some require less restrictions, than the more formal CDBG funds which require some collateralization or provide LMI jobs.

Small businesses who demonstrate the ability to be successful, but not always able to access bank financing, may qualify for a Micro-Loan for startup, expansion or working capital needs. Bring your business plan or reach out to us on how to develop a business plan to submit to us!

If you have ideas or looking to transition or diversify into other business ventures that may require smaller loans for startups, please contact us.

With the help of Stonington's Micro-Loan Program, we may be able to provide this financial assistance for your small business or start up with a friendly one-on-one atmosphere, so bring your business plan, and download our loan application at www.stoningtonmaine.org.

Loan information-

- Up to \$15,000.
- Smaller start up loans may be considered under \$5,000 with less restrictions.
- Interest rate set by Micro-Loan Committee and fixed for the life of the loan.
- Collateral may be required in the form of business and / or personal assets.
- Terms determined by Micro-Loan Committee
- Some loans may have to provide jobs for Low / Moderate individuals, some smaller start up loans may not.

Contact us at 367-2351 or Linda Nelson at ecdev@stoningtonmaine.org for more information.

Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee 2023 Report



The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets at 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month except June – August in Deer Isle and Stonington Town Halls rotating monthly.

Conservation events that were held were 4 coastal clean-up events and one event to pick up recruitment boxes set the year prior.

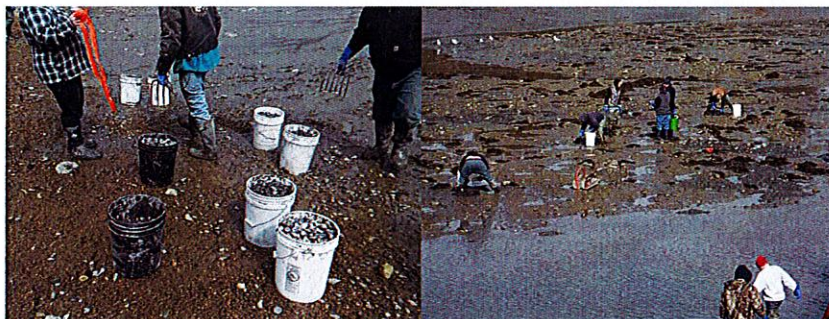
A donation of 4 loads of crushed rock by a clam harvester was given to the Evergreen Garden Club to fix Mariner's Park water access for diggers and recreational people due to the driveway being terribly rutted up.

Crystal Gove will be the new Shellfish Committee Chairman at the start of 2024 taking over for George Powell's 10+ years of service to our clam committee. He has been a much-appreciated part of these towns for all he's done in regards to our shellfish industry.

This year to come we will be working to do one big coastal cleanup where we just had 2 major winter storms devastating our coast. Another event, we will be surveying various coves to get a better understanding of next year's planned reseeding projects with nets.

This year's budget fell short due to declining commercial license sales. A special thanks goes out to the residents, town selectmen and town managers of Deer Isle & Stonington in the support for helping to fund our local shellfish warden. Also special thanks to our local warden for her years of continued service in helping to maintain our local ordinance.

Respectfully,
Crystal Gove
Shellfish Committee Chair





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. Last year, we had 337 emergency calls.

MAC also conducts a Community Paramedicine program where we provide non-emergent visits to patients in Deer Isle and Stonington as requested by NorthernLight Stonington Primary Care, Blue Hill Family Medicine and/or Blue Hill Hospital. In 2022, we conducted 1,120 such visits, making our service a leader in Maine for this program. Multiple grants have been applied for in order help pay for this program which is provided to patients at no charge.

Karen Vickerson, a long time and productive member of MAC, deservedly received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Maine EMS.

In 2023, it was time for us to replace our 10 year old ambulance with over 100,000 miles. The order has been placed and we expect delivery in 2024. We will be keeping our present ambulance as a backup and for special events. We will be initiating a capital campaign in order help pay for this increasingly expensive necessity, now approximately \$330,000.



Report for 2023

Dear Citizens,

The island Recreation Board is an official joint Municipal Board for the towns of Stonington and Deer Isle. The board consists of volunteer members who organize and facilitate recreation activities and opportunities for all members of the Island Community.

In 2023 we provided limited activities as compared to prior years before Covid-19 due to participation and lack of volunteers and board members. We have reflected on the reason and have determined that there are several programs for youth sports that are all inclusive that were lacking in prior years. We have asked for volunteers in person and on social media but have been unable to fill those positions.

At this time, we have made the decision that it would be best to consolidate our efforts with the Island Community Center for both funding and programming. We are excited that they have the resources to continue with the activities that are still popular.

The continued financial support of the community has been instrumental to the Recreation Board over the past decades and has allowed us to offer and add to the many activities that have been offered in past years. We ask that you continue to support these efforts and redirect the funds to the Island Community Center.

We appreciate the continued support from both Towns.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Emerson, Deer Isle

Pam Wendell, Deer Isle

Elaine Parke, Secretary, Stonington

Elissa Haskell, Treasurer, Stonington

Liz Perez, Deer Isle



Town of Stonington, Maine Athletic
Award Trust Reconciliation

December 31, 2023

| Fund Name | Beginning Basis | Beginning Cash Value | Income/Interest Earned | Disbursements/Other Transfers | Ending Basis | Ending Cash Value |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| DONALD BARLETT, Scholarship | 990.05 | 990.05 | 0.10 | - | 990.05 | 990.15 |
| MCDONALD, STEPHEN, Scholarship | 392.73 | 392.73 | 0.04 | - | 392.73 | 392.77 |
| Grand Totals | 1,382.78 | 1,382.78 | 0.14 | - | 1,382.78 | 1,382.92 |

| Fund Name | Beginning Basis | Beginning Cash Value | Income/Interest Earned | Disbursements/Other Transfers | Ending Basis | Ending Cash Value |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Anderson, Mabel | 500.00 | 979.94 | 0.49 | - | 500.00 | 980.43 |
| Anderson, Millard | 200.00 | 212.71 | 0.11 | - | 200.00 | 212.82 |
| Bailey, Marjorie Estate | 2,000.00 | 2,120.40 | 1.07 | - | 2,000.00 | 2,121.47 |
| Barter & Burrill | 400.00 | 515.62 | 0.26 | - | 400.00 | 515.88 |
| Barter, Mary | 300.00 | 592.04 | 0.30 | - | 300.00 | 592.34 |
| Billings, Llewelyn & Ursula | 500.00 | 2,488.62 | 1.25 | - | 500.00 | 2,489.88 |
| Billings, Mabel & William | 300.00 | 360.60 | 0.18 | - | 300.00 | 360.78 |
| Eban Candage & George Eaton | 500.00 | 1,417.39 | 0.71 | - | 500.00 | 1,418.10 |
| Castallucci-Donatelli | 200.00 | 212.71 | 0.11 | - | 200.00 | 212.82 |
| Collins, Charles & Lucy | 100.00 | 480.18 | 0.24 | - | 100.00 | 480.42 |
| Coombs, James & Celeste | 150.00 | 545.96 | 0.28 | - | 150.00 | 546.24 |
| Cousins, Percy | 400.00 | 498.06 | 0.25 | - | 400.00 | 498.31 |
| Cripps, Ernest T | 300.00 | 604.73 | 0.30 | - | 300.00 | 605.04 |
| Dunham, Laura | 500.00 | 658.39 | 0.33 | - | 500.00 | 658.72 |
| Eaton, Chester | 1,000.00 | 4,186.58 | 2.11 | - | 1,000.00 | 4,188.69 |
| Eaton, Joseph | 100.00 | 100.70 | 0.05 | - | 100.00 | 100.75 |
| Eaton, Nora | 300.00 | 1,055.26 | 0.53 | - | 300.00 | 1,055.80 |
| Fiffeld, Lila E | 245.86 | 728.42 | 0.37 | - | 245.86 | 728.79 |
| Frink | 1,000.00 | 1,408.49 | 0.71 | - | 1,000.00 | 1,409.20 |
| Greene, Amanda & Sullivan | 200.00 | 323.46 | 0.16 | - | 200.00 | 323.63 |
| Greene, Sullivan | 200.00 | 255.79 | 0.13 | - | 200.00 | 255.92 |
| Greenlaw, William L | 500.00 | 1,415.70 | 0.71 | - | 500.00 | 1,416.41 |
| Gross, Frank | 200.00 | - | - | - | 200.00 | - |
| Gross, Lawrence | 300.00 | 671.55 | 0.34 | - | 300.00 | 671.89 |
| Hamlin-Gross | 200.00 | 127.20 | 0.06 | - | 200.00 | 127.27 |
| Judkins, Edith | 9,576.66 | 21,364.42 | 10.76 | - | 9,576.66 | 21,375.18 |
| Judkins, Ruel & Harry | 600.00 | 1,023.38 | 0.52 | - | 600.00 | 1,023.89 |
| Knowlton & Coombs | 200.00 | 687.22 | 0.35 | - | 200.00 | 687.57 |
| McDonald, Stephen | 100.00 | 100.60 | 0.05 | - | 100.00 | 100.65 |
| McGuire, Frank | 300.00 | 582.95 | 0.29 | - | 300.00 | 583.25 |
| McKenzie, Smith, Goodrich | 200.00 | 927.85 | 0.47 | - | 200.00 | 928.31 |
| McMahon, Dennis | 350.00 | 658.75 | 0.33 | - | 350.00 | 659.08 |
| Merrill & Merrill | 1,000.00 | 2,019.61 | 1.02 | - | 1,000.00 | 2,020.62 |
| Milne, Alexander | 500.00 | 745.28 | 0.38 | - | 500.00 | 745.66 |
| Morey, Lena | 377.00 | 528.27 | 0.27 | - | 377.00 | 528.54 |
| Noyes, George B | 200.00 | 893.80 | 0.45 | - | 200.00 | 894.25 |
| Parson, Celia | 300.00 | 576.25 | 0.29 | - | 300.00 | 576.54 |
| Pray, Jessie M | 50.00 | 17.64 | 0.01 | - | 50.00 | 17.65 |
| Richardson, Gordon & Lida | 300.00 | 435.62 | 0.22 | - | 300.00 | 435.84 |
| Robbins, Abbie | 200.00 | 212.71 | 0.11 | - | 200.00 | 212.82 |
| Robbins, James & Sarah | 300.00 | 368.47 | 0.19 | - | 300.00 | 368.66 |
| Saunders, William & Mary | 100.00 | 192.49 | 0.10 | - | 100.00 | 192.59 |
| Sturdee, Thomas | 500.00 | 826.36 | 0.42 | - | 500.00 | 826.77 |
| Thurlow & Hundley | 2,900.00 | 3,983.62 | 2.01 | - | 2,900.00 | 3,985.62 |
| Thurlow, Louise | 150.00 | 246.45 | 0.12 | - | 150.00 | 246.57 |
| Turley-Herrick | 200.00 | 239.71 | 0.12 | - | 200.00 | 239.83 |
| Webster, Nattie | 300.00 | 952.56 | 0.48 | - | 300.00 | 953.04 |
| Welch, Hattie & Guy | 100.00 | 362.43 | 0.18 | - | 100.00 | 362.62 |
| Grand Totals | 29,399.52 | 59,906.95 | 30.18 | - | 29,399.52 | 59,937.13 |



