

# TOWN OF CANAAN



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*Nelson Hill Road*

*Visions of Maine*

*Tanya Buzzard*

**ANNUAL MUNICIPAL REPORT  
TOWN OF CANAAN**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - JANUARY 31, 2026**

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**ATTENTION**

**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
9:00 AM GENERAL MEETING  
CANAAN FARMERS HALL  
296 Main Street, Canaan – *extra parking at 299 Main St***

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM  
AT CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
22 HINCKLEY RD, CANAAN**

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*Pursuant to State of Maine Statute 22 M.R.S.A. §1542 Section 1543*

**PUBLIC MEETING**



**NO SMOKING**

**EMERGENCY-FIRE-RESCUE  
DIAL 911**

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TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

2025  
TOWN REPORT DEDICATION  
RAYMOND B. SMALL

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*THANKFUL FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!*

**RAY SERVED AS A CANAAN FIRE FIGHTER FOR DECADES.**

- ❖ **CANAAN'S FIRE CHIEF FROM 2000 TO 2012**
- ❖ **ROAD COMMISSIONER FROM 2007 TO 2013**

**ADDITIONALLY, RAY WAS A MEMBER OF THE MASONS SINCE 1996**



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# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## THE 2025 SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD RECIPIENT

### STANLEY H. AMES

Stanley was the first person the newly formed Canaan Farmers Hall sought to be on its board on advice from Bill Townsend. Bill stated that if Stanley would serve on the board, then we had a good chance of success in preserving the hall and continuing its future use by the community.

Bill was right. Stanley served on the board and worked hard for 8 years or so at providing support through community connections and also physical work in the way of using big equipment to replace the septic system and grounds maintenance. He also donated monies yearly to provide the necessary funds for utilities and insurance costs etc.

Stanley put community before political affiliations. When it came time to talk with folks to save the old grange hall as Canaan Farmers Hall, I heard Stan say as best I can recall. "It's time we stand up and try to preserve what's left of Canaan. We've let too much slide by already."

Stanley and Pat, his beloved wife, attended most if not all events at Canaan Farmers Hall.

**Canaan Farmers Hall is in the pristine shape it is in today thanks to Stanley and many other Canaan citizens. Stanley very much deserves this award.**

*(Kathy Perelka)*



TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**2025**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**

**SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS**

**DANIEL HARRIMAN**  
**TAMMY HEY**  
**JEFFREY CLARKE**  
OFFICE 474-8976

**SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**

**LISA SIRONEN** [lisasironen@msad54.org](mailto:lisasironen@msad54.org)  
**JEAN FRANKLIN** 474-2279

**TOWN CLERK**

**DENISE B. STETKIS**  
474-8682

**MODERATOR**

**PETER DENBOW**

**STATE SENATOR**

**BRAD FARRIN**  
SENATE DISTRICT 3  
STATE HOUSE STATION 3  
AUGUSTA, ME. 04333  
1-207-634-3074

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**DEAN CRAY**  
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 69  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, ME. 478-8279

**PLANNING BOARD**

**PAULA ROBINSON**  
**DONALD DECKER**  
**WILLIAM DAWE**  
**LISA HOLLAND** (*resigned*)  
**WALTER HOLLAND**  
**KAREN CLARK**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

**MICHAEL ROBINSON, JR.** 399-9809

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER &  
NUISANCE WILDLIFE OFFICER**

**DONALD DECKER** 399-8135

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

**CHARLES WORCESTER** 431-1922

**EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR**

**DENISE B. STETKIS** 474-8682

**TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER/  
SECRETARY TO THE SELECTMEN**

**RACHEL HUNTLEY** 474-8976

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

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| <b>LIBRARY DIRECTOR</b>                  | <b>DIXIE RING</b> 474-2149   |
| <b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE CHIEF</b>           | <b>CHARLES WORCESTER</b> 431-1922  |
| <b>ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF</b>              | <b>MICHAEL ROBINSON JR</b> 399-9809  |
| <b>EMS ADMINSTRATOR</b>                  | <b>BENJAMIN SNOWMAN</b> 416-9914   |
| <b>STATE FIRE WARDEN</b>                 | <b>CHARLES WORCESTER</b> 431-1922  |
| <b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR</b>       | <b>SAMANTHA NEAL</b> 508-545-3132  |
| <b>DEPUTY WELFARE DIRECTOR</b>           | <b>DANIEL HARRIMAN</b> <i>office</i> 474-8682  |
| <b>SOLID WASTE &amp; RECYCLE MANAGER</b> | <b>CHARLES WORCESTER</b> 431-1922  |
| <b>LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK</b>         | <b>NANCY AMES</b><br><b>MARK PHILBRICK</b><br><b>EMILEE ROBERTSON</b><br><b>DAVID SNELL</b><br><b>VANESSA BEAN</b> |
| <b>CEO &amp; PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>      | <b>CHARLES WORCESTER</b> 431-1922  |
| <b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>               | <b>DENISE B. STETKIS</b> 474-8682  |
| <b>SEXTON</b>                            | <b>DAVID HART</b> 446-4884   |
| <b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>                    | <b>PENNY DERAPS</b> 474-6990   |
| <b>ROAD COMMITTEE</b>                    | <b>KIM BROOKS</b><br><b>JULIE SANTOS</b><br><b>TYLER RING</b><br><b>DAVID MADORE</b><br><b>JEREMIE TOWLE</b>       |

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

| ACCT   |                                | YEAR | AMOUNT DUE |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1258 L | BAUER, REG                     | 2023 | 236.16 *   |
| 1259 L | BAUER, REG                     | 2023 | 187.21 *   |
| 142 L  | BOWEN, BRUCE A                 | 2023 | 470.50     |
| 248 L  | CESAN, GLEN P                  | 2023 | 256.55 *   |
| 249 L  | CESAN, GLEN P                  | 2023 | 2,155.17 * |
| 1794 L | COOK, MIRISHA M                | 2023 | 535.63 *   |
| 1497 L | FRAPPIER, MAURICE L            | 2023 | 278.98 *   |
| 748 L  | HANEY, WANDA                   | 2023 | 110.62 *   |
| 856 L  | HARTLEY, STACEY C              | 2023 | 561.71 *   |
| 1288 L | LEBLANC, AMY E                 | 2023 | 1,557.02 * |
| 448 L  | MALLET, MARY                   | 2023 | 907.10 *   |
| 1414 L | PAGE, CHAD                     | 2023 | 948.87 *   |
| 942 L  | PERKINS, DARLENE R             | 2023 | 182.49 *   |
| 992 L  | RANDALL, WENDY J               | 2023 | 1,253.79 * |
| 1511 L | RUGAN, CASEY A                 | 2023 | 1,043.42 * |
| 1065 L | SAMUELS, GUY A                 | 2023 | 1,425.33 * |
| 532 L  | SOLL, ALLAN M                  | 2023 | 637.91 *   |
| 124 L  | STEWART, JENNIFER M            | 2023 | 609.04 *   |
|        |                                |      |            |
| 1876 L | ARMSTRONG, TAMMY               | 2024 | 95.70      |
| 238 L  | AUSTIN, GORDON K               | 2024 | 1,386.14   |
| 91 L   | BAKER, KIMBERLY L              | 2024 | 294.93     |
| 1258 L | BAUER, REG                     | 2024 | 271.54     |
| 1259 L | BAUER, REG                     | 2024 | 225.87     |
| 142 L  | BOWEN, BRUCE                   | 2024 | 1,026.46   |
| 246 L  | CARTER, CYRUS Y                | 2024 | 1,374.56   |
| 1712 L | CARTER, MELISSA A              | 2024 | 624.53     |
| 248 L  | CESAN, GLEN P                  | 2024 | 235.00     |
| 249 L  | CESAN, GLEN P                  | 2024 | 2,211.53   |
| 1794 L | COOK, MIRISHA M                | 2024 | 602.84     |
| 520 L  | DANFORTH, DAN                  | 2024 | 1,389.92   |
| 1540 L | DANFORTH, WENDY                | 2024 | 881.28     |
| 1711 L | DANFORTH, WENDY                | 2024 | 348.04     |
| 1413 L | DONOVAN, BEATRICE, HEIRS OF    | 2024 | 2,164.87   |
| 146 L  | DOUCETTE, RICHARD E HEIRS      | 2024 | 287.52     |
| 432 L  | DOUCETTE, RICHARD E HEIRS      | 2024 | 2,661.41   |
| 988 L  | ENGBERG, BURTON M              | 2024 | 29.84      |
| 1497 L | FRAPPIER, MAURICE L            | 2024 | 348.04     |
| 1177 L | GIGUERE, SCOTT A               | 2024 | 2,859.11   |
| 55 L   | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR          | 2024 | 1,670.29   |
| 756 L  | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR          | 2024 | 930.74     |
| 764 L  | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR          | 2024 | 373.33     |
| 1035 L | GOULD, WESTON E HEIRS          | 2024 | 2,138.45   |
| 748 L  | HANEY, WANDA                   | 2024 | 846.21     |
| 749 L  | HANEY, WANDA                   | 2024 | 1,345.03   |
| 856 L  | HARTLEY, STACEY C              | 2024 | 1,271.95   |
| 1478 L | HUNT, SHANE                    | 2024 | 304.00     |
| 685 L  | JOYCE, ROLAND                  | 2024 | 631.22     |
| 689 L  | KANAVY, JOHN F III & JAMES M   | 2024 | 562.71     |
| 61 L   | KOVAL, JON D                   | 2024 | 2,484.02   |
| 1706 L | LADD, SPENCER, BROOKS & ARTHUR | 2024 | 542.15     |
| 1770 L | LEATHERS, TREVOR A             | 2024 | 233.31     |

