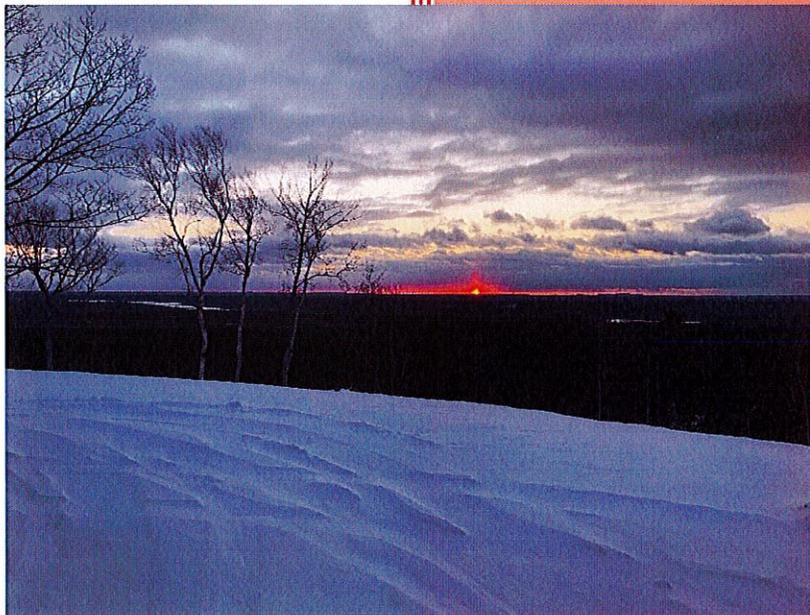


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**Lowell**

**Annual Report**

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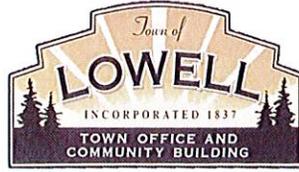


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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday-----1PM-5PM  
Wednesday-----12PM-4PM  
Thursday-----1PM-5PM

**SELECTBOARD MEETINGS**

Lowell Town Office  
Every other Tuesday at 5:30PM  
or as necessary or when  
requested.

**PLANNING BOARD**

Third Thursday of the month  
at 4PM

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Third Tuesday of the month  
at 4PM

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Overseers of the Poor:**

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- Charles Priest
- Kirk Fogg

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- Kerry McIntyre, Chairman
- Lori Bond
- Cindy Libby
- Harold Whitten
- Cliff Hill

**Clerk, Treasurer & Registrar of Voters:**

- Lisa Woodward

**Board of Appeals:**

- William James
- Susan Priest

**Tax Collector/ Deputy Clerk**

- Mandi Muncey

**General Assistance Administrator:**

- Lisa Woodward

**Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Dwight Tilton

**Fire Chief/ Warden & EMA Director**

- Josh McNally

**Animal Control Officer:**

- Julie Stevens

**Sexton:**

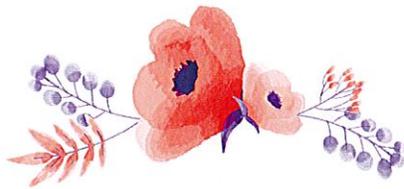
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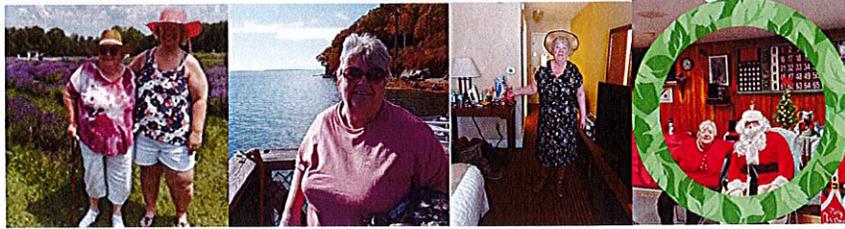
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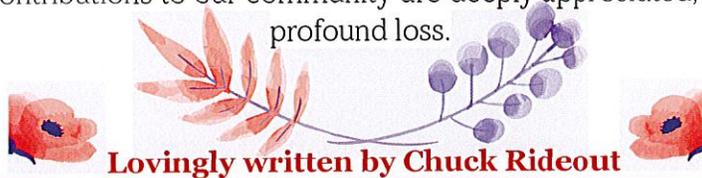
- Mathew McIntyre



## Joyce Budge



Which adjective would best describe Joyce Budge: devoted friend, compassionate humanitarian, meticulous historian, talented photographer, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, driven individual, and unwavering patriot? She possessed an extraordinary vitality. Celebrations, particularly birthdays, held great significance for her. Joyce took immense pleasure in making everyone feel valued. She ensured that those in need received necessary care. Always willing to offer support or guidance, Joyce's remarkable memory and infectious laughter left lasting impressions. Her contributions to our community are deeply appreciated, and her passing is a profound loss.



Lovingly written by Chuck Rideout





Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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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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## United States Senate

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APPROPRIATIONS  
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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 in 2024, 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](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

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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.

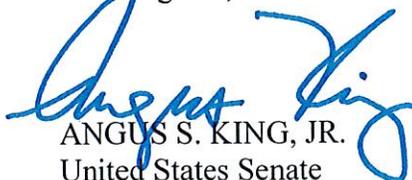
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. 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 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 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

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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:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## **Mathew McIntyre**

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I sincerely and humbly thank you for electing and entrusting me to carry your voices forward to Augusta as your Representative for Maine's House District 18.

District 18 comprises approximately 9030 residents, spans just shy of 2200 square miles of our great State, and encompasses the Penobscot County towns of Lowell, Burlington, Greenbush, Passadumkeag and Clifton, the Hancock County towns of Amherst, Aurora, Great Pond, Osborn, Dedham, Eastbrook, Mariaville and Otis, and the Washington County towns of Beddington, Deblois and Cherryfield, as well as myriad Unorganized Territories (UT) in the miles between. I do not view the size of this district as a challenge, but rather an opportunity to represent a large part of rural Maine.

In this, our first session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature of Maine, I will do my best to focus on the everyday concerns of the people I talked with while going door to door. The concerns you expressed about our State's future were heard loud and clear, and as I learn more each day, your words will guide my decisions.

Here are the titles of the Bills I have submitted to the Revisor of Statutes for Maine, based directly on what you asked me to fight for. These will initially be discussed at the joint standing committee level, and ultimately debated on the State House floor for potential adoption into our State Laws.

1. An Act to Promote Opportunities by Establishing a Student Wage
2. An Act to Exempt Authorized Emergency Vehicles from Tolls When Operating in an Official Capacity
3. Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State
4. An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Retention of Proceeds from Municipal Foreclosures
5. An Act to Remand Individuals with Pending State Probation Violations to the Department of Corrections Following Initial Proceedings
6. An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards

I encourage you to monitor the progress of these Bills via the State's official website at [www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov), and to contact me if you have questions or concerns involving legislation or state government. I plan to be fully engaged this session in the larger process by participating in Public Hearing and Work Session phases that follow initial Bill introduction.

Whether you come to Augusta to give testimony in-person, submit written testimony or if you participate via 'Zoom', please, be part of the decisions that shape our collective future.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mathew 'Mac' McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mathew "Mac" McIntyre  
State Representative

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## Lowell Maine Board of Selectmen -2024 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

We want to spotlight several capital projects and town initiatives we launched two years ago that are already delivering tangible results and financial savings for the town of Lowell, while also acknowledging the new challenges we faced. As we move into 2025 and beyond, we're excited to build on these successes using a phased approach to address these obstacles. The Board of Selectmen, along with our dedicated Office Team, Officers, Committees, and Boards, are pleased to share how we tackled these challenges by setting goals and achieving significant milestones.

