

Town of Stonington

2024

Annual Report

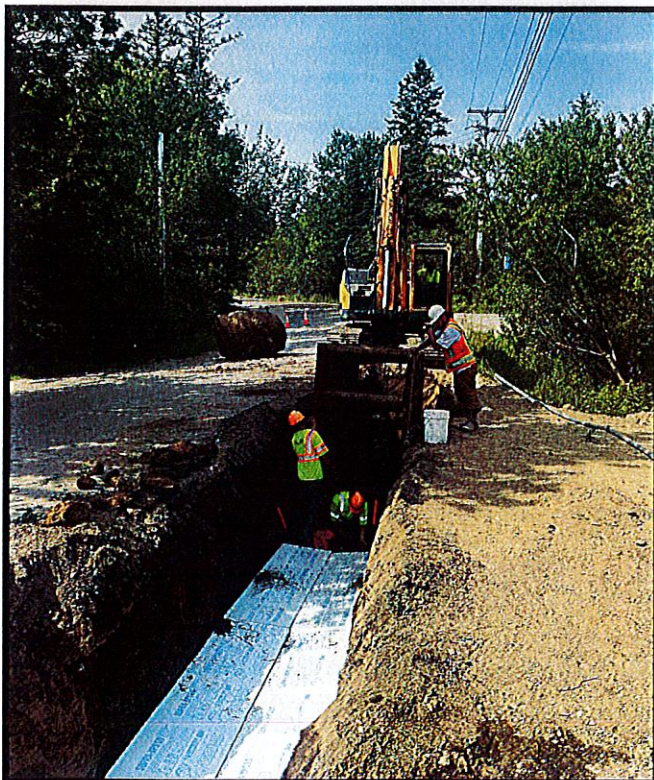
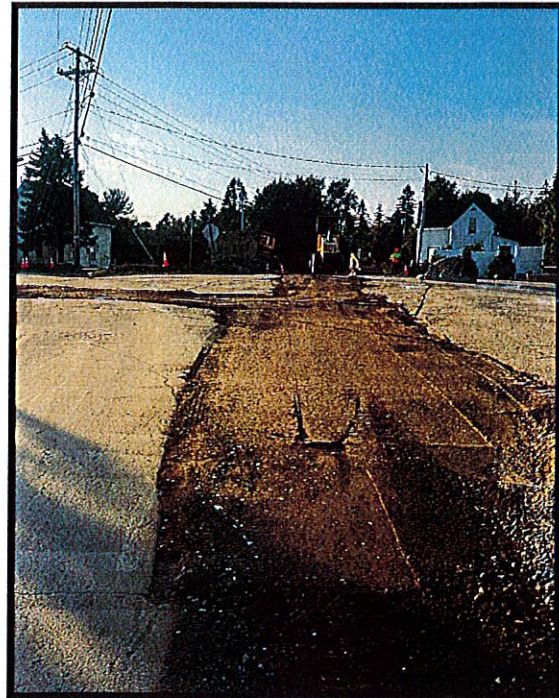
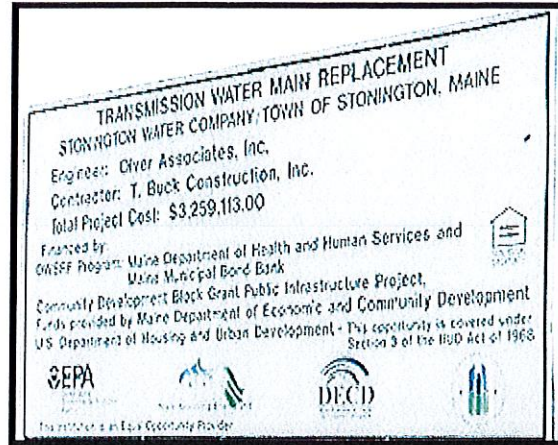
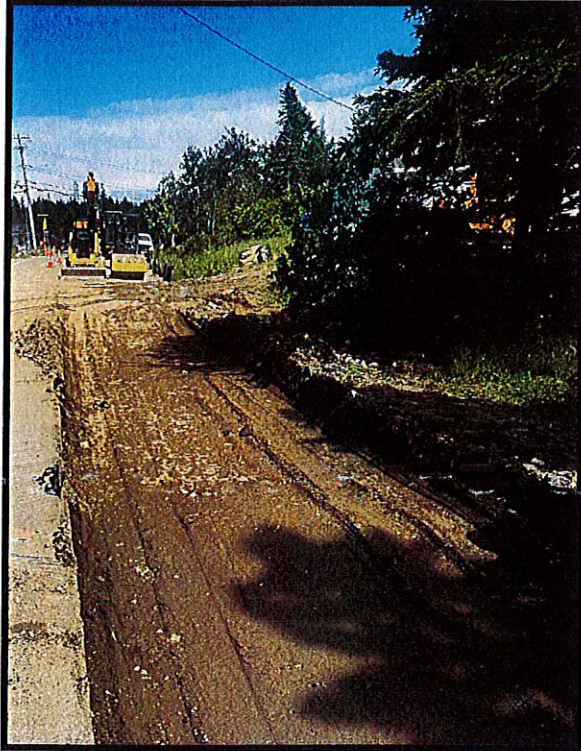


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Town of Stonington 2024 Annual Report Dedication

We dedicate this year's town report to Lucy Bradshaw



With deep sorrow and gratitude, we remember our dear friend, colleague, and mentor. From 2011 – 2019, she served as Town Clerk, showing incredible professionalism, dedication, and problem-solving abilities. When she returned in 2022 as Finance Director, she brought the same passion and unwavering commitment, always offering support, patience, and care.

Lucy was an extraordinary mentor, teaching with kindness and clarity and her wisdom and guidance made a lasting impact on all of us that worked with her. Her public service devotion and financial expertise in fund accounting made her one of the most valuable Finance Director's in our area.

Outside of work, Lucy shared a special bond with her husband, Desmond, and her beloved dog, Charlotte. Their love and partnership were evident to all who knew them and Desmond was her constant support. Lucy would often talk about her "roommate" Charlotte and the joy her companionship brought. She never hesitated to help a lost pup that came through our office doors get back to its owners and make sure they had a treat.

We are sure you are flying high Lucy, free of your earthly limitations, probably looking in on us from time to time, and laughing at us trying to do the books here as well as you could. We miss you every day and are forever grateful for the time we shared with you.

In Memoriam



Marilyn Paul Verhey	February 2, 2024
Kelly Ann Turner	March 24, 2024
Gail Lynne Louis	June 1, 2024
Jane F. Martin	June 12, 2024
Mary C. Howe	June 15, 2024
Kim Prescott Lawson	June 18, 2024
Martin Scully, Jr.	July 29, 2024
Kecia M. Adams	August 10, 2024
Robert Weatherly Hattemer	August 10, 2024
Richard Leighton Spencer	August 16, 2024
Kevin Wayne McCarthy	September 2, 2024
George Elmer Stevens, Jr.	September 11, 2024
Elmer Virgil Gross	September 27, 2024
Richard Sears Bellows	October 8, 2024
Eugene Harris Eaton	October 17, 2024
Ronald Phillip Dahlen	November 10, 2024



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APPROPRIATIONS
VICE CHAIR
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

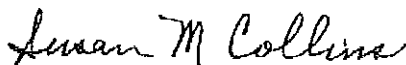
Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2025

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NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

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

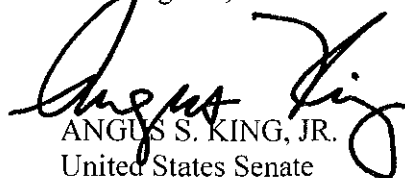
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services.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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across

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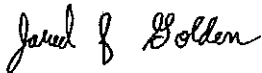
the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

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

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

I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always 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 been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results --- 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. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7

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THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

January 3, 2025

Dear Friends and Residents of Stonington,

On December 4th, I was sworn in for another term as your State Senator to represent the 22 coastal communities of Senate District 7. I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to do the best work we can for all Mainers. For the next two years, I will continue to chair the Taxation Committee and serve on the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee.

In the 131st Legislature, recognizing the significant impact municipal property taxes have on many of our older neighbors, the Taxation Committee improved the Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC) for Mainers over 65. These changes are now in effect for 2024 state income taxes. The PTFC helps Mainers of any age afford to stay in their homes, whether they own or rent, so please review this credit when you file your 2024 income taxes. As the returning Senate chair, I will collaborate with my colleagues to provide additional property tax relief for Mainers across the district and state.

Also in the last Legislature, we increased our investments in roads, bridges, broadband, housing, and working waterfronts. After severe winter storms, my colleagues and I focused on storm preparedness and resilience. We streamlined coastal permitting requirements to allow structures to be rebuilt faster and stronger. We also allocated \$60 million to rebuild commercial working waterfront infrastructure, support other businesses adversely affected by the storms, and enhance the long-term resilience of public infrastructure.

We also made significant investments in education, which helps alleviate the pressure on municipalities to raise property taxes. We kept our promise to fully fund the state's share of K-12 public education, and we set aside \$30 million for the Education Stabilization Fund, in case there is a future economic downturn. We also increased wages for education technicians and school support staff to 125 percent and 115 percent of the state minimum wage, respectively, to improve employee retention.

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 (www.facebook.com/grohoskiformaine) and Instagram (@grohoskiformaine) 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 I am honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

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

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



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Dear Stonington Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. Over the next two years, I will be working hard as your advocate in Augusta to make life better for everyone in our district and in our state.

As I write this, we are preparing to begin the first session of the 132nd Legislature that starts in January 2025. We have a lot of work ahead of us, which will include doing more to lower costs for Maine families, build an economy that works for everyone, increase access to housing and health care, and more. I'm looking forward to working with all of my colleagues to tackle these challenges head-on.

Our most significant priority will be crafting a two-year state budget, which will shape the direction of our state in the near future. I will be fighting to ensure that the budget includes policies that will provide relief and make it easier for more Maine families to build their lives here and make ends meet. Some of my other top goals for the budget include funding recommendations from the Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission, which was formed following the 2023-24 winter storms and has reported out recovery and resiliency rebuilding priorities. Our community is well represented on the commission, with Linda Nelson serving as co-chair.

I am happy to share that I continue to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where we will work to develop legislation to strengthen our fishing industries, promote marine conservation and protect and invest in our coastal economy. I've also been reappointed to the Transportation Committee. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support our island communities and push back against harmful changes to the state ferry service.

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,

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

- Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mon. – Fri.

Ph: 207-367-2351

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- Notary services available during regular business hours

- Tax maps & commitment books are available online at www.stoningtonmaine.org

- Hunting/fishing licenses available online

- Re-register auto, boat, snowmobile, or trailer online

Town Office

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Public Works

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Foreman	Shaun Eaton publicworks@stoningtonmaine.org
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Sanitary District Trustees

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

Transfer Station

(207) 367-5996

Manager	Thomas Brophy
Assistant	Michael Thompson

Harbor / Pier

(207) 367-5891

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

Fire Department

Chief	Steve Rittmeyer - (207) 542-5513
Asst. Chief	Carl Shahan
Captain	Seth Reece
Fire Police	Danny Oliver
Volunteers	Broc Eaton, Chris Hovey, Evan Rainen, Mallary Reece, Chris Shahan, Jacob Shipman, Tyler Snow, Callie Shahan (Jr. firefighter)

Boards & Committees

Board of Selectmen

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

Richard Larrabee, Sr.

Chair

(207) 367-8791

Term exp. 2025

Donna Brewer

(207) 367-5100

Term exp. 2026

Evelyn Duncan

(207) 367-5814

Term exp. 2027

Travis Fifield

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Term exp. 2027

John Robbins

(207) 367-5842

Term exp. 2026

Airport Committee

Meets monthly, May – Oct.

Paul Behnken

2027

Donna Brewer, Selectboard Representative

Appeals Board

Meets as needed

Benjamin Pitts, Chair

2027

Phil McFarland

2026

Sophie Webb

2026

Colwell Ramp Committee

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

D. Gay Atkinson, II

2026

Broc Eaton

2026

Evelyn Duncan, Selectboard Representative

Deer Isle – Stonington Consolidated School District Directors

Darian Gove – Deer Isle

2025

Jane Osborne – Deer Isle

2025

James Darrell Williams – Deer Isle

2027

Genevieve McDonald – Stonington

2027

Chelsea Torrey – Stonington

2026

Harbor Committee

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

Hilton Turner, Chair

2026

Justin Boyce

2025

Isaac Dworsky

2025

Dean Eaton

2026

Chris Joyce

2026

Richard Larrabee, Jr.