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|--------|---------------------------|------|----------|
| 544 L  | LUNT, KYM L               | 2024 | 462.39   |
| 448 L  | MALLETT, MARY             | 2024 | 827.62   |
| 184 L  | MARSTON, JARED D          | 2024 | 383.44   |
| 1781 L | MARTIN, TROY              | 2024 | 193.80   |
| 1075 L | MITCHELL, CHARLES M       | 2024 | 2,821.60 |
| 199 L  | MOSHIER, MINDY J          | 2024 | 611.81   |
| 1414 L | PAGE, CHAD                | 2024 | 795.64   |
| 1140 L | PEASE, MICHAEL            | 2024 | 372.02   |
| 941 L  | PERKINS, DARLENE R        | 2024 | 494.20   |
| 942 L  | PERKINS, DARLENE R        | 2024 | 370.88   |
| 982 L  | POOLER, ROBERT A (HEIRS)  | 2024 | 250.01   |
| 101 L  | PRESCOTT, HEIDI           | 2024 | 792.94   |
| 989 L  | RAMSDELL, EDWARD J        | 2024 | 561.15   |
| 992 L  | RANDALL, WENDY J          | 2024 | 1,536.70 |
| 1544 L | RICHARDS, AME L           | 2024 | 1,269.65 |
| 1600 L | RICHARDSON, AMBER         | 2024 | 190.79   |
| 1511 L | RUGAN, CASEY A            | 2024 | 650.79   |
| 1065 L | SAMUELS, GUY A            | 2024 | 1,019.61 |
| 1234 L | SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT       | 2024 | 2,661.58 |
| 1235 L | SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT       | 2024 | 1,070.99 |
| 283 L  | SIMPSON, LESLIE D         | 2024 | 1,730.81 |
| 381 L  | SMITH, MICHAEL            | 2024 | 1,427.08 |
| 532 L  | SOLL, ALLAN M             | 2024 | 663.19   |
| 533 L  | SOLL, ALLAN M             | 2024 | 79.71    |
| 1124 L | SOLL, ALLAN M             | 2024 | 2,605.46 |
| 1125 L | SOLL, ALLAN M & CANDACE L | 2024 | 1,016.18 |
| 1126 L | SOLL, ALLAN M & CANDACE L | 2024 | 1,136.08 |
| 124 L  | STEWART, JENNIFER M       | 2024 | 704.46   |
| 686 L  | VILES, HUGH A             | 2024 | 313.79   |
| 1470 L | VILES, HUGH A             | 2024 | 2,125.89 |
| 483 L  | WHITE, CHRISTOPHER P      | 2024 | 1,868.97 |
| 386 L  | WILLIAMS, JEROMY J        | 2024 | 1,006.88 |
| 747 L  | WOOD, PRISCILLA G         | 2024 | 390.20   |
| 91 R   | BAKER, KIMBERLY L         | 2025 | 478.50   |
| 1258 R | BAUER, REG                | 2025 | 202.40   |
| 1259 R | BAUER, REG                | 2025 | 158.40   |
| 470 R  | BAYLEY, GERALD A JR       | 2025 | 1,034.00 |
| 1 R    | BEAN, DERRICK             | 2025 | 1,459.70 |
| 326 R  | BENT, TRAVIS D            | 2025 | 1.55     |
| 978 R  | BERRY, JOSEPH R           | 2025 | 224.40   |
| 1808 R | BLACK CAT LLC             | 2025 | 327.80   |
| 805 R  | BLEVINS, CHARLES MICHAEL  | 2025 | 2,156.00 |
| 1304 R | BOISVERT, PAUL R          | 2025 | 3,157.00 |
| 1880 R | BOUMIL, JIM               | 2025 | 33.00    |
| 142 R  | BOWEN, BRUCE A            | 2025 | 919.60   |
| 345 R  | BREINGAN, TAMMY J         | 2025 | 690.69   |
| 324 R  | BROOKS, CHAD A            | 2025 | 1,361.80 |
| 339 R  | BROWN, JAMES O            | 2025 | 593.67 * |
| 1454 R | BROWN, JAMES O & JOLEEN   | 2025 | 1,120.90 |
| 1573 R | BUZZARD, PETER G          | 2025 | 462.00   |
| 36 R   | CAMPBELL, PETER G         | 2025 | 336.60   |
| 1389 R | CARL, RANDALL E           | 2025 | 1,039.50 |
| 746 R  | CARTER, CYRIL S Y         | 2025 | 1,270.50 |

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|      |   |                              |      |            |
|------|---|------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1759 | R | CARTER, MELISSA A            | 2025 | 33.00      |
| 1350 | R | CASS, LEROY E LE             | 2025 | 704.53     |
| 248  | R | CESAN, GLEN P                | 2025 | 167.20 *   |
| 249  | R | CESAN, GLEN P                | 2025 | 2,071.30 * |
| 690  | R | CHAKOUMAKOS, SARA BETH       | 2025 | 115.50     |
| 251  | R | CHAMBERLAIN, CHRISTIAN P     | 2025 | 343.20     |
| 1646 | R | CHIN, THOLL                  | 2025 | 2.03       |
| 1430 | R | CHRISTIAN, CHRISTOPHER       | 2025 | 11.52      |
| 262  | R | CLARK, JOHN S                | 2025 | 702.90     |
| 1793 | R | CLARK, JORDAN S              | 2025 | 1,423.40   |
| 310  | R | CLARK, MATTHEW               | 2025 | 841.50     |
| 1397 | R | CLEMENT, TRAVIS              | 2025 | 1,833.70   |
| 279  | R | COLBY, KEVIN V               | 2025 | 200.00     |
| 649  | R | CONNELL, DEBORAH J           | 2025 | 376.20     |
| 1548 | R | CONNELL, DEBORAH J           | 2025 | 1,926.10   |
| 1794 | R | COOK, MIRISHA M              | 2025 | 511.50     |
| 1405 | R | CURTIS, LLOYD                | 2025 | 657.80     |
| 418  | R | CYR, MICHAEL S               | 2025 | 1,091.20   |
| 319  | R | DAMRON, ELIZABETH            | 2025 | 968.00     |
| 520  | R | DANFORTH, DAN                | 2025 | 1,323.30   |
| 1540 | R | DANFORTH, WENDY              | 2025 | 789.80     |
| 1711 | R | DANFORTH, WENDY              | 2025 | 276.10     |
| 461  | R | DARGE, AUGUST J              | 2025 | 1,095.60   |
| 1183 | R | DARGE, AUGUST J              | 2025 | 1,190.20   |
| 30   | R | DAVIS, BRETT E               | 2025 | 1,815.00   |
| 1760 | R | DEMO, CHAD                   | 2025 | 1,059.30   |
| 1438 | R | DESROSIERS, KENNETH          | 2025 | 0.80       |
| 695  | R | DEWEY, CHRISTINE L           | 2025 | 171.60     |
| 178  | R | DIONNE, ELLEN KARON          | 2025 | 350.90     |
| 899  | R | DODGE, JAMES                 | 2025 | 17.60      |
| 740  | R | DODGE, JEROME E III          | 2025 | 893.20     |
| 370  | R | DODGE, JIMMY D               | 2025 | 167.20     |
| 367  | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 1,613.70   |
| 1192 | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 244.20     |
| 1370 | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 262.90     |
| 1693 | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 492.80     |
| 1705 | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 356.40     |
| 1861 | R | DODGE, JIMMY DEAN            | 2025 | 506.00     |
| 333  | R | DODGE, JOHN P                | 2025 | 1,562.00 * |
| 1455 | R | DODGE, MICHAEL A             | 2025 | 131.97     |
| 1277 | R | DOJNIA, AMANDA R             | 2025 | 1,617.00   |
| 1413 | R | DONOVAN, BEATRICE, HEIRS OF  | 2025 | 2,016.30   |
| 1853 | R | DORE, ERIC N                 | 2025 | 2,165.90   |
| 1854 | R | DORE, ERIC N                 | 2025 | 291.50     |
| 1218 | R | DORR, JODY C                 | 2025 | 968.00     |
| 146  | R | DOUCETTE, RICHARD E          | 2023 | 228.29     |
| 146  | R | DOUCETTE, RICHARD E DEVISEES | 2025 | 217.80     |
| 432  | R | DOUCETTE, RICHARD E DEVISEES | 2025 | 2,504.70   |
| 373  | R | DOW, EDWARD G II             | 2025 | 1,679.70   |
| 1811 | R | ENGBERG, BETH A              | 2025 | 30.80      |
| 988  | R | ENGBERG, BURTON M            | 2025 | 413.60     |
| 1195 | R | FARRAR, PAMELA M             | 2025 | 1.73       |
| 1203 | R | FARRIN, BARBARA              | 2025 | 884.79     |
| 1502 | R | FITZGERALD, KIMBERLY J       | 2025 | 463.04     |
| 1739 | R | FOSTER, CHRISTINE            | 2025 | 2,190.34   |
| 735  | R | FOUR IDIOTS REALTY LLC       | 2025 | 599.50     |
| 1623 | R | FOUR IDIOTS REALTY LLC       | 2025 | 8,713.01   |

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|--------|---------------------------------------|------|------------|
| 478 R  | FREDERICK, MARK                       | 2025 | 1,638.53   |
| 614 R  | FREDERICK, RACHEL A                   | 2025 | 2,258.30   |
| 1730 R | GAGE, DONALD E II                     | 2025 | 416.90     |
| 453 R  | GAGLIARDI, ANTHONY                    | 2025 | 1,461.90   |
| 454 R  | GAGNE, ARTHUR HEIRS                   | 2025 | 2,359.30   |
| 1310 R | GALLANT, PRISCILLA C LIVING TRUST     | 2025 | 1.59       |
| 1395 R | GENNESS, ALEXANDER                    | 2025 | 237.77     |
| 1177 R | GIGUERE, SCOTT A                      | 2025 | 2,685.10   |
| 55 R   | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR                 | 2025 | 1,549.90   |
| 756 R  | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR                 | 2025 | 1,155.00   |
| 764 R  | GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR                 | 2025 | 290.40     |
| 286 R  | GILCOTT, MELISA                       | 2025 | 1,665.40   |
| 1747 R | GILMORE, BRITTANY M                   | 2025 | 118.80     |
| 1035 R | GOULD, WESTON E DEVISEES              | 2025 | 2,000.90   |
| 508 R  | GRIFFETH, LESTER E JR                 | 2025 | 880.00     |
| 1160 R | GUSTAFSON, NAOMI E; SHAW,<br>RACHEL E | 2025 | 148.60     |
| 292 R  | HANEY, ALBERT A                       | 2025 | 652.30     |
| 748 R  | HANEY, WANDA                          | 2025 | 735.90     |
| 749 R  | HANEY, WANDA                          | 2025 | 1,226.50 * |
| 670 R  | HARRIMAN, DANIEL E                    | 2025 | 1,047.20   |
| 730 R  | HARRIMAN, DANIEL E                    | 2025 | 350.90 *   |
| 1148 R | HARRIMAN, DANIEL E                    | 2025 | 1,274.90   |
| 1692 R | HARRIMAN, DANIEL E                    | 2025 | 608.30     |
| 856 R  | HARTLEY, STACEY C                     | 2025 | 1,156.10   |
| 1453 R | HAYES, JAMES DAVID                    | 2025 | 2,385.90   |
| 403 R  | HOCKENBERRY, MARK W                   | 2025 | 2,061.40   |
| 1170 R | HOOK, JOHN                            | 2025 | 336.60     |
| 1743 R | HOWE, JESSICA M                       | 2025 | 1,112.10   |
| 21 R   | HOYT, ROBERT                          | 2025 | 1,649.41   |
| 1478 R | HUNT, SHANE                           | 2025 | 203.50     |
| 534 R  | HUTCHISON, PAM                        | 2025 | 1,584.00   |
| 1545 R | JOHNSON, BRETT H JR                   | 2025 | 502.81     |
| 1641 R | JOHNSTON, DENISE                      | 2025 | 191.40     |
| 685 R  | JOYCE, ROLAND                         | 2025 | 548.90     |
| 601 R  | JUDITH A HODGDON TRUSTEE              | 2025 | 2,377.10   |
| 600 R  | JUDITH A HODGDON, TRUSTEE             | 2025 | 289.30     |
| 602 R  | JUDITH A HODGDON, TRUSTEE             | 2025 | 785.40     |
| 658 R  | JUDKINS, RAY B & SANDY M LE           | 2025 | 853.03     |
| 689 R  | KANAVY, JOHN F III & JAMES M          | 2025 | 482.90     |
| 58 R   | KELLEY, GEORGE B                      | 2025 | 1,819.40   |
| 703 R  | KIERSTEAD, JENNIFER                   | 2025 | 199.10     |
| 229 R  | KLAIBER, HAROLD                       | 2025 | 1,331.00   |
| 61 R   | KOVAL, JON D                          | 2025 | 2,324.30   |
| 709 R  | KUHN, BETTY                           | 2025 | 240.93     |
| 837 R  | LACHAPELLE, IVY E                     | 2025 | 237.60     |
| 838 R  | LACHAPELLE, IVY E                     | 2025 | 63.80      |
| 1706 R | LADD, SPENCER, BROOKS & ARTHUR        | 2025 | 463.10     |
| 1215 R | LAGROSS, LIONE                        | 2025 | 2,141.70   |
| 716 R  | LANCASTER, MARK E                     | 2025 | 10.80      |
| 1504 R | LANGTON, DEAN                         | 2025 | 4,280.10   |
| 1770 R | LEATHERS, TREVOR A                    | 2025 | 168.30     |
| 1288 R | LEBLANC, AMY E                        | 2025 | 1,447.60   |
| 308 R  | LEE, JOBIE D                          | 2025 | 973.50     |
| 1645 R | LEE, SAMBATH E                        | 2025 | 193.60     |
| 1649 R | LEE, SAMBATH E                        | 2025 | 201.30     |
| 1782 R | LEE, SAMBATH E                        | 2025 | 738.10     |

