

TOWN OF  
ORLAND

ANNUAL  
REPORT

2023-2024

## *Dedication*

The Board of Selectmen respectively dedicates the 2023-2024 Annual Town Report to Edward Rankin Sr. and Dorothy E.S. Baker for their dedicated service to the Town of Orland. Edward Rankin Sr. was Selectmen for the Town of Orland for 27 years and Dorothy E.S. Baker worked for the Town of Orland for 28 years. Thank you both for your exceptional service and dedication to the Town of Orland.



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## **Town Officers - 2023-2024**

Selectmen & Overseer of the Poor	Term Expires
Lester Stackpole, Chair	June 2026
Brenda Leavitt	June 2025
Regina Bushong	June 2027
Assessors	
Amber Poulin	June 2026
Amy Dunn	June 2027
Ernest Guimond	June 2025
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	
Tracy Patterson	
Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector	
Lisa Tapley	
Treasurer	
Dorothy E.S. Baker	
Deputy Treasurer	
Lisa Tapley	
Road Commissioner	
Robert Wardwell	June 2025
Registrar of Voters	
Tracy Patterson	
Superintendent of Schools	
James Boothby	
RSU #25 School Board Committee	
David Burgess, Vice Chair	2027
Bernard Kiernan Cough II	2025
Alicia Atherton-Dow	2026
Thomas Foster, Chair	2027
Scott Frasier	2025
Keith Kneeland	2026

Dan Wentworth	2025
Abigail Foster	2027
Fish Committee	
Kyle McGeechan	June 2026
Peter Wardwell	June 2028
Peter Robshaw	June 2025
Jay Clement	June 2025
Anne Leclerc	June 2026
Planning Board	
Donald Baker	
Charles Giosia	
W. Roger Wood	
Michael Roy	
Mark Fowler, Alternate	
Barton Hutchins, Alternate	
Board of Appeals	
William Chandler	
David Burgess	
Michael Malenfant	
Constable	
Brandon Patterson	
General Assistance Administrator	
Tracy Patterson	
Code Enforcement Officer	
Luke Chiavelli	
Plumbing Inspector	
Luke Chiavelli	
Deputy Code Enforcement & Deputy Plumbing Inspector	
Donald Baker	

## **Town Officers - 2023-2024 (Continued)**

Properties Manager

Michael Malenfant

Transfer Station Operator

Gary Newbegin

Transfer Station Attendants

George “Andy” Stanley

Kyle Roberts

Fire Chief, Civil Preparedness Director

Robert Conary

Fire Warden

John Gray

Animal Control Officer

Brandon Patterson

Deputy Animal Control Officer

Lisa Tapley

Fish Warden

Peter Robshaw

State Senator District 7

Nicole Grohoski

State Representative District 17

Ron Russell

## **Town Office Contact Information**

Address: 25 School House Road

P O Box 67

Orland, Maine 04472

Phone : (207) 469-3186 Fax: (207) 469-3187

Website: **Townoforland.org**

## **Schedule of Meetings & Office Hours**

Selectmen	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Town Office
Assessors	Fridays 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
Treasurer	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Town Office
Planning Board	1st Monday of each month 7pm at the Community Center
RSU #25 Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bucksport Middle School
Town Clerk & Tax Collector	Tuesday-Friday 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm and 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 5:30pm-7:00pm

## **Important Phone Numbers**

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
Hancock County Sheriff's Office	667-7575
Town Office Phone	469-3186
Town Office Fax	469-3187
Animal Control	323-6033
Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector	735-6428
Orland Community Center	469-7691
Orland Post Office	548-3729
East Orland Post Office	469-1170

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904  
(202) 224-2623  
(202) 224-2693 (FAX)

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
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](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

[www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov)



**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 lobster caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded in incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, many of Maine's lobstermen fish near international waters and this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage of 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. It is an important step forward and 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 and through unending hurdles, 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 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

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.  
United States Senate

**Honorable Ronald B. Russell**

*Member of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature  
House of Representatives*

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to have represented Orland and the rest of House District 17 during the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature. It was truly an honor and privilege to be your state representative – one that I will never forget.

In 2024, my colleagues and I passed a supplemental budget that invested in Maine people and built on the budgets we passed the previous year. It included critical funding for much-needed storm relief for coastal communities, more affordable housing, expanded child-care access, and support for essential mental and public health services.

The budget also sought to ensure that the Legislature delivered on our promises to Mainers by continuing to fund 55% of K-12 public education costs. Additionally, we preserved the income eligibility expansion for the Medicare Savings Program and upheld an increase in the pension income tax deduction, which will help lower costs and provide ongoing tax relief for older Mainers.

Over the last several months and especially in my last month of service after the election, I worked full-time behind the scenes on meaningful legislation to find state support for the future of District 17's three critical dams at Toddy Pond, Alamoosook Lake and Silver Lake. I will continue to assist and support our entire legislative delegation in moving these bills forward in the months ahead, and I am optimistic that good solutions will be realized.

I believe we have made important progress, but I also know that there is still a lot more work to do to make life better for Mainers. While my term in the Legislature ended in December 2024, I remain committed to supporting that ongoing work however I can.

Please feel welcome to reach out to me if you have any questions about my time in the Legislature, or if there is anything I can do to assist you. Again, I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you at the State House.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Russell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ron Russell  
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STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Nicole Grohoski  
Senator, District 7

P.O. Box 1732  
Ellsworth, ME 04605



**THE MAINE SENATE**  
132nd Legislature

December 10, 2024

Dear Friends and Residents of Orland,

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 past two years, I have served as the Senate Chair of the Taxation Committee and a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

In recognition of 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.

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. I pushed for additional increases for these critical school staff to improve employee retention. In the next session, I will continue to advocate for fair and competitive compensation for all school employees.

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](https://www.facebook.com/grohoskiformaine)) and Instagram ([@grohoskiformaine](https://www.instagram.com/grohoskiformaine)) and send out periodic email newsletters; please let me know if you would like to be added to my mailing list. You can email me at [Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov](mailto: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*

## **Properties Manager Report**

The Community Center continues to be at maximum long term rental capacity, with 17 business and office spaces leased. A couple new businesses set up shop in our little community here at the center. Wood Stone & Steel, a shop that sells an array of items as the name implies. The Café is once again operational and the home of Compass Rose Cafe. The community kitchen is rented on a regular basis throughout the year. We are happy to announce that we have confirmation The Salsa Shack will be selling out of the kitchen window again this fall and stay through the winter months!

The gymnasium and conference room are rented regularly for events and special occasions. A new roof and replacement of insulation over the conference room and office area were completed. Handicap door openers are now at both main entrances. The pickleball courts were also completed and consistently used throughout the summer and fall.

The fitness center is on track for another record year, with over 250 brand new members joining this year. We are upgrading and adding new equipment and are very grateful for donations and grant money. We offer a variety of fitness classes throughout the year for those of all ages. Classes and activities vary month to month, so please follow us on Facebook (Orland Community and Fitness Center) to see our monthly calendar for updates on all the classes and programs being offered.