2025

Cory Webb

2025

Boards & Committees

Economic Development Committee

Meets 1st Tuesday of month, 8:00 a.m.

Linda Nelson, Chair	2025
Chelsea Brown	2025
Harry Caldwell	2026
Morgan Eaton	2026
Frank Gotwals	2027
Barrett Gray	2026
Carla Guenther	2025
Dean Haskell	2026
Craig Hutchinson	2026
Kim Hutchinson	2026
Max Katzenberg	2025
Phil McFarland	2026
John McVeigh	2026
Christopher Ross	2025
Erika Sanger	2027
Gail Stinson	2027
Julia Zell	2027
Evelyn Duncan, Selectboard Representative	

Planning Board

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

Renee Sewell, Chair	2027
Anna Goff	2027
Thomas Gotwals	2027
Peter Haskell	2025
Ben Jackson	2027
Seth Reece	2027
Robert Winters	2027

Shellfish Committee

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

Kurt Ciomei	2026
Benjamin Hardie	2026
Jacob McCarty	2027
Lucas Oliver	2026
George Powell	2025
Travis Fifield, Selectboard Representative	

Selectboard Report

To the Citizens of Stonington:

It has been another busy and exciting year for the Town of Stonington between maintaining infrastructures, purchases, and attaining grants. A new water main line from the pumping station to the water tower was installed to create additional water access. The purchase of the old Odd Fellows building was completed and will open to new opportunities to gain more water access for commercial and noncommercial usage and the use of the building itself. We purchased two new plow trucks to replace the worn out, old trucks.

Thanks to our Town Manager, Kathleen Billings, and our Economic Development Director, Linda Nelson, the Town of Stonington received a 1.7 million dollar grant from the Maine Connectivity Authority's Connectivity Hub Program which is funded by the ARPA Capital Projects Fund from the U.S. Department of Treasury. This grant will enable us to renovate and upgrade Stonington's building to accommodate new health programs, education programs, and business resources for the Island.

I want to thank Kathleen Billings, our Town Manager, for her continuing dedication to our Town amidst her own personal family responsibilities, the loss of her dad this year, and the unexpected loss of the Town's Lucy Bradshaw, a vital financial bookkeeper and friend who will truly be missed by all. Kathleen works tirelessly to be abreast of all that will affect the Town's best interests despite personal strife. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our hardworking and valuable employees, directors, selectpersons, committee members, and community volunteers.

While this is my last year of serving on the Board as a selectman, I have been honored to serve the Town of Stonington for 30+ years. As someone who grew up in Stonington, to me, the community always felt that the Island way of life was my staple and comfort. Change is inevitable and necessary to survive in our world today, but it is important that we approach change without disrupting our Island foundation because that is the main reason new people move to our island and others want to visit. They seek our way of life, our experiences, our culture, and community whether their interest is in the commercial fishing business, enjoying recreation in our waters, shopping, eating, and drinking in our local restaurants and coffee shops, enjoying the arts and galleries, etc. We have always been proud to call Stonington our town, our community, and personally, it has been my passion to serve. I hope the future to be available to provide other ways I may be able to serve, and I challenge others to do the same because we all together make a difference.

Richard K. Larrabee, Sr.
Chairman

Town Manager Report

To the Citizens of Stonington:

I am pleased to report another successful year for the Town of Stonington. Many of the projects that the Town received funds such as the final acquisition for the Odd Fellows Hall, most of the water company transmission line replacement, the sanitary district Main Street project bid out and started to provide extra capacity within the district for restaurant expansion and housing and mitigate our outfall water quality needs. We also successfully bid out and awarded the Northern Border Regional Commission grant funding for the Oceanville marsh project to raise the roadbed against the flooding that occurs during extreme storm events and higher tides. The new M.D.O.T. bridge replacement is coming along well, too.

We got through our budget year successfully even though extreme inflation is still rampant. The Selectboard and I had to make ongoing adjustments throughout the year to make sure that we could hold to our budget. Unfortunately, that also means some projects didn't begin or were delayed for a bit until either until costs come down, or priority wise - we can deal with capital projects needs another year. I find it a difficult challenge with rising costs even though I know it is important we work within our budget. The concerns are of putting off various projects, building needs, and repairs and it ends up costing you 4x more in the future. I remain optimistic with the next couple of years of political transitions, perhaps a more balanced approach between all of us whether the federal, state or the local level can make more of a sustainable and stable living situation for all of us call more especially financially for our town.

My job demands many different focuses throughout the year. I have worked hard with the Selectboard and my dedicated staff for many different issues such as housing, advocacy for our fishing industry and the many jobs it provides, our working waterfront, downtown businesses and tourism issues, and other important sectors such as the creative economy and construction industry, to make sure they thrive as much as we can. I am thankful for collaborating and networking with our various nonprofit partnerships, which provide Stonington with some of the gaps a town can't provide. Their support for the fishing industry, creative economy, and the health and safety for other residents less fortunate makes us a stronger town.

Our office was not without challenges this year, we lost our valuable team member, Lucy Bradshaw. Her oversight in the office was second to none and her financial abilities to manage so many different funds for various projects and grants were a huge asset to me, as well as to the town. We miss her deeply. The Board and I are extremely grateful for the remaining staff members who have stepped up to fill her gap until we could hire someone. I can't thank my staff enough for all their efforts. They truly are the ones who make this town run as well as it does. I can't do it by myself and I'm grateful every day for their dedication to public service even through hard times and divisiveness, doing their best to make Stonington run as well and admired as it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Billings
Town Manager

Town Clerk's Report

Registrations	
Passenger Cars	894
Commerical	87
Antiques	21
Vanity Plates	70
Speciality Plates	307
Transfers	54
Motor Homes	7
Motorcycles	20
Mopeds	1
Transit Plates	8
Trailers	129
ATV	23
Snowmobile	12
PWC	0
Boats	273
Documented Vessels	58

Vital Statistics	
Births	14
Deaths	16
Marriages	14

Dog Licenses	
Unaltered	5
Spayed/Neutered	84
Kennel	0
Service/Rescue/Guide	1

Shellfish Licenses			
Commerical			
	Jr.	Adult	Sr.
Resident	0	15	3
Non-Resident	0	2	1
Recreational			
		Adult	Sr.
Resident		17	18
Non-Resident		42	33

Fishing/Hunting Licenses	
Season Hunt	20
Junior Hunt	3
Archery	3
Expanded Archery	2
Crossbow	1
Muzzleloader	2
Migratory Waterfowl	0
Spring/Fall Turkey	2
Bear	1
Coyote Night Hunt	2
Resident Small Game	0
Hunt/Fish Combo	10
Season Fish	16
Non-Res. Season Fish	0
1/3/5/7 Day Fish	6
Saltwater Registry	35
Superpack	4
Resident 70+ Lifetime	0

Economic & Community Development

In the past 18 months, Economic Development has brought in more than \$3.6 million in federal, state, and private funding to a wide variety of town projects we are now busy implementing, designed to keep our "blue", or marine, and year-round economies thriving.

Four of these grants/projects in process are in collaboration with the Town of Deer Isle: a Housing Opportunities Grant from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to develop master plans promoting workforce housing in each Town's growth areas; a Maine Service Fellow to support that work; participation in a national project (ETIPP) with Versant Power to increase the resilience of our grid and lower local energy costs; and a one-time grant to install pilot PV solar microgrids on a municipal building in each town to demonstrate the added resilience and cost savings that might be generated.

Project implementation is in many cases supported by citizens volunteering on town committees: thank you so much to those who serve. These include the new Interlocal Housing Task Force; the Interlocal Transportation Committee; the Main Street subcommittee of the Stonington Economic Development Committee (SEDC), a municipal affiliate of the state Main Street

Economic & Community Development (cont.)

Program, which has expanded its outreach, SHOP LOCAL and shoulder-season event programs to approximately 60 businesses and organizations Island-wide; and of course the long-standing SEDC itself, founded in 2004, providing oversight for the Town's Economic Resiliency Strategy adopted in 2023.

The unprecedented storms of late 2023 – early 2024 brought home to our working waterfront and businesses the economic dangers posed by accelerated sea level rise, warming ocean temperatures, and more frequent and severe wind and rainstorms. As Maine's #1 port, the Town supported business owners in obtaining approximately \$2 million of the State's \$22 million storm recovery funds allocated to working waterfronts and advocated for FEMA and SBA support for others. With support from three different state and federal funding sources, work recently began to raise Oceanville Road marsh, where it was severely over-topped and damaged by these storms, providing critical access to Webb Cove businesses and more than 100 residences.

Another successful partnership, with the Town of Deer Isle and Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, moved forward with citizen input into a one-year engineering phase to raise the Deer Isle Causeway (as well as the Little Deer Isle end of the bridge). Final plans are expected to be brought before the public in 2025.

One of the most exciting new grant-funded initiatives is the creation of a Connectivity Hub (C-Hub) at the 1905 former Stonington elementary school building, including significant upgrades to the building's access (an elevator!), digital connectivity, networking and facilities to bring it into the future as a place to support the Island's workforce transitions. This project has many core and community collaborators, including Deer Isle Adult Education, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, the Island Institute, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, and our local libraries, all working together to provide greater access to digital learning and human services including access to devices, a community health worker, telehealth, and a makers space with 3D printers, laser cutters, etc.

The Town's Economic Resiliency Strategy has three core strategies. The first is the area in which the Town has the most control and is thus most active: investments in policy and infrastructure. The other two -retain, attract, and educate and year-round population and workforce, and support the blue economy (lobstering, fishing, clamming, small-scale aquaculture, marine trades) – rely on these investments.

It is important to the Town to provide opportunities for citizens to engage with and learn about some of the challenging issues with which we wrestle as a small rural community – including, but not limited to, waste reduction, futures for our fisheries, affordable housing and energy, climate changes, and local education. Our Talk of the Towns conversation series, launched in late 2023, brought hundreds of residents together for civic conversations, and was renewed by popular demand for 2024-2025. Check out the schedule at www.stoningtonmaine.org.

There are many ways to be involved. Email econdev@stoningtonmaine.org to volunteer or learn more.

Linda Nelson
Community & Economic Development Director

Stonington Water Company

In 2024, the Stonington Water Company had another busy year dealing with water leaks and planning for upcoming projects. However, the Water Company also made several positive strides in the maintenance and operation of the water system.

- Several major leaks were repaired in Town that were estimated to be more than 10,000 gallons per day. We also replaced 5 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. With the possible replacement of the School Street water line and the new Smart Meters we will be installing this year, the Water Company is hoping to obtain our goal of a loss of 15% or less of billable water.
- The 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, mentioned previously, were found this way.
- In 2024, we pumped approximately 12.55 million gallons (MG) compared to about 12.44 in 2023. We measured about 6.3 MG (million gallons) in metered water in 2024 compared to 5.7 MG in 2023. Of that amount, we estimate that approximately 1.5 MG was lost due to known leaks, water system flushing, pump house water usage, and wintertime bleeding that protects shallow services and mains. We encourage all seasonal customers to utilize a caretaker to ensure that water is not leaking in the wintertime.
- The Water Company would like to thank the following:
 - The Town Manager and Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the department in our efforts to serve our users to the very best of our abilities.
 - The Public Works Department, Shaun and Chris, for all their support and help throughout the year.
 - The local plumbers for their willingness to work collaboratively – whether it's seasonal services or any other of the many issues that occur.
 - We want to thank EJ Prescott, primarily, both Mike Pelkey and Seth Dickerson for continuing to help our small water system whenever they are needed.
 - Jeff Bunt, and Skip Eaton for their help on multiple projects around town.

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. The project began in June, 2024 and the water main was put into service this past fall. Sevee & Maher Engineers has submitted their plans to refurbish the 110 well. This will be put out for bids and the project should start as weather permits. They have also submitted plans for further testing on the 305 well, so we can hopefully put this well into service for summer use. The School Street water line replacement plans have been completed and was placed out to bid. Only one bid was received and that was over budget. Work on the new water tank design is still proceeding as scheduled.