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|--------|--------------------------|------|----------|
| 408 R  | LEMIEUX, SHARON M        | 2025 | 1,626.90 |
| 409 R  | LITTLE, LATARA D         | 2025 | 930.60   |
| 553 R  | LOISEL, MATTHEW R        | 2025 | 1,849.10 |
| 456 R  | LONGSTREET, JEFF         | 2025 | 1,166.00 |
| 1408 R | LOWNEY, CAROL A          | 2025 | 1,037.30 |
| 544 R  | LUNT, KYM L              | 2025 | 376.20   |
| 766 R  | LYBARGER, CARLENE L      | 2025 | 1,634.60 |
| 123 R  | MACARTHUR, JAMES W       | 2025 | 502.17   |
| 448 R  | MALLETT, MARY            | 2025 | 738.10   |
| 1002 R | MALLEY, PATRICK KEVIN    | 2025 | 1,793.00 |
| 1839 R | MANASCO, GABRIELLE R     | 2025 | 223.30   |
| 184 R  | MARSTON, JARED D         | 2025 | 502.70   |
| 1781 R | MARTIN, TROY             | 2025 | 805.20   |
| 635 R  | McLAUGHLIN, JAY          | 2025 | 371.63   |
| 1642 R | MCNAMARA, JENNIFER       | 2025 | 150.22   |
| 1383 R | MECCA, VITO              | 2025 | 850.30   |
| 1154 R | MINER, PATRICK F JR      | 2025 | 931.70   |
| 1543 R | MINER, PATRICK F SR      | 2025 | 346.50   |
| 1075 R | MITCHELL, CHARLES M      | 2025 | 2,638.90 |
| 1713 R | MOISANT, MICHAEL J       | 2025 | 759.00   |
| 844 R  | MORTON, SCOTT W          | 2025 | 2,072.40 |
| 199 R  | MOSHIER, MINDY J         | 2025 | 530.20   |
| 98 R   | MURCHISON, DENISE P      | 2025 | 2,668.60 |
| 761 R  | MURCHISON, DENISE P      | 2025 | 526.90   |
| 1592 R | MURCHISON, DENISE P      | 2025 | 2,899.60 |
| 1377 R | NEFF, JOHN R JR          | 2025 | 882.20   |
| 874 R  | NELSON, FORD O           | 2025 | 2,444.20 |
| 1295 R | NEWMAN, FREDERIC M       | 2025 | 676.50   |
| 1414 R | PAGE, CHAD               | 2025 | 707.30   |
| 719 R  | PEASE, EDWARD C JR       | 2025 | 184.80   |
| 1140 R | PEASE, MICHAEL           | 2025 | 299.20   |
| 857 R  | PEASE, MICHAEL C         | 2025 | 3,149.30 |
| 1662 R | PELLETIER, WHITNEY R     | 2025 | 206.80   |
| 1764 R | PELLETIER, WHITNEY R     | 2025 | 247.50   |
| 1875 R | PERKINS, BRUCE           | 2025 | 33.00    |
| 941 R  | PERKINS, DARLENE R       | 2025 | 416.90   |
| 942 R  | PERKINS, DARLENE R       | 2025 | 298.10   |
| 1852 R | PHILBRICK, MARK W        | 2025 | 330.00   |
| 982 R  | POOLER, ROBERT A (HEIRS) | 2025 | 171.60   |
| 958 R  | POPLAWSKI, JOHN A JR     | 2025 | 772.20   |
| 300 R  | PRENTISS, DAVID S        | 2025 | 1,953.60 |
| 1516 R | PRENTISS, RICHARD        | 2025 | 2,823.70 |
| 1616 R | PRESCOTT, AFTON S        | 2025 | 114.68   |
| 101 R  | PRESCOTT, HEIDI          | 2025 | 905.30   |
| 975 R  | QUIGLEY, SUSAN A         | 2025 | 2,136.20 |
| 1625 R | QUIGLEY, SUSAN A         | 2025 | 204.60   |
| 1162 R | QUIMBY, FRANK R          | 2025 | 981.39   |
| 983 R  | RAMSDELL, BERNARD C      | 2025 | 2,877.60 |
| 989 R  | RAMSDELL, EDWARD J       | 2025 | 679.80   |
| 984 R  | RAMSDELL, HAROLD C JR    | 2025 | 1,589.50 |
| 992 R  | RANDALL, WENDY J         | 2025 | 1,421.20 |
| 1544 R | RICHARDS, AME L          | 2025 | 1,234.20 |
| 859 R  | RICHARDS, LAURIE         | 2025 | 524.70   |
| 1003 R | RICHARDS, MERTON D JR    | 2025 | 205.70   |
| 1600 R | RICHARDSON, AMBER        | 2025 | 104.50   |
| 1007 R | RING, DANNY L            | 2025 | 861.73   |
| 1008 R | RING, WILLIAM W          | 2025 | 2,759.90 |

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|------|---|---|------|----------|
| 1868 | R | ROBINSON, IAN C                           | 2025 | 763.40   |
| 105  | R | ROSS, JESSICA                             | 2025 | 468.60   |
| 1052 | R | ROSS, JESSICA                             | 2025 | 481.80   |
| 1092 | R | ROSS, JESSICA                             | 2025 | 14.30    |
| 1511 | R | RUGAN, CASEY A                            | 2025 | 557.70   |
| 672  | R | RUGAN, JEFFREY H                          | 2025 | 856.90   |
| 1828 | R | RUGAN, JEFFREY H                          | 2025 | 605.00   |
| 1533 | R | SALISBURY, MICHAEL J                      | 2025 | 279.40   |
| 1063 | R | SALSBUURY, DEREK L                        | 2025 | 3,375.90 |
| 1065 | R | SAMUELS, GUY A HEIRS                      | 2025 | 913.00   |
| 1874 | R | SCULLY, TAMMY                             | 2025 | 33.00    |
| 980  | R | SERIO, ARMAND C                           | 2025 | 976.80   |
| 195  | R | SHEPARD, PAMELA L                         | 2025 | 1,844.70 |
| 1691 | R | SHEPARD, PAMELA L                         | 2025 | 308.00   |
| 1234 | R | SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT                       | 2025 | 2,494.80 |
| 1235 | R | SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT                       | 2025 | 962.50   |
| 283  | R | SIMPSON, LESLIE D                         | 2025 | 1,608.20 |
| 381  | R | SMITH, MICHAEL                            | 2025 | 1,315.60 |
| 840  | R | SMITH, ROGER                              | 2025 | 518.10   |
| 532  | R | SOLL, ALLAN M                             | 2025 | 579.70   |
| 533  | R | SOLL, ALLAN M                             | 2025 | 17.60    |
| 1124 | R | SOLL, ALLAN M                             | 2025 | 2,450.80 |
| 1125 | R | SOLL, ALLAN M & CANDACE L                 | 2025 | 909.70   |
| 1126 | R | SOLL, ALLAN M & CANDACE L                 | 2025 | 1,025.20 |
| 1238 | R | STANKIEWICZ, BRENNAN                      | 2025 | 1,624.70 |
| 605  | R | STEARNS, JASON E                          | 2025 | 2,431.00 |
| 124  | R | STEWART, JENNIFER M                       | 2025 | 609.40   |
| 53   | R | STOCKMAN, KASEY                           | 2025 | 343.20   |
| 291  | R | STRICKLAND, WANDA, DENNIS JR., &<br>AMBER | 2025 | 1,900.80 |
| 1168 | R | SWAIN, THELMA J                           | 2025 | 748.00   |
| 1796 | R | TAYLOR, CHARLENE                          | 2025 | 162.80   |
| 1179 | R | TENENBAUM, EVE R                          | 2025 | 2,752.20 |
| 205  | R | THE FERNALD IRREVOCABLE TRUST             | 2025 | 0.82     |
| 414  | R | THE FERNALD IRREVOCABLE TRUST             | 2025 | 1.90     |
| 1471 | R | THOMPSON, MICHAEL                         | 2025 | 291.50   |
| 1475 | R | THOMPSON, MICHAEL                         | 2025 | 317.90   |
| 1476 | R | THOMPSON, MICHAEL                         | 2025 | 319.00   |
| 1204 | R | TOZIER, CLAUDE C III (HEIRS)              | 2025 | 554.40   |
| 686  | R | VILES, HUGH A                             | 2025 | 243.10   |
| 1470 | R | VILES, HUGH A                             | 2025 | 1,988.80 |
| 1872 | R | WARREN, DUAINÉ                            | 2025 | 32.00    |
| 405  | R | WESTON, BRUCE                             | 2025 | 71.50    |
| 483  | R | WHITE, CHRISTOPHER P                      | 2025 | 1,741.30 |
| 386  | R | WILLIAMS, JEREMY J                        | 2025 | 910.80   |
| 1281 | R | WILLIAMSON, CODY S                        | 2025 | 338.80   |
| 747  | R | WOOD, PRISCILLA G                         | 2025 | 435.60   |
| 288  | R | WU, JIAN JI                               | 2025 | 384.18 * |
| 1780 | R | WYMAN, JOSIAH W SR                        | 2025 | 996.60   |

\*Paid after closed date

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## Important Notice to Taxpayers

### Town of Canaan, Maine

In accordance with Title 36, MRSA Section 706-A, before making an assessment, the assessor shall give reasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation in the same municipality, to furnish to the assessor true and perfect lists of all their estates, not by law exempt from taxation which they possessed on the first day of April the same year. Any person after making such notice does not furnish such lists; he is hereby barred of this right to make application to the assessor or the county commissioners for an abatement of his taxes unless he furnishes such list with his applications and satisfies that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

**The Tax Collector will be in the Town Office March 26, 2026 to receive questions and comments on tax assessments. This form may be turned in to the tax collector at that time also, or at the Town Office before April 1, 2026.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Map \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

**Land and/or buildings** purchased since last April:

Description:

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#### **New Construction:**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Building** (if not completed indicate percent finished) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any improvements to the land (in ground pool, well or septic system)

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List the number of dogs presently in your household:

\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Neutered Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Spayed female

This property list is mandatory from any persons claiming exemptions under the statutes as

Veterans, Widows of Veterans, and the Blind. If you are one of these claimants, **you must File**

#### **This List**

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**Signature of property owner**

\*\* Please use an additional sheet of paper to list or record other property or comments

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## *2025 TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER REPORT*

As another year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on how much I have learned and grown in this role. It has truly been an honor to serve the residents of Canaan. I am grateful for the trust you place in me, and I look forward to the year ahead and the new challenges and opportunities it will bring. We are also excited about the upcoming move into our new office space in the weeks ahead.