We continue to collect returnable's (bottles & cans) for upgrades and grounds improvement. The dog park fencing was repaired. This year, a porta potty to be used in the warmer months was a much awaited outdoor addition. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate to support the Community Center grounds, we truly appreciate your generosity and patience.

## **Properties Manager Report (Continued)**

The town parks and cemeteries are cared for weekly/biweekly. Keeping the grounds clear of leaves and tree branches is challenging in addition to mowing but we continue to do our best to keep them all looking as nice as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Mike Malenfant*

Properties Manager  
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# **SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

180 Gray Meadow Road – Orland

## **HOURS of OPERATION**

**Wednesdays & Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Sundays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

(Closed Legal Holidays)

The Town of Orland Solid Waste Transfer Station is for disposal of **Orland residential** trash only. No commercial haulers, contractor vehicles or trash from businesses or other towns allowed.

## **Transfer Station Decals**

A Town decal affixed to vehicle is required for access to facility. To obtain a decal, bring your auto registration or tax bill to the transfer station.

## **Transfer Station Report**

The transfer station ran very efficiently this year. Gary and Andy kept things operating smoothly and Dot kept the second hand shop organized and functional. As always, please use caution when entering and exiting the station and be courteous to people in line behind you. If you are interested in shopping or looking at used objects, please pull forward and off to the side, do not obstruct the flow of traffic. We have not had any accidents but we have had too many close calls. Please remember to operate slowly through the transfer station and be kind to your fellow neighbors.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mike Malenfant*

Properties Manager

## **Disposal Fees**

- ~ Household demolition - \$15 to \$30 per pickup truck load
- ~ Minimum \$5 charge for demo
- ~ Asphalt shingles - \$15 to \$30. Limit 2 loads per household
- ~ Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, de-humidifiers - \$15 each  
(Refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed)
- ~ Large Appliances (Stove, Washer, Dryer) - \$5.00 each
- ~ Televisions - \$2 each regardless of size
- ~ Fluorescent tubes - \$2.00/8 ft. \$1.00/4 ft. \$.50/bulb
- ~ Fluorescent ballasts - see attendant
- ~ Car Batteries— see attendant
- ~ Lithium Batteries—see attendant

# 2024 ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

## **Road Maintenance & Paving Account**

Appropriation:	\$475,000.00
Carry Over:	<u>\$127,518.15</u>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$602,518.15</b>

## **Expenditures: Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp.**

Sm. Excavator	\$0.00
Lg. Excavator	\$23,687.50
Excavator w. Brush Attachment	\$0.00
Loader (6 Yd)	\$0.00
350 John Deere Excavator	\$0.00
PC 220 Excavator	\$0.00
Loader	\$0.00
Bulldozer	\$0.00
Sweeper	\$2,240.00
Roller	\$0.00
Backhoe	\$0.00
Grader	\$0.00
Labor	\$2,925.00
One Ton	\$7,920.00
6-8 Yd Truck	\$0.00
12-14 Yd Truck	\$505.00
16-18 Yd Truck	\$10,687.50
Lowbed	\$0.00
Rock Truck (Case & Mack)	\$0.00
Man with Chainsaw	\$2,125.00
1-6" Gravel	\$0.00
1.5" Stone	\$0.00
Stone Dust	\$276.00
Tailings/Rip Rap	\$372.00
Loam	\$27,050.50

## 2024 Road Commissioners Report (Continued)

Sand	\$0.00
Hot Top/Asphalt	\$0.00
Cold Patch	\$0.00
Asphalt Grindings	\$384.00
Stump Grindings	\$0.00
Flowable Fill	\$0.00
Concrete	\$0.00
Seed	\$0.00
Roadside Mow	\$3,300.00
Hay	\$0.00
Mulcher	\$0.00
Chain Saw w/ Man	\$0.00
Chipping Gun	\$0.00
Pipe Saw	\$0.00
Water Pump	\$0.00
Piping— Various sizes	\$0.00
Generator (per day)	\$0.00
Misc. Vendor Purchases	\$0.00
Winkumpaugh Grant	\$0.00
Calcium	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,472.50</b>

### Vendors and Materials Used:

Vaughn Thibodeau	\$188,329.54
Viking Lumber	\$0.00
Atwell Edgecomb	\$0.00
NE Paving Co.	\$0.00
Flaggers—@Work	\$0.00
Rob's Hardware (DOT Sign)	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00
Local Road Assistance Credit	\$0.00
B & B PAVING	\$281,481.16

## 2024 Road Commissioners Report (Continued)

### Vendors and Materials Used– continued

Big Jay Tree Service	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$469,810.70</b>

### **Total Road Maintenance & Paving Account Balance:**

**\$551,283.20**

### Unexpended Road Maintenance Account Balance

**\$51,234.95**

### **Winter Road Account (10)**

Appropriation:	\$460,000.00
Carry Over:	\$153,496.66
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$613,496.66</b>

### Expenditures: Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp.

Contract	\$294,000.00
Ice Sand	\$17,136.00
Warrant Work	\$0.00
Misc. Receipts	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$311,136.00</b>

### Vendors and Material Used:

Central Maine Power (Salt Shed)	\$1,011.17
Morton Salt	\$0.00
NE Salt	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00
Rob's Hardware/Entry Lever & Hdwr	\$8.49
Credits-MEMun Prop/Casu Dividend	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,019.66</b>

### **Total Winter Road Account Balance**

**\$312,155.66**

**Unexpended Winter Road Account Balance \$301,341.00**

# Orland Fire Department Report

Greetings fellow residents of Orland,

Throughout the year our department maintained the high number of calls for service both within Orland and as mutual aid to our neighbors as seen last year. One of our most noteworthy calls was a house explosion with injuries and resulting structure fire on Alamoosook Lake. The storm in December resulted in many calls for service, from flooded roads, trees down and a small structure fire due to a malfunctioning generator. The December storm was declared a federal emergency and we worked with the town office, Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit debris clean up and road repair projects for financial assistance. These projects are still in the long process of review by FEMA.

Our overall storm response was greater than previous years from all of the various storms the town experienced. Our members assisted with the recovery of a drowning victim at the Toddy Dam, and provided drivers for ambulance calls in Orland several times when needed. We responded to far fewer building fires this year which was welcomed.

We saw the start of construction on the new fire station building in late November after some unfortunate delays. The building continues to slowly take shape and is exciting to see. Once we occupy the new building, we'll get to experience beautiful sunrises during early morning calls and post-scene equipment cleanup. The view to the east is a nice one.

We were fortunate to be included in a regional recruitment and retention grant with six other communities. As the program moves forward and develops, our department will have access to specific reimbursable funds for training and equipment that fall within the specific guidelines of the grant.