Stonington Water Company (cont.)

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. We will continue to work diligently to improve our system to mitigate these issues. We urge all customers and residents to report any water usage concerns to us.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Annaleis Hafford, P.E., Water Company Manager

Matthew Betts, Water Company Superintendent

D. Gay Atkinson, II, Water Company Operator

Colwell Ramp

Thank you for another successful year at the Colwell Ramp! Users have generally shared the site well and picked up their own trash; used the limited 45 minute berthing & parking area for loading, un-loading and for errands to town. There were a few folks who attempted to use the site for an overnight stay, but were asked to find other accommodations.

Again this year we are asking each Town to contribute \$3000, funded through tax payer dollars, to manage the property and to build the account so we have Grant Matching Funds available for future improvement projects!

Seasonally the Ramp and Float will be available (Spring – Fall.) We ask that no boat be berthed for more than 45 minutes & would like to remind everyone that unattended vehicles parked at the Colwell Site longer than 45 minutes will be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's revised Parking Ordinance. The parking restriction is necessary to insure the ability for all users to maneuver on the site.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Atkinson, Evelyn Duncan & Broc Eaton

Planning Board

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

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, commerical, industrial, governmental, and roadways.

As chairman, I would like to thank the Code Enforcement Officer for his continued assistance, support, and expertise and all of my dedicated board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Sewall, Chair

Applications Approved	Applications Denied
Storm damage dock / structure repair – 6	Short term rental - 2
Short term rental – 3	Subdivision – 1
Shoreline stabilization./shore house reno – 5	
Site plan review/change of use – 1	
Tiny home – 1	
Cell tower antenna additions – 2	

Code Enforcement

2024 Building Permits Issued	
Docks - 11	Dish antenna - 2
Remodel - 10	Shoreland stabilization - 5
Flood plain - 17	New build - 24
Road/driveway - 5	Foundation - 1
Relocate - 3	Power hook-up – 8
Deck repair- 1	Land use - 10

Brian's office hours are Fridays 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. He may be reached at (207) 266-1547 or CEO@stoningtonmaine.org.

Licensed Plumbing Inspector Report

Permit #	Owner Name	Total Fee	LPI share	Town share	State share	DEP
1935	Gotwals	60.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	-
1936	Ostertas	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1937	Meyer	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	-
1938	Davis	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1939	Larrabee	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1940	Morgan	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1941	Morgan	90.00	45.00	22.50	22.50	-
1942	27 Fathom	140.00	70.00	35.00	35.00	-
1943	Healthy Island	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1944	Lewadowsky	60.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	-
1945	Frank Jones	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1946	Lamb, Steve & Carol	70.00	35.00	17.50	17.50	-
1947	Davis, Chris	130.00	65.00	32.50	32.50	-
1948	Lewondowski	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1949	Lewandowski	50.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	-
1950	Healthy Island	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1951	Turner	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1952	Meyer	110.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	-
1953	Quigley	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	15.00
1954	Glezen	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1955	Renner	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-

Licensed Plumbing Inspector Report

1956	Rhodeen	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1957	Hardie	150.00	75.00	32.50	32.50	-
1958	Hardie	60.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	-
1959	Davis, Chris	110.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	-
1960	Scott, Caleb	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1961	Jackson	100.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	-
1962	Stevens	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1963	Clough	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1964	Ambrose	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1965	Clemens	265.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1966	Hoy	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	
		TOTAL	LPI	Town	State	DEP
	TOTALS:	3745.00	1820.00	917.50	917.50	105.00

Fire Department

This was a busy year filled with continued growth for the fire department. We were paged out 243 times this year. 47 of those calls were in Stonington. 182 were in support of our automatic aid agreement with Deer Isle and Sedgwick and 13 were mutual aid calls for other departments.

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

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

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

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



Our progress on these priorities is as follows:

Recruit/Retain:

This year we added four additional members to our roster. We have increased our community involvement and developed a Facebook and web presence that will hopefully allow us to recruit more volunteers in the future. Our secretary and treasurer Mallary Reece has done great work to streamline our onboarding process so that we can get new members up to speed quickly.

Train/Equip:

Three additional members received their EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) training which allows them to drive our apparatus to fires/scenes. We also brought on three members who already had their EVOC certification. That means thirteen of our fifteen members are now able to drive our apparatus. Three additional members also received their basic pump certification giving them the skills to pump our trucks at a fire scene.

Partner:

We continue to 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 and the Memorial Ambulance Corps to improve and expand our skills. This included cold water rescue, extrication, forcible entry and Life Flight ground school.

Maintain/Improve:

Our volunteers have done a lot of work this year to get our facilities and apparatus back on schedule with maintenance, repairs and improvements. This included getting Tanker 1 back in service after being broken for several years, which gives us an additional 2000 gallons of water for structure fires.

The storm surges this past winter flooded the basement of the station two separate times. The damage was extensive and required a lot of work and expense to repair. We are exploring options for moving the station out of the flood zone and out of downtown to mitigate issues with flooding, lack of space, energy efficiency, lack of parking, as well as slowed response during the busy season. Finding a suitable location is the primary blocker at this point.

Thank you for your continued support,
Steve Rittmeyer, Stonington Fire Chief

Harbor Committee

The Harbor Committee continues to focus on the needs of our fishing community. It keeps abreast of both current and future rule changes and members of the Committee continue to work with various lobster association groups voicing our concerns and suggestions. The committee is also very much aware of the effects of climate change and sea water rise.

We continue to dedicate funds from mooring and fish pier fees for the proposed dredging project. One new float will be purchased for Hagen Dock to replace one damaged from storms.

We also studied and offered suggestions for the possible future construction of a skiff dock behind the old Odd Fellows Hall. The Committee researched and mapped Stonington waters that potentially could become aqua culture sites. As always, we continue to work with the Harbormaster on all harbor issues and fish pier operations.

The Board would like to remind all individuals with moorings in Stonington waters that they must register the mooring and pay the annual fee. All mooring tackle must be inspected, and be adequate for the size of the vessel. The Committee would also like to note that there are a limited number of skiff spaces available at Hagen Dock for pleasure boaters. These spots are assigned following a lottery.

Sincerely,
Stonington Harbor Committee

Harbormaster

The Harbor was busy again this past year. With 384 commercial and 151 pleasure moorings in Stonington, they are expected to be checked and serviced. Our Harbor and Water's Ordinance speaks to this requirement, and mooring permits may be denied as a safety measure to other vessels due to the severe storms that we're experiencing more frequently now. We also ask each year to be mindful of your wake and speeds in our Harbor and near the shore.

We are working with the Harbor Committee on the possibility of additional skiff spaces and waterfront access near the Odd Fellows building.

The Public Landing at Hagen Dock continues to be challenging. One additional float has been ordered to replace a storm damaged one and we are continually seeking funding to provide pilings and add floats to change the configuration. The skiff lottery is working well, it allows everyone to apply to be fair for 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 the dock.

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

Dana Webb
Deputy Harbormaster

Pier Manager

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 receive inquired about how we run it, how many it serves, and what is it we do to make it financially sound. 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 conservation groups with misinformation campaigns plaguing our fisheries, but the largest fishing fleet in Maine is still going strong. 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.

Dana Webb
Deputy Pier Manager

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Accrual Basis

Town of Stonington
Harbor P&L Last Fiscal Year
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	
Boat Excise	10,614.80
Dinghy Fees	3,300.00
Misc Harbor Income	500.00
Mooring Fees	64,600.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	11,532.66
Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	90,547.46
Total Income	90,547.46
Gross Profit	90,547.46
Expense	
2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP	
Harbor Boat Expense	2,075.33
Harbor Dredging Contributions	10,000.00
Harbor Liability Insurance	1,450.42
Harbor Misc Expense	3,403.72
Harbor Payroll Expenses	
Harbor Assistant Wages	21,479.70
Harbor Payroll Taxes	1,879.00
Harbor Workers Comp	1,108.66
Harbormaster Overtime Wages	822.00
Harbormaster Wages	804.70
Total Harbor Payroll Expenses	26,094.06
Harbor Postage	264.00
Harbor Printing	596.93
Harbor Professional Services	
Harbor Professional - Office	1,000.00
Total Harbor Professional Services	1,000.00
Harbor Pub Landing Expenses	3,751.56
Harbor Pub Landing Float Exp	10,780.00
Harbor Snow Removal	591.58
Harbor Supplies	39.14
Harbor Utilities	
Harbor Electricity	1,999.82
Harbor Sewer	333.20
Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell	767.00
Harbor Water	256.00
Total Harbor Utilities	3,356.02
Total 2-5160 · HARBOR MANAGEMENT RESERVE EXP	63,402.76
Total Expense	63,402.76
Net Ordinary Income	27,144.70
Net Income	27,144.70

Town of Stonington
Fish Pier Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	
Diesel Fuel Sales	771,581.29
Fees & Permits	73,694.00
Fish Pier Misc Income	4,065.99
Pier Soda Machine Income	567.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	9,870.25
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Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	859,778.53
Total Income	859,778.53
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Gross Profit	859,778.53
Expense	
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	
Fish Pier Diesel Purchases	713,140.84
Fish Pier Dredging Contribution	10,000.00
Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs	31,954.15
Fish Pier Liability Insurance	3,952.71
Fish Pier Misc Exp	9,170.53
Fish Pier Misc Gas	22.75
Fish Pier Payroll Expenses	
Fish Pier Assistant Wages	26,240.30
Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage	808.00
Fish Pier Manager Wages	836.80
Fish Pier Payroll Taxes	2,244.48
Fish Pier Workers Comp	797.04
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Total Fish Pier Payroll Expenses	30,926.62
Fish Pier Postage	136.96
Fish Pier Printing/Copies	399.03
Fish Pier Professional Services	
Fish Pier Professional - Office	3,250.00
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Total Fish Pier Professional Services	3,250.00
Fish Pier Sales Tax to State	0.00
Fish Pier Snow Removal	4,398.79
Fish Pier Soda Machine Expense	526.27
Fish Pier Supplies	26.08
Fish Pier Trash Removal	9,232.00
Fish Pier Utilities	
Fish Pier Electricity	2,999.70
Fish Pier Sewer	499.80
Fish Pier Telephone/Internet	1,769.49
Fish Pier Water	384.00
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Total Fish Pier Utilities	5,652.99
Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	822,789.72
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Total Expense	822,789.72
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Net Ordinary Income	36,988.81
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Net Income	36,988.81

Stonington School Building

The profit and loss report for 2024 shows a good year, with a full building. The tenants bring a variety of professional services such as insurance, tax and accounting, legal, therapeutic offerings, and non-profits, who provide jobs and services which enhance 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 rental space, please contact the Town Office.

Town of Stonington School Building Profit & Loss January through December 2024

Jan - Dec 24

▼ Ordinary Income/Expense

▼ Income

▼ 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME

Rent Income ▶ 51,050.00 ◀

Reserve Interest & Fees 9,992.23

Transfers In from GF 100,000.00

Total 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME 161,042.23

Total Income 161,042.23

Gross Profit 161,042.23

▼ Expense

▼ 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPENSE

School Bldg Clean/Snow Rem. 9,071.62

School Bldg Heating Oil 11,730.82

School Bldg Insurance 3,756.18

School Bldg Maintenance 6,581.16

School Bldg Misc 2,718.59

School Bldg Supplies 229.92

School Bldg Trash Removal 636.00

School Bldg Utilities 10,665.65

School Building Reserve Expense 1,100.00

Total 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE EXPEN... 46,489.94

Total Expense 46,489.94

Net Ordinary Income 114,552.29

Net Income 114,552.29

Transfer Station

It's been another good year. We used our new-to-us bailer and sent out 2.5 loads of recyclables. Brian cleaned up all piles – demo, shingles, and ash. We are ready for the new season. We also received new signage for area locations and have more coming for the recycling area. If anyone is not sure where to put something, please ask an attendant.