Deer Isle - Stonington Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 490
Deer Isle, ME 04627

deerisle@deerisle.com
www.deerisle.com
(207) 348-6124

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 2024.

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 and accommodations. Over the last year, 25,000 people visited the site, looking at 72,000 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 3000 copies of the 2023 Map and Guide to the Island and distributes it through local businesses, the Chamber's website and the Chamber's own Welcome Center. Thousands of copies of the 2023 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.

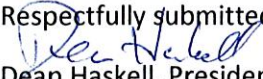
The Chamber sponsors and/or supports Fourth of July festivities, Holiday events, citizens' forums and the Stonington Economic Development Committee. The Chamber also issues a monthly news flash, which informs Members about important Island events. Additionally, the Chamber Board has recently formed a committee with Board members and volunteers from other Island organizations seeking to re-establish the annual Island Fishermen's Day celebration that was last held in 2019.

The Chamber appreciates the Town of Stonington's continuing support of our endeavors. This year we are again asking for a contribution of \$4000 towards the July 4th celebration and a contribution of \$700 for our ongoing promotional efforts. The requested July 4th celebration contribution is an increase of \$400.00 from last year to cover anticipated higher costs for 2024 based on increased actual costs for 2023 in excess of Town appropriations which were paid from Chamber funds. The contribution requested for ongoing promotional efforts in the same as last year.

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

10/5/23

Thank you, in advance, for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Haskell, President
October 5, 2023

Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Craig Hutchinson Kristen Rollins Leslie Miller Landrigan Tony Adams

Dean Haskell



Max Katzenberg

Dan
Landrigan



November 20, 2023

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 '25.

Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Murphy", is written over the typed name.

Paul Murphy
General Manager



**EASTERN AREA
AGENCY ON AGING**

Eastern Area Agency on Aging

240 State Street
Brewer, ME 04412
(207) 941-2865 (800) 432-7812
www.eaaa.org

Town of: Stonington

Greetings,

Last year Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA):

- Provided health insurance counseling to over 1,798 community residents,
- Saved community residents \$953,808 in Medicare premiums, deductibles and copays,
- Provided 201,092 meals to homebound older adults
- Provided 21,520 hours of volunteer services across our region.

Through the continued support of towns and municipalities, we can offer essential services and resources to the most vulnerable residents in Washington, Hancock, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties. You will find a report listing services EAAA provided to benefit your residents over the past 12 months and the associated costs.

With pandemic funding ending and our population's ongoing needs growing, we ask you to continue funding Eastern Area Agency on Aging as you prepare your town's budget. Rising food, fuel, and supplies costs have increased the cost to provide services and the demand for services as older adults struggle to make ends meet.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| ➤ Your town's allocation to EAAA last year: | \$ 3000.00 |
| ➤ Amount requested for 2024: | \$ 3000.00 |

If you have questions, please contact Communications and Development Director Christopher Hill at 1-800-432-7812 or Chill@EAAA.org. We have also enclosed a one-page sheet summarizing our programs and services. Please visit www.eaaa.org to learn more about Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hill
Communications and Development Director

**EASTERN AREA
AGENCY ON AGING**

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Home Care & Hospice
Suite 200
225 Gorham Road
South Portland, ME 04106

Office 800.757.3326
Fax 207.400.8891

December 18, 2023

Selectpersons and Residents
Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Selectpersons and Residents,

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the work we do at Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. This past year we have continued to provide crucial community health services to help your residents remain in the comfort of their own home for as long as they possibly can. Our nurses, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, and spiritual counselors are dedicated to compassionate care. We provide unique patient-centered care when your residents are released from the hospital following illness or surgery, as well as when your residents elect end of life hospice services.

Although Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, like many others across the health care industry, has faced numerous challenges in recent years, we have not wavered in delivering high quality patient care and striving to improve the health of the people and communities we serve. In the last twelve months statewide, we have:

- Conducted 112,090 visits to 7,185 home care patients
- Conducted 35,229 visits to 1,255 hospice patients

In addition to our hallmark home health and hospice programs, we continued providing indispensable public health services in the community. Each year we host vaccination clinics at community locations including schools, low-income senior centers, workplaces, homeless shelters, nursing homes, island communities, and more to promote public health in the community more broadly. We also provide vaccines to homebound residents and caregivers regardless of whether they are receiving home care or hospice services. In the last twelve months, we have administered 13,602 flu clinic vaccinations, 4,000 Covid vaccines, and close to 1,000 homebound vaccinations. We have also already scheduled over 350 community clinics to offer Flu, Covid, Pneumonia, and RSV vaccines.

We are heartened by these visitation and community health numbers. Even more so, we are immensely proud of the impact we have on the lives of our patients and their families. Some are recovering from illness or surgery or may be managing one or more chronic illnesses, while others are experiencing their remaining days under hospice care. The stories of lonely and isolated patients who look forward to their clinician visits are many, and the words of gratitude from families whose loved ones were able to pass more gently under our care renew our passion for the work we do. As an example of the good work we do, I share with you a quote from a grateful family.



Home Care & Hospice
Suite 200
225 Gorham Road
South Portland, ME 04106

Office 800.757.3326
Fax 207.400.8891

“Dianna’s and my experience with hospice during her last seven weeks was totally positive. Hospice was very sensitive to our wanting minimum visits due to COVID worries, but the advice we received during the visits that did take place and over the telephone were invaluable. I would not want to go through such an end-of-life caregiving experience without hospice!”

While we get reimbursed from Medicare, MaineCare, and other insurers, this does not cover the full cost of care provided to those with, or without, insurance in your community. It also does not cover our efforts to assist members of your community with needs that go beyond clinical care such as shower benches, blood pressure cuffs, healthy meals, and more. Financial support from the Town of Stonington is used to offset the shortage in reimbursements for insured individuals, and to ensure care for those without insurance.

We hope that we have inspired you to consider maintaining your support for our work with a FY24 gift in the amount of \$7,500. Please be reminded that our clinicians live in the communities they serve, and our board of directors includes a representative residing in each county we cover. Along with this request, I have included our board list, an overview of the care we provided in your community, and our FY24 budget. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your past support and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Colleen Hilton
President, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice
Senior Vice President, Northern Light Health

HIP healthy island project

October 2023

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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Nancy Roudebush

Dear Friends of HIP,

We've had another incredibly busy and fruitful year supporting our neighbors and enhancing the broad health of the Deer Isle-Stonington community. So much of our growth, innovation, and inspiration is thanks to your support for helping to meet so many community needs. We run a mix of ongoing programs and special events, all centered on our **community**. You know us from **Salt Air Seniors**, the weekly **HIP Lunch Box meal** and **Coffee Socials** for seniors, community events such as **WinterFest** and the **Community Breakfast**, collaborative efforts with the towns on COVID vaccine clinics, **FarmDrop**, **Edible Island** programs in the community and schools, and new this year, **Fuel Up!**, **HIP Pantries** and a vibrant **School Backpack program** through which we are striving to bridge the food/nutritional security gap. Whether it's our beloved seniors, families, young people, or kids, no one on our island should go hungry and we intend to end hunger through a multi-faceted approach.

Also new this year is **Bridging Neighbors**, a volunteer community health resource program developed in partnership with Healthy Peninsula, to help our neighbors access much needed resources and overcome social isolation. Do you know of someone in need? Please, contact HIP to see how we can help.

We rely on individual donations, grant funding, and support from the towns to fund our programming. Thousands of volunteer hours by over one hundred phenomenal volunteers paired with our small, resourceful, and dedicated staff to keep us the responsive and nimble organization we are, focused on meeting the needs of islanders with joy, dignity and respect.

We are truly grateful to the Town of Stonington for your past support of \$5000 for 2023. With expanded programming, our 2023 budget of \$205,000 is now \$228,000 for 2024, **we are respectfully requesting \$6750 (3% of our overall budget) from each town**. Your support will allow islanders to live healthier, happier lives.

Sincerely,



René Colson
Executive Director



Susan Toder
President of the Board



10/11/2023

Mary Roche
Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
32 Main Street
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Mary,

We appreciate the support we have received from the Town of Stonington in the past, and I am reaching out for support again this year. The support we get from our partnering towns is important in helping us reach our mission to serve patients with life limiting illness and their families. Just this year we went through our Strategic Planning process and created a plan with the focus to grow and serve more patients and families throughout Hancock County.

Our services include companionship/respite for patients and families under hospice and palliative care services, bereavement services through individual and group support, medical equipment loaner program, and Evensong Hospice Choir. We also provide educational workshops on end-of-life topics. Most recently we added a program called "Remember When" for patients to share their stories as part of an audio recording, created by an HVHC Volunteer in Stonington.