### **Capitol Projects and Town Initiatives:**

Starting with the Burlington Lowell Transfer Station improvement project, we're pleased to report a reduction in operating costs for the second straight year without increasing our town contribution to the operational expense, thanks to the reliable operation record of the efficient compactor, burn pads, and less reliance on the backhoe. This cost savings occurred even as fuel, maintenance, and haulage fees increased. We have been able to reduce the number of loads from 82 in 2022 down to 50 in 2023 and 48 in 2024. Our existing Town Hall plowing contractor and the BLT continue to receive compliments on the state of the grounds. We cleaned up the access to accommodate more traffic for easier unloading both in front and in the back compactor access points to be more efficient. To further reduce costs, we completed the installation of a concrete pad for the appliance area, which has reduced extra cleanup due to appliances and metal objects freezing into the gravel pad during thaw and freeze cycles. We removed the small ancillary buildings as they were not required and poured another pad and installed retaining blocks for the rollaway at the other end of the building as well as graveling and grading the traffic pattern to relieve congestion. We've also made additional repairs to the supporting structure and roof of the station to extend the life of the facility as well as removing a section of the building to make better access for the deposit and removal of the rollaway units. Finally, we've cleared the brush and cleaned up the area around the burn pile and the perimeter of the station.

Secondly, significant effort went into grant applications for a variety of programs. These include the following:

- We used some of the remaining funds awarded in a grant from the Penobscot County ARPA Commissioners Fund on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to 1<sup>st</sup> selectman Brian Moura. This money was used for our capital improvements for the Town Sand/Salt shed and property at no cost to our taxpayers and includes the following.
  - The installation of two new pipe gates at the main entrance to ensure better security for town assets that are stored there such as culverts, gravel, sand, and salt.
  - Replaced the affected corroded steel siding on the back side of the shed with new material as required.
- The second grant process we started in 2023 was joining the EMDC Advisory Committee along with other rural towns that are presently underserved and have set a goal of improving broadband access to be addressed with Connectivity Hubs Grants. The state of Maine has received \$272 million for broadband infrastructure buildout. Lowell is a community in which over 20% have internet speeds below 100/20 speeds. These locations in the state are going to be prioritized in 2025 by both the

state and federal governments. Lowell would be an attractive area for infrastructure buildout based on state and federal guidelines in the next pool of grant funding. This committee is focused on achieving broadband connection and efforts will continue with Lowell being represented in the advisory committee going into 2025. This is a long term effort and we will keep the town informed as progress is made.

The third improvement project is a continuation of the phased approach we are taking for town-maintained infrastructure.

- We would like to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of our Board of Selectmen and Road Manager during the unprecedented storms of 2024, who used their equipment, fuel, labor, and time to clear trees and brush (whether reimbursed or not). Their dedication saved the town significant expenses across a variety of projects, including culvert cleaning, road grading, ditching, graveling, and vegetation trimming and removal. Additionally, we've signed a new three-year contract with our current Town Road manager to assist with future budgeting needs.
- In response to the extreme weather and the damage it caused, Porter Road has been completely rebuilt, graveled, ditched, and outfitted with new culverts, greatly improving the road's condition.
- We continue to gravel, grade, ditch and remove brush on Fogg Brook Road as well as maintain Preble, Escutarsis and Woodman Mill Roads and continue to maintain Tannery Road addressing holes and cracks with patch as they arise to extend its life within our approved town budget.
- The town also installed caution signs along Escutarsis roads and purchased a removable speed bump to slow traffic, helping to enhance child safety and encourage appropriate speed adjustments for road conditions.
- We are happy to report that the town signed a new three-year contract with our existing Snow Plowing contractor A&G Dirtworks for our town roads and that we continue to receive great compliments on their work.

The fourth improvement project involved further IT-related investments including the following:

- We upgraded the Tax Collector's computer by replacing outdated monitors with larger dual monitors and adding extra memory to improve efficiency.
- A new laptop was provided for the Town Clerk, offering the flexibility to use it at her desk or undocked in the public common room.
- Three new large monitors were installed in the common public room for use during BOS, Committee, and Board meetings. This upgrade modernizes the space and increases its appeal for renting out for both public and private events, as well as municipal training, already generating additional revenue to help offset operating costs.
- We installed the highly anticipated InforMe credit card PayPort at the town office, allowing credit card transactions to be processed at no cost to the town, with a 2.5% surcharge per transaction passed on to the customer for added convenience.
- We implemented WinSketch, an electronic tool to digitize manual sketching and integrated it into our Trio system to allow more accurate information to be tied to our property cards being used by our assessor thereby decreasing time for assessor activities.

#### **Public Safety:**

- A thorough review was completed of all town policies. Updates were made and new policies were enacted where needed.

- In June of 2024 the Town of Lowell received our State Approved Comprehensive Plan which was adopted. We adopted additional significant ordinances for Land Use, Shoreland as well as Solar.
- At a January 14<sup>th</sup> special town meeting The Select Board recommended and received town approval of an article that has secured a five-year lease (with conditions and liability and proper insurance requirements in mind) that is both beneficial to the Town of Lowell by generating revenue that reduces our overall Town Hall building operation costs while still providing the town with emergency management usage of the underutilized town hall municipal buildings garage bays to Gordon Champion DBA GDC Services who is our current road manager to store landscaping and excavation equipment in furtherance of its town-related road and property maintenance and snow removal.
- One of the challenges faced by most rural communities, including ours, is that post-pandemic revenue from ambulance transfers has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. This creates additional pressure on municipal budgets and forecasting.
  - We are pleased to report that in July of 2024, the first Fire and EMS District in the state was established. As Penobscot Commissioner David Marshall stated, "The Central Maine Highlands Fire and EMS District is a blueprint for the rest of the state." This new district represents over 4,000 people and is governed by a board of local directors, with one representative from each town, including Burlington, Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lowell, Maxfield, Passadumkeag, Sebois Plantation, as well as Penobscot and Hancock County unorganized territories (GF, Sum, Mat).
  - This district structure increases our ability to secure grants from both state and federal governments, rather than relying on individual towns. By joining this district, the town gains not only representation but also the financial benefit of moving away from a higher-cost, contract-based service. This approach strengthens our collective efforts and improves the quality of Fire and EMS services for our community. Through collective bargaining with insurance companies and our staff, we were able to start to see reduced costs in some areas. While still subject to supply chain cost increases the district strives to seek revenue offsets to help lower overall operating costs while maintaining professional services we can be proud of.
  - Through continuous improvement, we have seen positive outcomes in staff retention with competitive wages and benefits, as well as improvements in training, certifications, equipment, and facilities. These investments, along with the mutual aid we receive from other municipalities, enhance our ability to protect our residents and property, ensuring better health, safety, and peace of mind for all of us and our loved ones.

#### **Assessor's summary:**

The Town of Lowell has contracted a revaluation firm to complete a total revaluation of all parcels within Lowell as of April 1, 2024. The firm was not able to conclude the work required in time for the October 2024 tax commitment process, so the contract was modified to have the revaluation effective as of April 1, 2025. With this delay in new assessments, the assessor's agent conducted a sales ratio study with updated assessments and identified that adjustments to both land and buildings were necessary to meet a required minimum sales ratio of 91%. The adjustments were made to ensure compliance with regulations and to maintain certain exemptions at 100% value as well as other categories of reimbursement such as tree growth reimbursement.

In property assessment, the sales ratio is a key metric used to determine the assessed value of properties relative to their actual market values. The goal is often to achieve a certain percentage, such as 91%, to both meet State requirements and to ensure fairness and consistency in property taxation. The adjustments made to both land and buildings were necessary to align the overall sales ratio with the requirements of the State statutes. Accepting rates lower than the required minimum would have led to a reduction in exemptions and reimbursements such as tree growth reimbursement.