The bottle fund has been doing great, we have taken in around 155,000 since starting the program. We've helped 53 Island students with scholarships and will probably grant at least two \$2,000 scholarships this year. We would like to thank the town crew for all their help this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Brophy & Mike Thompson

Solid waste - 1276.17

White goods – 144.2 tons

Demo – 220 tons

Ash – 211 tons

Recycling	On Site	Shipped
Glass	2.5 ton	
OCC cardboard	4.2 ton	27 ton
Mixed paper	9 ton	6.6 ton
North Coast Recycling	3817	
Mercury tubes	300	
Roofing shingles	10 ton	44.3 ton

Airport

It's hard to believe that another year has passed. Our little airport has been quite busy. We had 42 fly ins that signed in at the building. Jim Jackson has kept the grass mowed again this season and as usual, done a great job. Thank you Jim! You are very appreciated.

The road crew does a great job keeping the runway open through the winter months. We also appreciate their hard work. They also shovel a path to the building.

We had a little excitement when a small plane broke a strut when landing. Thank goodness they were okay. Our fire department was there in record time and the runway had to be closed for a short period of time. We are sad to report that Jim Jackson, Erik Walter, and Mark Robinson have all resigned from our committee. We thank them for all of the hard work and contributions that they have done over the years. At this point in time we have Paul Behnken on our committee so we are looking for pilots to fill our empty seats.

Our airport continues to be the preferred landing zone for Life Flight and Penobscot Air.

We thank taxpayers for their support of the airport. It is a valuable asset and we do our best to keep the cost down but to maintain and keep the runway safe for pilots.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brewer

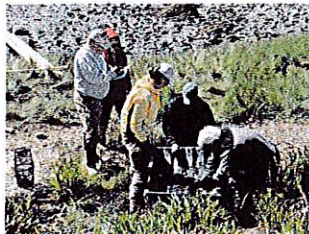
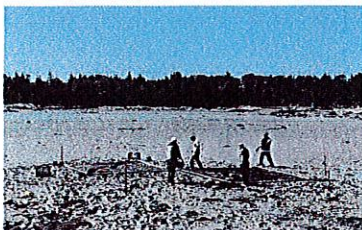
Airport Committee Selectboard Representative

Deer Isle Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee 2024 Report



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

We conducted 4 Conservation Events throughout the year, the first being a coastal cleanup of Webb Cove public boat launch and its surrounding area. The 3 remaining events were apart of our Seeding Initiative Project Experiment we received a grant for through the Department of Marine Resources. This project was aimed at studying the effectiveness of reseeding mud flats with and without netting and with predation efforts on half of them. In the spring, we ran surveys of clam population in 3 coves, Fish Creek, Greenlaw's Cove and Long Cove. We seeded, netted and put predation measures in Fish Creek and seeded with predation measures in Greenlaw's Cove. All gear was then taken back up in late fall with surveys to be conducted once more in spring of 2025 with the final results.



All of our flats have seen decreasing numbers in legal clams over the past many years. This year we have more surveys to conduct from a numbers of coves within Deer Isle and Stonington to plan for our next reseeding project.

Our budget fell short by quite a bit this year for both towns due to drastic decreases in Commercial Shellfish License sales over the past 5 years down by over 50% in each town. To offset that cost we will be holding a fundraiser July 4th at the Stonington Fish Pier.

As always we would like to especially grateful to our town's residence, Selectmen & Managers of Deer Isle and Stonington for helping to fund our local Shellfish Warden. It would be very hard to continue these efforts without your support. Special thanks to our local Shellfish Warden as well for hers continued years of service in helping maintain our ordinance.

Respectfully,
Crystal Gove
DISSCC 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 374 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 Northern Light Primary Care, Stonington, as well as other Northern Light facilities in the area. In 2024, we conducted 1,311 such visits, making our service a leader in Maine for this program. Donations and multiple grants have helped fund this program which is provided to patients at no charge.

Wilda Eaton, our Service Chief and longtime leader of MAC, deservedly received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Maine EMS.

We anticipate delivery of our new ambulance in early 2025. We will be keeping our present ambulance for backup and special events. Donald Sussman has generously donated \$400,000 to pay for the new ambulance and equipping the present one to the A-EMT level. We will continue our Capital Campaign in order to pay for the expansion of our ambulance bay to house both ambulances and to help fund our EMT class on the Island as well as our Community Paramedicine program.



Photo of Mr. Sussman presenting donation check to MAC courtesy of Island Advantages

Scott A. Kane
Sheriff



William R. Birch
Chief Deputy

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Hancock County Sheriff's Office
50 State Street, Suite 10
Ellsworth, Maine 04605
(207) 667-7575
Fax (207) 667-7516

TO THE RESIDENTS OF STONINGTON, MAINE

GREETINGS,

I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the events our Sheriff's Department was involved within your town of Stonington for the year 2024. Although most incidents were as a result of citizens from your town calling for assistance or to report a crime, some, such as the service of subpoenas, and protection orders were initiated by our office. Also remember this summary only reports those incidents we were involved in and does not include any activity by the Maine State Police.

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Call	43	In Person/phone/text/internet	7
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Information Report	32
Assist Law Enforcement	2	Juvenile Runaway	2
Assist Other	2	Juvenile Problem	3
Alarm	24	Medical Emergency	3
Animal Problem	4	Motor Vehicle Complaint	6
Assault	4	Noise Complaint	1
Attended Death	1	Drug/alcohol overdose	1
Bail Check	11	All Court Paperwork	17
Burglary	5	Parking Violation/Obstructing	3
Check well being	12	Traffic Accident w/ Damage	19
Citizen Requested Assistance	8	Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Neighborhood Dispute	6	Plane Crash	1
Civil Problem	4	Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	1
Disabled/Stranded Motorist	1	Public Service Contact	14

Disorderly Conduct	3	Property/Business Check	17
Domestic Call	6	Any Special Detail	2
Drug Intelligence Information	1	Suicide	1
Drug-Narcotics Violations	1	Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	11
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1	Theft	5
Escort	1	Threatening	2
Found Property	3	Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Debr	3
Fraud	3	Traffic Violation	11
Shots Fire, Shots Heard	1	Trespassing	8
Violation of Protection Order	5	Unattended Death	2
Warrant Arrest	8	Criminal Mischief/Damage	8
ATL Subject on a Warrant	5	Bail Violation	4
Total reported:	355		

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Kane

Scott A. Kane
Sheriff of Hancock County

Town of Stonington, Maine Cemetery
& Athletic Awards Trusts Reconciliation December 31, 2024

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income Interest Earned	Disburse. Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
Anderson, Mabel	500.00	988.13	31.73	-	500.00	1,019.85
Anderson, Millard	200.00	214.49	6.89	-	200.00	221.38
Bailey, Marjorie Estate	2,000.00	2,138.11	68.65	-	2,000.00	2,206.76
Barter & Burrill	400.00	519.93	16.69	-	400.00	536.62
Barter, Mary	300.00	596.99	19.17	-	300.00	616.15
Billings, Llewelyn & Ursula	500.00	2,509.42	80.57	-	500.00	2,589.99
Billings, Mabel & William	300.00	363.61	11.67	-	300.00	375.28
Eban Candage & George Eaton	500.00	1,429.23	45.89	-	500.00	1,475.12
Castallucci-Donatelli	200.00	214.49	6.89	-	200.00	221.38
Collins, Charles & Lucy	100.00	484.19	15.55	-	100.00	499.74
Coombs, James & Celeste	150.00	550.52	17.68	-	150.00	568.20
Cousins, Percy	400.00	502.22	16.12	-	400.00	518.34
Cripps, Ernest T	300.00	609.78	19.58	-	300.00	629.36
Dunham, Laura	500.00	663.89	21.32	-	500.00	685.20
Eaton, Chester	1,000.00	4,221.57	135.54	-	1,000.00	4,357.11
Eaton, Joseph	100.00	101.54	3.26	-	100.00	104.80
Eaton, Nora	300.00	1,064.08	34.16	-	300.00	1,098.25
Fifield, Lila E	245.86	734.51	23.58	-	245.86	758.09
Frink	1,000.00	1,420.26	45.60	-	1,000.00	1,465.86
Greene, Amanda & Sullivan	200.00	326.17	10.47	-	200.00	336.64
Greene, Sullivan	200.00	257.93	8.28	-	200.00	266.21
Greenlaw, William L	500.00	1,427.53	45.83	-	500.00	1,473.36
Gross, Frank	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
Gross, Lawrence	300.00	677.16	21.74	-	300.00	698.91
Hamlin-Gross	200.00	128.27	4.12	-	200.00	132.38
Judkins, Edith	9,576.66	21,542.93	691.66	-	9,576.66	22,234.60
Judkins, Ruel & Harry	600.00	1,031.93	33.13	-	600.00	1,065.06
Knowlton & Coombs	200.00	692.97	22.25	-	200.00	715.21
McDonald, Stephen	100.00	101.44	3.26	-	100.00	104.69
McGuire, Frank	300.00	587.82	18.87	-	300.00	606.70
McKenzie, Smith, Goodrich	200.00	935.60	30.04	-	200.00	965.64
McMahon, Dennis	350.00	664.25	21.33	-	350.00	685.58
Merrill & Merrill	1,000.00	2,036.48	65.38	-	1,000.00	2,101.87
Milne, Alexander	500.00	751.51	24.13	-	500.00	775.64
Morey, Lena	377.00	532.68	17.10	-	377.00	549.79
Noyes, George B	200.00	901.27	28.94	-	200.00	930.21
Parson, Celia	300.00	581.06	18.66	-	300.00	599.72
Pray, Jessie M	50.00	17.79	0.57	-	50.00	18.36
Richardson, Gordon & Lida	300.00	439.26	14.10	-	300.00	453.36
Robbins, Abbie	200.00	214.49	6.89	-	200.00	221.38
Robbins, James & Sarah	300.00	371.55	11.93	-	300.00	383.48
Saunders, William & Mary	100.00	194.10	6.23	-	100.00	200.33
Sturdee, Thomas	500.00	833.26	26.75	-	500.00	860.02
Thurlow & Hurdley	2,900.00	4,016.90	128.97	-	2,900.00	4,145.87
Thurlow, Louise	150.00	248.51	7.98	-	150.00	256.48
Turley-Herrick	200.00	241.71	7.76	-	200.00	249.47
Webster, Nattie	300.00	960.52	30.84	-	300.00	991.36
Welch, Hattie & Guy	100.00	365.46	11.73	-	100.00	377.20
Cemetery Trusts Grand Totals	29,399.52	60,407.52	1,939.46	-	29,399.52	62,346.99
Donald Bartlett Scholarship	227.50	990.05	31.79	3.00	227.50	1,024.84
Stephen McDonald Scholarship	100.00	392.73	12.61	4.00	100.00	409.34
Athletic Awards Trusts Grand Totals	327.50	1,382.78	44.40		327.50	1,434.18

TRUSTS TOTAL 61,790.30 1,983.86

DT General Fund 440.19

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Deer Isle - Stonington Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 490
Deer Isle, ME 04627

deerisle@deerisle.com
www.deerisle.com
(207) 348-3068

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 2025.

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

Deerisle.com is the place where more and more people start to look for services, shops, dining, arts and artisans, accommodations and events. Over the last year, 26,000 people visited the site, looking at 95,000 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 5000 copies of the 2024 Map and Guide to the Island and distributes it through local businesses, Deer Isle and Stonington Town Offices, the Chamber's website and the Chamber's own Welcome Center. Thousands of copies of the 2024 Map and Guide were handed out to travelers visiting the Island.

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


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

The Chamber appreciates the Town of Stonington's continuing support of our endeavors. Due to increased costs and expenses, this year we are asking for a contribution of \$4500 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 \$500.00 from last year to cover anticipated higher costs for 2025 based on increased costs for 2024 in excess of Town appropriations which were paid from Chamber funds. The contribution requested for ongoing promotional efforts is the same as last year.

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

Thank you, in advance, for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Haskell, President, Chamber Board of Directors
October 1, 2024

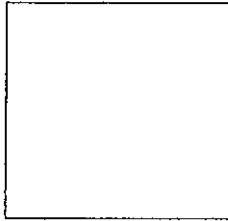
Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Dean Haskell

Craig Hutchinson

Kasi Billings

Tony Adams





October 1, 2024

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 '26.

Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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 red ink, appearing to read "Paul Murphy", is written over the typed name and title.