Towns that Orland Fire responded to for mutual aid include: Surry, Penobscot, Verona Island, and Orrington. These calls included building fires, wild land fires, and car fires. Our call volume from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 totaled 123 calls for service, 3 less calls than the previous year. Our fiscal year 2023-2024 incidents include:

Building Fires	7 (three in Orland)
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents (without injuries)	8
Storm Related (Trees/Power Lines/Flooding)	33
Assist EMS	3
Woods/Wildland Fires	2 (one in Orland)
Standby/Cover Assignments	1 (for Penobscot)
Dispatched and canceled enroute	15
Other Fires (Vehicles, Chimneys)	10
Other Calls	27
Water/Boat Incident/Ice Rescues	1
Total Calls	123

## Orland Fire Department Report (Continued)

Our members strongly urge everyone to ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes, and make sure to test them regularly. We recommend replacing the batteries, if possible, twice a year or whenever you change your clocks for daylight savings time. If you need or know someone who may need help checking, replacing batteries, or installing detectors please let us know and we will try to assist. We cannot always provide alarms and detectors, but will certainly assist where we can.

As always, we see many homes without house numbers posted or visible from the road. Having reflective numbers are helpful not only to us, but to any other responders coming from other areas. Even in a small town like ours, we don't know where everyone lives. Please help us find you in your time of need. Simple reflective stickers (3-4 inch minimum) with your house numbers mounted on the side of your mailbox or on a sign at the end of your driveway are very effective.

Contact information for the department is as follows:

For Emergencies (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
Station Business Line (Leave a message)	469-3079
Hancock County Regional Communications Center	667-8866
Department Email	OrlandFireDept@gmail.com
Fire Chief's Email	ofd501@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Conary  
Fire Chief  
Orland Fire Department

## **Report of the Board of Selectmen**

### **To The Citizens of Orland**

As we reflect over 2023-24 it was a remarkably busy and challenging year for your town officers and employees.

We welcomed a new Selectmen, Regina Bushong (Gina) to the Board of Selectmen!

At the same time, we will miss the dedication and knowledge of Selectmen Edward Rankin Sr. and Treasurer Dorothy Baker in their roles as town leaders. Congratulations on your retirement! We are concerned and are working on the solid waste issue for the town with PERC/EPIC and Casella Waste Systems Landfill at Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town.

Collaborating with the Broadband Committee for affordable internet and education programs. Grant writing and procurement for Broadband, new fire station project, Greenfield settlement, Orland Community Center, Maine Community Resilience Partnership, Maine Community Foundation grant.

The construction of the new outdoor pickle ball court using funds raised by the players. Development of the Watershed Committee.

We are overly concerned about water levels in Alamoosook and Toddy Ponds and ownership of the dams, as the current owner wants to abandon.

Groundbreaking for the new fire station project, which is well under way with Nickerson & O'Day, Inc as the contractor.

Provided oversight to the construction of the new fire station project.

We developed new and/or updated job descriptions for all employees.

A big THANK YOU to all the town volunteers that help with town committees, first responders, community center employees, road crews, transfer station, town office employees, and elected officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester Stackpole, Brenda Leavitt, Regina Bushong  
Selectmen for the Town of Orland.

## General Assistance 2023/2024 Report

The General Assistance program is designed to assist residents within the community who find themselves unable to provide basic necessities for themselves or their families, such as rent, food, household supplies, electricity, and heat. The General Assistance program uses the General Assistance Ordinance, and follows income guidelines, rules, and maximum assistance standards, set by the State of Maine through the Department of Health & Human Services. Applicants may re-apply every 30 days, and decisions are made within 24 hours of the interview. The Selectmen adopted the Appendices (A-H) for Fiscal year 2023/2024 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023, to stay compliant with State mandates. For 2023/2024 the State reimbursed towns for General Assistance expenses at 70%.

For Fiscal year 2023/2024 the GA program received 6 applications, and approved 2.

2023/2024 carry over balance, credits & appropriation: \$12,430.76

Total General Assistance Expenses paid: \$1,655.00

Total State Reimbursements: \$1,158.50

Town General Assistance Expense: \$496.50

End of 2023/2024 GA account balance: \$11,934.26

A General Assistance Review was conducted by DHHS on February 27, 2024 and found the Town of Orland General Assistance program in compliance with the General Assistance statutes, and the Department of Health and Human Services General Assistance Policy.

In addition to helping applicants with the General Assistance application, and the interview process, we also provide education on other resources in the community that the applicant can utilize to help meet their current, and future, needs.

Anyone with any questions about how the General Assistance program works, or what the guidelines of the program are, may come to the Orland Town Office during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Patterson*

General Assistance Administrator

## Report of the Treasurer

**General Fund Beginning Balance 6/30/23 ----- \$3,176,770.**

### Revenues:

Tax Revenue, Including Exemption Reimb. -----	\$4,168,318.
Excise Tax -----	588,020.
State of Maine	
State Revenue Sharing -----	266,779.
State Road Assistance -----	39,104.
Tree Growth Reimbursement -----	29,269.
Licenses, Permits and Fees -----	22,238.
Investment Income -----	94,229.
Community Center Rental -----	154,067.
Interest and Fees on Taxes -----	18,422.
Sale of Alewives -----	9,780.
Franchise Fees -----	6,351.
Gain on Sale of Town Assets -----	609.
Other Revenues -----	49,136.
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,416,322.</b>

### Expenditures:

Administration -----	\$ 605,522.
Health & Sanitation -----	124,440.
Education -----	2,537,850.
Protection -----	93,521.
Highways -----	452,098.
Unclassified -----	63,707.
Fire Station Debt Service -----	523,278.
Other Assessments -----	138,517.
Capital Outlay -----	671,395.
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,210,328.</b>

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures -----	\$ 205,994.
Capital Projects Reserve -----	(75,000.)
Net Changes in General Fund -----	\$ 130,994.

**General Fund Ending Balance 6/30/24 ----- \$3,307,764.**

Respectfully Submitted, *Dorothy Baker*, Treasurer

## Report of the Assessors

The Board of Assessors has had another busy year! The Board of Assessors processed 174 real estate transfers from April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024 and reviewed over 100 building permits.

We have had a lot of taxpayers coming to us regarding how they can get further property tax relief. With the repeal of the Property Tax Stabilization Program (effective date October 11, 2023), the State expanded the eligibility thresholds for the Property Tax Deferral Program and increased the maximum benefit available under the Property Tax Fairness Credit for those aged 65 and older. Here is some information on these programs:

- **Property Tax Fairness Credit:** Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent they paid during the tax year by filing a Maine individual income tax return, whether they owe Maine income tax or not. If the credit exceeds the amount of their individual income tax due for the tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded to them. More information can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/propertytax-fairness-credit>

- **State Property Tax Deferral Program:** The State Property Tax Deferral Program is a loan program that covers the annual property tax bills of Maine residents who are age 65 and older and meet income requirements or are permanently disabled. The loan program requires repayment of the loan once the property is sold or becomes part of an estate. Applications must be submitted between January 1 and April 1st to the Assessor's Office. More information about this program can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-reliefprograms/deferral-program>

It is important to note that these are State programs and while the Town plays a role in the administration of them, the Town is not responsible for the policy objectives of these initiatives. Any questions or concerns property owners have regarding the above programs should be directed to your legislative representative. To find your representative, please visit: <https://legislature.maine.gov/senate/>

Other programs that can help with the property tax burden are the Homestead, Veteran, and Blind Exemptions; these applications are available at the Town Office or online and are due to the Office by April 1st .