The upcoming town-wide property revaluation by Bartlett Assessing Services for the Town of Lowell is a significant step in maintaining fair and equitable assessments. The reassessment will reflect current market values, and property owners will have the opportunity to discuss the assessments with the revaluation company before they become final. This transparent process allows for communication between taxpayers and assessors to address any concerns or questions.

While property owners may see increases in assessed values, the overall impact on the tax burden can be stabilized, if the towns budget remains steady. The connection between market values, mill rates, and town budgets emphasizes the dynamic nature of property taxation.

The real estate market's current trend of increasing prices highlights the need for periodic reassessments to keep property values in line with market conditions. The only goal of assessment professionals is to maintain fair and equitable assessments for all property owners.

The current and complete revaluation that Lowell will have in place will also make the process of an annual review more credible. Once the revaluation and equalization is complete the Assessor's Agent will follow the real estate market in the Lowell area and be prepared to make any adjustments that are necessary to keep the assessments in line with the current real estate markets, and yes this includes reducing assessments if there is evidence that a particular cross section the market is experiencing reduced sale prices.

We would like to provide reassurance to property owners that, despite potential increases in assessed values, the overall goal is to maintain a stable tax burden for the community.

It is anticipated that the Revaluation process will conclude in the coming Spring/Summer and the contractor will send out proposed new assessments for your properties. Once those are mailed, there will be an opportunity to meet with the revaluation company for a brief meeting to make sure any of your questions are answered before the new assessment is finalized.

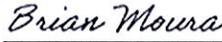
As always, we are here for you, so if you have questions, desire more information or just want an explanation please feel free to contact the town office and we will see what we can do for you.

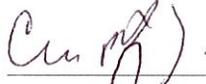
Accurate and complete information is the key to an informed, engaged, and empowered citizenry and it helps us all work for better outcomes for the community as a whole.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our dedicated Board of Selectmen, Office Team, Officers, Committees, Boards, and the many volunteers who contributed to town projects. These efforts include the growing annual roadside cleanup, the installation and removal of US flags along our roads, and other initiatives like the Trunk or Treat event and various beautification and improvement projects. We look forward to even more volunteer involvement and the setting of new goals for the town in 2025. We encourage and support active participation from the Lowell community in shaping the town's future by attending our public Board, Committee, and Board meetings and sharing your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you,

Adoption Date: January 31, 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Moura  
1<sup>st</sup> Selectman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chuck Priest  
2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kirk Fogg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman



## ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

All taxpayers should read the following requirement and comply with it.

--Section 70, Chapter 180, Public Law, 1963--

"Before making an assessment, the Assessors shall give reasonable notice in writing to the inhabitant's, by posting notification in some public place in Town, or shall notify them in such ways as the Town its annual meeting directs, to make and bring into them true and perfect lists, of their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they are possessed on the first day of April of the same year. If any resident owner, after such notice or any nonresident owner after being reasonably requested hereto by the Assessors does not bring in such list, he is barred of his right to make application to the Assessor, or County Commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and stratifies them that he was unable to offer in at the time appointed. The request upon non-resident owner may be proved by notice sent by mail direct to the last known address of the taxpayer or given by any method that brings notice to the taxpayer"

**Central Maine Highlands  
Fire and EMS District 1  
10 Bridge st.  
P.O Box 75  
Howland ME 04448.**

**Proudly Serving The Communities of:**

**Howland, Burlington, Maxfield, Edinburg, Enfield, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Seboeis,  
Mattamiscontis, Grandfalls, Summit**

2024 was another busy year for the Fire Department

We became Maine's first ever Fire District on July 1st 2024

We had seven employees who graduated from the Penobscot County Firefighter II academy and four that have obtained their State EMT LIC. We have been able to keep Paramedic level coverage for our coverage area 24/7. We have continued to partner with The Lincoln Fire and Rescue Service to ensure adequate response and staffing levels to emergencies within our region.

Current apparatus list:

2002 Engine 1250gpm pump with 750-gal tank and class A foam

20006 Engine 1250gpm pump with a 1400-gal tank, class A foam and auto extrication equipment

2009 Tanker 3500-gal tank.

1995 Tanker with a 1000gpm pump and 2500 gal tank.

1988 Ladder truck with 80-foot ladder

2002 Wildland truck with 200gpm pump and 400 gal tank

2008 ALS Ambulance

2016 ALS Ambulance

2023 ALS Ambulance

**2021 total call volume**

EMS 1327

Fire responses 247

**Fire EMS employees are as follows:**

Chief Josh McNally

Deputy Chief Cody Smith

FF Chaplain Donache

A - Shift Asst. Chief Mulheron, Lt. Stratton, FF EMT Spencer, FF Pasquariello

B – Shift Asst. Chief Murray, Lt. Skulthorpel, FF EMT Brown, FF EMT Perkins

C- Shift Asst. Chief Burr, Lt, Gilman, FF EMT Robins, FF EMT Fletcher

D – Shift Asst. Chief Quilan, Lt. Donahue, FF EMT Hodsdon, FF EMT Hailey

To obtain a fire permit at the Howland Fire Station or go to the Maine Forrest Services website.

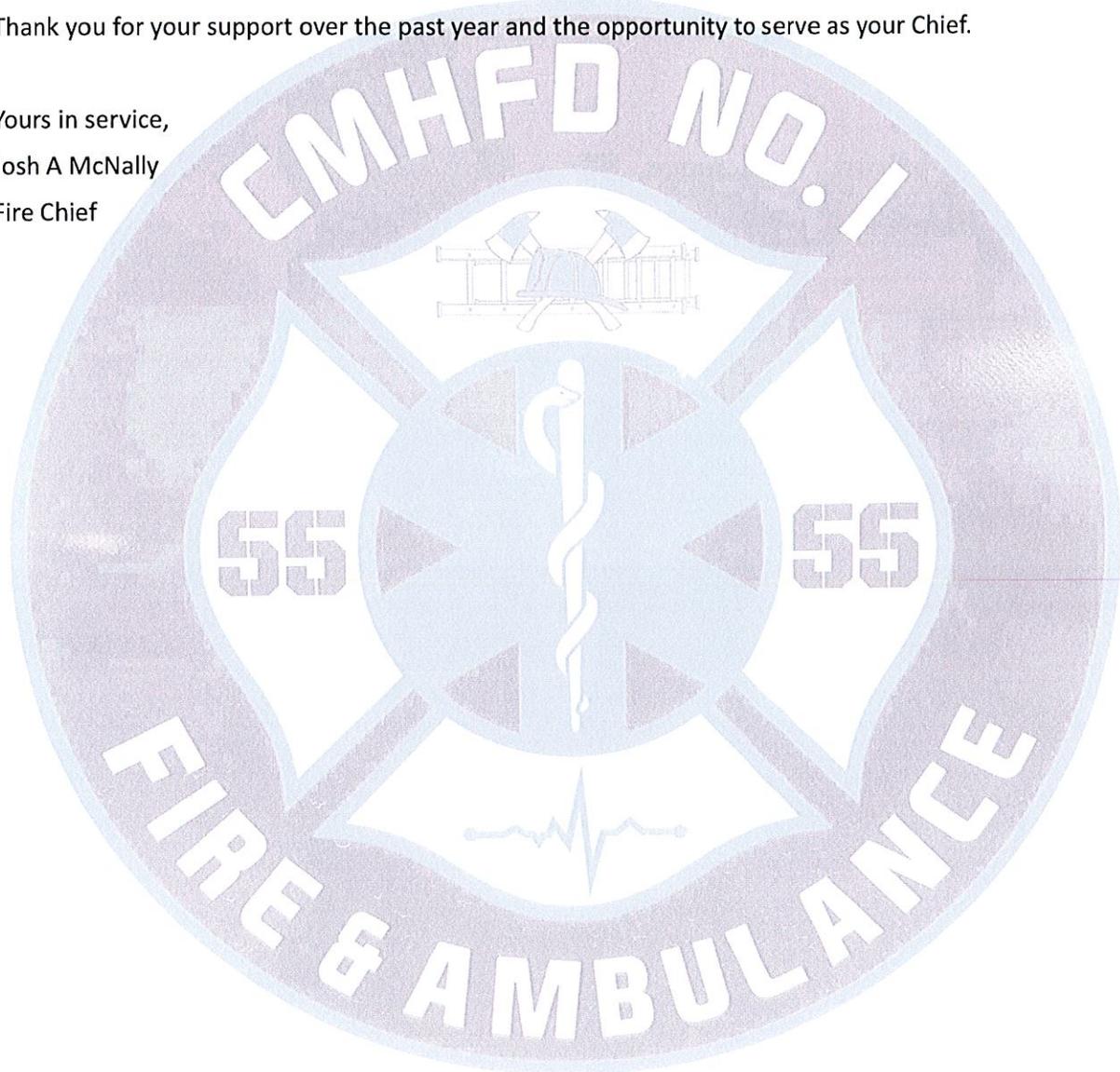
To inquire about a building or heating inspection please call 732-7195