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,

Thank you for your past support of Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA)! Our mission is to provide older adults, caregivers, and adults with disabilities in Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington counties with the information and access to resources they need to be healthy, engaged, and supported in their communities. When we review the past fiscal year, we believe we lived up to that mission, as evidenced by the numbers below:

- Our resource specialists assisted 13,571 callers seeking information, assistance, and resources.
- Our Medicare counselors provided 1,659 community members with health insurance education and counseling, resulting in \$752,489 in savings.
- Our nutrition department delivered 215,684 meals to homebound adults and served 4,454 congregate dining meals.
- Our 498 volunteers provided 24,679 hours of service across our four counties.

We appreciate and value the ongoing support of towns and cities in helping us reach these numbers. As a nonprofit serving 13,000 square miles, we could not provide this level of service without your generous contribution.

As you put together your yearly budget, we understand the delicate balance you have to strike to invest in needed services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. In making these important budget decisions, please know that funding from municipalities like yours is critical to ensure we can care for vulnerable older and disabled adults. Post-pandemic, we have seen increased need for our services as our population continues to age and inflation strains pocketbooks, especially for older adults on a fixed income. The need for meal support in particular has doubled since 2019, and we currently have a Meals on Wheels waitlist of more than 200 neighbors across our service area.

In their own words, our community members tell us how critical our services are. For example, local resident Marie shared, "Just to have food in the house, and be able to eat a meal that has meat, is a gift. Most of the time, what I eat, I get from Meals on Wheels. I appreciate Eastern Area Agency on Aging because they have helped me so much. ... I now have the info on community organizations if I need anything. Before I learned about the agency, I wouldn't have been able to survive. Now I know I can get the help that I need."

We humbly ask for your consideration in funding EAAA to the fullest extent possible. As a helpful reminder, below we have listed your financial support last year and our request for this year:

- Your town's allocation to EAAA last year: \$3,000
- Amount requested for 2025: \$3,000

Thank you for considering this request. Collaboration and partnership are integral to helping community members like Marie, and we could not do this work without you! Together, we can rise to meet challenges and care for our residents. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you require more detailed municipality data.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hill
Communications and Development Director



Home Care & Hospice
Foundation
PO Box 931
Bangor, ME 04402-0931

Office 207.780.8624
Fax 207.772.0698

September 28, 2024

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

Dear Selectman and Residents,

It is with great pleasure that we thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. We understand that you are faced with many requests for funding and truly appreciate that the Town of Stonington elected to sustain their financial commitment to Northern Light Home Care & Hospice with a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00. Rest assured that the funds you have awarded us will be used to care for patients who lack sufficient health insurance or require our telehealth program for daily monitoring.

As you know, our patients are primarily the frail elderly and all are homebound. Some are recovering from illness or surgery or may be managing one or more chronic illnesses while others have elected to spend their remaining days at home under hospice care. Many are the lonely and isolated who look forward to their visit by the clinician. Indeed, sometimes for some, their only visitor is their nurse.

The stories are many and our hearts are full of compassion for this population. Thus, we remain forever thankful for your thoughtful consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne", written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Moreshead
President, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice
Senior Vice President, Northern Light Health

RECEIPT

Donor Name:	Town of Stonington	Gift Date:	9/10/2024
Description:	Home Care & Hospice - Hancock County Greatest Need	Tax Deductible Amount:	\$7,500.00

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation is part of Northern Light Health Foundation, the non-profit charitable organization that supports philanthropy at Northern Light Health locations throughout Maine. All donations are used per the donor's direction for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization (tax ID 01-0246804). No goods or services were provided in consideration for your gift. Gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

HIP

healthy
island
project

SEP 30 2024

October 2024

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

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

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Friends of HIP,

HIP has made huge strides in supporting our neighbors and enhancing the broad health of the Deer Isle-Stonington community. With our island community's faithful and enthusiastic support, we continue to run a mix of ongoing programs and special events, many of which are focused on nutritional support and bringing islanders together to encourage health and social connections. Here's a snapshot:

- HIP LunchBox meal for older islanders, homemade and delivered to their door
- Salt Air Seniors social events, Wednesday Coffee with Friends, and Creativity Circle
- WinterFest, the Bike Rodeo, and bimonthly Community Breakfasts
- HIP School Backpack program, HIP Pantries, and Free Produce Days through which we are striving to bridge the food/nutritional security gap with our partners at Good Shepherd Food Bank, Hannaford, Gleaning Initiative, and Burnt Cove Market
- FarmDrop Pick Up, an online farmers market supporting our local food system
- Fuel Up! Food-Fitness-Fun and A Matter of Balance
- Edible Island programs for the community and schools
- Bridging Neighbors, a volunteer program developed to help our neighbors access community resources to improve their well-being

Having the Community of Christ Church as our program hub since the earliest days of the pandemic, in May we purchased the building with a loan from the Genesis Community Loan Fund. We are thrilled to know that HIP will be able to continue to serve our community from this fantastic accessible space for decades to come.

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

We are grateful to the Town of Stonington for your past support of \$6750 for 2024. With rising costs and expanded food security efforts, our anticipated 2025 budget is \$300,000; we respectfully request \$9000 (3% of our overall budget) from each town. Your support will allow islanders to live even healthier, happier lives.

René Colson
Executive Director

Susan Toder
Board President



October 11, 2024

Town of Stonington-Third Party Request
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Select Board and Residents,

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.

Our services include companionship/respite for patients and families under hospice and palliative care services, bereavement services through individual and group support, free medical equipment, and Evensong Hospice Choir. We also provide educational workshops on end-of-life topics through our What Matters Most programs and outreach efforts. We offer specialized services including Life Stories audio recordings and Reiki as a Complementary Therapy.

1 Stonington resident has been served to date in 2024.

1 person received Medical Equipment/Supplies.

3 Stonington town resident Volunteers – serving the Town of 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 \$1,000 again this year.

We hope that you will be able to support us again this year. I will be sure to follow up with any additional requirements for requesting funds. I can be reached at kbaillargeon@hospiceofhancock.org or you can call me at 207-667-2531 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Baillargeon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "K" at the start and a long, sweeping "B" for "Baillargeon".

Kathy Baillargeon
Executive Director

Phone: 207-667-2531

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info@hospiceofhancock.org

www.hospiceofhancock.org

14 McKenzie Avenue, Ellsworth, ME 04605



Report to the taxpayers and residents of Stonington for the year 2024
Appropriation Request 2025

As 2025 approaches, the Island Community Center (ICC) celebrates 23 years of providing programs and events that enhance wellness and create connections for all island folk – locals and visitors alike. In 2024, the ICC was approached by the Island Recreation Board and the DIS Youth Sports group to take charge of their programming. We agreed, and are excited to help these programs' good work continue through our organization

The fitness center has become a proven asset to the community. The benefits of health and well-being are appreciated by all those who enter the facility. With the variety of membership options and an established scholarship, any person who wishes to join may do so. This year, the Island Community Center board made the decision to waive all fees for fitness center membership to any EMS responder of Stonington & Deer Isle. Programs such as Camp Kooky, and the Stonington 6, continue to be successful and popular. Collaborations with local organizations such as the Farmer's Market, Opera House Arts, 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

Craig Hutchinson, President
Torri Robbins, Vice President
Terence Real, Secretary
Pat Gross, Treasurer

Paula Eaton
Phil Elkin
Joseph Grey
Evan Haskell

Richard Paget
Samuel Robbins
Abby Stinson
Brad Willis

Staff: Jeannie Hatch, Director



October 15, 2024

To the Town of Stonington,

In 2024, the Stonington townspeople voted to double its amount of support to Stonington Public Library (SPL) to help fund a full-time library director position, recognizing the work that goes into a vibrant public space open year-round. Our first year funding a time-full time director position has resulted in a banner year for programming, fundraising, and community services for all ages. We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to meet the needs and desires of the community, and respectfully request the same amount of support in 2025: \$25,000.

The statistics make it clear that SPL is the hub of the community. From October 2023 through September 2024, we welcomed 7,961 visitors, circulated 8,250 books and media, connected 3,228 Wi-Fi users, added 579 books to our collection, and logged an impressive 1,240 volunteer hours. In addition to our busy daily services we held 116 in-person and online events with 2,380 adults, teens, and children participating.

Our popular events, including the Seaside Series in Small Cove Park and Edible Island workshops co-hosted with Healthy Island Project, serve to inspire, educate and entertain by highlighting the work of local musicians, authors, artists, business owners, and non-profit organizations. In 2024 we added two new popular fundraisers: Downeast with SPL, featuring tours of favorite local businesses, and a library booth at the Stonington Farmers' Market, featuring locally produced artwork, books, cards, t-shirts, and totes. These important fundraisers, along with two benefit concerts and a pop-up raffle, could not have been possible without help from our dedicated volunteers and supportive business owners.

We are pleased to announce SPL is now part of the Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program. Our patrons can use their cards at the 60+ participating libraries throughout the state. We continue to be invested in the Maine Infonet Library System, which empowers our patrons to seamlessly access a vast array of resources at their fingertips. And, we are again offering the top tier, ad-free streaming video service Kanopy to our patrons. In 2025, we plan to join a cooperative program of Hancock County libraries to offer our patrons digital access to the New York Times and an expanded selection of e-books and audiobooks on Overdrive. All services are 100% free to our patrons.

With gratitude for your continued support, we look forward to another great year of serving our community,

Stonington Public Library Board of Trustees

Melissa Mial, President
Ben Jackson, Vice President
Emily Newell, Secretary
Richard Paget, Treasurer

Richard Barnes
Alicia Condon
Dennis Rollins
Tiffany Shepard
Lisa Shipley



**The American Legion
Rodney Stinson Post 102**

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

June 15, 2024

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, 2025** ~ Please write \$550.00 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 30, 2024

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 **626 homes safer** by installing **1,907** smoke detectors and educating **730** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **39,492 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **131,800 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

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Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne
American Red Cross of Northern New England



October 15, 2024

Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

RE: Annual Request for Local Match Funds

Dear Board of Selectpersons and residents of Stonington:

Downeast Community Partners (DCP) wishes to thank Stonington's selectboard and residents for your past support. DCP's mission is to improve the quality of life and reduce the impact of poverty in Downeast communities—a mission which we fulfill by providing opportunities for our neighbors across the lifespan. Attached is a flyer to assist you in informing townspeople of the services 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 \$5,665.77—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 \$113,315.48 in services to your community. Stonington residents requested and received the following services:

Services Provided	Number of Households/Individuals	Amount Expended/\$\$ Value
Maternal and Child Health	1/2	\$3,310.00
The Heating and Warmth Fund (THAW)	/5	500.00
HEAP (Fuel Assistance)	56/	26,063.00
ECIP (Energy Crisis Intervention)	5/	1,907.01
Transportation (# rides, not individuals)	362	32,983.47
Aging in Place	/1	1,200.00
Christmas Magic	/12	480.00
Head Start	/3	46,872.00
Total		\$113,315.48

In addition to the above, DCP operates the *Helping Auto Loans Program*, which makes reliable used cars available at reasonable rates and terms. Also, as one of the larger non-profits in eastern Maine, DCP

employs 4 Stonington resident, and 1 Stonington resident volunteered with DCP last year, 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 us know the appropriate meeting date so that we can be sure to have someone attend. You can reach us at 207-610-5910 or by email at development@dcpcap.org.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rota L. Knott".

Rota L. Knott
Chief Executive Officer



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*It is our mission to
build strong
communities, families
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healthy spirit, mind,
and body for all.*

October 15, 2024

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

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:

- 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.
- In coordination with the Island Fisherman's Wives Association, Stonington residents would receive 1 free session of swim lessons, and 50% off subsequent lessons.