Stonington Residents Served 2022-2023

4 received Medical Equipment.

1 hospice patient received Volunteer Support.

4 HVHC Volunteers – serving Stonington and surrounding areas.

We do not receive any state or federal funding and rely on grants, donors, fundraising events, and town support to help us meet our mission. We would like to ask the Town of Stonington for \$1000 again this year.

Please let me know what additional things we need to do to be eligible for this funding. Thank you so much for your time, and we hope to hear from you. I can be reached at kbaillargeon@hospiceofhancock.org or you can call me at 207-667-2531.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baillargeon
Executive Director



Report to the taxpayers and residents of Stonington for the year 2023

As 2024 approaches, the Island Community Center (ICC) celebrates 22 years of providing programs and events that enhance wellness and create connections for all island folk – locals and visitors alike. 2023 saw the ICC continue its efforts to create new programs and innovative enhancements for established favorites benefiting island children and adults. We are doing more than ever before.

The fitness center has become a proven asset to the community. The benefits of health & well-being are appreciated by all those who enter the facility. With a variety of membership options and an established scholarship available, any person who wishes to join may do so. Programs such as Camp Kooky, the Stonington Six, and the Applefest enjoy continued success. New programs like senior exercise and Game Night are becoming a valued part of the week. We continue to be a facility that is here for those needing a safe space to work their way to health after an injury or health crisis. Collaborations with “Flash in the Pan”, the Farmer’s Market and the Island Food Pantry are important examples of working with our partners toward community- building.

We approach the year-end in a solid financial position with a healthy reserve. However, ICC funds approximately 80 percent of operations through usage fees, individual donations, grants, and special fundraising events. Public funding from the Towns of Stonington and Deer Isle is essential to offset the full cost of our programming and facility maintenance aggravated at this time by rising utility, heating, and other costs. **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

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October 16, 2023

To the Town of Stonington,

Stonington Public Library's director Christopher Ross, board of trustees, and dedicated volunteers work hard to keep SPL the valuable year-round resource *everyone* in the community can count on. Now, more than ever, the townspeople of Stonington need assurance that some things will not change.

To this end, this year SPL Trustees are respectfully requesting an appropriation of \$25,000. This will enable us to continue to keep the library open year round and offer our outstanding librarian full-time hours and a salary with benefits comparable to the Peninsula's small public libraries.

This amount is approximately one fourth of the cost to successfully operate the library. We raise the remainder through our annual appeal, ongoing book sale, and Labor Day raffle. This year, with help from our dedicated volunteers, we added three new fundraisers: the July 4th booth, the Stonington barn concert, and the Blue Hill Coop's Change for Good program.

Once again, our annual statistics speak for themselves. From October 2022 through September 2023, we have logged 6,953 visitors, 7,764 items borrowed, 4,310 Wi-Fi users, 687 additions to our collection, and 1,067 volunteer hours. We offered 94 programs, both in-person and remote, with 2,002 adults, teens, and children participating. Along with our monthly SPL book club, poetry open mic, and story time/craft, SPL offers programming throughout the year, including several series funded with generous support from local businesses and community members: our nine-week Seaside Series in Small Cove Park, a six-week graphic novel workshop, and Edible Island, an ongoing cooking and culture series in collaboration with Healthy Island Project.

SPL also invested in Maine Infonet Library System (MILS) in 2023. MILS is a shared library system that brings together small libraries of all types from across the state. Our participation means expanded access for SPL patrons - from thousands of titles to *hundreds of thousands* of titles of books, audio books and dvd's - and *millions* more through MaineCat. MILS empowers our patrons to access the materials they want and gives patrons control over their accounts, including the ability to create and share reading lists. In addition, we continue to offer Kanopy, the top-tier video streaming service that offers a wealth of independent, ad-free educational and entertainment content at no cost to our patrons.

We were pleased to welcome Lisa Shipley to the board in 2023. Members who complete the board are Melissa Mial, president; Ben Jackson, vice president; Richard Paget, treasurer; Emily Newell, secretary; Richard Barnes, past president; Alicia Condon, and Jean Jackson.

With gratitude for your continued support, we look forward to another great year of serving our community,
Stonington Public Library Board of Trustees

Stonington Public Library, P.O. Box 441, 64
Main Street, Stonington, Maine 04681
(207) 367-5926 | stonington.public.library@gmail.com



**The American Legion
Rodney Stinson Post 102**

Richard Eaton
423 Airport Road
Stonington, ME 04681
(207) 367-5586

June 6, 2023

The Town of Stonington
Attn: Kathleen Billings, Town Mgr.
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Kathleen Billings, and Residents of Stonington, Maine,

In preparation of completing the Budget which covers **Memorial Day, 2024** ~ Please write \$500.00 into the budget to reimburse the American Legion Rodney Stinson Post 102 for reimbursement for the flags.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Eaton
Post Commander/Finance Officer



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

October 13, 2023

Town of Stonington
Attn: Mary Roche
32 Main Street, PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Mary,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Stonington. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$750.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

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

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

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October 16, 2023

Town of Stonington
 PO Box 9
 Stonington, ME 04681

RE: Annual Request for Local Match Funds

Dear Board of Selectmen:

Downeast Community Partners, now in our 6th year following the merge of WHCA and CFO, wishes to extend a thank you to Stonington’s Selectmen and residents for your past support. Downeast Community Partners’ mission is to improve the quality of life and reduce the impact of poverty in Downeast communities. Attached is a flyer that I hope will assist you in informing townspeople what we offer. If you would like more copies or additional information, please reach out to us. You can also reference our website www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

As in years past, DCP requests your support to continue, and expand, services to your community. **Many of the supportive services offered by DCP have a direct impact on town expenditures by reducing reliance on your general assistance program and increasing the reinvestment in goods and services by those who receive support. This represents a true partnership with your town in responding to the needs of your citizens.**

We request \$9,756.60—representing roughly 5% of the value of the services we provided to residents of Stonington the last year—to help low-income and vulnerable seniors, families, and individuals in your community. During the last fiscal year, DCP provided \$195,132.07 in services to your community. Stonington residents requested and received the following services:

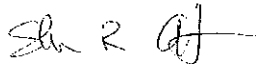
| Services Provided | Number of Households/Individuals | Amount Expended/\$\$ Value |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HEAP (Fuel Assistance) | 23/36 | \$48,393.00 |
| HEAP Supplemental Benefit | 29/53 | 36,454.00 |
| ERA (COVID Emergency Rental Assistance) | 1/1 | 4,200.00 |
| Winter Energy Relief Program (WERP) | 9/20 | 6,421.00 |
| Housing | 2/2 | 4,440.00 |
| Friendship Cottage Adult Day Service | /2 | 15,610.00 |
| Transportation (# rides, not individuals) | 128 | 50,898.04 |
| Aging in Place | /1 | 5,140.00 |
| Christmas Magic | /6 | 240.00 |
| Head Start | 2/1 | 22,136.03 |
| Child Care | 1/0 | 0 |
| Food Security | 1/0 | 0 |

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Financial Coaching | 1/2 | 1,200.00 |
| Total | | \$195,132.07 |

Also, as one of the larger non-profits in eastern Maine, DCP employs 3 Stonington residents, further strengthening our connection to your town.

Thank you for your consideration. We would like to meet with you or your budget committee to answer any questions or address any concerns. Please let me know the appropriate meeting date so that we can be sure to have someone attend. You can reach me at 207-610-5944 or by email at sharon.catus@dcpcap.org.

In Partnership,



Sharon Catus
Director, Resource Development



October 11, 2023

Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

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*It is our mission to
build strong
communities, families
and individuals by
fostering respect
and promoting a
healthy spirit, mind,
and body for all.*

Dear Selectmen and Budget Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Blue Hill YMCA, located at the Lawrence Family Fitness Center regarding the Town Funding Request for 2024. This year's request for funds will not only offer great benefits for Stonington citizens but also provide the town with opportunity to be involved in a comprehensive peninsula wide recreational program. This year we respectfully request \$3,000.00 . This is the only request the town will receive from the YMCA.

Highlights of the plan would include:

- Participating towns would be able to provide a representative to the peninsula recreation committee being developed by the Blue Hill YMCA. This committee will help develop:
 - Adult, Family and senior recreational activities throughout the peninsula and at the Lawrence Family Center.
 - Active participant in the development and coordination of youth sports and recreational activities.
- The YMCA would coordinate recreational activities as guided by the committee and if appropriate in collaboration with established groups in the participating community.
- Expanded free usage of the Lawrence Family Center for all citizens to enjoy up to 8 hours a week during our Free Supporting Community Time.
- Children from participating towns will pay the lowest rate for sports programs.
- Each school would receive one 7 week water safety program for up to 25 kids. This program would be offered during the school day and transportation would be the responsibility of the school.
- Presently, Stonington has 65 citizens involved at the Lawrence Family Center.

Finally, all monies received from the Town of Stonington will be used to support the Blue Hill YMCA located at the Lawrence Family Center. Please let me know when and where your budget meeting will take place and I will be pleased to join the meeting to explain this great opportunity in person/zoom.

Thank you


Matt Montgomery
Branch Executive Director -LFFC
Blue Hill YMCA

Down East Family YMCA
Blue Hill | Bucksport | Ellsworth
(207) 667-3086 | defymca.org



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



October 5, 2023

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

Dear Selectboard and Residents of Stonington,

I am reaching out to you and asking for your continued support for the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program. As I'm sure you know, WIC provides essential, nutritious foods for income-eligible women who are pregnant, have just given birth and may be breastfeeding. We also provide food packages for infants (including formula) and children up to the age of five years old.

It may also surprise you that WIC also provides nutrition education, cooking classes, health screening, well water testing kits, free infant and toddler car seats and we support children entering foster care. WIC has an extensive breastfeeding program that offers 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.

Last year, 16 residents from the Town of Stonington participated in WIC, receiving \$11,712.00 in food benefits. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$800.00, representing \$50 per resident served last year from the Town of Stonington. 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, Eastport and other small island communities. Your local community support is so important to our mission and we hope you will consider saying "yes" to our request for financial assistance.