Thank you for your support over the past year and the opportunity to serve as your Chief.

Yours in service,

Josh A McNally

Fire Chief



**Lowell School Department**  
**PO Box 166**  
**Lowell, Maine 04417**

January 15, 2025

Dear Community Members of Lowell,

It continues to be our pleasure to serve the community of Lowell as members of your school committee. We continue to appreciate the support of the community and to manage our school department in a fiscally responsible manner. This year, our School Board members include Lola Garfield, Bonnie Hill and Peggy Banks, who serves as our chairperson. Our school committee meets monthly for a business meeting which includes reviewing and approving all invoices of expenditures, checking on student enrollments, and considering contracted services and policies. We invite citizen input during each of our meetings, so if you are interested, please stop by and join us.

Over the past five years, the total school budget has gone from \$516,057.09 in 2021 to this past year's budget of \$692,120.30 for the 2024-25 school year. These budgets grew considerably due to an influx of students to Lowell, increased special education and transportation costs. Tuition is the most significant cost and these costs are set by the Maine Department of Education. At present we have 46 students attending five school departments. Lowell students attend schools in MSAD 31 and RSU 67, at Old Town School and Brewer School Departments and at John Bapst High School in Bangor.

Lola Garfield has served on the Lowell school committee for many years. She served on the school committee for the past 9 years, and for many of these years, she served as the chair. This will be her last year as a member of the school committee. We want to thank her for her unwavering commitment to the students and families in our community. She will be missed!

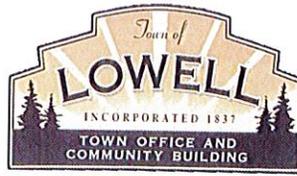
Members of the Board of Directors welcome comments and thoughts about our how residency requirements work in getting our students into the schools of their choice and about how we develop our operating budget using local funds, our state subsidy, and non-emergency federal formula grants.

Our superintendent is Beth Anne Lorigan. She is also available for questions and concerns. Her contact information is [Blorigan54@gmail.com](mailto:Blorigan54@gmail.com) and phone number is 207-852-3220.

We hope that each of you has a safe and comfortable rest of the winter!

All the best,

Peggy Banks, Lowell School Committee Chair



Hello

This is from August on for 20024 and 2025

Two calls came in asking for help on a situation.

September. DAL (dog at large)

October. 13th set trap, cat to shelter

October. 13th trap back to reset.

October. 13th checking with neighboring area of trap on feral cats

October. 21st checking back on trap.

October. 27th Dispatch cat reported possible injuries, met with people who found cat, had to go into woods to catch with a net... cat had an injured leg but nothing life threatening. Taken to shelter. Shelter called the next day, and the cat was doing better.

November DAL (dog at large)

December. 9th DAL

December. 6 Kennel inspection

December A Rabies clinic in Howland that I sponsored.

December 30th Attend an ACO meeting in Howland

January— 4th Quiet for ACO but a Clinic in Howland at Community Center for Rabies vaccines. I sponsored.

January 11th our first Wellness Clinic at Howland Community Center

February 8th DAL owner showed up. (Dog at large)

February 8th our second Wellness clinic at Howland Community Center.

March 8th Our 3rd Wellness Clinic at Howland Community Center.

March 18th The first Spay Clinic. I will be transporting 6 cats to Dexter for Spay

April 5th. The first neuter clinic in Howland. The first of many.

Going forward will be more clinics. This is so needed in this area, and we are working with a wonderful Vet from The Heart of Maine Mobile Veterinary Services LLC.

Another update is the new licensing program. As an ACO I will have access to this database for the towns I do for ACO. We are hoping it will make it easier to get pets home without going to the shelter!

New news is I now have an ACO office at the Howland Community Center. Along with this is to have our nonprofit Pet Food Pantry and A donation Pantry to have pets to stay warm with coats and safe with leashes and crates for those in need. We will take donations for the pantry.

As you all know I have my ACO Recertification .

I now have a new lap top for ACO work and classes ( still learning)

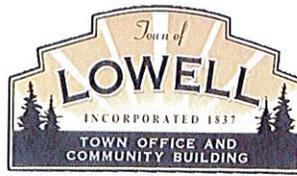
I am also a member of Animal Control Association.

All of the cost for the above I have paid for.

Thank you

Stay tuned for an open house for the Pantry!

Julie Stevens ACO



## Planning Board Report

All the following were adopted by the town referendum vote June 2024

- Lowell's first State Certified Comprehensive Plan
- State mandated updates to Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances
- New Commercial Solar Ordinance

## Sexton Report

Coordinated a proper military ceremony in June at the West End for a previously unknown Civil War Soldier.

Thanks,

Kerry

**Town of Lowell  
Code Enforcement  
2024 Annual Report**

This year there were three permits issued for new year-round homes in Lowell. There were also nine permits issued for accessory structures and four permits was issued for seasonal camps.

As the Local Plumbing Inspector, I issued a total of three plumbing permits this year. There were two permits for septic systems, and one for Internal Plumbing permit.

The Planning Board met several times to discuss the overall growth within the Town of Lowell. The Planning Board continues to meet to review the issuance of permits and to review and discuss issues that may arise. The efforts of the Planning Board greatly assist this Office as they update and amend ordinances to bring the Town in compliance with State Standards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Tilton  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Local Plumbing Inspector  
794-4434  
tiltonceo@gmail.com

# Town of Lowell Revenue Report

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2025

## Municipal Government

Auto Excise Tax-----	\$110,800.70
Boat Excise Tax-----	\$974.80
Auto Town Fees-----	\$1,836.00
Boat Town Fees-----	\$72.00
ATV Town Fees-----	\$371.00
Hunt/Fish Town Fees-----	\$2,031.50
Snowmobile Town Fees-----	\$216.00
Dog Town Fees-----	\$226.00
Building Permit Fees-----	\$1,975.00
Plumbing Permit Fees-----	\$517.50
Veterans Exemptions-----	\$290.00
Homestead Exemptions-----	\$36,596.13
Revenue Sharing-----	\$51,427.85
LRAP-----	\$15,696.00
Treegrowth Reimbursement-----	\$49,190.93
Checking/Sweep Account Interest-----	\$18,565.52
Hall Rental-----	\$225.00
Vital Records-----	\$60.00
<b>Total Municipal Government</b> <b>➔</b>	<b>\$291,071.93</b>

## Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as of January 31, 2025  
Machias Savings Bank

Operating Check Account	➡	\$120,000.00
Repurchase Account	➡	\$1,308,110.02
Cemetery Account	➡	\$8,535.48
ARPA Account	➡	\$34,089.82
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<b>Total Machias Savings Account</b>		<b>\$ 1,470,735.20</b>