I am especially thankful for the people I work alongside each day. Denise and Sam, thank you for your steady support and teamwork in the office – I am truly blessed to work with you.

To Betsy, Danielle, Becky, Linda, Makayla, and Alli – thank you for always taking the time to answer my questions and point me in the right direction. Your guidance helps me grow and allows me to serve our town more effectively.

Charlie, thank you for everything you do for our small but growing town. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Mike and the entire road crew, thank you for keeping our office accessible and safe during the winter months – especially with the plowing and shoveling.

Finally, to the Select Board, thank you for your continued support and leadership. I truly appreciate the opportunity to work alongside each of you. I could not do this job without your support.

Serving this community is something I do not take lightly, and I am thankful every day to be part of it.

*-Rachel Huntley*

### Abatements

Drew & Kane Bridger

Reilly Mayhew

Poverty Abatement

### Supplements

Kyle Bridger

**TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE**

**EXEPENDITURE REPORT FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS – 2025**

**The \$25,000 from surplus for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures into a contingency fund voted March 22, 2025, were not used and the amount remains in the surplus account.**

**Rachel Huntley, Treasurer**

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## 2025 Select Board Report

The Select Board is pleased to provide the following updates regarding major town projects, infrastructure planning, and the current fiscal landscape affecting our community.

### **Fiscal Challenges and Budgetary Management**

Like many municipalities, Canaan is navigating a difficult economic environment. Ongoing and increasing inflation has created significant challenges for our planned maintenance schedules. The rising costs of materials, fuel, and labor have necessitated a proactive approach to budget management.

To remain within the approved budget for the current fiscal year, the town has had to implement strategic decreases in supplies and scope of work for some maintenance projects. While we remain committed to the upkeep of town assets, these adjustments are necessary to maintain fiscal responsibility and avoid budgetary overruns in an unpredictable economy.

Two areas that have had to have adjustments are road work and recycling.

Recycling expansion was a learning curve this year and, even with changes we are planning for the coming year, will need ongoing assessment to continue to provide access for the town while keeping a budget reasonable.

The Road Committee members remain active in identifying and prioritizing town roads based on traffic volume and repair severity. We are hopeful that by having the bond funds for road work available before spring bidding, we will be able to get more accomplished with the road budget as asphalt is cheaper at that time of year. We also recognize that the amount we have allotted is not going to go as far as it would have 5 years ago.

### **Completion of Town Office Renovations**

We are happy to announce that the Town Office renovations are nearly complete. These improvements ensure a more efficient and professional environment for both residents and town staff. This project marks a significant milestone as it utilized the final remaining balance of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA). By strategically applying these federal funds, the town was able to complete these necessary upgrades without a direct impact on the local property tax rate.

### **Town Food Cupboard**

During a recent evaluation of the Canaan Town Food Cupboard resources by the Select Board, we discovered that the Town Food Cupboard is not registered as a Town of Canaan entity and is not legally able to be under town control. Therefore, the Town of Canaan is no longer legally able to oversee the bill payments and management of the Town Food Cupboard but have

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requested that the Town Food Cupboard organizers submit to the town as a charity organization instead so that we can continue to have this valuable resource in Canaan. Due to this change in structuring, you will see a new Article requesting if the Canaan taxpayers would like to continue with the previous plans to fund and manage the erection of a Town Food Cupboard building.

### **Acknowledgments**



Finally, the Select Board would like to extend a sincere thank you to all townspeople and employees who assisted with project assessments and management. Their expertise and dedication have been instrumental in navigating these complex projects and fiscal challenges.

# 2025 TOWN CLERK REPORT

DENISE B. STETKIS



- 23 BIRTHS
- 20 MARRIAGES
- 19 DEATHS

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Charles W. Albertson Jr.  | 79 |
| Vicki R. Berry  | 61 |
| Dorothy E. Burrill  | 96 |
| Homer O. Carter   | 66 |
| Michael W. Demo   | 87 |
| Ann L. Doughty  | 71 |
| Bernice L. Dunlap   | 97 |
| Brenda L. Fortin  | 84 |
| Gerald G. Gallant III   | 52 |
| Naomi E. Gustafson  | 76 |
| Clarence M. Jones   | 90 |
| Beverly G. Langley  | 92 |
| Harvest R. Larsen   | 47 |
| James H. Manson   | 79 |
| Milton E. Martin     | 78 |
| Roger L. Rancourt   | 71 |
| Clarice J. Smith  | 90 |
| Leroy A. Starbird  | 99 |
| Donna M. Williams   | 75 |

 Veterans

**Special Mention:**

Raymond B. Small 61  
*Former Fire Chief  
 & Road Commissioner*

*"Our lives are made  
 In these small hours  
 These little wonders  
 These twists and turns of fate  
 Time falls away  
 But these small hours  
 These small hours  
 Still remain"*

Song lyric, Rob Thomas

This is my 17<sup>th</sup> year as Town Clerk. When I started in fall of 2008, I was very naive as to the goings on in a town office. Things have changed over the years with this electronic age. Too many passwords to keep track of for all of us!

**The change in office hours** has given me the ability to use Fridays to come in and get things done that could not be accomplished during open hours. This upcoming year I will need to utilize that day for election work. **In 2026**, there is a municipal election in March; a School Budget vote and State Primary in June and the Gubernatorial in November. The paperwork for elections begins 3 months prior so please forgive me if you come in and I neglect to say hello! I will be immersed in mountains of paperwork!

**2025 ELECTIONS&TOWN MEETING**

The March town meeting was adjourned at 10:51am. There were 109 voters present. Our Annual Town Meetings are generally civil and everyone enjoys the meal provided by the **Farmers Hall** afterwards. If you haven't stayed for the meal, you're missing out!

**Randy Gray** was recognized and applauded for his many years of dedicated service to our town. We hope he is enjoying his retirement!

There were 265 votes cast for the municipal election. This was a great turnout since the year before we only had 138!

**STATE ELECTIONS!**

The **November 4<sup>th</sup> Referendum Election** was more popular than initially anticipated by Clerk's across the State. The State sends us a quantity of ballots based on previous election numbers. Many town clerks ran out of Election Day Ballots and had to call the Bureau of Elections and get permission to use the left-over absentee ballots which are the same ballots. We had 694 votes cast and 165 of those were absentee ballots.

**PLANNING TO SEMI-RETIRE!**

I am looking to semi-retire by 2028 if not sooner. There are many things I love about this job but I am looking forward to more time for recreational things like camping, hunting, fishing, and time with family and grandkids. With this semi-retirement plan, I can properly train your new clerk before I completely retire.

**THANK YOU!**

I have been fortunate to have a list of **election workers** to count on to help with each election. I would not be able to pull off any of it without them!

Thanks to my deputy clerk's **Samantha and Rachel!** Team work is everything!

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## 2025 Animal Control and Wildlife Report

This past year was extremely busy for me. I received several horse and cattle complaints that were all resolved. I had many domestic, feral cats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, rabbits and even guinea hens.

Birds and small animals do not have the right to trespass or enter your neighbor's property or state and county roads. Canaan does not have an ordinance in place for these types of issues but the State of Maine does – Title 7 §4041 which supersedes any town ordinances.

Skunks were numerous. All trapped and released. Except for an occasional deceased skunk.

Many vehicles vs deer calls. Most of them were picked up and disposed of with several being donated to needy families.

I received many ugly dog complaints including dog bites and lost dogs. On all dogs they need to be hooked on a chain or a rope when letting them out to do their business to prevent them possibly running away. Some dogs will leave their property and investigate other areas of the town.

Many feral cats and actual family lost cats. **Notice to the public: Waterville WILL NOT accept any more feral cats as they are too hard to re-socialize.**

It would be extremely helpful if you would put on your dog's collar with their rabies tag, tag with owners' telephone and municipal town tag so that they can be traced back to the dog owner. **I encourage all dog owners to have their dog chipped.** An easy resolution to lost dogs.

All dogs six months and older need to be registered and licensed with the town and must provide proof of rabies vaccine.

In closing, I hope you have a safe year. Please understand all pets are our family and need our help and love. We all need to understand that they give us unconditional love and attention.

I can be reached at (207) 399-8135 24 hours of the day, 7 days a week. All holidays.

**Respectfully,**

**Don Decker, Animal Control Officer/Nuisance Wildlife Officer**

## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

### Road Commissioner's Report

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the road crew for their hard work and dedication. Their commitment, skill, and effort throughout the year played a major role in the successful care of our roads and projects.

Road work completed this year included paving Salisbury Road and Morrill Pond Road, improving conditions and safety for those who travel them regularly.

We focused on maintaining town roads throughout the year and addressing necessary repairs as they arose to keep roads safe and passable. Ongoing maintenance and timely repairs remains a priority.

I appreciate everyone's input and communication, which helps guide our work and ensure we are addressing the town's needs. Thank you for your support and trust in the work that we do. I look forward to continuing this work and serving the town in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Road Commissioner  
Michael Robinson Jr.

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## General Assistance Report

General Assistance: *“a service administered by a municipality for the immediate aid of person who are unable to provide the basic necessities to maintain themselves or their families”*

In 2025: 7 household qualified for the following assistance:

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Electricity:            | \$139.80          |
| Oil:                    | \$1,919.70        |
| Rent:                   | <u>\$1,000.00</u> |
| <br>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | <br>\$3,059.50    |

The department of Health and Human Services reimburses the town 70% of the expenditures which is returned to the general fund.

I look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Canaan in the 2026 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Neal  
General Assistance Administrator

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SEXTON REPORT  
2025

This past year I pressure washed all the stones in every cemetery.

**2026 will be my last year for mowing and weed whacking after 46 years, I am retiring.**

It has been an honor to work for the Town of Canaan. I have met a lot of people through the years and have learned a lot.  
THANK YOU!

I would like to make a special thanks for all the people I have worked with through all the years.

Sincerely,  
David Hart

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## 2025 Planning Board Report

Greetings friends and residents of Canaan,

In 2025 the Planning Board members spent the year assisting our residents with Electrical hookups, Shoreland Zoning permits, a Subdivision amendment, Telephone / Cable hookups, required town permits and other things brought before by the townspeople of Canaan.

Code Enforcement Officer Charlie Worcester preformed the duties of Cannan Code Enforcement Officer for all of 2025.

As a reminder to everyone, the Planning Board has all the Town of Canaan ordinances, permits, comprehensive plan, and planning board information on the Town of Canaan website

We welcome questions and comments from the public in the new year.

### Summary of Activities

- Reviewed activities at First Park throughout 2025
- Put into action Cannabis Retail, Cultivate, and Processing Ordinance 03 22 2025
- 27 Applications
- 6 Occupancy
- 1 Violation
- 0 Unsafe Conditions

With regards.