The Board of Assessors is available to assist the public on Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Board also can be reached by e-mail at [assessor@townoforland.org](mailto:assessor@townoforland.org).

<b><i>2023-2024 Fiscal Year Commitment</i></b>	
<b>REAL ESTATE - TAXABLE</b>	
<i>Land</i>	<i>\$148,386,850.00</i>
<i>Building</i>	<i>\$187,356,600.00</i>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>\$335,743,450.00</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	
<i>Business Equipment</i>	<i>\$12,105,670.00</i>
<i>Exemptions</i>	<i>\$6,956,380.00</i>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$5,149,290.00</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUATION</b>	<b>\$340,892,740.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE PER THOUSAND</b>	<i>0.01218</i>
	<b>\$4,152,073.57</b>
<i>County Tax</i>	<i>\$157,787.00</i>
<i>Municipal Appropriation</i>	<i>\$2,807,791.00</i>
<i>School/Education Appropriation</i>	<i>\$2,717,465.00</i>
<i>Overlay</i>	<i>\$21,715.00</i>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$5,704,758.00</b>
<i>State Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>\$240,000.00</i>
<i>Homestead Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$154,988.18</i>
<i>BETE Reimbursement</i>	<i>\$15,748.25</i>
<i>Other Revenue</i>	<i>\$1,141,948.00</i>
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTION</b>	<b>\$1,552,684.43</b>
<b>NET ASSESMENT FOR COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$4,152,073.57</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Amber Poulin, CMA*  
*Amy Dunn, CMA*  
*Ernest Guimond, CMA*

# Report of Animal Control Officer

To residents of Orland,

This year we handled 59 complaints that required a response and many issues that were handled over the phone. The complaints ranged from stray cats to Animal Cruelty with the majority being Dog At Large. Keep in mind Dog At Large fines are up to \$100 per occurrence and require you to go to court.

Please make sure to get your pets vaccinated against rabies and make sure your dogs are licensed with the Town. Please contact me if you have any animal issues or questions my phone number is 207-323-6033 or via E-mail, [acomaine@yahoo.com](mailto:acomaine@yahoo.com)

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon Patterson, Animal Control Officer

## Complaints Handled 2023/2024

Dogs at Large: 31

Stray Cats: 5

Animal Cruelty: 5

Animal Trespass: 4

Wildlife Complaints: 14 All turned over to Maine State Game Wardens Office

Dangerous Dog/Dog Bite: 0

Owner Surrender of Animal: 0

Total Complaints: 59

## Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector Report

FY 2024 Report

Total Permits = 100

New Residences /Camps	7	Trees/cutting	10
Residence Additions	1	Seasonal Docks	1
Garages	3	Decks, Ramps	5
Sheds	5	Mooring	0
Shoreland Stabilization	1	Shoreland Earth Moving /Driveway	1
Commercial Structures	4	Commercial Signs	0

New Septic Systems	15
Replacement Septic Systems	7
Replacement Septic Fields	2
Replacement Septic Tanks	0
Internal Plumbing Permits	37
Primitive System	1

## **Report of the Town Clerk & Tax Collector**

The Orland Town Office is often the first point of contact people have with our Town. We strive to provide a welcoming environment, and assist our wonderful residents and visitors with a variety of services. I want to thank Lisa Tapley, Deputy Clerk, for her great work and excellent customer service!

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for vehicle and recreational registrations, dog licenses, recreational licenses, and all vital records requests.

Dog licenses are available on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming year. It is state law that any dog over 6 months old must be registered with the town, and if re-registration is not done by January 31<sup>st</sup> a mandatory \$25 late fee is applied.

The Tax Collector's office collects all real estate taxes, sewer, and personal property taxes. Each property owner is sent one bill in July of each year, with two payment stubs attached to the bottom. The first half is due September 30<sup>th</sup>, and the second half is due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Property owners also have the option of paying the full balance by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact our office if you would like to set up a monthly payment plan option, and we will gladly assist you.

It has been a pleasure to meet and work with all the wonderful Orland residents over the years. I wish Lisa Tapley all the best as she takes on the Town Clerk role in 2024-2025!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Patterson, CCM

### **Vital Records**

Births - 13

Deaths - 26

Marriages - 28

Marriage Licenses - 14

Certified Copies of Vital Records - 238

### **Dog Transactions**

Dog Licenses - 256

### **MOSES Transactions**

Recreational Licenses - 300

Boat Registrations - 328

ATV Registrations - 111

Snowmobile Registrations - 64

## **2023 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes**

As of 6/30/2024

A.F.H. INC.	\$1,645.62
Allen, Jennifer L	\$2,613.33
Barnes, Dylan C	\$943.50
Chattin, Daniel A	\$172.71
Chattin, Daniel A	\$418.98
Crosson, James R	\$100.29
Currie, Jolene Rachael	\$1,076.44
Drake, Lisa L	\$111.00
French, Albert A	\$1,513.85
Gray, Marion D., Heirs	\$539.21
Grindle ET ALS, Philip B Jr.	\$239.73
Gross, Krystle Heirs	\$731.85
Hall Heirs Of, Willard H.	\$169.98
Harriman, Ted S	\$624.59
Hopkins, David	\$594.70
Jodoin, Henry II, Et Als	\$636.69
Kennedy, Lisa Dawn	\$979.45
Kennedy, Tracey C	\$1,999.77
Littlefield & K Dube, Robert H	\$571.09
Maggs, Kris	\$428.92
Mckay, Richard L II	\$437.43
Moleon, R David	\$507.87
Nelson, Alan J	\$45.92
Powers, Katie Sue	\$310.37
Robertson, James A Jr	\$9.24
Saunders, Roy B	\$306.80
Schoodic Forestry, LLC	\$688.28
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,629.47
Sweet, Gene D Jr.	\$190.99
Veilleux, Joseph	\$356.69
Wilson, David C	\$2,548.31
Wilson, David C	\$273.86
Winchester, Janice E.	\$2,045.17
Wotton-Drake, Lisa L	\$1,497.92
Yeo, Russell	\$168.54

## 2024 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes

As of 6/30/2024

A. F. H. INC.	\$1,915.80
Allen, Jennifer L	\$3,050.13
Allen, Marvin	\$435.33
Ames, Joseph S	\$123.99
Barnes, Dylan C	\$1,137.06
Barry, Kevin	\$3,825.29
Barry, Kevin	\$371.99
Best, Francis Hawkes	\$2,169.42
Bolin, Patrick	\$396.33
Boylan Heights Land Company	\$632.72
Bussey, Aaron P	\$2,677.69
Carrier, Matthew P	\$2,385.07
Chamberland, William	\$1,155.71
Chattin, Daniel A	\$196.90
Chattin, Daniel A	\$487.77
Ciomei, Bryant AA	\$116.40
Cobb, Jonathan	\$1,107.33
Comtois, Cary M	\$712.71
Cote, Debra R	\$1,707.54
Cox, Richard	\$4.84
Crafts, Jennifer L	\$1,498.48
Craig-Green, Laurence	\$244.48
Crane, Colton J	\$271.36
Crosson, James R	\$1,594.08
Currie, Jolene Rachael	\$1,264.32
Davis, Adam N	\$316.11
Diamond Star Properties LLC	\$798.16
Doherty, Ann Marie	\$1,260.99
Doyle, Katherine Anne	\$643.19
Drake, Lisa L	\$123.99
Dunbar, Mark O	\$1,142.91
Epstein & Betsey Peters, Daniel	\$.30
Fontaine, Everett	\$1,033.47
Fontaine, Stephanie B	\$1,644.06
French, Albert A	\$1,760.44
Gillam, Lao	\$882.21