Receivables  
As of January 31, 2025

2021 Taxes	➡	\$1,803.43
2021 Interest	➡	\$21.60
2022 Taxes	➡	\$6,535.83
2022 Interest	➡	\$170.74
2023 Taxes	➡	\$80,320.13
2023 Interest	➡	\$1,277.32
2023 PP Taxes	➡	\$95.17
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<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$90,224.22</b>

LOWELL DEPOSIT SUMMARY/OPERATING ACCOUNT							L. WOODWARD		
week ending	02/07/25	02/14/25	02/21/25	02/28/25	03/07/25	03/14/25	TOTAL	PREV YTD	YTD
DEPOSITS	31,563.99			39,059.56			70,623.55	1,159,507.61	1,230,131.16
2025 PREPAYMENT OF TAXES	999.45			0.09			999.54	0.00	999.54
2024 RE TAXES	29,834.77			27,025.07			56,859.84		56,859.84
2023 RE TAXES							0.00	471,833.89	471,833.89
2022 RE TAXES							0.00	639,137.31	639,137.31
2024 PERSONAL PROPERTY									0.00
2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY							0.00	2,326.36	
2023 LIEN PRINCIPAL							0.00		0.00
2022 LIEN PRINCIPAL							0.00	4,550.14	
2021 LIEN PRINCIPAL							0.00	6,622.02	
TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY							0.00		0
LIEN COSTS- REG. OF DEEDS				19.00			19.00		19.00
LIEN COSTS - MAILING						9.68	9.68		9.68
OVERPAYMENT ON TAXES							0		0
INTEREST RE TAXES 2022							0		0
INTEREST RE TAXES 2023							0		0
INTEREST RE TAXES 2024							0		0
BMV FEE	175			1540			1715	17,763.76	19478.76
TITLE FEE	33			68			101	1,485.00	1586
SALES TAX - MV	11			364			375	20,047.61	20422.61
<b>SEC OF STATE TOTAL:</b>							<b>2191</b>		<b>41487.37</b>
SALES TAX - IFW	80			581			661	7,860.59	8521.59
IFW SNOWSLEDS							0	2,145.00	2145
IFW ATVS							0	6,045.00	0
IFW BOATS							0	2,976.00	2976
IFW HUNT/FISH							0	897.50	897.5
<b>IFW TOTAL:</b>							<b>661</b>		<b>14540.09</b>
EXCISE TAX AUTOS	1,404.97			6,015.08			7420.05	93,911.86	101331.91
EXCISE TAX BOATS							0	1,801.20	1801.2
AGENT FEES AUTO	17			80			97	1,562.00	1659
AGENT FEES BOATS							0.00	123.00	123
AGENT FEES ATVS							0	111.00	111
AGENT FEES SNOWSLEDS	5			45			50	63.00	113
AGENT FEES HUNT/FISH	2			4			6	86.50	92.5
DOGS - TOWN				3			3	157.00	160
DOGS LATE FEES				25			25	100.00	125
REVENUE SHARING				4871.71			4871.71	57,689.06	62560.77
LRAP							0	28,932.00	28932
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION							0	17,358.00	17358
VETERANS EXEMPTION							0	231.00	231
TREE GROWTH REIMBURS							0	36,227.81	36227.81
TREE GROWTH PENALTY							0	0.00	0
SUBDIVISION FEE							0	0.00	0
BUILDING PERMITS							0	950.00	950
PLUMBING PERMITS-TOWN							0	1,323.75	1323.75
PLUMBING PERMITS - STATE							0	331.25	331.25
VITALS - STATE OF MAINE						4	4	43.00	47
DOGS STATE OF MAINE						3	3		3
<b>TREASURER TOTAL</b>							<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
HALL RENTAL							7	175	182
VITALS- TOWN						41	41	272.00	313
COPY FEES							0		0
SNOWMOBILE REIMBURSE						271.42	271.42		271.42
911 SIGNS							0		0
INTEREST RAPID RENEWAL				0.21			0.21	1.06	1.27
INTEREST CHECKING MSB				0.92			0.92	3,191.32	3192.24
RETURNED CHECK FEE							0		0
ADJUSTMENTS TO DEPOSITS							0		0
GRANT MONEY REIMB.							0		0
MMA DIVIDENDS							0.00	844.00	844.00
LEGAL FEES							0.00		0.00
GRAVE OPENINGS							0.00	100.00	100.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REIMB.							0.00		0.00
FIRE DEPT REIMBURSEMENTS							0.00		0.00
HONOR ROLL							0.00		0.00
CALCIUM							0.00		0.00
BANK CLOSEOUTS							0.00		0.00
REFUNDS							0.00		0.00
DONATIONS							0.00		0.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT							0.00	4,003.00	4,003.00
MISC/LOANS							0.00	4,419.50	4,419.50
ARPA DEPOSIT							0.00	19,138.67	19,138.67
BLT PERMITS/REBATES							0.00		0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32,562.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,642.08</b>	<b>329.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>76,392.37</b>	<b>1,450,791.16</b>	<b>1,566,860.47</b>