*Walter Holland*

Walter (Dutch) Holland, Canaan Planning Board Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: the Planning Board does schedule meetings on the second Wednesday of the month due to the permitting/approval process of applications as needed. ADA MESSAGE: In order to ensure your complete participation, we would appreciate being informed of any special requirements you may have due to a disability.

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## **Canaan Historical Society 2026**

Once again we want to thank the residents of Canaan for their support in helping us preserve the history of Canaan. The above picture (? year) is the house on Easy Street where Howard and Barbara Sanders lived and raised their family. Their son, Mike, donated a number of his father's tools and his mother's paper records and we are grateful for these contributions.

We want to thank Kathy Perelka for sharing an old butter churn and antique glass bottle collection with us. Also we are grateful to Richard and Liza Ames for donating an heirloom toddler bed that was passed down through the Ames family. And a special thank you to Dan Harriman for donating an *1883 Atlas of Somerset County Maine*.

In 2025 Wyatt Fitzgerald painted our building and made some minor repairs and Quality Electric weatherproofed our exterior electric box and wiring. We thank them for their help in preserving this old schoolhouse.

We welcome contributions of items pertaining to Canaan's history such as tools, furniture, clothing, school memorabilia, newspaper clippings, photos (which can be scanned and returned to owner if requested), etc. Please contact Jeannie Dickie at 399-4401 or Becky Sumner at 431-9157 if you have questions about contributions or if you have questions about someone or something in Canaan's history that you would like more information.

Thank you,

Canaan Historical Society

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Dear Taxpayer,

The library has had a great year! As we head into the new year we look forward to offering programs and fun to your days. I'm excited to share with you a few of the programs we offered in 2025 and hope to offer you in 2026.

Our summer reading program, offered to everyone aged 1 to 101, had a total of 15 adult/teenage participants and 30 child participants. Our pre-school story time had 5 participants! For our book group, 6 community members frequently participated. The library also offered crochet classes and a kawandi quilting class. For programs led by those outside the library we were happy to host Wes Booth's magic show, Tickles the Clown, Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, Frogtown puppets, and author Matt Cost. These programs were all funded by an endowment awarded to the library.

At Easter the library filled 3500 eggs for our annual egg hunt, with a fun time had by all! Our community came together this winter holiday and the library was able to pass out filled stockings and gifts reaching 155 children with your generous support. Thank you once again for your continued dedication to our town and community.

As we look forward to 2026 we plan to provide you with wonderful programming. We will continue with our annual Easter egg hunt. We hope to continue offering filled stockings and toys at Christmas. Our summer programming will be filled with fun, magic, animals, clowns, and puppets. We have started a new home-school group at the library and we look forward to watching it grow. We also hope your families will join us for our new lego club.

I thank you for your support of the library and your attendance at our events. I look forward to serving you and the town of Canaan as a community. As always, if there is a program or event you'd like to see, or something the library can do to assist you please feel free to reach out. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you,  
Dixie Ring  
Library Director

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## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

### Greetings from Canaan Farmers Hall!

This past year we were able to make several much-needed improvements to this historic building thanks in large part to the COL group. This group is led by **Bev Goodridge, Jeannie Dickey, Pam Clark, Rhonda Allen, Winnie Hayden, and Andra Burrill**. They are an asset to the community. **Thank you, ladies!**

The improvements included painting the roof which should be good for at least 15 years and refinishing the dining room floor which apparently rarely had been done since it was built in 1897. It's beautiful and so much lighter! **Thank you, Randy Grant**, for organizing and overseeing both projects.

**CFH will host the Town Meeting again this year. A FREE potluck brunch for all will follow immediately after the meeting. PLEASE do join us!**

We rented out the hall for several weddings, parties, reunions and memorials at reduced rates for members. **Keep the hall in mind if you need a great space for an event.**

**Canaan Farmers Hall also served as the umbrella for Lake George Park season passes.** CFH provided 56 family passes to Canaan families at a free or reduced rate. We will offer that again this year. We do need at least 50 families signing up to qualify for the reduced rate. **Please be one of those families and take advantage of our beautiful park.** Email [canaanfarmershall@gmail.com](mailto:canaanfarmershall@gmail.com) or [kathyperelka@gmail.com](mailto:kathyperelka@gmail.com) for more information and applications for Lake George Park family passes.

**Bingo will return this summer!** Tune in and watch the sign for upcoming dates.

We said a sad goodbye to Shannon Carlock in September when she moved out of state to be closer to family. That said, we need a new treasurer! Please let us know if you would be willing to take this on.

**Our beautiful hall is funded by community membership. Please consider becoming a member for \$20 per person per year.** Membership runs from July 1 until June 30th following our calendar year. We need community support to keep the building in good shape and to provide an affordable place for community events.

Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted by the Canaan Farmers Hall Board

Kathy Perelka President/Treasurer  
Randy Grant Vice President  
Mary Stuart Secretary  
Maureen Delahanty  
Tim Haiss  
Mike Perkins  
Danny Ring  
Sam Sanborn

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



**Fire and Rescue Dept.**



In 2025 the Fire & Rescue Department responded to 188 calls as follows:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Rescue  | 66 |
| Structure/Chimney Fires                             | 6  |
| Mutual Aid to area Depts.                           | 31 |
| Grass/Brush Fires                                   | 8  |
| Recreational/Auto Accidents                         | 32 |
| Auto/Equipment Fires                                | 4  |
| Storm Related                                       | 17 |
| Misc Investigations (alarms, odor, electrical,etc.) | 24 |

All of our members at this department continue to work and train hard to provide our community with the emergency care we need. The Town of Canaan can be very proud of this team and their efforts.

Canaan Fire and Rescue is always ready at any given moment to serve the citizens of Canaan and our surrounding communities. We would like to thank the town for all of your continued support which allows us to do the work we do.

Over the last year our roster has continued to grow as we've gained 5 members. These men and women are willing, able, dependable and are proving to be great assets to our team.

We want to thank our auxiliary with their help throughout the year fundraising efforts which help this department with the equipment and education we need and in turn helps alleviate the financial burden on our taxpayers. Among some of the help the auxiliary has provided, they have helped in purchasing high visibility safety gear which will help our firefighters and EMT's be more visible to the public on accidents and traffic incidents as well as 4 new portable radios and 4 new pagers to allow our firefighters to do their job safely and effectively.

This year we were awarded a County grant which we were able to replace 3 aging and outdated SCBA units at the cost of \$30,000 and an EMS grant for roughly \$36,000 which we were able to purchase a cardiac monitor and all the necessary equipment needed to upgrade our EMS license from Basic to Advanced Level, which will allow us to provide a broader scope of quality care for our community

Sincerely,

Charlie Worcester, Fire & Rescue Chief

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## Consolidated Annual Summary Report (2025) and Goals (2026)

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### Lake George Regional Park

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February, 2026

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan and Canaan,

The Park has maintained course with its plan for new and improved supporting facilities, making further headway on the Social Hall project in 2025. The renovation of the existing Hall is almost complete and the construction on the addition is planned for the Summer of 2026.

East beach erosion due to high waters in the Spring of 2025 will require repair during the pre-season of 2026. DOT has indicated planned improvements to the culvert under Rt 2 in 2026, which should address the high water issues.

The Park continued the certified swim lesson programming during summer camps in 2025. With two WSI certified staff plus a 3rd lifeguard, basic water safety instruction was provided and swimmer competency assessments were made during Camp Podooc. In the 5th week of summer camp, "Swim Camp" provided certified swim lessons specific to level 1 and level 2 campers. Poor snow conditions the past couple of winters have impacted use of the trails for skiing and snowmobiling, thus the goal of increasing winter use of the Park has not been met.

Increased minimum wage requirements and other rising costs continue to create significant financial challenges for the Park. Raising revenue beyond use-fees remains critical for supporting operations. The Park continues to expand its two major event fundraisers; Maine's Garlic Fest and Somerset Snowfest (in partnership with Main Street Skowhegan). These programs along with several other annual fundraising efforts facilitated by the Board and staff help bridge the budget gap.

Laura Ellis will continue as Park Resource Manager in 2025. Laura also assists the Park with event planning; specifically Maine's Garlic Fest and Somerset Snowfest..

### Plan of Operation

- Lake George Corporation (LGRP); 501C-3 #FEIN #01-0477896
- Board of Directors ; Director; Park Resource Manager; Asst Park Resource Manager, Staff, TD4 Workforce Volunteers
- Insurance: Maine Municipal Association Certif# P01150PC2017

### Utilization of the property

- Group use picnics and gatherings, scenic natural areas, swimming, boating, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, building rental (west social hall), weddings (west island)
- Somerset Snowfest; Box Sled/Kayak & Ice Fishing Derbys, Chili Cookoff, Ice Hole,
- Children's day camps -
  - Camp Podooc; (2 two-week sessions);
  - Swim Camp (1 week),
- Maine's Garlic Festival; live music, food vendors, garlic education, arts & crafts, kids activities, recreation
- Concession "East Side Eats", Campground Store, Permit #2-33268
- Paddle equipment rentals
- Public Access to Boat Launch
- 35,000 visitors/year

### Fees

- Group Use \$5/person (if over 20 people); School groups \$1 per person
- Seasonal Park passes (Jan 1-Dec. 31): Indiv. Resident \$60; Indiv. Non-resident \$70; Resident Family \$90; Non-Res Family \$100
- Day Use Gate fees:
- Resident (Canaan, Skowhegan) Adults \$7/day ( State is subsidizing the fee reduction for 2025 & 2026); Non Resident Adults \$10/day; Children( 5-11) \$2/day; Children (under 5) FREE; Senior Citizens, (65+) FREE; Disabled Veterans FREE

### Key Projects/Maintenance Completed in 2025:

- Community Clean Up Weekend
- Ongoing trail & grounds maintenance
- Social Hall southside roof and ceiling complete
- Social Hall new porch entrance complete
- Social Hall interior wainscoting and drywall mostly complete
- Approved application for LWCF project extension to Fall 2027

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## Interaction with Bureau of Parks and Lands

Annual meeting with BPL planned for Spring of 2026; BPL representative is assisting with the Social Hall construction committee; BPL was the sponsor and applicant on behalf of LGRP for the 2021 LWCF grant application.

## Key Goals for 2026 (and beyond)

- LWCF projects (continuing)
  - Complete renovation of existing Social Hall
  - Landscaping, roadwork, and subslab work adjacent to Social Hall
  - New septic system for the Social Hall
  - Slab for the Social Hall addition
  - Construct Social Hall addition
  - New utility poles and lines bringing power to Social Hall (and future Dance Hall connection)
  - Repairs to East Beach erosion
  - Begin construction of East side playground and gardens
  - Instal camera system in the Park
  - Improve wayfinding and information signs
- Additional Projects:
  - Trail Improvements and additions
    - Technical Design Plan for designated trails (tbd)
  - Nautical playground and Modin Gardens construction
  - Renovate the Octagon Building - repurpose as playhouse for new playground
  - East Beach Pavilion
  - New roof on bath house East
- Continue a certified swim lesson program and a program to develop local lifeguards
- Work with Somerset Public Health & Skowhegan Outdoors to bring health awareness and health activity opportunities to Park goers and campers
- Collaborate with local agencies such as Skowhegan Parks & Rec, KVCAP, REACH, SCTC and others
- Continue to host Skowhegan Outdoors programming
- Continue seeking solutions to the ongoing issues along the "Park's East Entrance": (parking, littering, substance abuse issues). Formal enforcement needed.
- Continue boat rental program (non-motorized)
- Facilitate Somerset Snowfest and Maine's Garlic Festival

The Park remains committed to improving facilities and coordinating with activity programming in an effort to help bring about positive change relative to the health and vibrancy of the regional community.