## **2024 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (Continued)**

As of 6/30/2024

Giosia, Alexander E	\$1,372.08
Gray, Marion D., Heirs	\$638.51
Grindle ET ALS, Philip B Jr	\$306.68
Gross, Krystle, Heirs	\$1,955.78
Hall Heirs Of, Willard H.	\$327.13
Hanscom, Scott E	\$227.62
Harriman, Ted S	\$730.62
Harris, John E Jr.	\$.46
Heath, Matthew	\$802.98
Heras, Elena	\$432.12
Hopkins, David	\$691.89
Hoyt, David F	\$5.76
Inglis Trust	\$6.54
Jacobs, Jeremi W	\$1,339.34
Jeffrey L. Bowden and Melissa B. Bowden Trustees	\$.52
Jenkins, Kimberly A	\$.27
Jodoin, Henry II, Et Als	\$744.95
Kelliher, George E	\$.94
Kennedy, Lisa Dawn	\$1,149.78
Kennedy, Tracy	\$2,354.92
Kent, Stephen R	\$522.64
Kent, Stephen R	\$182.86
Lawcewicz Heirs Of, Vincent & Ralph	\$.30
Littlefield & K Dube, Robert H	\$657.59
M W Inglis Qualified Personal Res Trust	\$5,426.87
Maggs, Kris	\$502.75
Maine Woodland Properties	\$84.94
Mccabe, Timothy K	\$493.34
Mccallister, Archie & Lorraine	\$461.49
McGirr, Robert R	\$.86
Mckay, Richard L II	\$684.70
Moleon, R David	\$592.77
Nelson, Alan J	\$1,134.21
Maggs, Kris	\$415.00
Newbegin, Cathleen A	\$3,284.71
O'Keefe, Gina Maria	\$3,302.94

## **2024 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes (Continued)**

As of 6/30/2024

Provost, Mark J	\$1,273.36
Reed, Daniel A	\$1.07
Reynolds, Ola	\$430.42
Reynolds, Ola	\$1,150.40
Saunders, Roy B	\$1,505.71
Saunders, Roy B	\$1,350.34
Schoodic Forestry, LLC	\$806.21
Scully, Beverly	\$307.78
Sehulster, Dale	\$4,942.83
Shute, Kaitlyn M	\$1.09
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,921.67
Souza, Edward Jr. & Souza, John R	\$.54
Springer, Steven	\$555.03
Sweet, Gene D Jr.	\$633.08
Taylor, William A	\$210.69
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$321.69
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$1,224.21
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$345.16
Thibodeau, Gloria J	\$174.23
Tower, Daniel T	\$3,604.95
Tower, Daniel T	\$384.43
Van Leer Mayflower Properties LLC	\$3.14
Van Leer Mayflower Properties LLC	\$3.49
Veazie, Thomas O	\$870.99
Veilleux, Joseph	\$533.72
Wedge, Diana E	\$363.66
Wienges, Othniel H	\$996.67
Wilbur Et Al, Ryan C & Morgan	\$1.33
Wilson David C	\$2,977.47
Wilson, David C	\$316.36
Winchester, Janice E.	\$6,685.95
Wotton-Drake, Lisa L	\$1,792.17
Yeo, Russell	\$309.62

## Uncollected Sewer Bills

As of 6/30/2024

Barca, Nicholas	\$292.83
Barnes, Dylan	\$1,413.03
Burgess, Mathew C	\$147.23
Chandler, Brian	\$145.00
Chandler's Cabinet Shop	\$103.00
Chapman, Rodney V	\$1,245.14
Crane, Colton	\$292.83
Doyle, Kate L	\$208.01
ENI 19 Duck Cove Road LLC	\$103.00
Fraser, Chad H	\$292.83
Frye, Troy W	\$40.00
Gavelek, John J	\$90.57
Gourmelon, Jean-Yves F	\$145.00
Gourmelon, Jean-Yves F	\$103.00
Hebein, Kaja S	\$286.48
Labrier, Michelle M	\$292.83
Ladd, John	\$292.83
Laforge, Cory W	\$145.00
Lawson, Ryan D	\$40.00
Mahoney, Edward F	\$146.57
Mckay, Richard L II	\$292.83
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$147.83
Mckay, Richard L II	\$145.00
Federal National Mortgage Association	\$71.29
Morey, Blake N	\$40.00
Murch, David	\$145.00
Palkie, Raymond J	\$145.00
Palkie, Raymond J	\$40.00
Schroth, Lynne P	\$147.73
Shinozuka, Jennifer J	\$545.44
Snowman, Zachary	\$1,328.04
Trumble, Dana R	\$145.00
Wardwell Contracting	\$40.77
Wardwell Contracting	\$40.77
We Store Inc	\$201.24

## Uncollected Personal Property Taxes

As of 6/30/2024

### 2020

Richards, Angel	\$9.54
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### 2021

Huntington Technology Finance, Inc	\$15.19
Pine Shore Motel	\$212.46
Richards, Angel	\$179.85

### 2022

Pine Shore Motel	\$338.03
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### 2023

Ananda Luna Downeast	\$57.26
Penobscot Bay Organics	\$53.82
Pine Shore Motel	\$198.97
Yoga Downeast	\$20.96

### 2024

Ananda Luna Downeast	\$70.69
Conopco Inc	\$.09
Deko's Kutz	\$24.50
Eastman's Garage	\$34.23
LSR Homestead Wild Game Processing	\$61.26
Northern Moon Studios	\$24.50
Pine Shore Motel	\$270.29
Vancamp Construction, LLC	\$4.37
Yoga Downeast	\$25.73

## **Orland Historical Society 2023-2024**

In 2023-2024 the society held monthly business meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday during the summer months. We had programs ahead of two of our business meetings the public was invited to attend.

The museum was open to the public on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August. We also open other days on request.

We held informational programs that were open to the public on the History of Maine Soda Bottles as well as Orland Cemeteries.

The society participated in the craft fair at the Community Center as a fund raiser. We also had the book “Best Remembered: Orland, Maine 1800-2000 reprinted and these are available for purchase at the Town Office or at the museum. The society also participated in the Orland River Days event in 2023-2024.

Orland Historical Society continues to accept loaned or donated artifacts to the museum for display. We also welcome groups to schedule tours of the museum as well as open on special request by calling 207-598-5741.

Special thanks to our officers: Secretary Mary Hauger, Treasurer Barbara Dorr, and Vice President Edward Devito, for their work and support of the society.