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

P.S. Please remember that support of WIC from the Town of Stonington makes a difference in the lives of women, infants, and children in your community. Thank you.

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October 12th, 2023

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

Dear Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

At the 2023 town meeting, the voters of the town of Stonington approved a \$1,500 request from Project Launch (PL). ***In 2024, we once again request \$1,500 to help support program efforts, in particular our newly-established apprenticeship program.*** In partnership with Deer Isle-Stonington High School, we have created an apprenticeship model that matches high school students with area employers. Students are on-site one full day a week and have a companion skill-building class at the high school the other four days a week. In 2022, a pilot group of 12 senior students were placed at local sites including Billings Diesel & Marine, Haystack, Yellow Birch Farm and the town of Stonington. In 2023, we will place 15 students and broaden content areas to include law enforcement, cyber-security and construction. The hands-on training, skill-building and work preparation that local students receive through these experiences is critical preparation for college and workforce success. In addition to our established activities of college & career readiness and post-secondary support, PL is increasingly a resource for local adults seeking a secondary career path and employment retraining, so much-needed as our traditional economies and local industries are changing.

Project Launch was started in 2012 to help local high school students and their families make a successful transition from high school to college. Based on that success, in 2018, we expanded to include all workforce and college-bound students. To date, more than 185 students have enrolled in our program. Project Launch was started with funding from the Maine Community Foundation and Island Education Foundation and since that time has received numerous other grants and individual donations. It is still essential that we continue to raise local support to help us sustain this much-needed program.

Thank you so much for your support!

Kimberly Hutchinson (*Executive Director*)

Lynn Kneedler, Chelsea Brown, Wendy Alpaugh, Susan Siebert, Asia Eaton and Patty Elliott
(*Project Launch Board of Directors*)

**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: 10/15/2023

Program(s)

What services do you provide to the Town of Stonington residents? Opioid harm reduction programs including NARCAN distribution and training, fentanyl test strips, and a syringe exchange. Drug prevention programs in the DI-S schools. Assistance in navigating the treatment and recovery support landscape with consultations on treatment options, connections to treatment and recovery coaching, and support for friends and families.

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?

- Trained more than 150 of our community members to carry NARCAN.
- Orchestrated a 5-day NARCAN training at the 2023 Blue Hill Fair, leading volunteers from Health Equity Alliance, Healthy Acadia, Maine Options Program, and Northern Light Blue Hill Hospital in training nearly over 400 fair-goers to carry NARCAN and distributing more than 500 fentanyl test strips.
- Partnered with DISHS to educate students in grades 9-12 about substance use and recovery with a full-day conference-style event entitled "*Jacinta - Addiction, Incarceration and Recovery in Maine*".
- Distributed over 1,000 clean syringes to individuals served by OFIP's needle exchange.

Funding Request

How was the amount of your request determined? OFIP has steadily reduced its town warrant requests over time in line with transition to private funding, from \$20K for 2017 and 2018, to \$10K for 2019, \$7.5K for 2020 and 2021, and \$5K for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

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 partnership with AMHC for the services of Ashley L. Pesek, LCSW, which supports OFIP's needle exchange program and training and distribution for NARCAN and fentanyl test strips, its collaboration with the schools, and its confidential assistance to members of the Deer Isle-Stonington community in navigating the landscape of harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support.

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 10/15/2023 OFIP P&L Detail and Balance Sheet statements for its latest fiscal year are being prepared by our bookkeeper and will be forwarded ASAP.

What percent (%) is received from municipal funding? Estimate for OFIP FY 2023-2024: 5% Stonington, 5% Deer Isle.

October 2023

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



Greetings,

Maine is a special place with hundreds of communities scattered along the coast and further inland, on small islands and tucked along mountain roads. It often feels like one small town, where people know one another, are committed to this place and to their neighbors, work hard, contribute what they can, and enjoy and take pride in the rugged landscape.

At LifeFlight of Maine, we are committed to being there for Maine, and for your community, when you need us. We have four teams standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to bring ICU-level care to the point of need. Our teams are prepared to respond rapidly with a top speed of nearly 175 miles per hour. Our highly skilled clinicians and our state-of-the-art aircraft give patients their best chance on their worst day.

We are grateful for every single family that entrusts us with caring for their loved ones. We are grateful to the police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospitals who work alongside us in caring for patients. LifeFlight is one important link, among many, in the chain of survival for those who are critically ill or injured. That is as true today as it was when we began 25 years ago.

We are also grateful for each and every community in Maine and the incredible support we continue to receive for our life-saving mission. Since 1998, we have transported more than 37,000 patients, including residents of every single Maine city, town, plantation, and community. **Since 1998, we have transported 90 residents of Stonington, with 10 in the last year. Additionally, we have landed in Stonington for 28 scene calls since 1998.**

Each year, we reach out to all municipalities in the state to invite them to **support our Community Giving Campaign** to ensure that LifeFlight teams can continue to answer the call for help today and for years to come. Since 2006, 266 communities have contributed a total of \$840,000. Each one of these gifts is an acknowledgement from these Maine communities that they understand and appreciate the vitally important and unique role that LifeFlight plays as a connector in the state's increasingly fragile healthcare system. **This year, we hope Stonington will help us reach our goal of having every municipality in Maine participate in our Community Giving Campaign. Please consider a gift of \$528, which is based on a rate of \$0.5 per capita.**

LifeFlight is a nonprofit charitable organization that depends on logistical and philanthropic support across Maine. Communities like yours make our work possible. Together, we ensure people have access to the care they need when they need it, and we are grateful for your partnership and commitment.

Enclosed you'll find FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of Maine communities that have supported us. **Please contact Ashley MacMillan at The LifeFlight Foundation at amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org or 207-357-5508 with any questions.** If you need additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Joe Kellner
Chief Executive Officer
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
The LifeFlight Foundation



Celebrating 25 years of safely caring for and transporting the people of Maine.

PO Box 859, Augusta, ME 04332 | (207) 230-7092 | www.lifeflightmaine.org

Island Workforce Housing is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to creating housing solutions in Deer Isle and Stonington that are permanently-affordable to individuals and families working in these communities.



2023

Selectboard and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

In 2018, Island Workforce Housing (IWH) set out to address the worsening housing crisis. At that time, affordable year-round rentals were the island's greatest concern. Since then, real estate prices have increased so much that now there is also an extreme shortage of affordable homes to purchase. In 2019, the median home price in Deer Isle was \$217,000, and in Stonington was \$375,000. In 2022, in both towns it had increased to \$450,000. In 2022, there were 46 homes sold on the island - only 4 of those were affordable to the median income.

Over the past five years, IWH's volunteer board has spent thousands of hours working on our first project. Thanks to the dedication and resourcefulness of our hardworking communities, there are ten brand new 2-bedroom rental homes at Oliver's Ridge. These homes are now filled with workers from our local schools, restaurants, construction industry, and fishing industry.

In July we had a great turnout at our open house, welcoming hundreds of visitors to walk through a completed unit before the first tenants moved in. We worked directly with the school system to advertise to potential new hires, giving our schools a leg-up in the hiring process which allowed them to find great candidates.

There is no state or federal funding available for this type of housing on Deer Isle, so Island Workforce Housing relies on the generosity of donors, volunteers, local businesses, and private grants.

Creating housing for local workers is one of the most effective ways to promote community and economic development. This year we are respectfully requesting \$6,000 from each town. These funding requests help demonstrate that island residents support and value IWH's mission to create housing for the community.

Looking towards the future, we are excited to support our great new tenants, hire our first employee, and work to figure out what shape our next project will take. We are so appreciative of all of your support in completing our first project, and we sincerely thank you for considering our request.

Island Workforce Housing, Board of Directors

Megan Dewey-Wood, Chair
Sue Buxton, Vice-Chair
Bill Anderson
Abby Barrows
Linda Campbell
Sam Harrington
Maggie Kirsch
Walter Kumiega
Peter Roth
Ciona Ulbrich



Oliver's Ridge, October 2023

OPERA HOUSE.

Arts

PO Box 56
1 School Street
Stonington, Maine 04681
207-367-2788
www.operahousearts.org

Dear Select Board and Residents of Stonington,

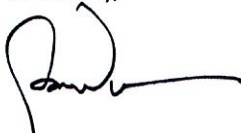
I write on behalf of Opera House Arts (OHA), the 501 [c] [3] organization which owns and administers the Stonington Opera House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and an important community asset for the entire island. This year, we ask for \$7,500 from each of our island towns to support maintaining year-round activity at the Opera House. This is roughly 1% of our operations costs of \$790,201 in FY2023; the current fiscal year budget (Nov - Oct) is \$873,159.

The support requested is to help us to remain open year-round and continue the many activities island residents look forward to each year. Year-round island residents were the top attendees at events this past year and comprise the largest number of donors. The dollar amount contributed is a different story, but one that ultimately yields good news for our community: OHA helps deliver hundreds of thousands of dollars to our island every year; dollars which are then spent on goods and services from island businesses and contractors as well as local salaries.

54.55% of Deer Isle-Stonington high school students were eligible for free and reduced lunch in 2023 and we are proud to continue our tradition of granting free admission to live events to all Hancock County students 17 and under. OHA also provided 28 programs that were free to all in FY 2023 and are on track to do so again this year.