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
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 07, 2024

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

Dear Select Board 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, 20 residents from the Town of Stonington participated in WIC, receiving \$14,640.00 in food benefits. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00, 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 14th, 2024

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

Dear Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

In 2023, the voters of the town of Stonington approved a \$1,500 request from Project Launch (PL). Thank you! ***The 2024 request will be increased to \$2,500, to help address more student needs with our emerging college & career mentor program.*** In addition to established activities including college & career readiness and post-secondary support, PL is also increasingly a resource for local adults seeking a new career path and employment retraining. The apprenticeship program that we co-founded with Deer Isle-Stonington High School is in its 3rd year and has provided over 25 students with year-long local apprenticeships. We are pleased to report that one-third of these students have gone directly from their apprenticeship to paid employment at their apprenticeship site. The weekly hands-on training, skill-building and work preparation is critical to the futures of our young people! We are also excited to announce a new group at the high school, Pathfinders, which has allowed us to start to work with younger students around college & career preparation.

In 2012, PL was created to help local high school students and their families make a successful transition from high school to college. In 2018, PL expanded its focus to include support for both workforce and college-bound students. To date, more than 200 students have enrolled in our program and over 60% of them are the first in their family to go to college.

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!

With our sincere appreciation,

Kimberly Hutchinson (***Executive Director***)

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(***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:** 10/18/2024

Program(s)

What services do you provide to the Town of Stonington residents? Opioid harm reduction programs including free NARCAN distribution and training, free fentanyl test strips, free rescue kits in public places for overdose emergencies, and a free syringe exchange. Free drug education and resilience-building events in the DI-S schools. Free assistance in navigating the treatment and recovery landscape with consultations on treatment options, connections to treatment and recovery services, 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?

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

Funding Request

How was the amount of your request determined? OFIP 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 2022-2025.

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

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

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

Financial Summary

Please attach a summary of the current year's financial results, including revenues (by source) and expenses, and a summary balance sheet. As of 10/18/2024 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 2024-2025: 4% Stonington, 4% Deer Isle.



November 2024

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

Greetings,

We are lucky to live in a place as beautiful and rugged as Maine. But this comes with challenges, and that's where LifeFlight of Maine comes in.

LifeFlight plays a vital role in our state, ensuring that people everywhere have access to critical care in an emergency. Whether it's transporting someone from a car accident along a country road, rushing a stroke victim from a coastal village to a specialized hospital, or responding to a life-threatening injury on a rural farm, LifeFlight is often the critical connector between our patients and their survival. Our aircraft, ground ambulances, and medical teams are always ready to respond, giving these patients the best chance on what is often the worst day or night of their life.

To make this possible, we rely on the support of many donors, including local communities, to ensure we have the resources needed to execute our mission. That's why we need Stonington to join us in the Community Giving Campaign. Gifts from generous communities like yours support every flight and transport, every piece of medical equipment, and every minute of skilled care we provide to Mainers.

Since 1998, 278 communities across Maine have contributed more than \$980,000. Please help us **reach our goal of raising \$1 million from caring communities across Maine.**

Why should Stonington give?

Every Mainer matters, and your contribution could help save someone you know— a neighbor, a friend, a family member, or even yourself. LifeFlight is not just for patients in northern Maine or the islands. It serves all of us across the state, bringing ICU-level care to your community. **Since 1998, we have transported 97 residents of Stonington, with 7 in the last year.**

By contributing, you're not just supporting a statewide organization—you're investing in the safety and well-being of your residents and the educational programs that LifeFlight offers to first responders around the state.



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

(207) 230-7092 | info@lifeflightmaine.org | www.LifeFlightMaine.org



Why do other communities give?

Mark Dupuis, the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director in Wells, says that his department faces an "ever-increasing response to emergency incidents." These include car crashes, fires, water rescues, and medical events in the community. Local first responders and LifeFlight crews work together to give patients their best chance at survival. "Wells Fire Department is a group of highly skilled and trained firefighters, EMTs, and medics who work collaboratively on all LifeFlight responses; we encourage other communities to support LifeFlight as they are able" said Chief Dupuis.

Thank you for your past support, we hope that we can count on you again this year. **Please consider giving a gift of \$528, based on a \$0.5 per capita rate.** Together, we ensure people have access to the care they need when they need it. We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to this cause.

Enclosed are FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of supporting Maine communities. Please contact Ashley MacMillan, Director of Annual Giving 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.

With grateful appreciation,

Joe Kellner
Chief Executive Officer
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
The LifeFlight Foundation



OPERA HOUSE.

Arts

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

October 2024

Dear Select Board and Residents of Stonington,

On behalf of the staff and board directors of Opera House Arts, I extend our thanks for your generous support of \$7,500 in 2024. Your support of our FY 2023-24 operations made a tremendous difference. I am writing now to ask for your support again in 2025 with a **second year of funding at \$7,500** to help us keep our doors open year-round, to serve the residents of the Town of Stonington, and continue to offer programming that has something for everyone.

The Stonington Opera House has been an entertainment and gathering place for the residents of Stonington and Deer Isle for **more than 130 years** - a 501 (c) (3) organization for only 25 years of that history. Our legacy is embedded at the intersection of culture, community, and commerce. We help preserve and promote the history and identity of the place we all call home and impact our island economy with hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on island businesses and services.

The programs we produce, whether films, concerts, community discussions, or theatrical productions, carry and **share our cultural values, traditions, and knowledge** across generations. These shared experiences bring people together and help foster a sense of community and belonging.

With the support of the Town of Stonington, we served over 7,500 people in our last fiscal year - a 20% increase in attendance. **One in five** of those people were residents of Stonington and Deer Isle; **110 students from Hancock County** attended programs at the Stonington Opera House without charge; and **263 people under the age of 17** received half price admission. We produced and offered 26 programs with free admission in 2024 and have scheduled 30 free programs in the coming months including Open Mic nights, Trivia, six "Talk of the Towns," two Home for the Holidays programs including a community reading of "A Christmas Carol," and the return of the Winterfest Dance to the Opera House.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Erika Sanger
Executive Director

ISLAND WORKFORCE HOUSING



Dear Select Board and Residents of Stonington, Maine,

When Island Workforce Housing (IWH) incorporated in 2019, the median price of a home in Stonington was \$375,000 and the income required to purchase a home at that price then was \$108,937. According to the Maine Housing Authority, after a dip in home prices coincident with the pandemic, Stonington's median home price reached an all-time high of \$450,000 in 2022; the very next year ***the median home price in Stonington hit \$625,000 and not one of the 16 homes sold in 2023 was affordable to those with a median income.***

This year, we again respectfully request \$6,000 from each Town to support our work in addressing a housing need which has grown exponentially in the wake of Covid, fueled by the lifestyle changes and technological enhancements the pandemic drove. What was urgent in 2019 is critical in 2024.

The *Housing Needs Assessment* IWH commissioned from Camoin Associates in 2019 (available on our website) articulated an immediate need for 30 - 85 year-round rental units. Only 15% of housing units were year-round rentals at that time, driven by a dramatic increase in seasonal rentals between 2012 and 2018 when the number of Airbnb listings for Deer Isle-Stonington increased 100 times -- from 3 to 298.

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

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

IWH celebrated the first anniversary of Oliver's Ridge this summer. Seven of ten tenants renewed their leases while three left to pursue jobs off-island. In response to the school's urgent need for new teachers, each of the vacated units was leased to incoming teachers, increasing the number of tenants employed by the DIS school system to seven. We continue to house workers in the island's restaurant, construction, and fishing industries. Thanks to donor and local business support for roughly two-thirds of the project's construction, the apartment complex is fully self-sustaining – despite rents targeted to cost no more than 30% of the earnings of median income employees to facilitate savings for a down-payment on a home of their own.

Our Phase 2 project will be constructed in one of Stonington's designated growth areas and will provide rental apartments for workers new to the island or without a year-round lease. We expect to again raise the money from private sources as there is currently no public funding available for median-income workforce housing. We plan to include one-bedroom units in response to demand which remains high; in addition to maintaining a wait list from our second lease-up, we receive new inquiries for rental apartments on a weekly basis. We are also exploring several other models to deliver additional affordable housing in both towns.

Please accept our sincere thanks for demonstrating your past support as well as your consideration this year!

Sincerely,

Sue Buxton, *Chair*; Linda Campbell, *Vice-Chair*; Maggie Kirsch, *Secretary*; Peter Roth, *Treasurer*
William Anderson; Roger Block; Megan Dewey-Wood; Samuel Harrington; Caitlin O'Keefe; Ciona Ulbrich
Pamela Dewell, *Executive Director*

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433 R	BETTS, MATTHEW B	2024	940.40	0.00	940.40
104 R	Booth, Judith Fowler	2024	334.95	0.00	334.95
196 R	Clough, Jason	2024	351.19	0.00	351.19
301 R	CLOUGH, JASON J	2024	1,382.43	0.00	1,382.43
199 R	Coleman, Brett	2024	502.43	0.00	502.43
223 R	COX, DANIEL M	2024	4,143.23	15.12	4,128.11
107 R	CRUTCHER, DAVID C	2024	75.11	0.78	74.33
*1240 R	DORCHESTER, JEFFREY	2024	2,146.73	0.00	2,146.73
859 R	EATON, CHERYL	2024	1,768.13	0.00	1,768.13
*291 R	Eaton, David	2024	1,074.38	882.34	192.04
293 R	Eaton, Dennis C	2024	891.17	0.00	891.17
312 R	EATON, RONALD M	2024	235.99	141.83	94.16
1352 R	Friedell, Carolyn	2024	1,871.66	0.00	1,871.66
382 R	Friedell, David	2024	8,468.65	0.00	8,468.65
1353 R	Friedell, David	2024	2,170.07	0.00	2,170.07
389 R	FURROW, CECILIA M (PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE)	2024	1,496.62	0.00	1,496.62
415 R	Gove, Jeffrey	2024	174.58	0.00	174.58
426 R	Gray, Everett G	2024	626.76	0.00	626.76
685 R	GRAY, JEREMIAH	2024	650.62	0.00	650.62
461 R	Grindal, Clare	2024	4,961.32	1,862.01	3,099.31
463 R	Gross, Adelbert	2024	9.14	3.56	5.58
485 R	Hagerthy, Allan	2024	228.38	0.00	228.38
486 R	HAGERTHY, GEORGE R JR	2024	396.87	0.00	396.87
488 R	Hagerthy, Tammy Lynn	2024	1,626.54	0.00	1,626.54
893 R	Hardie, James Elmer Jr	2024	1,728.55	0.00	1,728.55
547 R	Holland Heirs, Alvernon	2024	427.32	0.00	427.32
549 R	Holland, Edith	2024	1,939.67	0.00	1,939.67
289 R	JONES, DAVID JR	2024	736.89	0.00	736.89
629 R	Jones, David Jr	2024	711.52	0.00	711.52
626 R	JONES, JAMES ALVAN	2024	1,841.72	0.00	1,841.72
644 R	JOST, GRETCHEN	2024	4,765.93	0.00	4,765.93
646 R	JOST, GRETCHEN	2024	363.37	0.00	363.37
670 R	Klemenz Sr., Peter J	2024	1,212.93	0.00	1,212.93
669 R	Klemenz, Laurie Ann	2024	1,138.32	0.00	1,138.32
113 R	LARRABEE, JOSHUA STEPHEN	2024	2,064.51	74.04	1,990.47
703 R	Lawson, Kim	2024	1,316.96	0.00	1,316.96
719 R	Lund, Andrew & Ruth	2024	8,627.50	0.00	8,627.50
487 R	MacDonald, Jennifer	2024	907.92	0.00	907.92
779 R	Michaelson Family Trust	2024	5,589.61	63.92	5,525.69
126 R	MURPHY, JARED M	2024	532.88	0.00	532.88
807 R	Nazarene Church Parsonage	2024	1,003.84	0.00	1,003.84
*812 R	Nevells, Donald Estate	2024	114.70	0.00	114.70
1302 R	NOLAN, HEIDI DANIELLE; ALLEN, DANIELLE MARINA;	2024	2,122.87	0.00	2,122.87
295 R	NOLAN, JOANNE	2024	1,011.45	778.90	232.55
901 R	Pringle, William G	2024	8,427.55	1,317.48	7,110.07
845 R	Robbins, Susan T	2024	871.89	0.00	871.89