We are always looking for new members to join the society and participate in bringing new life to the organization.

We wish to thank the Town of Orland for its continuing support of OHS to help preserve our past for future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Wood

OHS President

# Orland Planning Board Report

The Planning Board met eight times this year and reviewed twelve applications.

## Subdivision Applications Reviewed:

1. Minor sub-division of Eastman property off State Route 46.
2. Minor sub-division of Thacher property off Tall Pines.
3. Subdivision review for IOS LLC at 7 Fish Point Road.
4. Minor sub-division of the Clement property off Upper Falls Road.

## Site Plan Applications Reviewed:

1. Final review of the new Orland fire station.
2. Review of Rainbow Farm, a poultry processing facility on the Front Ridge Road.
3. Review of a SDI Storage, a self-storage facility off of State Route 46.
4. Review of Naiad Country Brewing, a new brewery & eatery off Acadia Highway.
5. Review of Lucy's Place, a mobile food trailer to be located off Upper Falls Road.
6. Review of Wandering Moose Campground proposed expansion.
7. Preliminary review of a housing project at HOME Co Op off School House Road.
8. Preliminary review of a glamping project off Dodge Hill Road.

Don Baker has continued as the board chair and once again we had no board member turnover this year. I am very thankful for board members who are willing to voluntarily serve the Town of Orland.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Luke Chiavelli – Code Enforcement Officer

Board Members:

- Don Baker (Chair)
- Roger Wood (Deputy Chair)
- Mark Fowler
- Charles Giosia
- Michael Roy
- Alex Atwood (Alternate)
- Bart Hutchins (Alternate)

# James W. Wadman

Certified Public Accountant

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Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.  
Kellie M. Bowden, C.P.A.  
Wanese L. Lynch, C.P.A.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Orland  
Orland, ME 04472

### ***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orland, Maine as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, including the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orland, Maine, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Orland, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Orland, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material

if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and 29 through 35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

*James W. Wadman, C.P.A.*

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.  
January 30, 2025

**TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE**

(Exhibit VIII)

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Exemption Reimbursements	\$4,190,094	\$4,190,094	\$4,168,318	(\$21,776)
State Road Assistance	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$39,104	\$5,604
Excise Taxes	\$439,000	\$439,000	\$558,020	\$119,020
State Revenue Sharing	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$266,779	\$16,779
Interest & Fees on Taxes	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$18,422	(\$1,078)
Investment Earnings	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$94,229	\$89,829
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$29,269	\$4,269
Franchise Fees	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,351	\$351
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$18,300	\$18,300	\$22,238	\$3,938
Community Center Rental	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$154,067	\$34,067
Alewives	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$9,780	(\$1,220)
Gain on Sale of Town Assets			\$609	\$609
Other Revenues	\$42,300	\$42,300	\$49,136	\$6,836
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$5,159,094</u>	<u>\$5,159,094</u>	<u>\$5,416,322</u>	<u>\$257,228</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</u>				
Administration	\$582,400	\$582,400	\$605,522	(\$23,122)
Protection	\$118,295	\$118,295	\$93,521	\$24,774
Health & Sanitation	\$121,200	\$121,200	\$144,440	(\$23,240)
Highways	\$1,197,000	\$1,197,000	\$882,284	\$314,716
Education Assessment	\$2,537,850	\$2,537,850	\$2,537,850	\$0
Unclassified	\$176,250	\$176,250	\$284,917	(\$108,667)
Other Assessments & Debt Service	\$705,103	\$705,103	\$661,795	\$43,308
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$5,438,097</u>	<u>\$5,438,097</u>	<u>\$5,210,328</u>	<u>\$227,769</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</u>	<u>(\$279,003)</u>	<u>(\$279,003)</u>	<u>\$205,994</u>	<u>\$484,997</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers Out	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	\$0
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	<u>(\$354,003)</u>	<u>(\$354,003)</u>	<u>\$130,994</u>	<u>\$484,997</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$3,176,770</u>	<u>\$3,176,770</u>	<u>\$3,176,770</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,822,767</u>	<u>\$2,822,767</u>	<u>\$3,307,764</u>	<u>\$484,997</u>

**TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE**  
**SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

(Schedule 1 - Page 1 of 2)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Revenues/ Transfers</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Transfers</u>	<u>Lapsed Unexpended (Overdraft)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Administration:</u>							
General Government	\$204,824	\$374,500	\$6,404	\$585,727	\$333,926	\$0	\$251,801
Officers Salaries	\$9,903	\$131,000	\$507	\$141,409	\$141,409	\$0	
Unemployment	\$1,398	\$500		\$1,898	\$133	\$0	\$1,765
Worker's Compensation	\$39	\$3,400	\$71	\$3,511	\$2,608	\$0	\$903
Social Security	\$13,617	\$29,000		\$42,617	\$30,241	\$0	\$12,376
Town Property Maintenance	\$48,305	\$30,000		\$78,305	\$66,286	\$0	\$12,019
Utilities	\$1,202	\$14,000		\$15,202	\$10,812	\$0	\$4,390
Revaluation	\$8,180			\$8,180		\$0	\$8,180
Comprehensive Plan	\$15,865			\$15,865		\$0	\$15,865
	<u>\$303,332</u>	<u>\$582,400</u>	<u>\$6,982</u>	<u>\$892,714</u>	<u>\$585,415</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$307,299</u>
<u>Protection:</u>							
Fire Department		\$59,590	\$1,450	\$61,040	\$61,040	\$0	
Bucksport Ambulance	\$5,703	\$45,000		\$50,703	\$19,876	\$0	\$30,827
Dispatch	\$2,666	\$5,650		\$8,316	\$5,630	\$0	\$2,686
Fire Station Project	\$47,002	\$523,278	\$500	\$570,780	\$524,061	\$0	\$46,719
Life Flight		\$555		\$555	\$550	\$5	
Forest Fires	\$5,000			\$5,000		\$0	\$5,000
Civil Preparedness	\$5,420			\$5,420		\$0	\$5,420
Legal	\$11,222	\$1,000		\$12,222	\$2,844	\$0	\$9,377
Street Lights	\$3,525	\$5,000		\$8,525	\$3,779	\$0	\$4,746
Animal Control	\$5,820	\$1,500	\$678	\$7,998	\$1,646	\$0	\$6,352
	<u>\$86,357</u>	<u>\$641,573</u>	<u>\$2,628</u>	<u>\$730,558</u>	<u>\$619,427</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>\$111,126</u>
<u>Health &amp; Sanitation:</u>							
Solid Waste	\$453	\$110,000	\$36,052	\$146,505	\$146,505	(\$0)	
Septic Waste	\$4,000			\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	
Loaves & Fishes Pantry		\$300		\$300	\$300	\$0	
Hospice of Hancock County		\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0	
Eastern Area Agency on Aging		\$1,550		\$1,550	\$1,550	\$0	
Bucksport Community Concern		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
Families First Community Center		\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0	
Downeast Community Partners		\$2,750		\$2,750	\$2,750	\$0	
Downeast Horizons		\$750		\$750	\$750	\$0	
WIC Nutrition Program		\$1,650		\$1,650	\$1,650	\$0	
Bucksport Senior Center		\$700		\$700	\$700	\$0	
	<u>\$4,453</u>	<u>\$121,200</u>	<u>\$36,052</u>	<u>\$161,705</u>	<u>\$161,705</u>	<u>(\$0)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**TOWN OF ORLAND, MAINE**  
**SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - continued**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