As you may know, theaters across the country are closing in the wake of the pandemic and we are working hard to address some pretty tough years. We continue to seek funding from many other sources and if successful, will continue to rebuild our operations and infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Pamela Dewell
Interim Executive Director

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2023

| Name | Amount Due | Name | Amount Due |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Betts, Matthew B | 1,011.40 | Odell Jr, Ralph W | 3,063.76 |
| Bray Jr, Timothy L | 356.32 | Odell Jr, Ralph W | 2,293.54 |
| Brillhart, Melissa H \$ Jacob L | 38.93 | Odell Jr, Ralph W | 88.69 |
| Clough, Jason | 359.44 | Odell Jr, Ralph W (trustee) | 6,280.02 |
| Clough, Jason J | 1,320.16 | Oliver, Lucas | 904.04 |
| Coleman, Brett | 558.6 | Olsen, Blaine | 1,330.38 |
| Cooper, Audrey O | 255.18 | Pitts, Benjamin Alexander | 1,938.87 |
| Damon, William | 3,434.09 | *Riemersma, Rick | 577.28 |
| Damon, William J | 1,022.29 | Robbins, Susan T | 690.12 |
| Damon, William John | 793.56 | Robbins, Tim | 822.59 |
| Eaton, Cheryl | 2,818.78 | Robinson, Craig J | 1174.93 |
| Eaton, Dennis C | 634.85 | *Siebert, Becky A | 158.52 |
| Eaton, Kendall L | 1,493.76 | Simmonds, Barbara B | 3,486.61 |
| *Eaton, Ronald M | 118.01 | St.Amand, George Maxwell | 1,787.84 |
| Fifield, Wallace W | 14.84 | Taylor, Austin | 1,570.00 |
| Fitzpatrick, Nancy | 1,084.53 | Taylor, Austin | 3,458.99 |
| Friedell, Carolyn | 1,419.07 | Taylor, Austin | 11,332.35 |
| Friedell, David | 7,800.23 | Trundy, Daniel M | 1,580.90 |
| Friedell, David | 1,666.48 | Trundy, Daniel M | 1,403.51 |
| Furrow, Cecilia M (rep) | 1,996.72 | Trundy, Ricky | 157.16 |
| Gray, Jeremiah | 1,217.93 | Wiberg, Nicholas T | 4,433.31 |
| Hagerthy, Allan | 233.40 | | |
| Hall, Bert | 1,072.08 | | |
| Havelick, Myria J | 769.89 | | |
| *Hero, Lindsey R | 796.06 | | |
| *Hero, Lindsey R | 902.48 | | |
| Holland, Edith | 3,792.48 | | |
| Hutchinson, Raymond | 2,164.93 | | |
| Jones Jr, David | 631.74 | | |
| Jones Jr, David | 695.53 | | |
| Jones, James Alvan | 2,459.26 | | |
| Jost, Gretchen | 3,734.62 | | |
| Jost, Gretchen | 298.75 | | |
| Klemenz Sr, Peter J | 1,182.87 | | |
| Klemenz, Laurie Ann | 778.00 | | |
| Landrigan, Daniel I | 5.96 | | |
| Lund, Andrew & Ruth | 35.27 | | |
| MacDonald, Jennifer | 904.04 | | |
| McCown, Molly | 1,940.33 | | |
| Methodist Church | 3,402.97 | | |
| *Murphy, Jared M | 511.92 | | |
| Nazarene Church Parsonage | 537.26 | | |
| Nolan, Heidi & Allen, Danielle | 3,411.22 | | |
| | | * Paid after 12/31/23 | |
| | | TOTAL | \$ 108,209.64 |

Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2023

| Name | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 68 Main LLC | 77.8 |
| *Brown, Richard | 175.83 |
| Coldwater Seafood, LLC | 675.3 |
| Cormier Construction & Granite | 899.36 |
| Damon Family Lobster | 31.12 |
| Harbor Café | 488.58 |
| Peabody, Charles dba Charlie's Garage | 84.95 |
| Reynolds, Hugh | 146.26 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,579.20 |

2022 Liens as of December 31, 2023

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Eaton, Cheryl | 1459.55 |
| Furrow, Cecilia M (personal representative) | 1170.31 |
| Gray, Jeremiah | 626.98 |
| Holland, Edith | 2003.57 |
| Hutchinson, Raymond | 1145.07 |
| Jones Jr., David | 737.17 |
| Jones Jr., David | 794.41 |
| Jones, James Alvan | 1294.23 |
| Klemenz Sr., Peter J | 433.92 |
| Nolan, Heidi Danielle; Allen, Danielle Marina | 1797.07 |
| Pitts, Benjamin Alexander | 1392.2 |
| Robinson, Craig J | 573.9 |
| Simmonds, Barbara B | 928.32 |
| Wiberg, Nicholas T | 2324.68 |
| TOTAL | \$18,073.58 |

* Paid after 12/31/23

STONINGTON MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION

Municipality: STONINGTON 2023

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| 1. Total taxable value of real estate | 1 | \$216,484,760 <small>(from page 1, line 6)</small> | |
| 2. Total taxable value of personal property | 2 | \$879,300 <small>(from page 1, line 10)</small> | |
| 3. Total taxable value of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3 | \$217,364,060 <small>(from page 1, line 11)</small> | |
| 4. a. Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted | 4a. | \$4,466,700 <small>(from Page 1, line 14f)</small> | |
| b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value | 4b. | \$3,394,692 | |
| 5. a. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property | 5a. | \$704,200 <small>(from page 2, line 15c)</small> | |
| b. BETE exemption reimbursement value | 5b. | \$352,100 | |
| 6. Total valuation base (Line 3 + line 4b + line 5b) | 6 | \$221,110,852 | |

ASSESSMENTS

- | | | | |
|---|----|---|--|
| 7. County tax | 7 | \$150,812.75 | |
| 8. Municipal appropriation | 8 | \$1,915,127.00 | |
| 9. TIF financial plan amount | 9 | \$0 <small>(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small> | |
| 10. Local education appropriation | 10 | \$1,695,350.58 | |
| 11. Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10) | 11 | \$3,761,290.33 | |

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

- | | | | |
|--|----|----------------|--|
| 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing | 12 | \$118,091.00 | |
| 13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)) | 13 | \$300,000.00 | |
| 14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) | 14 | \$418,091.00 | |
| 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) | 15 | \$3,343,199.33 | |

- | | A | | B | | C | |
|-----|---|---|--|---|---|-------------------------|
| 16. | \$3,343,199.33 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | x | 1.05 | = | \$3,510,359.30 | Maximum Allowable Tax |
| 17. | \$3,343,199.33 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | ÷ | \$221,110,852 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | = | 0.01512 | Minimum Tax Rate |
| 18. | \$3,510,359.30 <small>(Amount from line 16)</small> | + | \$221,110,852 <small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | = | 0.01588 | Maximum Tax Rate |
| 19. | \$217,364,060.00 <small>(Amount from line 3)</small> | x | 0.01556 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$3,382,184.77 <small>(Enter on page 1, line 13)</small> | Tax for Commitment |
| 20. | \$3,343,199.33 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | x | 0.05 | = | \$167,159.97 | Maximum Overlay |
| 21. | \$3,394,692 <small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small> | x | 0.01556 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$52,821.41 <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Homestead Reimbursement |
| 22. | \$352,100 <small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small> | x | 0.01556 <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | = | \$5,478.68 <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small> | BETE Reimbursement |
| 23. | \$3,440,484.86 <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small> | - | \$3,343,199.33 <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | = | \$97,285.53 <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Overlay |

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

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



Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 20, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Stonington, Maine
Stonington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Stonington, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stonington, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds | Statement C |
| Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds | Statement E |
| Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund | Schedule 1 |
| Schedule of General Fund Revenues - Budget and Actual | Schedule 2 |
| Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund | Schedule A |
| Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds | Schedule E |
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RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | General Fund | Fish Pier | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 3,353,830 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,353,830 |
| Excise taxes | 284,283 | - | - | 284,283 |
| Intergovernmental | 204,354 | - | 1,059,250 | 1,263,604 |
| Charges for services | 100,237 | 1,107,303 | 124,399 | 1,331,939 |
| Interest/costs on liens | 8,146 | - | - | 8,146 |
| Investment income, net | 129,997 | - | 5,792 | 135,789 |
| Other income | 35,148 | 15,915 | 287,753 | 338,816 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>4,115,995</u> | <u>1,123,218</u> | <u>1,477,194</u> | <u>6,716,407</u> |
| | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 543,861 | - | - | 543,861 |
| Public safety | 289,280 | - | - | 289,280 |
| Health and sanitation | 428,081 | - | - | 428,081 |
| Public works | 347,714 | - | - | 347,714 |
| Special assessments | 1,846,163 | - | - | 1,846,163 |
| Social services | 14,300 | - | - | 14,300 |
| Culture and recreation | 33,066 | - | - | 33,066 |
| Unclassified | 140,179 | 1,084,706 | 894,341 | 2,119,226 |
| Debt service | 53,332 | - | - | 53,332 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>3,695,976</u> | <u>1,084,706</u> | <u>894,341</u> | <u>5,675,023</u> |
| | | | | |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>420,019</u> | <u>38,512</u> | <u>582,853</u> | <u>1,041,384</u> |
| | | | | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Transfers in | - | - | 728,273 | 728,273 |
| Transfers (out) | (368,273) | (10,000) | (350,000) | (728,273) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | <u>(368,273)</u> | <u>(10,000)</u> | <u>378,273</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | | | |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES | 51,746 | 28,512 | 961,126 | 1,041,384 |
| | | | | |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | <u>3,360,943</u> | <u>546,979</u> | <u>2,358,239</u> | <u>6,266,161</u> |
| | | | | |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | <u>\$ 3,412,689</u> | <u>\$ 575,491</u> | <u>\$ 3,319,365</u> | <u>\$ 7,307,545</u> |