# Tax Collectors Report

As of 01/31/2025

**2024** Real Estate Commitment \$997,076.90

**2024** Personal Property \$2,310.11

**Total** → \$999,387.01

Less Abatements \$2,069.14

Less 2% Discount \$11,443.72

**Total Deduction** → \$13,512.86

**Total Received** As of 01/31/2025 → \$809,547.44

**Pre Payments-Received** → \$3,998.84  
As of 01/31/2025

# 2024 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF 01/31/2025

Note: Some of these may have been paid in part or in full after January 31, 2025

ANDRIOZZI, ANTHONY	\$2986.98	HNATIUK, WALTER	\$296.51
ARL PROPERTIES LLC	\$4270.38	HOLBROOK, KEVIN	\$1040.95
AUSTIN, CRAIG	\$395.84	IRELAND, ROGER	\$205.42
BEAULIEU, PETER	\$2184.45	IRELAND, ROGER	\$1521.87
BICKFORD, DANIEL	\$531.00	IRELAND, ROGER V	\$1978.06
BLAKE, SHAWN	\$232.43	JACOBS, DEANNE	\$1081.42
BLAKE, SHAWN	\$491.95	JIPSON, CHARLES R	\$1098.33
BORG, KARL A	\$2971.95	JONES, WESLEY	\$385.23
BRAUN, GREG	\$198.00	KELLY, DAVID	\$1855.30
BRIGGS HOWARD L & SUSAN E	\$212.61	KELLY, DAVID	\$233.32
BRIGGS, HOWARD	\$771.37	KIMBALL, HOLDEN M	\$2389.61
BRIGGS HOWARD L SUSAN E	\$325.49	KINGSLEY, JOSHUA	\$438.46
BRIGGS, SUSAN	\$213.47	KINGSLEY, JOSHUA	\$203.25
BRINTON, DAVID	\$206.79	LAFRENIERE, STEPHEN M	\$324.59
BRINTON, DAVID G	\$285.44	LAKEVILLE SHORES INC	\$8826.93
BRINTON, G DAVID	\$425.00	LAKEVILLE SHORES INC	\$109.49
BRINTON, G DAVID	\$1056.99	LAKEVILLE SHORES INC	\$1905.08
BRINTON, G DAVID	\$4829.30	LAKEVILLE SHORES INC	\$108.40
BROWN, STEVEN D	\$3727.20	LIBBY, CYNTHIA P	\$1041.28
BUDGE, BERT	\$84.07	LINDSTROM, KIMBERLY	\$936.53
CHAMPION, LILLY	\$1798.43	LUCZAI, DEBRA L	\$208.60
CHAMPION, ROBERT	\$181.09	LUTZ, LELAND	\$664.47
CLAVET, MARJORY	\$263.68	MADDEN, DAVID L	\$1265.97
COLLINS, MICHAEL	\$345.73	MCCOLLUM, CAROLYN HAMPTON	\$3779.65
CRAY, ROBERT N	\$2254.32	MCCUTCHEON, KEVIN	\$765.72
CROMWELL	\$372.02	MCDONALD, BLAINE R	\$556.31
CROMWELL ESTATES LLC	\$199.06	MCHUGH, MICHAEL	\$8074.15
CROMWELL, JOYCE & PROCENCE, CHRISTINE	\$436.78	MCINTYRE, BRIAN	\$148.26
DOWNEY, PAUL	\$2305.43	MCINTYRE, BRIAN	\$346.89
DUNCAN, ANTHONY	\$517.57	MCINTYRE, BRIAN	\$871.29
DUVALL, JAMES	\$453.05	MCINTYRE, BRIAN	\$42.59
EASTBROOK TIMBER COMPANY INC	\$2336.20	MCKENNEY, PERCY	\$99.23
ESTATE OF STEVEN L SHAW	\$490.97	MCLASKEY, GERALD	\$1324.80
FALON, LORRAINE	\$1250.04	MEADER, LINDA	\$640.99
FALON, LORRAINE	\$199.16	MULVERHILL, TIMOTHY J	\$865.95
FLAHIVE, PAUL	\$913.56	MURCHINSON, JEFFREY	\$198.00
GAMACHE, CLAIRE C	\$860.69	MURPHY, JAMIE	\$897.34
GAMACHE, MICHAEL	\$213.89	MYRICK, GERALD	\$983.68
GARCIA, LORRAINE R	\$1377.76	NEAL, AARON	\$2089.57
GASINOWSKI, FRAN K	\$204.14	NICE, REBECCA ½ INT	\$221.54
GASINOWSKI, FRANK	\$2082.86	PEAK DESIGN PROPERTIES, LLC	\$5844.18
GIBBONS, WILLIAM	\$2383.25	PRIEST, EILEEN	\$192.15
GILBERT, AARON	\$213.89	REFERTY, DANIEL	\$1629.88
HANSON AAARON & SPRING	\$28.55	ROBINSON, MARK	\$39.14
HANSON ARRON	\$62.61	SANDBOX MATERIALS INC	\$6281.62
HANSON, AARON R	\$63.14	SANDBOX MATERIALS INC	\$991.11
HILL, CLIFFORD	\$2371.41	SCOTT, JOHN	\$1128.25
HNATIUK WALTER R & EVIE L	\$886.60	SEREYKO, LAURA	\$935.60

## 2024 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF 01/31/2025

Note: Some of these may have been paid in part or in full after January 31, 2025

SEREYKO, LAURA	\$70.70
SHIRLEY, WAYNE	\$452.02
SHOREY, SCOTT D	\$3855.92
SIART, JOSEPH JR	\$104.77
SMITH, KEVIN	\$192.92
SMITH, MICHAEL	\$658.12
SMITH, TAHINA	\$308.17
SONLIGHT INC	\$711.59
SONLIGHT INC	\$151.01
SONLIGHT INC	\$332.48
SONLIGHT INC	\$84.14
SOUSA, ALFRED	\$1539.60
STANTON, PHILIP P	\$930.56
THERIAULT, PAUL	\$487.65
TERRIEN, RONALD JR	\$437.41
THOMAS, GREGORY S	\$511.95
THOMPSON, DONALD	\$183.61
TRIPP, WAYNE	\$1242.94
TURNER, COUGLAS	\$664.09
VEINO, SHON J	\$518.10
VERMILLION, STEWART	\$252.45
VERMILLION, STEWART	\$614.67
WARREN, MICHAEL	\$1106.86
WHITE, WAYNE	\$411.75
WHITNEY, MARY	\$856.85
WIRICK, WENONAH M	\$140.13
YORK, ANDREW L	\$444.92
YORK, JAY SR	\$345.80
ZHAO, CANWEN	\$1338.82
ZHAO, CANWEN	\$264.74
TOTAL: \$137,748.29	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Mandi Muncey*

TAX COLLECTOR

Some accounts listed above may currently be in the process of abatement/supplement with assessor

## 2023 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF 01/31/2025

Note: Some of these may have been paid in part or in full after January 31, 2025

ANDRIOZZI, ANTHONY	\$138.73
BLAKE, SHAWN	\$289.18
BLAKE, SHAWN	\$522.14
CHAMPION, LILLY	\$1,242.34
EASTBROOK TIMBER COMPANY INC	\$2,305.90
ESTATE OF STEVEN L SHAW	\$806.47
FALON, LORRAINE	\$1,374.78
FALON, LORRAINE	\$257.29
HNATIUK WALTER R.& EVIE L	\$683.56
JIPSON, CHARLES R	\$953.17
MADDEN, DAVID L	\$1,452.19
MCLASKEY, GERALD	\$1,308.91
MEADER, LINDA	\$489.03
MURPHY, JAMIE	\$1,153.10
NICE, REBECCA ½ INT	\$372.86
SIART, JOSEPH JR	\$166.80
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX DUE	\$13,516.67

Lisa Woodward  
Treasurer

# Town Clerk/ Registrar Report

Dear Citizens,

31 voters participated in the last full Municipal Election that was held on March 15, 2024  
273 voters participated in the November 5, 2024, General & Referendum Election.

## Town Stats

59 -Democrats'  
14 -Green Independent  
1 -Libertarian  
165 -Republican  
94 -Unenrolled  
333 -Total Registered Voters

## Dog Licensing Information

At the time of this report there are currently 60 dogs licensed for 2025. 68 dogs were licensed for 2024.

## Licensing Dogs

All dogs six months and older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog six months or older you have 10 days after adoption to register your dog. Dogs must be licensed by January of each year. To obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate obtained from a veterinarian. This certificate will verify that your dog has received its rabies shot within the past 1-3 years.

## Renewing Dog Licenses

All dog licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the town office beginning in the middle of October of each calendar year. If your dog has been "spayed/neutered" since it was last licensed, bring proof of "spaying/neutering" from your veterinarian. If you have already shown this proof to the office, additional proof is not necessary. Dogs being relicensed after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged a late fee of \$25, per state law.

## Dog Licensing Fees

- \$6 per year for spayed/neutered dogs (altered)
- \$11 per year for dogs unaltered

## Births:

There was 1 birth to Lowell residents.

## Deaths:

There were 2 Lowell resident deaths.