The LWCF project continues until the Fall of 2027. For projects outside the realm of the LWCF award, the Park will continue to fundraise and will address in order based on fundraising success.

All of these efforts are geared towards new strategic programming of outdoor recreation activity, enhancing community collaboration, improving revenue potential for the Park and optimizing the park experience for users.

We are open to your feedback about how we can improve, and look forward to continually strengthening the community collaborations that preserve Lake George as an exceptional natural resource for all to enjoy.

In service,



Darryll White, Director



JP Kennedy, President, Board of Directors

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## TOWN OF CANAAN

### 2025 SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

After a late start, our new facility finally opened and is running smoothly, but as with any new program there is always the need for adjustment. The unpredictable amount of Bulky Waste we took in ate up our Solid Waste budget and forced the facility to close early. For the upcoming year we have redone the program a little with budget changes, fee scale for bulky item, tires, etc. These changes will help with these overbearing costs and will help us keep the facility open all year, to serve the taxpayers of Canaan.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we get this program ironed out. Thank you to our Recycling team, you've done a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Worcester

Solid Waste/Recycling Mgr.

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## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

Code Enforcement Officer

Plumbing Inspector

2025 Report

Again 2025 was another busy year. Numerous phone calls, emails and messages were taken for inquiries, plans, information and clarifications. This is a good thing, it shows the homeowners and contractors want to do the right thing, the right way and I appreciate you for that, it makes all of our jobs run smoother.

Many permits which include 26 plumbing permits and multiple Occupancy Certificates and Shoreland Zone permits, were issued for new residential, new and or expanding businesses and multiple other projects.

It is important for anyone planning on earth moving projects near any body of water or wetlands must install erosion controls such as hay bales and/or silt fencing, the law mandates any contractor that moves earth within any Shoreland Zoning District must be certified in erosion and sedimentation control practices by the State of Maine DEP, they can and will impose fines of up to \$2,500 per day on ant projects without proper erosion control in place.

I have and will continue to work closely with other officials local, County and State to insure any complaints and violations are improved or resolved in a timely and legal manner. Sometimes verbiage in and ordinance or a misinterpretation of the law can cause confusion and or delays in the process. Myself, the Planning Board and the Select Board are working diligently on these issues as they arise.

I again would like to thank the select Board, Planning Board and the ladies in the Town Office for all of your help, this job could not be done without you.

I will continue to work hard and I look forward to providing our community with the best possible service in 2026.

Sincerely,

Charlie Worcester

Code Enforcement Officer

Plumbing Inspector

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## SOMERSET COUNTY *Maine*

Somerset County Government is proud to serve the public good by providing services to our nearly 52,000 residents every day. County governments are making news around the state as budgets come under scrutiny. In 2025, the Somerset Budget Committee approved a county budget that had no net increase to the taxpayer.

The County Commissioners are committed to making decisions with the property taxpayer in mind. In the spring of 2025, the county partnered with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) to provide regional Code Enforcement services to towns with populations under 4,000. The program is up and running with services being offered in several Somerset towns.

The County invested \$15,000 in Code Enforcement Software to help KVCOG streamline the permitting process. This was one of several Community Benefit grants awarded by the Commissioners. \$280,000 in grant funding was awarded to 26 groups representing 16 communities in Somerset. Applications for the next round of funding need to be submitted by May 8, 2026. More information on the Community Benefit Matching Grant program can be found on the county website <https://somersetcountymaine.gov/funding-opportunities/>

In late 2025 District 2 Commissioner Cyp Johnson stepped away from his seat as he moved out of the district and could not continue to represent the Towns of Madison, Anson, Starks, Smithfield, Mercer and New Portland. A special caucus of municipal officers was held in November. Don Skillings from Madison was appointed to fill the vacancy. The District 2 seat will be up for election in the fall of 2026 along with Districts 3, 4 and 5.

Long time Emergency Management Director Mike Smith retired at the end of 2025 with over 25 years of service to the County. Eric Plourde also joined the ranks of the retired after serving in Somerset's I/T department for 15 years. We wish them the very best in their new ventures.

On behalf of all County employees, it is our pleasure to serve our communities.



Tim Curtis

Somerset County Administrator

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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## 2025 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

January 1, 2026 began my 12<sup>th</sup> year as your Sheriff. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County.

The Office of Sheriff oversees the operations of the law enforcement division, the County Jail, Court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 Towns, 6 Plantations, and 83 Unorganized Townships. In 2025, I finished my 2-year obligation as Immediate Past-President of the Maine Sheriff's Association (MSA). This year, I was selected by my peers to remain on the MSA Executive Board as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I continue to serve on the Board of Directors for NESPIN (New England State Police Information Network). I am also a Board member for the Statewide County Corrections Professional Standards Council.

### Law Enforcement

The Patrol Division is comprised of 15 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. The Unorganized Townships have 2 Patrol Deputies dedicated to patrolling that large geographic area. The Town of Madison funds 3 Patrol Deputies, a 32-hour Secretary/Dispatcher, and 1 School Resource Officer. The Patrol Division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Patrol Division conducted 1,566 traffic stops and covered 1,087 reportable motor vehicle crashes. The Patrol Division arrested/summoned 862 individuals in Somerset County. The Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy graduate from the 48<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. The Sheriff's Office has 1 K9 unit, 1 Drug Recognition Expert, 1 crash reconstructionist, 1 forensic mapper, 1 drone operator, and 3 firearms instructors. In 2025, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office law enforcement division transitioned from the brown and tan uniform to a new green and tan uniform.

The Criminal Division is comprised of 5 Detectives, 1 Detective is assigned to the District Attorney's Office, and 1 Detective is dedicated to investigating crimes against persons. The Criminal Division is overseen by a Detective Sergeant and a Detective Lieutenant. In 2025, the Criminal Division obtained 59 search warrants pertaining to numerous criminal investigations. The Criminal Division executed 42 illegal drug related search warrants in 2025 which resulted in the seizure of over 1,260 grams of Fentanyl and cocaine, methamphetamine, controlled pills, approximately, 2,100 pounds of processed marijuana, \$24,000.00 in suspected illegal drug proceeds, 2 motor vehicles, and 9 firearms, and 44 individuals being charged with illegal drug related crimes. From January, 2024 to date, the Criminal Division has obtained and executed 25 drug search warrants relating to suspected illegal marijuana plant cultivation/processing activities throughout Somerset County. To date, approximately 30,000 marijuana plants, 2,600 pounds of processed marijuana, approximately \$53,000.00 in suspected illegal drug proceeds, and 8 motor vehicles have been seized, and 16 individuals have been arrested/charged with illegal marijuana plant cultivation/trafficking activities. In 2025, the Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robbery, burglaries, thefts, aggravated assaults, and sexual abuse cases. The Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. 2 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

### Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 3 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff. At the time of this report, the Jail is fully staffed. The Somerset County Jail is now 18 years old. In January 2026, the Jail underwent an American Corrections Association audit. The Jail had 100% compliance on mandatory standards and will

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remain nationally accredited. The Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In December 2025, the Jail entered into a multi-year contract to house 40 Waldo County inmates. The first-year revenue to Somerset County will be approximately \$1.4 million. The Jail continues administering Sublocade to inmates who identify with an Opioid Use Disorder as part of our medically assisted treatment program. In 2025, we administered 415 Sublocade injections. The Jail also successfully transitioned 32 individuals directly from jail into residential treatment programs. The Sheriff's Office continues to collaborate with Somerset Public Health to provide a Care Coordinator for Substance Use Disorder. In 2025, the Jail also collaborated with Somerset Public Health in planting gardens and growing more than 4,000 pounds of fresh produce. The food was donated to local elementary schools to help combat food insecurity among students in our communities. In 2025, 4 inmates earned their high school equivalency diplomas while incarcerated. In 2025, the Jail recorded 1,519 total bookings, a 14% increase from 2024.

## Civil Process

The Civil Division is comprised of 1 full-time Coordinator/Secretary and 4 part-time Civil Deputies. In 2025, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,469 papers to process and serve. That is a 10.3% increase from 2024.

## Calls for Service

- In 2025, the Sheriff's Office received 13,432 calls for service from our residents.
- During 2025, the Sheriff's Office responded to 1152 calls for service from the Town of Canaan. Calls included 76 motor vehicle stops, 84 motor vehicle accidents, 25 calls requesting citizen assistance, 19 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for burglary, theft, criminal threatening, assault, harassment, welfare checks, and requests for other police services.
- In 2025 the Sheriff's office transitioned to a new records management system.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.

I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across our state's 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



Brad Farrin  
Senator, District 3

132<sup>nd</sup> MAINE SENATE

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Having been elected to my fourth term in the Maine Senate, it remains an honor to represent our communities, and I am committed to continuing my work on behalf of working families, veterans, and the rural towns that make this region such a great place to call home.

The First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature adjourned in March and July of 2025, respectively. The Second Regular Session will convene in January 2026. With hundreds of bills carried over, the next session will be a busy one, with continued focus on responsible budgeting, workforce challenges, and access to essential services across rural Maine.

This year, the Legislature enacted several measures I sponsored to support military families and veterans. LD 31, which I introduced and which was signed into law in May, helps provide greater school stability for children of military families during relocations by allowing them to remain in their current school, enroll early in a new district, or attend school where they will live with a noncustodial guardian. This law is a practical step to reduce disruption for families who serve our country.

Strengthening rural health care access was another priority. Two bills I sponsored this session became law and improve flexibility and access for patients and providers. LD 238 allows EMS personnel to work across care settings without conflicting licensing requirements, helping address workforce shortages and maintain continuity of care. LD 239 allows retail pharmacies to establish remote sites in underserved areas with appropriate oversight and virtual support, improving access to medications and pharmacy services for rural Mainers.

The Legislature also passed LD 366, legislation I supported and sponsored to improve tax fairness for retired uniformed service members. This law updates Maine's income tax code to include retirement benefits from the Space Force, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Public Health Service, aligning state law with the federal definition beginning in tax year 2026.

As we look ahead to the next session, I will continue to advocate for policies that support veterans, strengthen rural healthcare, and keep Maine an affordable place to live and work.

Thank you again for placing your trust in me as your State Senator. Please feel free to contact my office at (207) 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or need assistance with a state agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Farrin".

Brad Farrin  
State Senator

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# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



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January 2026

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I am honored by the opportunity to continue serving as your State Representative for District 69 in the Maine House of Representatives during the Second Session of the 132nd Legislature. In order for me to represent you as effectively as possible, I encourage you to share your thoughts and perspectives on the issues that are important to you and your family.