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952 R	Robbins, Tim	2024	839.41	0.00	839.41
955 R	Robinson, Craig J	2024	745.52	0.00	745.52
963 R	Rockefeller, Peter	2024	2,820.69	21.18	2,799.51
976 R	Rovnyansky, Yelena AKA Yelena Kunkel	2024	2,516.19	0.00	2,516.19
1390 R	SIMMONDS, BARBARA B	2024	2,794.30	500.00	2,294.30
1044 R	ST. AMAND, GEORGE MAXWELL	2024	2,397.94	0.00	2,397.94
913 R	Taylor, Austin	2024	1,702.16	0.00	1,702.16
914 R	Taylor, Austin	2024	3,375.89	0.00	3,375.89
915 R	Taylor, Austin	2024	14,506.38	0.00	14,506.38
1126 R	Thompson, Reginald L	2024	437.47	436.76	0.71
1132 R	Trundy, Daniel M	2024	2,164.49	0.00	2,164.49
1138 R	Trundy, Ricky	2024	224.32	0.00	224.32
1161 R	Varisco, Stuart	2024	909.44	0.00	909.44
1349 R	VARISCO, STUART	2024	2,059.44	0.00	2,059.44
Total for 60 Bills:		60 Accounts	121,478.89	6,097.92	115,380.97

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
P - Payment	5,993.35	0.00	0.00	5,993.35
Y - Prepayment	104.57	0.00	0.00	104.57
Total	6,097.92	0.00	0.00	6,097.92

Non Lien Summary

2024-1	60	115,380.97
Total	60	115,380.97

* paid after 12/31/24

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30 P	36 MAIN STREET HOLDING LLC	2024	159.36	0.00	159.36
18 P	CORMIER CONSTRUCTION & GRANITE	2024	293.34	0.00	293.34
116 P	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES	2024	35.53	0.00	35.53
41 P	Penobscot Bay Press	2024	253.75	252.39	1.36
Total for 4 Bills:		4 Accounts	741.98	252.39	489.59

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
P - Payment	252.39	0.00	0.00	252.39
Total	252.39	0.00	0.00	252.39

Non Lien Summary

2024-1	4	489.59
Total	4	489.59

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104 R	Booth, Judith Fowler	2023	356.32	0.00	356.32
547 R	Holland Heirs, Alvernon	2023	406.12	0.00	406.12
646 R	JOST, GRETCHEN	2023	379.66	0.00	379.66
807 R	Nazarene Church Parsonage	2023	538.38	535.08	3.30
976 R	Rovnyansky, Yelena AKA Yelena Kunkel	2023	1,688.26	0.00	1,688.26
1138 R	Trundy, Ricky	2023	157.16	153.03	4.13
Total for 6 Bills:		6 Accounts	3,525.90	688.11	2,837.79

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
3 - 30 DN Costs	0.00	0.00	-11.73	-11.73
P - Payment	686.99	0.00	11.73	698.72
Y - Prepayment	1.12	0.00	0.00	1.12
Total	688.11	0.00	0.00	688.11

Non Lien Summary

2023-1	6	2,837.79
Total	6	2,837.79

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Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
18 P	CORMIER CONSTRUCTION & GRANITE	2023	449.68	0.00	449.68
30 P	Harbor Cafe	2023	244.29	0.00	244.29
40 P	Peabody, Charles dba Charlie's Garage	2023	85.58	0.63	84.95
46 P	REYNOLDS, HUGH	2023	146.26	0.00	146.26
77 P	TOMRA OF NORTH AMERICA	2023	0.00	3.01	-3.01
Total for 5 Bills:		5 Accounts	925.81	3.64	922.17

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
Y - Prepayment	3.64	0.00	0.00	3.64
Total	3.64	0.00	0.00	3.64

Non Lien Summary

2023-1	5	922.17
Total	5	922.17

2024 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Stonington

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

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|--|-----|---|
| 1. Total taxable value of real estate | 1 | \$391,787,150
<small>(from page 1, line 6)</small> |
| 2. Total taxable value of personal property | 2 | \$1,031,400
<small>(from page 1, line 10)</small> |
| 3. Total taxable value of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3 | \$392,818,550
<small>(from page 1, line 11)</small> |
| 4. a. Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted | 4a. | \$5,786,050
<small>(from Page 1, line 14f)</small> |
| b. Homestead exemption reimbursement value | 4b. | \$4,397,398 |
| 5. a. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property | 5a. | \$1,080,800
<small>(from page 2, line 15c)</small> |
| b. BETE exemption reimbursement value | 5b. | \$540,400 |
| 6. Total valuation base (Line 3 + line 4b + line 5b) | 6 | \$397,756,348 |

ASSESSMENTS

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|---|----|--|
| 7. County tax | 7 | \$175,893.45 |
| 8. Municipal appropriation | 8 | \$2,207,887.00 |
| 9. TIF financial plan amount | 9 | \$0
<small>(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small> |
| 10. Local education appropriation | 10 | \$1,861,944.20 |
| 11. Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10) | 11 | \$4,245,724.65 |

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

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|--|----|-----------------------|
| 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing | 12 | \$108,211.11 |
| 13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)) | 13 | \$150,000.00 |
| 14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) | 14 | \$258,211.11 |
| 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) | 15 | \$3,987,513.54 |

- | | A | B | C | |
|-----|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| 16. | \$3,987,513.54
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | 1.05 | \$4,186,889.22 | Maximum Allowable Tax |
| 17. | \$3,987,513.54
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | \$397,756,348
<small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | 0.01003 | Minimum Tax Rate |
| 18. | \$4,186,889.22
<small>(Amount from line 16)</small> | \$397,756,348
<small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | 0.01053 | Maximum Tax Rate |
| 19. | \$392,818,550.00
<small>(Amount from line 3)</small> | 0.01015
<small>(Selected Rate)</small> | \$3,987,108.28
<small>(Enter on page 1, line 13)</small> | Tax for Commitment |
| 20. | \$3,987,513.54
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | 0.05 | \$199,375.68 | Maximum Overlay |
| 21. | \$4,397,398
<small>(Amount from line 4b.)</small> | 0.01015
<small>(Selected Rate)</small> | \$44,633.59
<small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Homestead Reimbursement |
| 22. | \$540,400
<small>(Amount from line 5b.)</small> | 0.01015
<small>(Selected Rate)</small> | \$5,485.06
<small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small> | BETE Reimbursement |
| 23. | \$4,037,226.93
<small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small> | \$3,987,513.54
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | \$49,713.39
<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.

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed
5000 · ADMINISTRATION			
5001 · Admn Advertisements	2,400.00	1,636.74	2,700.00
5002 · Admn Assessing	27,250.00	27,249.96	29,975.00
5003 · Admn Audit	8,300.00	10,350.00	14,000.00
5004 · Admn Bank Fees	100.00	2,766.83	110.00
5005 · Admn Bond Counsel TAN	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
5006 · Admn Copier	4,500.00	3,361.85	4,950.00
5007 · Admn Dues & Books	3,800.00	3,773.88	4,180.00
5008 · Admn Election Costs	4,000.00	4,930.67	4,200.00
5009 · Admn Equipment/Computers	42,000.00	38,611.85	46,200.00
5010 · Admn Liability Insurance	8,300.00	7,825.38	9,130.00
5011 · Admn Legal Services	3,500.00	732.00	3,850.00
5012 · Admn Misc. Expense	2,700.00	894.99	2,970.00
5013 · Admn Postage	5,600.00	3,674.56	3,000.00
5014 · Admn Printing	1,100.00	1,377.36	1,500.00
5015 · Admn Recording Fees	1,700.00	1,337.54	1,870.00
5016 · Admn Supplies	3,000.00	1,870.38	3,300.00
5017 · Admn Telephone & Internet	10,200.00	10,423.69	10,600.00
5018 · Admn Training	1,500.00	579.00	1,600.00
5019 · Admn Travel	2,600.00	1,618.51	2,860.00
5020 · Admn Workmen's Comp	1,450.00	596.10	1,595.00
Total 5000 · ADMINISTRATION	135,000.00	123,611.29	149,590.00
5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE			
5051 · Health Insurance Staff	99,000.00	91,169.61	87,500.00
Total 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE	99,000.00		87,500.00
5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES			
5061 · Admn Payroll Taxes & UI	29,500.00	16,174.97	29,000.00
5062 · Admn Selectboard	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,500.00
5063 · Admn Town Clerks	192,000.00	184,371.17	211,200.00
5064 · Admn Town Manager	85,500.00	85,500.00	94,050.00
Total 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	327,000.00	306,046.14	356,750.00

\$ 593,840 Article 14

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed
5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES			
5071 · Town Hall Cleaning & Snow	6,400.00	6,749.14	7,040.00
5072 · Town Hall Electric	3,700.00	3,291.74	3,800.00
5073 · Town Hall Equipment	1,200.00	628.83	1,320.00
5075 · Town Hall Heat	6,000.00	6,073.45	6,500.00
5076 · Town Hall Insurance	1,900.00	1,565.08	2,090.00
5077 · Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs	7,500.00	10,388.75	10,500.00
5078 · Town Hall Misc	500.00	211.27	550.00
5079 · Town Hall Supplies	1,200.00	1,026.70	1,320.00
5080 · Town Hall Water & Sewer	1,800.00	1,785.50	1,980.00
Total 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES	30,200.00	31,720.46	35,100.00
5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL			
5101 · Animal Control Kennel	500.00	-	500.00
5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous	1,000.00	35.00	1,000.00
5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes	200.00	-	-
5104 · Animal Control Travel	700.00	30.69	-
5105 · Animal Control Wages	1,500.00	475.00	-
5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp	100.00	-	-
5107 · Animal Control County ACO fees	4,500.00	2,723.47	7,500.00
Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL	8,500.00	3,264.16	9,000.00
5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT			
5111 · Code Enforcement Misc	750.00	1,099.04	825.00
5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes	2,500.00	737.54	2,000.00
5113 · Code Enforcement Travel	500.00	418.44	550.00
5114 · Code Enforcement Wages	26,000.00	16,160.00	22,000.00
5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp	400.00	151.04	440.00
5116 · CEO Rental Registrations Exp	2,450.00	431.83	2,500.00
Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT	32,600.00	18,997.89	25,815.00
5120 · PLANNING BOARD			
5121 · Planning Board Advertising	300.00	1,275.95	1,500.00
5122 · Planning Board Misc -Legal	3,600.00	2,133.40	4,100.00
5123 · Planning Board Training	200.00	410.00	600.00
Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD	4,100.00	3,819.35	6,200.00

\$ 35,100 Article 15

\$ 41,315 Article 16

*includes 6008 - Appeals Board

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed
5130 · TRANSFER STATION			
5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal	14,000.00	27,803.38	20,000.00
5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris	25,000.00	15,888.47	20,000.00
5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint	26,000.00	17,315.65	20,000.00
5134 · Transfer Station Insurance	800.00	626.03	800.00
5135 · Transfer Station Misc	3,700.00	6,371.59	5,000.00
5137 · Transfer Station Mowing	2,700.00	2,500.00	2,700.00
5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes	11,000.00	4,651.82	10,000.00
5139 · Transfer Station Recycling	11,000.00	8,755.07	11,000.00
5140 · Transfer Station Telephone	700.00	928.03	700.00
5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees	135,000.00	112,833.72	135,000.00
5142 · Transfer Station Transportation	140,000.00	120,721.20	140,000.00
5143 · Transfer Station Utilities	5,000.00	4,770.37	5,000.00
5144 · Transfer Station Wages	114,000.00	111,856.00	114,000.00
5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp	4,100.00	1,904.73	4,100.00
Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION	493,000.00	436,926.06	488,300.00
5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS			
5501 · 4th of July	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
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 · Hancock County Homecare & Hospice	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
5508 · Healthy Island Project	6,750.00	6,750.00	9,000.00
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	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
5514 · Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	550.00
5516 · American Red Cross	750.00	750.00	750.00
5518 · Downeast Community Partners	9,757.00	9,757.00	5,666.00
5519 · DownEast Family YMCA	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
5521 · WIC Program	800.00	800.00	1,000.00
5522 · Project Launch	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
5523 · Opiate Free Island Partnership	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5524 · LifeFlight Foundation	528.00	528.00	528.00
(5525) Opera House Arts	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
(5526) Island Workforce Housing	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total 5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS	97,085.00	97,085.00	96,994.00