*Lisa Woodward*  
Town Clerk/ Registrar

Description	FY2025	FY2026	Increase
	Budget	Proposed Budget	Decrease From 2025
<b>General Government</b>			
Payroll Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Mailings and Postage	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
Reg. of Deeds & Lien Costs	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Annual Audit	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$500.00
Advertising/Town Report	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Dues/Clerk	\$250.00	\$150.00	-\$100.00
Workshops/Training	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	-\$200.00
Mileage Reimbursements	\$500.00	\$650.00	\$150.00
Office Supplies & Equip.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Photocopier (service contract cost)	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
Photocopier (replacement reserve)	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Petty Cash	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	-\$1,000.00
1st Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
2nd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
3rd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
Registrar of Voters	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Clerk	\$17,000.00	\$17,425.00	\$425.00
Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer	\$3,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$1,000.00
Payroll fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$200.00
Tax Collector	\$11,950.00	\$12,248.75	\$298.75
Assessing Agent Fees & Tax Maps	\$10,700.00	\$11,000.00	\$300.00
General Assistance Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$5,865.00	\$5,865.00	\$0.00
Road Commissioner	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Local Health Officer	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Town Office Help	\$750.00	\$250.00	-\$500.00
MMA Membership Dues	\$1,750.00	\$1,882.00	\$132.00
Tro Contract	\$11,812.00	\$13,456.00	\$1,644.00
IT Services & Equipment	\$11,000.00	\$3,500.00	-\$7,500.00
Charitable Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
Legal Consultation Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$123,273.00</b>	<b>\$118,522.75</b>	<b>-\$4,750.25</b>
<b>Operations of Town Office</b>			
Custodian	\$5,330.00	\$5,330.00	\$0.00
Custodial Supplies	\$650.00	\$500.00	-\$150.00
Trash Removal	\$520.00	\$520.00	\$0.00
Building Maintenance (minor/routine)	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	-\$1,000.00
Emergency Gen. Cont	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Fire Suppression Maint	\$774.00	\$0.00	-\$774.00
Snow Removal	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Electricity	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	-\$500.00
Oil	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
Propane	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Alarm System Monitoring	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$50.00
Building Reserve (major repairs)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Unanticipated Exp (Surplus)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Operations of T/O</b>	<b>\$44,124.00</b>	<b>\$43,250.00</b>	<b>-\$874.00</b>
<b>Fire &amp; EMS Services</b>			
From Reserve Funds	\$86,091.58	\$1,200.00	
Fire Dept Contract with District	\$92,714.74	\$220,346.00	
<b>Total Fire &amp; EMS Services</b>	<b>\$178,806.32</b>	<b>\$221,546.00</b>	<b>\$42,739.68</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Street Signs	\$300.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Street Lights	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$100.00
Animal Control & Shelter	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$100.00
Payroll			
MMA Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Emergency Mgmt. EMA	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$18,350.00</b>	<b>\$18,400.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Public Works</b>			
Town Roads- Grading & Ditching	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
Town Roads- Calcium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00
Removal of Brush	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
Beaver Control	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00
Winter Roads	\$150,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$20,000.00
Sand Shed Elec. & Maint	\$2,700.00	\$1,700.00	-\$1,000.00
Municipal Groundskeeping	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Bridges and Roads Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Town Office Siding		\$0.00	\$0.00
Vets Honor Roll/Flags	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Junkyard Clean Up (Surplus)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-\$5,000.00
Sexton Operations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$184,950.00</b>	<b>\$196,450.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Disp. (B.L.T)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Sanitation</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Special Assessments</b>			
Education Est			
County Tax	\$109,110.99	\$119,032.43	\$9,921.44
<b>Total Special Assessments</b>	<b>\$109,110.99</b>	<b>\$119,032.43</b>	<b>\$9,921.44</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Municipal Building Debt	\$40,894.00	\$40,894.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$40,894.00</b>	<b>\$40,894.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$749,508.31</b>	<b>\$808,095.18</b>	<b>\$58,586.87</b>

			FY2026	Increase
		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>General Government</b>			
02-01-01-01	Payroll Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
01-01-20-05	Mailings and Postage	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
01-1-15-15	Reg. of Deeds & Lien Costs	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
01-01-15-26	Annual Audit	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$500.00
01-01-20-03	Advertising/Town Report	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
01-01-17-01	Dues/Clerk	\$250.00	\$150.00	-\$100.00
01-01-16-05	Workshops/Training	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	-\$200.00
01-01-90-15	Mileage Reimbursements	\$500.00	\$650.00	\$150.00
01-01-20-01	Office Supplies & Equip.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
01-05-70-01	Photocopier (service contract cost)	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
40-06-97-01	Photocopier (replacement reserve)	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
01-05-01-02	Petty Cash	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
01-01-90-14	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	-\$1,000.00
02-02-01-01	1st Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
02-03-01-01	2nd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
02-04-01-01	3rd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
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02-07-01-01	Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer	\$3,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$1,000.00
02-14-01-01	Payroll fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$200.00
02-08-01-01	Tax Collector	\$11,950.00	\$12,248.75	\$298.75
40-10-01-01	Assessing Agent Fees & Tax Maps	\$10,700.00	\$11,000.00	\$300.00
45-01-01-01	General Assistance Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
02-10-01-01	Code Enforcement Officer	\$5,865.00	\$5,865.00	\$0.00
02-11-01-01	Road Commissioner	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
02-12-01-01	Local Health Officer	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
02-15-01-01	Temp Office Help	\$750.00	\$250.00	-\$500.00
01-01-16-04	MMA Membership Dues	\$1,750.00	\$1,882.00	\$132.00
01-05-15-31	Trio Contract	\$11,812.00	\$13,456.00	\$1,644.00
01-01-70-02	IT Services & Equipment	\$11,000.00	\$3,500.00	-\$7,500.00
01-01-40-06	Charitable Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
01-01-15-32	Legal Consultation Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$123,273.00</b>	<b>\$118,522.75</b>	<b>-\$4,750.25</b>

			FY2026	
		FY2025	Proposed	
		Budget	Budget	Increase
	<b>Operations of Town Office</b>			
02-13-01-01	Custodian	\$5,330.00	\$5,330.00	\$0.00
01-01-20-01	Custodial Supplies	\$650.00	\$500.00	-\$150.00
01-05-45-05	Trash Removal	\$520.00	\$520.00	\$0.00
01-05-01-03	Building Maintenance (minor/routine)	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	-\$1,000.00
01-05-30-07	Emergency Gen. Cont	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
01-05-30-08	Fire Supression Maint.	\$774.00	\$0.00	-\$774.00
01-05-80-01	Snow Removal	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
01-05-30-01	Electricity	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
01-05-30-02	Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	-\$500.00
01-05-30-05	Oil	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
01-05-30-06	Propane	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
01-01-30-09	Alarm System Monitoring	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$50.00
01-05-97-02	Building Reserve (major repairs)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
40-05-91-01	Unanticipated Exp (Surplus)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Operations of T/O</b>	<b>\$44,124.00</b>	<b>\$43,250.00</b>	<b>-\$874.00</b>

			FY2026	Increase
		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Fire &amp; EMS Services</b>			\$0.00
	From Reserve Funds	\$86,091.58	\$1,200.00	
10-01-01-01	Fire Contract with District	\$92,714.74	\$220,346.00	
	<b>Total Fire &amp; EMS Services</b>	\$178,806.32	\$221,546.00	\$42,739.68

			FY2026	Increase
		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Public Safety</b>			
05-05-25-10	Street Signs	\$300.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
10-10-01-01	Street Lights	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$100.00
01-25-90-05	Animal Control & Shelter	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
01-25-01-01	Animal Control Officer Payroll	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$100.00
01-01-16-01	MMA Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
10-04-01-01	Emergency Mgmt. EMA	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$18,350.00</b>	<b>\$18,400.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

			FY2026	Increase
		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Public Works</b>			
05-05-25-06	Town Roads- Grading & Ditching	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
05-05-25-12	Town Roads- Calcium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00
05-05-25-07	Removal of Brush	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
05-05-75-00	Beaver Control	\$500.00		-\$500.00
05-01-01-01	Winter Roads	\$150,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$20,000.00
05-10-30-01	Sand Shed Elec. & Maint.	\$2,700.00	\$1,700.00	-\$1,000.00
05-20-01-05	Municipal Groundskeeping	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
40-09-97-01	Bridges and Roads Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	Town Office Siding			\$0.00
40-07-01-01	Vets Honor Roll/Flags	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
	Junkyard Clean Up (Surplus)	\$5,000.00		-\$5,000.00
25-01-01-01	Sexton Operations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$184,950.00</b>	<b>\$196,450.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>

			FY2026	Increase
		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Public Safety</b>			
	<b>Sanitation</b>			
30-01-01-01	Solid Waste Disp. (BLT)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Sanitation</b>	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00

		FY2025	FY2026	Increase
		Proposed	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Special Assessments</b>			
15-01-01-01	Education Est.			
40-01-01-01	County Tax	\$109,110.99	\$119,032.43	\$9,921.44
	<b>Total Special Assessments</b>	\$109,110.99	\$119,032.43	\$9,921.44