Using the legislative homepage at: [legislature.maine.gov](http://legislature.maine.gov), you can follow all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House. From there, you may review bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings, or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate. Committee hearings are also accessible via Zoom, allowing you to observe or provide testimony on legislation.

During this Session, I continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry. This Committee is vital for our region as we engage on a variety of matters including agricultural fairs, animal welfare, the dairy industry, farmland preservation, the Dept. of Conservation, state parks, public lands, Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC), forest management, the Land for Maine's Future Program and Baxter State Park.

If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at [Dean.Cray@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dean.Cray@legislature.maine.gov).

Again, thank you for providing me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean A. Cray".

Dean A. Cray  
State Representative

Proudly Serving House District 69  
Canaan/ Detroit/ Palmyra/ Hartland/ St. Albans

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## NOTES OF PROCEDURE & TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The MODERATOR presides over Town Meeting in accordance with MRSA Title 30A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's Maine Moderators Manual

### REGISTERED VOTERS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE REGISTRAR

- **PROCEDURE:** The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond “so moved” then “second”. The Moderator will then open discussion on the motion.
- **Amendments:** An amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that **they can only be decreased, not increased**. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon. **Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor. Yes or No written vote.**
- **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required – please keep your hand raised until Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. A vote for “all in favor” means – yes, you want the motion to pass, “all opposed” means – no, you want the motion to fail.  
**Challenges:** A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator’s determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state “I doubt it”; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting.
- **Written ballots:** any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded, **no discussion is allowed** before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
- **If you wish to speak on an article:** wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand – when the Moderator has recognized you, then you may speak or proceed to a microphone if one is provided
  - State your name for the record & whom you represent if applicable
  - **Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator**
  - State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion
  - The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion
- **Order, Prohibitions:**
  - The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
  - Personal or accusatory comments are out of order; comments should be respectful and courteous.
  - **At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate or introduce a topic that is not on the warrant.**
  - **Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator:** the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or otherwise engaging in other distractions. **Cellular phones must be turned off; with the exception of emergency responders.**
  - If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.

**Special Note: The following is the “Proposed Warrant”. There are occasions where legally there could be Warrant articles added, edited or deleted from what has been printed in the Town Report. Therefore: in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A§2523, please check the legal posting of the Warrant seven days prior to Town Meeting posted at: Town Office, Canaan Post Office and Canaan Superette.**

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**TO:** Diane Caffyn, Resident of the Town of Canaan, County of Somerset

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the **CANAAN FARMERS HALL on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2026 at 9:00am** in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to assemble at the **Canaan Town Hall on Monday, the 23rd day of March, from 8:00 am** then and there to act upon **Article 2 by secret ballot** as set out below, the **polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.**

**ART. 1 :** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

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**ART. 2 :** To elect all necessary town officers by secret ballot.

To choose by ballot, the following town officials, namely, one **Select Board/Assessor** for a **three-year term**; one **Road Commissioner** for a **one-year term**; one **MSAD #54 School Board Member** for a **3-year term**.

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**ART. 3 :** To see if the Town will adopt for collection of taxes in the year **2026**; all taxes are due and payable upon commitment; advance or partial payments may be made; to allow a **2%** discount on all taxes paid in full within **30 days**; charge interest at the rate of **7.0%** per annum after **30 days** from the date of mailing; all taxes outstanding on **January 31, 2027** will be listed in the Town Report.

**ART. 4 :** To see if the Town will vote to require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs, personal representative or devisees 30 days to repurchase the property for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; if no repurchase occurs, the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C. If 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, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

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## ART. 5 :

- A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.
- B. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors the use of overlay to pay for abatements.
- C. Shall the Town vote to authorize the treasurer to collect plumbing permit fees from the plumbing inspector and in turn pay the State for such fees.
- D. To see if the Town will approve 2/12 of the budget for the **2027** fiscal year, making expenditure of funds legal during February and March **2027**.
- E. To see if the Town will vote to continue to honor the "Inter-local Agreement" with the State of Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands to operate and manage Lake George Regional Park. (Skowhegan-Canaan Inter-Local, twenty-year, Agreement passed at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting).
- F. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to turn over to Lake George Corporation the State of Maine's payment in lieu of taxes for **2026**, should they be reinstated to the Town of Canaan in the next year (they were rescinded by the State in 2018).
- G. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to allocate the snowmobile registration money received from the State of Maine for the upkeep and maintenance of trails, and to allocate any other funds received from grants designated to snowmobiling to the Canaan Bog Bouncers.
- H. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and submit said applications to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- I. To see if the Town will vote to hire equipment at state rates.
- J. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to collect fees & fines associated with animal control actions and apply said fees & fines to the animal control expense account.

ART. 6 : To see if the Town will vote to close the **Food Cupboard Building Reserve Fund** and transfer the balance of **\$102,337.25 plus accrued interest at date of transfer** to the General Fund.

ART. 7 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Food Cupboard Building Reserve Fund. (*if the prior article, ART.6, passes, this article shall be passed over*).

ART. 8 : To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to transfer **\$3,388.73** in **overdrafts from surplus** for the following budget accounts:

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Solid Waste Reduction      | <b>\$1079.89</b>  |
| General Care of Cemeteries | <b>\$2,308.84</b> |

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**ART. 9 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$515,876.62** for Town Expenses.

**Note:** For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows.

|  | 2025 Raised   | 2026 Request  |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| (3) SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS  | \$ 9,000.00   | \$ 9,000.00   |
| SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE  | \$ 300.00     | \$ 300.00     |
| TOWN CLERK + Clerk Fees  | \$ 8,525.00   | \$ 9,225.00   |
| REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  | \$ 7,025.00   | \$ 7,745.00   |
| EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR   | \$ 35,370.00  | \$ 36,070.00  |
| ELECTIONS  | \$ 8,500.00   | \$ 9,500.00   |
| TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR, SECRETARY                              | \$ 44,010.00  | \$ 46,000.00  |
| LIFE SAFETY DIRECTOR   | \$ 65,000.00  | \$ 65,000.00  |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION                                       | \$ 1,000.00   | \$ 1,000.00   |
| CEO/SOLID WASTE - SECRETARY                                      | \$ 2,500.00   | \$ 2,500.00   |
| GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR                                 | \$ 6,200.00   | \$ 6,500.00   |
| DEPUTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE  | \$ -          | \$ 500.00     |
| GENERAL ASSISTANCE   | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 5,000.00   |
| GA ADMINISTRATION- EDUCATION, DUES & SUPPLIES                    | \$ 620.00     | \$ 680.00     |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER   | \$ 8,000.00   | \$ 8,000.00   |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SUPPLIES                                  | \$ 250.00     | \$ 250.00     |
| ANIMAL SHELTER   | \$ 4,846.53   | \$ 4,846.53   |
| NUISANCE WILDLIFE REMOVAL  | \$ 2,300.00   | \$ 2,300.00   |
| TOWN OFFICE-GENERAL SUPPLIES & EXPENSES                          | \$ 13,000.00  | \$ 16,500.00  |
| TOWN OFFICE- ASSISTANT(S) WAGES                                  | \$ 26,000.00  | \$ 26,000.00  |
| TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES  | \$ 8,500.00   | \$ 8,500.00   |
| TOWN OFFICE EDUCATION  | \$ 700.00     | \$ 700.00     |
| TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT  | \$ 8,900.00   | \$ 7,200.00   |
| TOWN OFFICE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE                                 | \$ 8,000.00   | \$ 8,000.00   |
| INSURANCE  | \$ 36,772.00  | \$ 40,924.00  |
| UNEMPLOYMENT   | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 5,000.00   |
| WORKERS COMPENSATION   | \$ 13,710.00  | \$ 11,222.00  |
| SOCIAL SECURITY  | \$ 44,000.00  | \$ 44,000.00  |
| MAINE PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE                                  | \$ 2,600.00   | \$ 2,800.00   |
| TRIO SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT                                  | \$ 21,625.94  | \$ 21,087.60  |
| TAX DISCOUNT   | \$ 38,000.00  | \$ 41,000.00  |
| ASSESSING  | \$ 27,400.00  | \$ 28,000.00  |
| LEGAL EXPENSE  | \$ 4,000.00   | \$ 4,000.00   |
| <b>2026 AUDIT</b>  | \$ 11,400.00  | \$ 16,000.00  |
| MMA DUES   | \$ 3,323.00   | \$ 3,416.49   |
| KVCOG DUES   | \$ 2,940.00   | \$ 2,940.00   |
| FIRST PARK   | \$ 7,187.00   | \$ 7,270.00   |
| STREET LIGHTS  | \$ 4,000.00   | \$ 4,500.00   |
| FOOD CUPBOARD - <i>now a separate article</i>                    | \$ 12,325.00  | \$ -          |
| FOOD CUPBOARD SITE BUILDING FUND - <i>now a separate article</i> | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ -          |
| CHILDRENS SPORTS SKOWHEGAN REC PROGRAM                           | \$ 2,400.00   | \$ 2,400.00   |
| <b>Totals</b>  | \$ 520,229.47 | \$ 515,876.62 |

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**ART. 10 :** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer an amount not to exceed **\$25,000.00** for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures from **surplus into a contingency fund**. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent annual report.

**ART. 11 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$23,000.00** for summer Camp Podooc for Canaan children in grades 1-6 implemented at **LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK** for **Two 2 Week programs** (*placement by grade*) for **up to 85 children**.

**ART. 12 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,300.00** for **PLANNING BOARD** expenses.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                            | 2025 Raised        | 2026 Request       |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Chairperson                | \$ 800.00          | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Secretary                  | \$ 800.00          | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Members                    | \$ 2,100.00        | \$ 2,500.00        |
| General Expense & Hearings | \$ 800.00          | \$ 800.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>              | <b>\$ 4,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 5,300.00</b> |

**ART. 13 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the **Road Commissioner \$30.00** per hour, not to exceed **\$67,200.00** per fiscal year. Road crew and miscellaneous labor up to the rate of **\$23.50** per hour. Truck driver-equipment operator up to **\$25.00** per hour.

**ART. 14 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account toward the purchase of **highway department motorized equipment** to be decided on by the Road Commissioner and approved by the Select Board.

**ART. 15 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$21,521.15** to pay on a **4-year lease** for the **2025 plow truck**.

**ART. 16 :** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$40,000.00** from anticipated motor vehicle excise revenue to be placed in a reserve account designated for future road improvements.