(Schedule 1 - Page 2 of 2)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Revenues/ Transfers</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Transfers</u>	<u>Lapsed Unexpended (Overdraft)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Highways:</u>							
Town Roads	\$18,432	\$685,000		\$703,432	\$499,097	\$0	\$204,336
Winter Roads	\$258,305	\$510,000		\$768,305	\$382,919	\$0	\$385,386
Road Signs		\$2,000		\$2,000	\$268	\$0	\$1,732
State Road Assistance			\$39,104	\$39,104	\$39,104	\$0	
	\$276,738	\$1,197,000	\$39,104	\$1,512,842	\$921,388	\$0	\$591,454
<u>Education:</u>							
Education Assessment	\$5,817	\$2,537,850		\$2,543,666	\$2,537,850	\$0	\$5,817
	\$5,817	\$2,537,850	\$0	\$2,543,666	\$2,537,850	\$0	\$5,817
<u>Unclassified:</u>							
General Assistance	\$10,594	\$1,500	\$1,495	\$13,589	\$1,655	\$0	\$11,934
Fish Weir	\$34,284	\$5,000		\$39,284	\$320	\$0	\$38,964
Village Dam	\$55,516	\$4,500		\$60,016	\$2,007	\$0	\$58,009
Orland Village Dam Grant	\$11			\$11		\$0	\$11
Comm. Center Roof	\$30,966	\$5,000		\$35,966	\$35,241	\$0	\$725
Comm. Center Reserve	\$10,305	\$20,000	\$9,808	\$40,112	\$31,955	\$0	\$8,158
Comm. Center	\$68,023	\$95,000	\$154,777	\$317,800	\$231,452	\$0	\$86,347
Comm. Center Outdoor Project	\$5,000			\$5,000		\$0	\$5,000
Comm. Center Acoustics	\$6,000	\$3,000		\$9,000		\$0	\$9,000
Comm. Center Air Conditioning	\$4,470		\$8,400	\$12,870	\$858	\$0	\$12,012
Capital Reserve		\$75,000		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	
Equipment & Vehicles	\$18,875	\$32,000	\$200	\$51,075	\$8,865	\$0	\$42,210
Orland Recreation	\$3,836	\$200	\$1,018	\$5,054	\$1,085	\$0	\$3,969
Orland River Days	\$1,751	\$2,000	\$1,121	\$4,872	\$3,342	\$0	\$1,530
Hancock County Planning Commission		\$1,450		\$1,450	\$1,450	\$0	
Buck Memorial Library		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
Bucksport Downeast YMCA		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
Family Snowmobile Club		\$600		\$600	\$600	\$0	
Orland Historical Society		\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
	\$249,630	\$251,250	\$176,818	\$677,699	\$399,829	\$0	\$277,869
<u>Other Assessments:</u>							
County Tax		\$135,288		\$135,288	\$135,288	\$0	
Overlay		\$46,537		\$46,537	\$3,229	\$43,308	
	\$0	\$181,825	\$0	\$181,825	\$138,517	\$43,308	\$0
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$926,327</u>	<u>\$5,513,097</u>	<u>\$261,584</u>	<u>\$6,701,008</u>	<u>\$5,364,131</u>	<u>\$43,313</u>	<u>\$1,293,565</u>

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools



The RSU 25 2023-2024 academic school year was a successful one. The district continues to offer a variety of quality educational opportunities to our students. We appreciate the investment our communities have made in our students and our programs and we performed within our budget to provide those opportunities.

Thanks to the support of our communities and the School Board, we were able to invest in our facilities throughout the district. This past calendar year new boilers were installed at both Bucksport High School and the Miles Lane School. There was also a major renovation to the Bucksport Middle School where the entire siding of the building was replaced. This was done due to the deterioration of the original siding that allowed water into the building, as well as heat loss. Other projects included adding drainage to the athletic fields at the middle school, as well as an irrigation system. Additionally there were efforts to improve efficiency of our utilities throughout the district such as installing LED lights and motion sensors. The continuous upkeep and investment into our facilities is crucial as we strive to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all of our students.

Our students in RSU 25 continue to demonstrate academic excellence throughout the district. Aspire Golden Bucks is a grant funded initiative that we started five years ago that focuses on developing aspirations for all students in grades Pre-K through 12. Students are intentionally engaged in activities in all grades that expose them to careers within and beyond our surrounding communities. This includes field trips to job sites, training centers, colleges and universities, as well as guest speakers, career and college fairs, internships and job shadows. We will continue to connect these student aspirations to the curriculum and learning experiences within our classrooms.

Bucksport High School's Class of 2024 had a graduation rate of 93.48%, which is well above the State average. That graduating class was awarded \$455,555 in scholarships this past year. Our co-curricular programs continue to thrive as demonstrated by our Jazz Combo winning a gold medal at the State festival, the Robotics team with another outstanding season which included finishing second at the New England championships, and our Baseball and Softball teams winning Northern Maine Championships for the second year in a row. Our programs continue to be some of the best in the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Tripp".

Dr. Josh Tripp  
Superintendent, RSU 25

## RSU #25 ORLAND STUDENT ENROLLMENT

<b>Jewett School</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Miles Lane</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>BMS</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>BHS</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>

(As of 10/1/2024)

<b>2023 - 2024 Enrollment (Oct. 1, 2024) Updated</b>	
Jewett Elementary PK-K	101
Miles Lane School 1 - 4	316
Bucksport Middle School 5 - 8	289
Bucksport High School 9 - 12	347
Reach	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>

## **Orland School Choice Enrollment**

**11 Orland High School Students attend schools outside of district RSU 25, utilizing school choice.**

### **Ellsworth High School Enrollment 2023-2024**

<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>

### **Blue Hill Harbor School Enrollment 2023-2024**

<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>

### **George Stevens School Enrollment 2023-2024**

<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>

### **John Bapst Enrollment 2023-2024**

<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>1</b>

# George Stevens Academy Report



Dear Orland Residents,

As we reflect on the past fiscal year at George Stevens Academy (ending June 30, 2024), I want to share some encouraging updates on the school's improving financial position. GSA has long been a cornerstone of our community, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support from our sending towns, families, alumni, and friends. Your investment in our students ensures that we can provide a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in college, careers, and life.

Once again, we extend our appreciation to the citizens of our sending towns for approving supplemental tuition beyond the state's maximum for the 2023-2024 school year. Public funds, including town-approved supplemental tuition, made up 87% of our total revenue when factoring in donations from supporters, or 73% without those contributions.

For FY24, total tuition, fees, and reimbursements amounted to \$4,284,115. Additional operating revenues came from fundraising with \$823,578 in unrestricted and restricted gifts and \$470,746 from the endowment, as detailed in our audited financial statements available on the GSA website.