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual | Variance |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Original | Final | | Positive (Negative) |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$3,382,185 | \$3,382,185 | \$ 3,353,830 | \$ (28,355) |
| Excise taxes: | | | | |
| Auto excise | - | - | 284,283 | 284,283 |
| Intergovernmental revenues: | | | | |
| State revenue sharing | 118,091 | 118,091 | 125,007 | 6,916 |
| Homestead exemption | 52,821 | 52,821 | 53,926 | 1,105 |
| Local road assistance | - | - | 21,180 | 21,180 |
| BETE reimbursement | 5,479 | 5,479 | - | (5,479) |
| Tree growth | - | - | 3,223 | 3,223 |
| Other intergovernmental | - | - | 1,018 | 1,018 |
| Interest/Investment income, net | - | - | 129,997 | 129,997 |
| Interest/Costs on liens | - | - | 8,146 | 8,146 |
| Charges for services: | | | | |
| Municipal agent fees | - | - | 28,475 | 28,475 |
| Snow removal contract | - | - | 20,390 | 20,390 |
| Building permits | - | - | 4,661 | 4,661 |
| Demo debris income | - | - | 24,655 | 24,655 |
| Recycling | - | - | 6,630 | 6,630 |
| Trash fees | - | - | 2,531 | 2,531 |
| Other fees | - | - | 7,875 | 7,875 |
| In lieu of taxes | - | - | 5,020 | 5,020 |
| Other income: | | | | |
| CATV fee | - | - | 2,381 | 2,381 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 32,767 | 32,767 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>\$3,558,576</u> | <u>\$3,558,576</u> | <u>\$ 4,115,995</u> | <u>\$ 557,419</u> |

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SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | <u>Appropriations</u> | <u>Budget Adjustments</u> | <u>Total Available</u> | <u>Actual Expenditures</u> | <u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | | | |
| Town roads | 182,000 | - | 182,000 | 108,565 | 73,435 |
| Winter roads | 240,500 | - | 240,500 | 184,157 | 56,343 |
| Equipment | 43,000 | - | 43,000 | 42,620 | 380 |
| Town garage | 12,700 | - | 12,700 | 9,372 | 3,328 |
| Colwell ramp | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Total | <u>481,200</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>481,200</u> | <u>347,714</u> | <u>133,486</u> |
| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | | | | | |
| School | 1,695,351 | - | 1,695,351 | 1,695,350 | 1 |
| County tax | 150,813 | - | 150,813 | 150,813 | - |
| Total | <u>1,846,164</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,846,164</u> | <u>1,846,163</u> | <u>1</u> |
| SOCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| General assistance | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | - | 2,500 |
| Northern Lights Homecare and Hospice | 7,550 | - | 7,550 | 7,550 | - |
| Eastern Area Agency on Aging | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| YMCA | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| American Red Cross | 750 | - | 750 | 750 | - |
| Total | <u>16,800</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16,800</u> | <u>14,300</u> | <u>2,500</u> |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | | | | | |
| Stonington public library | 12,500 | - | 12,500 | 12,500 | - |
| Athletic field | 2,800 | - | 2,800 | 2,800 | - |
| Town parks | 18,200 | - | 18,200 | 17,766 | 434 |
| Total | <u>33,500</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>33,500</u> | <u>33,066</u> | <u>434</u> |

SCHEDULE E

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Community Benefit Grant | ARPA (NEU) | ARPA \$900,000 | Flood Vulnerability Study | Heating Fund | CCG CT01A | Genesis Study | MCF Housing | MMA Safety Grant |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental income | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 900,000 | \$ 24,000 | \$ - | \$ 13,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Investment income | - | 29 | - | - | 435 | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | - | - | - | - | 55 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL REVENUES | - | 29 | 900,000 | 24,000 | 490 | 13,000 | - | - | - |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | 176 | - | 500 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | - | - | - | - | - | - | 176 | - | 500 |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) | - | 29 | 900,000 | 24,000 | 490 | 13,000 | (176) | - | (500) |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1, RESTATED | 2,038 | 109,062 | - | (23,999) | 14,008 | - | 176 | 2,000 | 500 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31 | \$ 2,038 | \$ 109,091 | \$ 900,000 | \$ 1 | \$ 14,498 | \$ 13,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ - |

SCHEDULE E (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Shore/Harbor Planning | Microloan Program | Ralston Property | Broadband Feasibility | Maine Coastal Program | Camoin Economic Study | SHP CT13A | CDS Collins 2021 | Total |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental income | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,059,250 |
| Investment income | - | 5,295 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,759 |
| Other income | - | - | 80 | - | - | - | - | - | 103,696 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>30,000</u> | <u>5,295</u> | <u>80</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>11,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,168,705</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | - | - | - | - | 30,000 | 7,000 | 14,700 | 240,000 | 346,896 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>7,000</u> | <u>14,700</u> | <u>240,000</u> | <u>346,896</u> |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) | 30,000 | 5,295 | 80 | - | (30,000) | (7,000) | (3,700) | (240,000) | 821,809 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1, RESTATED | (60,024) | 160,589 | 24,589 | (2,229) | 30,000 | (18,000) | - | (150,000) | 34,945 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31 | <u>\$ (30,024)</u> | <u>\$ 165,884</u> | <u>\$ 24,669</u> | <u>\$ (2,229)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (25,000)</u> | <u>\$ (3,700)</u> | <u>\$ (390,000)</u> | <u>\$ 856,754</u> |

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SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Gym Building | Harbor | Playground Reserve | Rainy Day Reserve | Road Equipment | Housing Reserve | School Building | Shellfish |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ - | \$ 79,241 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 45,158 | \$ - |
| Other income | 9,204 | 29,746 | 23,675 | 1,645 | 61,672 | 1,628 | 6,273 | 11,972 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 9,204 | 108,987 | 23,675 | 1,645 | 61,672 | 1,628 | 51,431 | 11,972 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 3,243 | 50,906 | 157,700 | - | 105,907 | - | 66,313 | 21,020 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 3,243 | 50,906 | 157,700 | - | 105,907 | - | 66,313 | 21,020 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 5,961 | 58,081 | (134,025) | 1,645 | (44,235) | 1,628 | (14,882) | (9,048) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | 5,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 | - | 30,000 | 100,000 | 100 | 100 |
| Transfers (out) | - | (350,000) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | 5,000 | (300,000) | 10,000 | - | 30,000 | 100,000 | 100 | 100 |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) | 10,961 | (241,919) | (124,025) | 1,645 | (14,235) | 101,628 | (14,782) | (8,948) |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1 | 66,792 | 537,425 | 124,282 | 26,607 | 109,126 | - | 181,612 | 28,743 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31 | \$ 77,753 | \$ 295,506 | \$ 257 | \$ 28,252 | \$ 94,891 | \$ 101,628 | \$ 166,830 | \$ 19,795 |

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Sidewalks Project | Broadband Reserve | Fire Station Building Reserve | Sea Level Rise Reserve | Odd Fellows Reserve | Waterfront Access | Total |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 124,399 |
| Other income | - | 353 | 3,320 | 1,413 | 530 | 3,415 | 184,057 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | - | 353 | 3,320 | 1,413 | 530 | 3,415 | 308,456 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| Other | - | - | - | 24,000 | 3,959 | - | 547,445 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | - | - | - | 24,000 | 3,959 | - | 547,445 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | - | 353 | 3,320 | (22,587) | (3,429) | 3,415 | (238,989) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | - | - | 5,000 | 60,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 | 728,273 |
| Transfers (out) | - | - | - | - | - | - | (350,000) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | - | - | 5,000 | 60,000 | 50,000 | 20,000 | 378,273 |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) | - | 353 | 8,320 | 37,413 | 46,571 | 23,415 | 139,284 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1 | 24,003 | 58,007 | 119,370 | 140,044 | 90,017 | 99,260 | 2,261,985 |
| FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31 | \$ 24,003 | \$ 58,360 | \$ 127,690 | \$ 177,457 | \$ 136,588 | \$ 122,675 | \$ 2,401,269 |

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2024 Proposed Budget

| | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 5000 · ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| 5001 · Admn Advertisements | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 1,797.35 | \$ 2,400.00 |
| 5002 · Admn Assessing | \$ 26,000.00 | \$ 25,999.92 | \$ 27,250.00 |
| 5003 · Admn Audit | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 4,900.00 | \$ 8,300.00 |
| 5004 · Admn Bank Fees | \$ 100.00 | \$ 18.15 | \$ 100.00 |
| 5005 · Admn Bond Counsel TAN | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5006 · Admn Copier | \$ 4,100.00 | \$ 4,346.60 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| 5007 · Admn Dues & Books | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,473.44 | \$ 3,800.00 |
| 5008 · Admn Election Costs | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 3,172.31 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 5009 · Admn Equipment/Computers | \$ 35,700.00 | \$ 36,976.99 | \$ 42,000.00 |
| 5010 · Admn Liability Insurance | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 7,492.50 | \$ 8,300.00 |
| 5011 · Admn Legal Services | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,298.40 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| 5012 · Admn Misc. Expense | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,561.41 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| 5013 · Admn Postage | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 5,566.10 | \$ 5,600.00 |
| 5014 · Admn Printing | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,027.05 | \$ 1,100.00 |
| 5015 · Admn Recording Fees | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,550.16 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| 5016 · Admn Supplies | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,570.37 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 5017 · Admn Telephone | \$ 10,140.00 | \$ 10,115.49 | \$ 10,200.00 |
| 5018 · Admn Training | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,343.36 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5019 · Admn Travel | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,258.28 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| 5020 · Admn Workmen's Comp | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,221.76 | \$ 1,450.00 |
| Total 5000 · ADMINISTRATION | \$ 126,640.00 | \$ 122,689.64 | \$ 135,000.00 |
| Administration Budget | | | \$ 135,000.00 |
| 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE | | | |
| 5051 · Health Insurance Staff | \$ 88,700.00 | \$ 86,052.54 | \$ 99,000.00 |
| Total 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE | \$ 88,700.00 | \$ 86,052.54 | \$ 99,000.00 |
| Health Insurance Budget | | | \$ 99,000.00 |
| 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES | | | |
| 5061 · Admn Payroll Taxes | \$ 23,900.00 | \$ 23,403.46 | \$ 29,500.00 |
| 5062 · Admn Selectmen | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| 5063 · Admn Town Clerks | \$ 184,208.00 | \$ 182,326.25 | \$ 192,000.00 |
| 5064 · Admn Town Manager | \$ 83,000.00 | \$ 83,000.00 | \$ 85,500.00 |
| Total 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES | \$ 311,108.00 | \$ 308,729.71 | \$ 327,000.00 |
| Administrative Salaries | | | \$ 327,000.00 |
| 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES | | | |
| 5071 · Town Hall Cleaning & Snow Removal | \$ 4,300.00 | \$ 5,510.56 | \$ 6,400.00 |
| 5072 · Town Hall Electric | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 3,417.97 | \$ 3,700.00 |
| 5073 · Town Hall Equipment | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 521.99 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 5075 · Town Hall Heat | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 4,773.19 | \$ 6,000.00 |