**ART. 17 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$215,975.56** for debt service.

|                                   |           |              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Maine Municipal Bond Bank:</b> | Interest  | \$13,119.34  |
|                                   | Principal | \$202,856.22 |

*Note: The funds have already been committed during previous town meeting and this is the 2026 payment amount.*

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**ART. 18 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$217,200.00** for **Winter Road Maintenance**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                          | 2025 Raised          | 2026 Request         |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Labor                    | \$ 60,000.00         | \$ 60,000.00         |
| Salt & Sand              | \$ 75,000.00         | \$ 80,000.00         |
| Gas/Diesel/Oil           | \$ 21,000.00         | \$ 21,000.00         |
| Hired Equipment & Towing | \$ 5,000.00          | \$ 5,000.00          |
| Garage Maintenance       | \$ 4,700.00          | \$ 4,700.00          |
| Garage Supplies          | \$ 3,500.00          | \$ 3,500.00          |
| Equipment Maintenance    | \$ 35,000.00         | \$ 35,000.00         |
| Utilities                | \$ 8,000.00          | \$ 8,000.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>\$ 212,200.00</b> | <b>\$ 217,200.00</b> |

**ART. 19 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$157,700.00** for **Summer Road Maintenance**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                          | 2025 Raised          | 2026 Request         |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Labor                    | \$ 60,000.00         | \$ 60,000.00         |
| Hired Equipment & Towing | \$ 6,500.00          | \$ 6,500.00          |
| Gravel/Sand/Geo-Textile  | \$ 20,000.00         | \$ 20,000.00         |
| Culverts                 | \$ 15,000.00         | \$ 15,000.00         |
| Pavement Maintenance     | \$ 10,000.00         | \$ 10,000.00         |
| Dust Control             | \$ 6,000.00          | \$ 6,000.00          |
| Gas/Diesel/Oil *         | \$ 12,000.00         | \$ 12,000.00         |
| Tires                    | \$ 6,000.00          | \$ 6,000.00          |
| Education                | \$ 200.00            | \$ 200.00            |
| Signs/Posts/Mulch Hay    | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 4,000.00          |
| 911 Road Signs           | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ 2,000.00          |
| Roadside Brush Cutting,  | \$ 16,000.00         | \$ 16,000.00         |
| Mowing & Removal         |                      |                      |
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>\$ 157,700.00</b> | <b>\$ 157,700.00</b> |

**ART. 20 :** To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$19,250.00** from the **Morrill Pond Culvert reserve account to the Hilton Bridge (Red Bridge Road) reserve account** for the cost of the removal of the unsafe bridge (*amount represents the split cost between Canaan and Skowhegan*).

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**ART. 21 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$52,660.00** for **CEMETERIES**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                                    | 2025 Raised         | 2026 Request        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Care of Cemeteries         | \$ 43,000.00        | \$ 49,040.00        |
| Soldier Lots                       | \$ 700.00           | \$ 700.00           |
| Restore Headstones (non-perpetual) | \$ 1,200.00         | \$ 1,200.00         |
| Maintain Cemetery Roads            | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Utilities                          | \$ 400.00           | \$ 720.00           |
| Fence                              | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Building                           | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| <b>Totals</b>                      | <b>\$ 46,300.00</b> | <b>\$ 52,660.00</b> |

**ART. 22 :** To see if the Town will vote to pay the **Sexton \$27.00** per hour and **helpers \$20.00 - \$22.50**.

**ART. 23 :** To see if the town will raise or appropriate **\$71,370.40** for municipal health insurance for full-time employees.

**ART. 24 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$76,858.00** for the **LIBRARY**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                           | 2025 Raised         | 2026 Request        |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General                   | \$ 21,650.00        | \$ 24,408.00        |
| Librarian Director Salary | \$ 26,000.00        | \$ 28,000.00        |
| Personnel                 | \$ 24,450.00        | \$ 24,450.00        |
| <b>Totals</b>             | <b>\$ 72,100.00</b> | <b>\$ 76,858.00</b> |

**ART. 25 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,090.00** for **CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                              | 2025 Raised        | 2026 Request       |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Electricity                  | \$ 700.00          | \$ 840.00          |
| Lawn Mowing                  | \$ 450.00          | \$ 500.00          |
| Museum Supplies              | \$ 550.00          | \$ 550.00          |
| Fire Extinguisher Inspection | \$ 80.00           | \$ 200.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>\$ 1,780.00</b> | <b>\$ 2,090.00</b> |

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**ART. 26 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$79,600.00** for the **CANAAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|  | 2025 Raised         | 2026 Request        |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Department Expense - General   | \$ 15,600.00        | \$ 16,600.00        |
| Capital Improvement Fund   | \$ 4,000.00         | \$ 4,000.00         |
| Assistant Chief (2)  | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 4,000.00         |
| Captains (2)   | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |
| EMS Administrator (2026 included in Asst. Chief amt)                     | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ -                |
| Medical Director   | -                   | \$ 500.00           |
| Firefighter Nominal Fee/Stipend  | \$ 10,000.00        | \$ 10,000.00        |
| Firemen/Rescue Equipment & Training, Immunization & Fire Prevention Week | \$ 23,500.00        | \$ 28,500.00        |
| Matching Funds   | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |
| Equipment/Truck Maintenance  | \$ 11,000.00        | \$ 12,000.00        |
| Fire Chief Personal Truck Used for Dept. Business                        | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>\$ 72,100.00</b> | <b>\$ 79,600.00</b> |

**ART. 27 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account toward the purchase of **Fire Department motorized equipment** to be decided on by the Fire Chief and approved by the Select Board.

**ART. 28 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** in matched grant funds to be utilized for and accept a \$30,000 Somerset County Grant requiring 50% matching funds with the intent to purchase 3 new SCBS units to replace existing outdated units.

**ART. 29 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$167,900.00** for **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|                                      | 2025 Raised          | 2026 Request         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Expense                      | \$ 2,500.00          | \$ 2,500.00          |
| Utilities                            | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ 1,500.00          |
| Labor                                | \$ 20,000.00         | \$ 16,000.00         |
| Solid Waste Disposal/MSW Tipping Fee | \$ 85,000.00         | \$ 120,000.00        |
| Recycling Center Lease               | \$ 15,000.00         | \$ 19,200.00         |
| Contingency Fund                     | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 4,000.00          |
| Equipment Maintenance                | \$ 1,500.00          | \$ 1,500.00          |
| Pittsfield Recycling Site User Fee   | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ 2,000.00          |
| Septic Disposal                      | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ 1,200.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>                        | <b>\$ 132,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 167,900.00</b> |

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**ART. 30 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$33,223.00** for **NON-PROFITS**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

|  | 2025 Raised         | 2026 Request        |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| American Red Cross                                   | \$ 1,500.00         | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Canaan Food Cupboard                                 | \$ -                | \$13,975.00         |
| Family Violence Project                              | \$ 4,100.00         | \$ 4,100.00         |
| Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County                | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Kennebec Behavioral Health Center                    | \$ 2,500.00         | \$ 5,000.00         |
| KVCAP Transportation Services                        | \$ 800.00           | \$ 800.00           |
| Maine Public Broadcasting Network                    | \$ 100.00           | \$ -                |
| Maine Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness | \$ 500.00           | \$ -                |
| Northern Light Home Care & Hospice                   | \$ 250.00           | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Senior Spectrum Generations                          | \$ 1,102.50         | \$ 1,102.00         |
| Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center               | \$ 768.00           | \$ 768.00           |
| Sweetser Mental Health Recovery Education            | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| The Children's Center                                | \$ 1,211.50         | \$ 1,180.00         |
| The Lifeflight Foundation                            | \$ 548.00           | \$ 548.00           |
| Volunteers of America - Northern New England         | \$ -                | \$ 250.00           |
| Winslow Food Cupboard                                | \$ 1,500.00         | \$ 1,500.00         |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>\$ 16,380.00</b> | <b>\$ 33,223.00</b> |

**ART. 31 :** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate **\$21,461.88** from **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for purposes they deem advisable so long as they adhere to the specific terms and conditions that limit the use of the funds.

**ART. 32 :** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% from Local Road Assistance Program (formerly URIP) to reduce the **2026** taxes.

**ART. 33 :** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from an anticipated amount of motor vehicle excise tax to fund the highway expenditures, **\$400,000.00**.

**ART. 34 :** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to reduce the **2026** taxes, **\$275,000.00**.

TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

*The Selectmen hereby give notice that, in addition to the regular town office hours, the Registrar of Voters will be on duty Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of Town Meeting, from 9:00 a.m. until meeting adjourned and Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, the day of election, from 8:00 a.m. until the election of officers, required by law to be by ballot, shall have been completed to hear and decide upon the application of persons claiming a right to vote.*

*Given under our hands the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Hey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Harriman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Clarke

*A True Copy of the Warrant,*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Denise B. Stetkis, Clerk of Canaan*

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## SAMPLE BALLOT STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE MARCH 23, 2026

Town Clerk

### Instructions to Voters

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- ◆ Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- ◆ To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and municipality of residence on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL. If you do not fill in the oval, your vote can not be counted.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

| <b>SELECT BOARD/ASSESSOR</b><br>3 Years<br>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE | <b>ROAD COMMISSIONER</b><br>1 Year<br>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE | <b>MSAD #54 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER</b><br>3 Years<br>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Bean, Vanessa H.<br>Canaan                      | <input type="radio"/> Campbell, Cody A.                          | <input type="radio"/> Franklin, Jean L.<br>Canaan                                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Dawe II, William I.<br>Canaan                   | <input type="radio"/> Robinson, Jr., Michael W.                  | <input type="radio"/> .....Write-in   |
| <input type="radio"/> .....Write-in                                   | <input type="radio"/> .....Write-in                              | <input type="radio"/> .....Write-in   |

SAMPLE

TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**TOWN OF CANAAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FISCAL YEAR END 01/31/2026**

*The financial report was not available at printing time, it will be made available, pursuant to Title 30A §2801, no later than 3 days prior to Annual Town Meeting and at the Town Office.*

**Auditors:**

**RHR SMITH & COMPANY**

**3 OLD ORCHARD RD**

**BUXTON, ME 04093**

**TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE**

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY  
7:00AM – 5:00PM  
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM -6:00 PM  
CLOSED FRIDAYS**

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TAX COLLECTOR-474-8976      [canaantaxcollector@gmail.com](mailto:canaantaxcollector@gmail.com)

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- ❖ **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DONALD DECKER** 207-399-8135
- ❖ **ASSESSOR BECKY ADAMS** [pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com](mailto:pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com)
- ❖ **BURN PERMITS CHARLES WORCESTER** 431-1922
- ❖ **CANAAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 474-3901
- ❖ **CANAAN FOOD CUPBOARD** (*emergency # only*) 474-5408
  - ❖ *Generally* open 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1pm - 3pm
  - ❖ Pick up monthly schedule at the Town Office
- ❖ **CANAAN POST OFFICE** 474-3349
- ❖ **CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS** **Tues** 12-5 **Wed** 10-6, **Fri** 10-5, **SAT** 9-12
  - ❖ DIXIE RING, LIBRARIAN DIRECTOR 474-2149 [www.canaan.lib.me.us](http://www.canaan.lib.me.us)
- ❖ **CANAAN RECYCLING** CHARLES WORCESTER 858-5370
  - ❖ **SEE TOWNS WEBSITE FOR CURRENT HOURS**
- ❖ **CODE ENFORCEMENT** CHARLES WORCESTER 858-5370
- ❖ **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** 508-545-3132
- ❖ **MAINE WARDEN SERVICE** 941-4440
- ❖ **NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL** DONALD DECKER 207-399-8135
- ❖ **ROAD COMMISSIONER TOWN GARAGE** 474-6174
- ❖ **SELECT BOARD MEETING** Check Towns Website for Monthly Schedule!
- ❖ **CEMETERY SEXTON DAVID HART** 446-4884
- ❖ **SHERIFF SOMERSET COUNTY** 474-9591
- ❖ **STATE POLICE TROOP C, SKOWHEGAN** 474-3350
- ❖ **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS S.A.D. #54, SKOWHEGAN** 474-9508