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed
5600 - FIRE DEPARTMENT			
5601 · Fire Dept Electric	2,500.00	3,276.74	3,000.00
5602 · Fire Dept Equipment	40,000.00	34,000.47	40,000.00
5603 · Fire Dept Fuel	2,000.00	1,582.12	2,000.00
5604 · Fire Dept Heat	4,500.00	4,369.52	4,600.00
5605 · Fire Dept Insurance	7,000.00	6,634.30	7,000.00
5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses	1,700.00	1,642.43	2,500.00
5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair	20,000.00	20,964.85	28,000.00
5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes	1,600.00	782.66	1,600.00
5609 · Fire Dept Telephone	2,600.00	2,638.05	2,600.00
5610 · Fire Dept Wages	16,000.00	16,200.00	20,000.00
5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer	1,500.00	1,473.00	1,600.00
5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp	1,600.00	703.05	1,600.00
Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	101,000.00	94,267.19	114,500.00
5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT			
5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas	22,000.00	13,657.28	17,000.00
5622 · Public Works Insurance	5,000.00	4,382.21	5,500.00
5623 · Public Works Repairs	16,000.00	5,088.96	16,000.00
5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip	3,500.00	3,138.96	3,850.00
5625 · Public Works Misc	1,500.00	409.00	1,650.00
Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	48,000.00	26,676.41	44,000.00
5630 · TOWN GARAGE			
5631 · Town Garage Electricity	3,600.00	3,310.83	3,600.00
5632 · Town Garage Equipment	2,750.00	540.67	3,025.00
5633 · Town Garage Heat	500.00	-	1,000.00
5634 · Town Garage Maintenance	3,000.00	3,326.16	3,500.00
5635 · Town Garage Misc	800.00	865.58	880.00
5636 · Town Garage Telephone & Internet	2,350.00	2,496.04	2,585.00
Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE	13,000.00	10,539.28	14,590.00

\$ 114,500 Article 23

\$ 484,360 Article 31
*includes 6013 - E911 Signs
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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed
5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE			
5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch	5,000.00	4,820.40	5,500.00
5642 · Road Maint Culverts	2,500.00	2,207.88	2,750.00
5643 · Road Maint Gravel	6,000.00	1,680.00	6,000.00
5644 · Road Maint Guardrails	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
5645 · Road Maint Misc	2,200.00	2,373.38	2,420.00
5646 · Road Maint Mowing	2,600.00	2,350.00	2,860.00
5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes & UI	6,600.00	1,226.07	4,000.00
5648 · Road Maint Cellular	600.00	600.00	660.00
5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks	2,000.00	-	2,200.00
5650 · Road Maint Signs	1,600.00	1,756.30	1,760.00
5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep	70,000.00	4,295.00	70,000.00
5652 · Road Maint Wages	66,000.00	68,578.25	72,600.00
5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp	3,900.00	878.56	3,000.00
Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE	170,500.00	90,765.84	175,250.00
5660 · WINTER ROADS			
5661 · Winter Roads Misc	3,000.00	260.52	3,000.00
5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment	22,000.00	23,477.81	24,200.00
5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes & UI	10,000.00	6,384.64	13,000.00
5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand	90,000.00	46,904.23	87,500.00
5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract	5,800.00	2,103.95	6,000.00
5666 · Winter Roads Wages	100,000.00	79,826.13	110,000.00
5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp	5,500.00	3,528.20	6,050.00
Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS	236,300.00	162,485.48	249,750.00

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\$ 484,360 Article 31
*includes 6013 - E911 Signs

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed	
5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES				
5668 · Harbor Management	-	-	-	
5669 · Dog Park	-	-	-	
5671 · Seawall	-	-	1,000.00	Article 40
5672 · Conservation	100.00	-	100.00	Article 48
5673 · Fire Dept Equip	-	-	-	
5674 · Gym Building	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	Article 45
5675 · Odd Fellows	-	-	-	
5676 · Road Equipment	-	-	-	
5677 · School Building	5,000.00	-	1,000.00	Article 45
5678 · Town Hall	3,000.00	-	500.00	Article 49
5679 · Transfer Station Equipment	100.00	-	100.00	Article 50
5680 · Unemployment	-	-	-	
5681 · Harbor Float Reserve	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	Article 39
5683 · Shellfish Conservation	-	-	100.00	Article 53
5684 · Playground	-	-	-	
5686 · Broadband/Internet	-	-	-	
5687 · Fire Dept Building	-	-	-	
5688 · Sea Level Rise	-	-	-	
5689 · Athletic Field	-	-	-	
5690 · Waterfront Access	5,000.00	-	1,000.00	Article 41
4020 - Airport			500.00	Article 55
Total 5670 · Transfer to Reserves	15,200.00	-	6,300.00	
5690 · DEBT SERVICE				
5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch	12,802.00	12,802.00	15,300.00	
5697 · Debt Service Moose Island	-	-	-	
5698 · Debt Service Peterbilt Truck	-	-	-	
5699 · Debt Service Hagen Dock Rebuild	40,530.00	40,120.47	3,400.00	
Debt Service International Truck	-	-	-	
Total 5690 - Debt Service	53,332.00	52,922.47	18,700.00	\$ 18,700 Article 38
5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES				
5701 · Athletic Field	3,500.00	2,660.55	3,850.00	Article 61
5702 · Cemeteries	4,500.00	3,546.94	4,500.00	Article 61
5703 · Colwell Ramp	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Article 60
Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	11,000.00	9,207.49	11,350.00	

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	2024	2024 Actual as of 12/31/24	2025 Proposed	
5800 - ODDFELLOWS HALL				
5801 - Oddfellows Electric			1,000.00	
5802 - Oddfellows Equipment			1,000.00	
5803 - Oddfellows Heat			3,000.00	
5804 - Oddfellows Insurance			1,000.00	\$ 8,800 Article 61
5805 - Oddfellows Maintenance & Repairs			1,000.00	
5806 - Oddfellows Water & Sewer			1,800.00	
Total 5800 - ODDFELLOWS HALL			8,800.00	
5900 · PARKS				
5901 · Parks Mini Village	1,200.00	690.89	1,200.00	
5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms	9,000.00	11,896.54	9,900.00	
5903 · Parks Stinson Park	1,300.00	948.72	1,300.00	
5905 · Parks Trash	5,000.00	4,069.25	5,000.00	
5906 · Playground	1,000.00	1,212.00	1,300.00	\$ 28,750 Article 47
5907 · Parks Small Cove	1,700.00	1,326.01	1,700.00	(inc. athletic field & cemeteries)
Total 5900 · PARKS	19,200.00	20,143.41	20,400.00	
6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM	1,420.00	1,419.00	1,420.00	Article 19
6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	Article 22
6007 · HEALTH OFFICER	250.00	250.00	250.00	Article 20
6008 · APPEALS BOARD	300.00	149.00	300.00	Article 16
6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	52,000.00	49,898.32	52,000.00	Article 21
6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS	700.00	-	770.00	Article 31
6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS	110,500.00	110,500.00	110,500.00	Article 27
6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES	85,000.00	72,032.00	110,000.00	Article 17
6016 · STREETLIGHTS	16,100.00	15,363.88	15,600.00	Article 37
6019 · ABATEMENTS FROM OVERLAY		8,678.48		
6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS	28,000.00	28,838.74	30,000.00	Article 4
6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC	5,500.00	5,438.34	5,600.00	Article 18
6030 · SAND BEACH				
6031 · Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00		
6032 · Rent	6,600.00	5,081.10	5,500.00	Article 51
Totals	2,204,387.00	1,778,948.30	2,254,829.00	
Increase of \$50,442.00 = 2.2%				

TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 3, 2025

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 3rd of March, 2025 at three o'clock in the afternoon. (3:00 p.m.) then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To see if the Town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
3. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest to charge on taxes unpaid after such date.
The Selectboard recommends the due date be September 2, 2025 and the rate of interest be 7.5% per annum beginning September 2, 2025.
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 \$30,000.00 added to the annual tax commitment.
Note: In 2024, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$28,838.74.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to issue a Tax Anticipation Note which will be repaid before the end of the tax year and to pay interest on the note as necessary from investment returns.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to keep or dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in Title 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in Title 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to file a Waiver of Foreclosure prior to a property becoming tax acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon when the Treasurer deems the waiver to be in the best interest of the Town.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 4, 2025**

8. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectboard to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.
9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, donations, real estate, personal property, and certain funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.
10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany the grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard or their designee to accept and to expend funds from the State, Federal, and County Governments related to the American Rescue Plan Act program and if said funds are received, to authorize the municipal officers to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose(s) granted.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to act as the Trustees for the Stonington Water Company and vote the stock held by the Town to keep the Stonington Water Company operating and transact other business at any meeting of the stockholders of the Stonington Water Company.
14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$593,840
15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall operation and maintenance.
The Selectboard recommends: \$35,100
16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning Board & Enforcement (animal control, code enforcement, appeals board, planning board).
The Selectboard recommends: \$41,315
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$110,000 for law enforcement.
Note: This amount is to continue to contract patrols 3 days per week.
The Selectboard recommends: \$110,000

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18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911 dispatch) charges.
The Selectboard recommends: \$5,600
19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Planning Commission dues.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,420
20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.
The Selectboard recommends: \$250
21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.
The Selectboard recommends: \$52,000
22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.
The Selectboard recommends: \$2,500
23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Fire Department.
The Selectboard recommends: \$114,500
24. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of all the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department's equipment now owned by, or to be purchased by the Department during the ensuing year and then allow the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department to use said equipment.
The Selectboard recommends.
25. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Fire Department Building Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$20,000
26. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$20,000
27. To see what sum Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Hydrants.
The Selectboard recommends: \$110,500
28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of solid waste and the operation of the Stonington Transfer Station.
The Selectboard recommends: \$488,300

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29. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, to negotiate, enter, sign, and execute necessary agreements and/or contracts with a vendor for the town's municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal needs under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen in its sole discretion deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Selectboard recommends approval

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

The Selectboard recommends: \$100

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

The Selectboard recommends: \$484,360

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

The Selectboard recommends: \$80,000

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

The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000

34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$75,000 from the Rainy-Day Fund toward the Oceanville Marsh project.

The Selectboard recommends approval

35. To see if the Town will vote to close the Broadband Reserve account and apply any remaining funds to the Oceanville Marsh project.

(The project came in under budget and the remaining balance is approximately \$58,812.)

The Selectboard recommends approval

36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Oceanville Marsh project.

The Selectboard recommends approval

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

The Selectboard recommends: \$15,600

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38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service.
The Selectboard recommends: \$18,700
39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harbor Float Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,000
40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Seawall Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,000
41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Waterfront Access Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,000
42. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Dredging Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$25,000
43. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Sea Level Rise Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000
44. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Housing Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$1,000
45. 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 recommends:
- Former Elementary School Building Reserve **\$1,000**
 - Gym Building Reserve **\$1,000**
46. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the School Building Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000
47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Facilities (Athletic Field, Playground, Cemeteries, Parks).
The Selectboard recommends: \$28,750

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48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and for the Conservation Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$100
49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Hall Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$500
50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station Equipment Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$100
51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 for the Sand Beach property lease and insurance fees.
The Selectboard recommends: \$7,000
52. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Playground Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000
53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$100
54. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Shellfish Conservation Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000
55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Airport Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$500
56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fourth of July Celebration/Fireworks.
The Selectboard recommends: \$4500
57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce.
The Selectboard recommends: \$700
58. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.
The Selectboard recommends: \$550

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59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LifeFlight Foundation.
The Selectboard recommends: \$528
60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Colwell Ramp.
The Selectboard recommends: \$3,000
61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Oddfellows Hall.
The Selectboard recommends: \$8,800
62. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) toward the Oddfellows Hall Reserve Account.
The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000
63. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply up to \$300,000.00 from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) towards reducing property taxes.
The Selectboard recommends approval

Given under our hands this 3rd day of February, 2025 at Stonington, Maine.

Donna Brewer
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Evelyn K. Duncan
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Travis Fifield
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Richard K. Larrabee, Sr.
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John Robbins
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RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town, including: Town Office, 32 Main St.; Harborview Store, 5 Atlantic Ave.; and the Harbormaster Office, 8 Fish Pier Rd., on the ____ day of _____, 2025, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

D. Gay Atkinson II, Resident