One of the most significant financial improvements at GSA was that we finished the year with a \$86,180 operating surplus. While this was not a large reserve, it represents a substantial shift in the right direction. Given the financial challenges of past years, ending the year in the black was a meaningful and promising accomplishment. We remain committed to careful financial planning and responsible budgeting to sustain this positive trajectory.

The 2023-2024 education cost for our student body ended up at a total of \$5,562,729. The 2023-2024 state tuition rate, approved in December 2023, accounted for \$13,300.12 per student, with an additional \$798.01 per student through the state's Insured Value Factor (IVF). Town approved supplemental tuition accounted for \$414,407.

Philanthropy continued to play a vital role in GSA's financial health. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, families, and community members, our fundraising remains strong year after year, helping sustain programs that serve students with a variety of academic and career aspirations. In total, \$832,578 in charitable gifts were received last fiscal year, including funds for scholarships. This generosity strengthens GSA's ability to provide exceptional opportunities for students across the peninsula.

Last year's supplemental tuition request was also approved by a strong majority of voters. We are incredibly thankful for that trust and support from our community, as these funds have been vital for this year's budget. Your commitment to GSA allows us to continue our mission of providing a high-quality education while maintaining responsible financial stewardship, now and into the future.

With gratitude,

Dan Welch  
Head of School

# George Stevens Academy Report (Continued)

## George Stevens Academy Financial Summary Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

### Revenues

Tuition & IVF	3,463,356
Supplemental Tuition	414,407
Special Ed Reimbursement	406,352
GSA Fund (unrestricted & restricted)	823,578
Endowment Draw	470,746
Other Revenue	309,117
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,887,556</b>

### Expenses

Salaries & Wages	2,777,895
Benefits	723,781
Departmental/Professional Services	425,164
Physical Plant/Occupancy Costs	396,974
Scholarship Expenses (Post-Secondary)	160,172
Technology Expense	116,614
Insurances Expense	300,558
Other Expenses	661,571
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,562,729</b>

<b>Net from Operating per Audit 6/30/2024</b>	<b>324,827</b>
Investment Returns	739,435
<b>Total Operating Surplus per Audit 6/30/2024</b>	<b>1,064,262</b>

### Adjustments for Non-Operating Revenues

Investment Returns & Gains on sale of assets not available for Operating	(565,121)
Permanently Restricted Revenue	(26,553)
Temporarily Restrctied Revenue - amounts to be expended in subsequent years	(386,408)
<b>Net Operating Surplus - available for Operating</b>	<b>86,180</b>

# Report of the Orland Broadband Plan Committee 2023-2024

The Orland Broadband Committee (OBC) continues to focus on its mission to get fiber optic broadband service for all residents and businesses in Orland; and to ensure people have the knowledge and opportunities that go with it, i.e., obtaining low-cost equipment, free class offerings, etc.

As of the end of June 2024:

- an internet provider was chosen - Fidium Fiber
- a Regional Partner was gained - Island Institute
- a local support collaboration was established – Peninsula Broadband Utility ([pubfiber.org](http://pubfiber.org))
- a \$1.8 million Connect the Ready Cohort 2 grant application on a \$3,743,345 fiber optic build project was submitted to Maine Connectivity Authority. This grant included several very much appreciated financial contributions that helped make it happen:
  - \$50,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Orland (voted on by the citizens)
  - \$200,000 in ARPA funds from the Hancock County Commissioners
  - over \$1,600,000 from Consolidated Communications, dba Fidium Fiber

In December 2023, MCA announced Fidium Fiber's application for the Town of Orland was a grant awardee! The build project is scheduled to start in the latter part of 2025! More to come on that.

What else has occurred during OBC's 13 meetings and 330 volunteer hours? We have been involved...with people...to bring the message that a much better technology, fiber optic broadband, is going to enhance our lives. It is an exciting time for our town! We realize not everyone shares our excitement and if that is you, we ask that you keep an open mind. We are willing to help in any way.

Two of our committee members are trained National Digital Equity Center (NDEC) digital navigators/site facilitators. They offer one-on-one assistance and choose interesting FREE technology classes that are held at the Orland Community Center, which they helped to become an onsite NDEC location. Those classes are taught by NDEC staff through Zoom connection on a smart TV purchased from outreach grant monies our committee received from our regional partner, Island Institute. The classes can also be accessed from the comfort of your home. Topics like internet safety, learning Word or Excel, learning Mac or Windows basics, learning to stream TV over the internet, and much more. A full list of class offerings brochure is available at the town office or can be viewed online at <https://digitalequitycenter.org/classes/>. We publish upcoming onsite classes in *The Bucksport Enterprise*, *Ellsworth American*, and on the <https://www.pubfiber.org> website. We also post flyers in many Orland and Bucksport locations. If you have questions about classes or want information on something else, please email the OBC co-chairs at [meetings@townoforland.org](mailto:meetings@townoforland.org).

The committee co-Chairs were each honored at the Maine Broadband Summit in November 2023 with 'The Golden Modem Award' for their contribution to the broadband community and the accomplishments of the OBC. That contribution also looks like committee members sitting at a booth or table at the Bucksport Bay Festival, Orland River Day, a town meeting, or a seniors' group meeting, sharing handouts, answering questions, and having good outreach communication. Thank you for taking the time to stop at our booths or attend a class. You contributed as well!

Submitted by the Orland Broadband Committee.

Members: Marybeth Allen and Laurie Kelley, co-Chairs, Roger Bennatti, David DePrez, Brenda Leavitt (Board of Selectmen liaison), Marc Restuccia, and Todd West

**TOWN OF ORLAND MAINE**  
**ANNUAL FISH COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2024 SEASON**

Due to the high-water level in the spring, there was a delay in setting the trap.

However, we did harvest 652 crate, equal to 163,000 pounds. This year's harvest was similar to last year's harvest.

The town is negotiating for funds for remediation of mercury in the river. The mercury came from a chemical plant in Orrington. The funds are punitive damages from that plant.

The funds from the remediation will be used to replace the fish ladder, repair the dam, and the bulkhead retaining wall supporting the fish wier.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Robshaw



Fish Warden

Anne Leclerc

  
Secretary

## **Orland River Day Report**

ORD 2024 was a grand day, with the wonderful addition of Maine Maritime Academy's Drill Company to the parade! We even maxed out our vendor spaces, so make sure to come again in 2025 to see who shows up and shows out at River Day. We know that Orland and its community celebrations mean different things for different folks. So, we look forward to your participation at the next Orland River Day, whether that is for a bite to eat, a visit with neighbors, a simple day out by the waterfront, to see a community group/organization, or something entirely personal and interesting.

In Celebration ,

The ORD Planning Committee

***Save The Date!***

**Orland River Day 2025**  
**will be held**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

**Join us for a fun little Parade, a variety of Vendors, visit the Historical Society, & much more!**

**For more information about how you can get involved in celebrating our little village by the river, contact [orlandriverday@gmail.com](mailto:orlandriverday@gmail.com) or visit us on Facebook!**