2024 Proposed Budget

| | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 5076 · Town Hall Insurance | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 1,498.50 | \$ 1,900.00 |
| 5077 · Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,150.46 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| 5078 · Town Hall Misc | \$ 400.00 | \$ 135.85 | \$ 500.00 |
| 5079 · Town Hall Supplies | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 666.25 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 5080 · Town Hall Water & Sewer | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 1,568.50 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Total 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES | \$ 24,400.00 | \$ 24,243.27 | \$ 30,200.00 |
| Town Hall Budget | | | \$ 30,200.00 |
| 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL | | | |
| 5101 · Animal Control Kennel | \$ 500.00 | | \$ 500.00 |
| 5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes | \$ 300.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5104 · Animal Control Travel | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 700.00 |
| 5105 · Animal Control Wages | \$ 3,000.00 | | \$ - |
| 5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp | \$ 100.00 | | \$ - |
| 5107 · Animal Control County ACO Fees | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 4,137.79 | \$ 6,300.00 |
| Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL | \$ 7,900.00 | \$ 4,737.79 | \$ 8,500.00 |
| Animal Control Budget | | | \$ 8,500.00 |
| 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT | | | |
| 5111 · Code Enforcement Misc | \$ 750.00 | \$ 780.18 | \$ 750.00 |
| 5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes | \$ 925.00 | \$ 508.92 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 5113 · Code Enforcement Travel | \$ 350.00 | \$ 391.14 | \$ 500.00 |
| 5114 · Code Enforcement Wages | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 5,290.17 | \$ 26,000.00 |
| 5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp | \$ 400.00 | \$ 112.79 | \$ 400.00 |
| 5116 · Code Enforcement Ordinance Enforcement | | \$ 1,118.42 | \$ 2,450.00 |
| Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT | \$ 22,425.00 | \$ 8,201.62 | \$ 32,600.00 |
| Code Enforcement Budget | | | \$ 32,600.00 |
| 5120 · PLANNING BOARD | | | |
| 5121 · Planning Board Advertising | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,595.25 | \$ 300.00 |
| 5122 · Planning Board Misc | \$ 100.00 | \$ 2.71 | \$ 100.00 |
| 5123 · Planning Board Training | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 5124 · Planning Board Stipends | \$ 500.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| 5125 · Planning Board Legal | \$ - | | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD | \$ 3,800.00 | \$ 2,147.96 | \$ 4,600.00 |
| Planning Board Budget | | | \$ 4,600.00 |
| 5130 · TRANSFER STATION | | | |
| 5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal | \$ 17,500.00 | \$ 23,864.50 | \$ 14,000.00 |
| 5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris | \$ 25,500.00 | \$ 25,422.78 | \$ 25,000.00 |

2024 Proposed Budget

| | | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 10,193.50 | \$ 26,000.00 |
| | 5134 · Transfer Station Insurance | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 599.40 | \$ 800.00 |
| | 5135 · Transfer Station Misc | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,703.26 | \$ 3,700.00 |
| | 5137 · Transfer Station Mowing | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| | 5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes | \$ 8,900.00 | \$ 8,894.84 | \$ 11,000.00 |
| | 5139 · Transfer Station Recycling | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ 431.62 | \$ 11,000.00 |
| | 5140 · Transfer Station Telephone | \$ 700.00 | \$ 685.92 | \$ 700.00 |
| | 5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees | \$ 120,000.00 | \$ 113,723.68 | \$ 135,000.00 |
| | 5142 · Transfer Station Transportation | \$ 115,600.00 | \$ 121,393.45 | \$ 140,000.00 |
| | 5143 · Transfer Station Utilities | \$ 4,700.00 | \$ 4,678.49 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| | 5144 · Transfer Station Wages | \$ 107,300.00 | \$ 107,273.26 | \$ 114,000.00 |
| | 5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 3,716.34 | \$ 4,100.00 |
| | Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION | \$ 433,200.00 | \$ 428,081.04 | \$ 493,000.00 |
| | Transfer Station Budget | | | \$ 493,000.00 |
| 5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS | | | | |
| | 5501 · 4th of July | \$ 3,600.00 | \$ 3,600.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| | 5502 · Chamber of Commerce | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 |
| | 5505 · DownEast Transportation | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 |
| | 5506 · Eastern Area Agency on Aging | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| | 5507 · Northern Lights Homecare & Hospice | \$ 7,550.00 | \$ 7,550.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| | 5508 · Healthy Island Project | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 6,750.00 |
| | 5509 · Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | 5510 · Island Community Center | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 |
| | 5512 · Stonington Public Library | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| | 5514 · Memorial Day | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| | 5516 · American Red Cross | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 |
| | 5518 · Downeast Community Partners | \$ 10,930.00 | \$ 10,930.00 | \$ 9,757.00 |
| | 5519 · DownEast Family YMCA | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| | 5521 · WIC Program | \$ 1,250.00 | \$ 1,250.00 | \$ 800.00 |
| | 5522 · Project Launch | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | 5523 · Opiate Free Island Partnership | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| | 5524 · LifeFlight Foundation | \$ 528.00 | \$ 528.00 | \$ 528.00 |
| | 5526 · Island Workforce Housing | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| | 5527 · Opera House Arts | | | \$ 7,500.00 |
| | Total 5500 - Third Party Requests | \$ 76,608.00 | \$ 76,608.00 | \$ 97,085.00 |
| | Third Party Request Budget | | | \$ 97,085.00 |
| 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| | 5601 · Fire Dept Electric | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,460.93 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| | 5602 · Fire Dept Equipment | \$ 32,500.00 | \$ 33,109.90 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| | 5603 · Fire Dept Fuel | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,348.50 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| | 5604 · Fire Dept Heat | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 3,142.92 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| | 5605 · Fire Dept Insurance | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 6,344.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| | 5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,002.13 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| | 5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 14,473.62 | \$ 20,000.00 |

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| | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,539.20 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 5609 · Fire Dept Telephone | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 2,612.42 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| 5610 · Fire Dept Wages | \$ 16,000.00 | \$ 16,000.00 | \$ 16,000.00 |
| 5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,256.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,386.79 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT | \$ 87,000.00 | \$ 84,676.41 | \$ 101,000.00 |
| Fire Department Budget | | | \$ 101,000.00 |
| 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT | | | |
| 5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 18,098.36 | \$ 22,000.00 |
| 5622 · Public Works Insurance | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 4,333.44 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5623 · Public Works Repairs | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 15,624.27 | \$ 16,000.00 |
| 5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,474.24 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| 5625 · Public Works Misc | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,090.83 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT | \$ 43,000.00 | \$ 42,621.14 | \$ 48,000.00 |
| Public Works Budget | | | \$ 48,000.00 |
| 5630 · TOWN GARAGE | | | |
| 5631 · Town Garage Electricity | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,261.47 | \$ 3,600.00 |
| 5632 · Town Garage Equipment | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,872.42 | \$ 2,750.00 |
| 5633 · Town Garage Heat | \$ 900.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 |
| 5634 · Town Garage Maintenance | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,801.02 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 5635 · Town Garage Misc | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 157.65 | \$ 800.00 |
| 5636 · Town Garage Telephone | \$ 2,300.00 | \$ 2,280.15 | \$ 2,350.00 |
| Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE | \$ 12,700.00 | \$ 9,372.71 | \$ 13,000.00 |
| Town Garage Budget | | | \$ 13,000.00 |
| 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE | | | |
| 5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 2,111.20 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5642 · Road Maint Culverts | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 5643 · Road Maint Gravel | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,670.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 5644 · Road Maint Guardrails | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5645 · Road Maint Misc | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 4,552.50 | \$ 2,200.00 |
| 5646 · Road Maint Mowing | \$ 2,300.00 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| 5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 3,412.13 | \$ 6,600.00 |
| 5648 · Road Maint Cellular | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| 5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 41.62 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 5650 · Road Maint Signs | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,376.86 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| 5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 41,648.38 | \$ 70,000.00 |
| 5652 · Road Maint Wages | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 44,603.00 | \$ 66,000.00 |
| 5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 2,398.55 | \$ 3,900.00 |
| Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE | \$ 182,000.00 | \$ 108,564.24 | \$ 170,500.00 |

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| | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Road Maintenance Budget | | | \$ 170,500.00 |
| 5660 · WINTER ROADS | | | |
| 5661 · Winter Roads Misc | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 415.46 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 15,281.62 | \$ 22,000.00 |
| 5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 7,667.12 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand | \$ 90,000.00 | \$ 65,422.14 | \$ 90,000.00 |
| 5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 2,408.01 | \$ 5,800.00 |
| 5666 · Winter Roads Wages | \$ 106,000.00 | \$ 88,513.00 | \$ 100,000.00 |
| 5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 4,449.88 | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS | \$ 240,500.00 | \$ 184,157.23 | \$ 236,300.00 |
| Winter Roads Budget | | | \$ 236,300.00 |
| 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES | | | |
| 5671 · Seawall | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5672 · Conservation | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 5673 · Fire Dept Equip | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5674 · Gym Building | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5676 · Road Equipment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5677 · School Building | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5678 · Town Hall | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 5679 · Transfer Station Equipment | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 5680 · Unemployment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5681 · Harbor Float Reserve | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5683 · Shellfish Conservation | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - |
| 5684 · Playground | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5690 · Waterfront Access | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Total 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 15,200.00 |
| Transfer To Reserves Budget | | | \$ 15,200.00 |
| 5690 · DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| 5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch | \$ 12,802.00 | \$ 12,801.89 | \$ 12,802.00 |
| 5699 · Debt Service Hagen Dock Rebuild | \$ 40,530.00 | \$ 40,529.52 | \$ 40,530.00 |
| | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Total Debt Service | \$ 53,332.00 | \$ 53,331.41 | \$ 53,332.00 |
| Debt Service Budget | | | \$ 53,332.00 |
| 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES | | | |
| 5701 · Athletic Field | \$ 2,800.00 | \$ 2,800.00 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| 5702 · Cemeteries | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 4,135.30 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| 5703 · Colwell Ramp | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES | \$ 9,300.00 | \$ 9,935.30 | \$ 11,000.00 |
| Municipal Facilities Budget | | | \$ 11,000.00 |