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		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Debt Service</b>			
01-05-85-01	Municipal Building Debt	\$40,894.00	\$40,894.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	\$40,894.00	\$40,894.00	\$0.00

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		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>General Government</b>			
02-01-01-01	Payroll Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
01-01-20-05	Mailings and Postage	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
01-1-15-15	Reg. of Deeds & Lien Costs	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
01-01-15-26	Annual Audit	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$500.00
01-01-20-03	Advertising/Town Report	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
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01-01-90-15	Mileage Reimbursements	\$500.00	\$650.00	\$150.00
01-01-20-01	Office Supplies & Equip.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
01-05-70-01	Photocopier (service contract cost)	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
40-06-97-01	Photocopier (replacement reserve)	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
01-05-01-02	Petty Cash	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
01-01-90-14	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	-\$1,000.00
02-02-01-01	1st Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
02-03-01-01	2nd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
02-04-01-01	3rd Selectman	\$3,732.00	\$3,732.00	\$0.00
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02-08-01-01	Tax Collector	\$11,950.00	\$12,248.75	\$298.75
40-10-01-01	Assessing Agent Fees & Tax Maps	\$10,700.00	\$11,000.00	\$300.00
45-01-01-01	General Assistance Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
02-10-01-01	Code Enforcement Officer	\$5,865.00	\$5,865.00	\$0.00
02-11-01-01	Road Commissioner	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
02-12-01-01	Local Health Officer	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
02-15-01-01	Temp Office Help	\$750.00	\$250.00	-\$500.00
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01-01-40-06	Charitable Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
01-01-15-32	Legal Consultation Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total General Government</b>	\$123,273.00	\$118,522.75	-\$4,750.25

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		FY2025	Proposed	Decrease
	Description	Budget	Budget	From 2025
	<b>Public Works</b>			
05-05-25-06	Town Roads- Grading & Ditching	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
05-05-25-12	Town Roads- Calcium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00
05-05-25-07	Removal of Brush	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
05-05-75-00	Beaver Control	\$500.00		-\$500.00
05-01-01-01	Winter Roads	\$150,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$20,000.00
05-10-30-01	Sand Shed Elec. & Maint.	\$2,700.00	\$1,700.00	-\$1,000.00
05-20-01-05	Municipal Groundskeeping	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
40-09-97-01	Bridges and Roads Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	Town Office Siding			\$0.00
40-07-01-01	Vets Honor Roll/Flags	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
	Junkyard Clean Up (Surplus)	\$5,000.00		-\$5,000.00
25-01-01-01	Sexton Operations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$184,950.00</b>	<b>\$196,450.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>

		FY2025	FY2026	Increase
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15-01-01-01	Education Est.			
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**ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025**

STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, SS

TO: **LORI MOURA**, RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, AND  
STATE OF MAINE.

GREETINGS.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lowell, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lowell Town Office in the Town of Lowell, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, on Friday, the 21<sup>ST</sup> of March, 2025 A.D. at 10 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon articles numbered ONE (1) and TWO (2) as set out below, polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., and to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Lowell Town Office on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 A.D. at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon articles number three (3) through (25).

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**(To follow Maine Moderators Rules for said meeting)**

Article 2. Town Officers: To elect all necessary Town Officers as are required by law, by secret ballot. The polls for voting on **Articles 1 and 2** will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

-Second Selectman: Three-year term.

-Budget Committee: Three, two-year terms.

-School Committee: one, three-year terms

Article 3. Overdrafts: To see if the Town will vote to ratify overdrafts occurring in Town Operations for fiscal year 2025.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the approved budgeted amount in each category of the FY 2025 annual budget during the period February 1, 2026, until the Annual Town meeting in March 2026.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 5. Prepayment of Taxes: Vote to authorize the Tax Collector or the Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 6. Tax-acquired Property: To see if the Town will vote to require the selectmen to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative 30 days to repurchase the property for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees, and costs; if the former owner does not repurchase the property the selectmen may sell the property through the sale process in 36 MRS § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not timely request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales to someone other than the former owner(s), excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 MRS § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 7. To see if the Town shall vote to accept the categories of funds listed below provided by the Maine State Legislature or other organizations.

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|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Municipal Revenue Sharing       | 2. Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) | 3. State Aid to Education (including pass-through funds and property tax relief) |
| 4. Snowmobile Registration Monies  | 5. Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement        | 6. Civil Emergency Funds   |
| 7. Emergency Management Assistance | 8. General Assistance Reimbursement     | 9. Homestead Exemption Funds   |
| 10. Veteran’s Exemption Funds      | 11. State Grants, or other funds.       | 12. U.S. Federal Funds   |

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

*Undesignated Fund (Surplus) Balance as of Year End 2023 Audit: \$497,734*

Article 9. To fix compensation paid to Town Officials and Employees.

1st Selectmen	\$3,732	Animal Control Officer	\$800
2nd Selectmen	\$3,732	Custodian	\$5,330
3rd Selectmen	\$3,732	Local Health Officer	\$100
Treasurer	\$3,600	Road Commissioner	\$600
		General Assistance	
Deputy Treasurer	\$1,000	Officer	\$500
		Code Enforcement	
Registrar of Voters	\$1,600	Officer	\$5,865

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

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*Total approved for 2024-2025 fiscal year: \$40,894*  
*Building Mortgage Balance as of 12/31/2024: \$398,475.03*  
*Maturity Date: January 2037*  
*Interest Rate: 3.5%*

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 17. General Assistance: To authorize the Selectmen to appropriate funds, as needed, for General Assistance from Surplus.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 20. Reserve Account Management: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from established reserve accounts for their designated purposes, provided that the expenditure does not exceed the amounts available in the respective reserve accounts and that the expenditures align with the specific purposes for which the reserve accounts were created

ARPA Funds Winter Roads Reserve Fire Protection Reserve Photocopier Reserve  
Town Office Building Reserve LRAP Funds Forest Fire Reserve Perpetual Care  
*Reserve Account Balances as of 03/04/2025:*

<i>ARPA Funds \$21,897</i>	<i>Winter Road Reserve \$106,060</i>
<i>Photocopier Reserve \$ 2,188</i>	<i>Town Office Reserve \$7,500</i>
<i>LRAP Funds: \$ 97,646</i>	<i>Forest Fire Reserve \$17,500</i>
<i>Perpetual Care \$8,537</i>	<i>Fire Protection Reserve \$23,823</i>

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Expend from Surplus (funds from sale of fire equipment): 1,200.00

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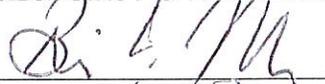
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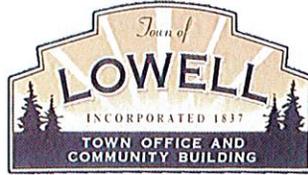
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**ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**PENOBSCOT, SS**

**TO: LORI MOURA, RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, AND  
STATE OF MAINE.**

**GREETINGS.**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Lowell, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lowell Town Office in the Town of Lowell, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, on Friday, the 21<sup>ST</sup> of March, 2025 A.D. at 10 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon articles numbered ONE (1) and TWO (2) as set out below, polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., and to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Lowell Town Office on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 A.D. at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon articles number three (3) through (25).

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**(To follow Maine Moderators Rules for said meeting)**

Article 2. Town Officers: To elect all necessary Town Officers as are required by law, by secret ballot. The polls for voting on **Articles 1 and 2** will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

-Second Selectman: Three-year term.

-Budget Committee: Three, two-year terms.

-School Committee: one, three-year terms

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

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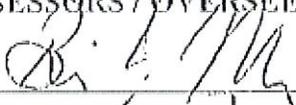
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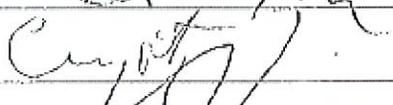
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