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| | | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 5900 · PARKS | | | | |
| | 5901 · Parks Mini Village | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.37 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| | 5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms | \$ 8,800.00 | \$ 8,220.26 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| | 5903 · Parks Stinson Park | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 997.08 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| | 5905 · Parks Trash | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,481.28 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| | 5906 · Playground | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | 5907 · Parks Small Cove | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,588.25 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| | Total 5900 · PARKS | \$ 18,200.00 | \$ 17,787.24 | \$ 19,200.00 |
| | | | | |
| | Parks Budget | | | \$ 19,200.00 |
| | | | | |
| | 6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM | \$ 850.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,420.00 |
| | 6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 |
| | 6007 · HEALTH OFFICER | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| | 6008 · APPEALS BOARD | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 300.00 |
| | 6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 44,961.95 | \$ 52,000.00 |
| | 6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS | \$ 500.00 | \$ 495.65 | \$ 700.00 |
| | 6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS | \$ 97,000.00 | \$ 96,986.76 | \$ 110,500.00 |
| | 6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES | \$ 84,864.00 | \$ 76,990.00 | \$ 85,000.00 |
| | 6016 · STREETLIGHTS | \$ 15,700.00 | \$ 14,615.76 | \$ 16,100.00 |
| | 6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,546.88 | \$ 28,000.00 |
| | 6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,280.00 | \$ 5,500.00 |
| | | | | |
| 6030 · SAND BEACH | | | | |
| | 6031 · Insurance | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | 6032 · Rent | \$ 6,600.00 | \$ 5,193.92 | \$ 6,600.00 |
| | Total Sand Beach Budget | | | \$ 8,100.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | 2023 Budget | 2023 Actual | 2024 Proposed |
| | Totals | \$ 2,027,427.00 | \$ 1,845,158.17 | \$ 2,204,887.00 |

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
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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 11th day of March, 2024** at **one o'clock** in the afternoon (1:00 PM) 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 the 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 recommend the due date be August 31, 2024 and the rate of interest be 8.5% per annum beginning September 1, 2024.

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 **\$28,000** added to the annual tax commitment.
Note: In 2023, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$25,546.88.

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 to 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 36 M.R.S. § 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 36 M.R.S. § 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.

8. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectboard to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.

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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 Select Board 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 if the Town will vote to renew the lease with Island Community Center for a period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029, with the ability to renew the lease for four (4) additional terms of five (5) years each on the same terms and conditions, provided that the Leased Premises continue to be used in accordance with the Lessee's mission as a community center in accordance with the Lessee's bylaws.

15. Shall the ordinance entitled "Town of Stonington Commercial Construction Site Plan Review Ordinance", enacted March 2006, be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled "March 2024 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Commercial Construction Site Plan Review Ordinance"? *The proposed amendments are posted with the Warrant, at www.stoningtonmaine.org, and available at the Town Office.*

The Selectboard recommend

16. Shall the ordinance entitled "Town of Stonington, Maine Building Permits Ordinance", originally enacted June 1993 and most recently amended March 2023, be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled "March 2024 Amendments to the Town of Stonington, Maine Building Permits Ordinance"? *The proposed amendments are posted with the Warrant, at www.stoningtonmaine.org, and available at the Town Office.*

The Selectboard recommend

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17. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” originally enacted March 1998 and most recently amended March 2023 be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled “March 2024 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance?” *The proposed amendments are posted with the Warrant, at www.stoningtonmaine.org, and available at the Town Office.*

The Selectboard recommend

18. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington Subdivision Ordinance” amended in March 2006 be amended as indicted on the addendum entitled “March 2024 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Subdivision Ordinance?” *The proposed amendments are posted with the Warrant, at www.stoningtonmaine.org, and available at the Town Office.*

The Selectboard recommend

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$800,000 as matching funds for the Oceanville Road NBRLC grant project to raise the roadway to protect against climate change vulnerabilities.

The Selectboard recommend

Note: additional grants are being pursued to minimize the borrowed amount.

20. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Rainy Day Fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$100,000

21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the administration account.

The Selectboard recommend \$135,000

22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages, salaries and the Town’s portion of required Payroll Taxes for Town Officers and employees.

The Selectboard recommend \$327,000

23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for employees’ Health Insurance.

The Selectboard recommend \$99,000

24. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Technology Reserve Fund.

The Selectboard recommend

25. If so established in the preceding article, to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Technology Reserve Fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$40,000

26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall operation and maintenance.

The Selectboard recommend \$30,200

27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Hall Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$3,000

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28. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Town Hall Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$82,500

29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control expenses.

The Selectboard recommend \$8,500

30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement wages and expenses.

The Selectboard recommend \$32,600

31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board.

The Selectboard recommend \$4,600

32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for 911 sign expenses.

The Selectboard recommend \$700

33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$85,000** for law enforcement.

Note: This amount is to continue to contract patrols 3 days per week

34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911 dispatch) charges.

The Selectboard recommend \$5,500

35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Planning Commission dues.

The Selectboard recommend \$1,420

36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.

The Selectboard recommend \$250

37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Appeals Board.

The Selectboard recommend \$300

38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Conservation Commission.

The Selectboard recommend \$100

39. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Stonington Shellfish Conservation Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$10,000

40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.

The Selectboard recommend \$52,000

41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

The Selectboard recommend \$2,500

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42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$101,000** for the Stonington Fire Department.

The Selectboard recommend

43. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$110,000

44. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Fire Station Building Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$155,000

45. 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 recommend

46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$110,500** for Fire Hydrants.

The Selectboard recommend

47. 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 recommend \$493,000

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

The Selectboard recommend \$100

49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of Public Works Equipment.

The Selectboard recommend \$48,000

50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Garage operation and maintenance.

The Selectboard recommend \$13,000

51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town Road Maintenance.

The Selectboard recommend \$170,500

52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads snow removal.

The Selectboard recommend \$236,300

53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Road Equipment Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$325,000

54. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Improvement Reserve Fund.

The Selectboard recommend

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55. If so established in the preceding article, to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Road Improvement Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$150,000

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

The Selectboard recommend \$16,100

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

The Selectboard recommend \$12,802

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

The Selectboard recommend \$40,530

59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbor Float Reserve fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$1,000

60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Harbor Float Reserve fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$10,000

61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Seawall Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$5,000

62. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Dredging Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$20,000

63. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Sea Level Rise Reserve fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$150,000

64. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Waterfront Access Reserve fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$5,000

65. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Odd Fellows Reserve Fund.

The Selectboard recommend \$20,000

66. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Gym and School building reserves for the purpose of undertaking major repairs or improvements.

The Selectboard recommend:

Former Elementary School Building reserve \$5,000

Gym building reserve \$1,000

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67. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation and improvements to the Colwell Ramp property.

The Selectboard recommend \$3,000

68. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund old School Building maintenance & improvements.

The Selectboard recommend \$100,000

69. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Parks.

The Selectboard recommend \$19,200

70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,100** for the Sand Beach property lease and insurance fees.

The Selectboard recommend

71. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of the athletic field, with any unexpended amount going to the athletic field reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$3,500

72. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Athletic Field Reserve.

The Selectboard recommend \$20,000

73. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Playground Reserve account.

The Selectboard recommend \$30,000

74. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries.

The Selectboard recommend \$4,500

75. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Housing Reserve account.

The Selectboard recommend \$10,000

76. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Airport Reserve account.

The Selectboard recommend \$10,000

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

Requested: \$4,000

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

Requested: \$700

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79. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DownEast Transportation.
Requested: \$800
80. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.
Requested: \$3,000
81. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Northern Light Health Homecare & Hospice.
Requested: \$7,500
82. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Healthy Island Project.
Requested: \$6,750
83. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.
Requested: \$1,000
84. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Community Center.
Requested: \$13,000
85. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Public Library.
Requested: \$25,000
86. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.
Requested: \$500
87. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the American Red Cross.
Requested: \$750
88. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Community Partners.
Requested: \$9,757
89. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Down East Family YMCA.
Requested: \$3,000
90. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for WIC.
Requested: \$800
91. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Project Launch.
Requested: \$1,500
92. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Opiate-Free Island Partnership.
Requested: \$5,000
93. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LifeFlight Foundation.
Requested: \$528

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94. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Workforce Housing.
Requested: \$6,000

95. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$7,500** to help support year-round activities at the Stonington Opera House including free community events in the fall, winter, and spring, a year-round schedule of new movies and classic films, concerts, Live For \$5 variety shows, and other special events year round, and free admission for local students to all live performances?
Requested \$7,500

96. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply up to **\$300,000** from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) towards reducing property taxes.

97. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$1,573,275.23** established for Stonington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Note: This article requires a vote by written ballot.

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Given under our hands this 20th day of February, 2024 at Stonington, Maine


Donna Brewer

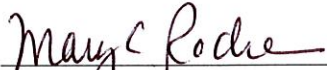

Evelyn K. Duncan


Travis Fifield


Richard K. Larrabee, Sr.


John Robbins

A TRUE COPY ATTEST


Mary Roche, Town Clerk

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 and 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 Fish Pier Rd; on the 29th day of February, 2023, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.


D. Gay Atkinson II, Resident

