

Town of Industry



Robert A. Geisser

Select Board - 20 yrs
Firefighter - 25 yrs

2023 Annual Report



Joseph E. Paradis Jr.

Road Commissioner - 14 yrs
Fire Chief - 19 yrs
Select Board - 3 yrs

We want to take this time to recognize Robert Geisser and Joseph Paradis for their many years of service to the Town. They have shown long-term dedication to the Town through their multiple positions over the years.

We extend a grateful and sincere thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Town of Industry and community members.

ANNUAL REPORT
for the
TOWN OF
INDUSTRY, MAINE

For the Year Ending
December 31, 2023

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2023 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Elected Officials

Select Board

Earl L. Ireland, Chair – 2026
Robert A. Geisser – 2024
Stewart K. Durrell - 2025

RSU 9 Director

Richard Ruhlin - 2024

Appointed Officials

MUNICIPAL CLERK / REG. OF VOTERS ANGELINA G. DAVIS
TAX COLLECTOR..... ANGELINA G. DAVIS
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR & TREASURER BARBARA VISCHER
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR & TREASURER ASHLEY HAYDEN
TREASURER ANGELINA G. DAVIS
ROAD COMMISSIONER.....RAY KELLEY
FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY D. HARDY
CEO / ADDRESSING OFFICER THOMAS MARCOTTE
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ERIN RYAN
LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR THOMAS MARCOTTE
HEALTH OFFICER..... ERIN RYAN

Appointed Boards

Planning Board

L. Kawika Thompson, Chair	Douglas Hand
Daniel Maxham	Richard Pierce
Paul Priebe	Vacant
Paul Pelletier	

Appeals Board

Stephen Kearing - 2027	Dean Look - 2027
Thai Sinkinson - 2027	Vacant
Vacant	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Office Hours

Tuesdays – Wednesdays - Thursdays 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Town Office Holiday & Election Day closure dates

Election Day – March 5, 2024

Election Day – June 11, 2024

Independence Day – July 4, 2024

Election Day – November 5, 2024

Thanksgiving – November 28, 2024

Christmas Day – December 25, 2024

New Year's Day – January 1, 2025

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Board Meetings

Select Board: First and third Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board: Third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ March 5, 2024 – Presidential Primary 8:00 am–8:00 pm (office open for election activities)
- ❖ March 9, 2024 – Annual Town Meeting, Voting of Officers 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Business Meeting 2:00 pm
- ❖ April 1, 2023 - Property is assessed to the owner of record
- ❖ June 2024 – 30-day notices for all unpaid 2023 taxes will be mailed
- ❖ June 11, 2024 – Primary Elections 8:00 am – 8:00 pm (office open for election activities only)
- ❖ October 1, 2024 – Last day to pay property taxes without incurring interest
- ❖ October 15, 2024 – 2025 Dog Licenses become available
- ❖ November 5, 2024 – Election Day 8:00 am – 8:00 pm (office open for election activities only)
- ❖ November 28, 2024 – Nomination Papers available for the 2025 Town Meeting
- ❖ December 31, 2024 – Dog Licenses Due
- ❖ January 7, 2025 – Nomination Papers due to Clerk
- ❖ January 31, 2025 – Last day to license dogs without incurring a \$25 State late fee
- ❖ March 8, 2025 - Annual Town Meeting, Voting of Officers 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Business Meeting 2:00 pm

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE:

Re-Registration: Old registration, current insurance card, and mileage.

New Registration (Dealer Sale): Proof of sales tax paid (usually found on financing statement), title application form, current insurance card, and mileage

New Registration (Private Sale): Bill of Sale, title for vehicle 25 model year and newer, current insurance card, and mileage

New Registration (Transfer): Same as private sale registration above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from. This vehicle must no longer be owned by you to receive the excise tax credit.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT/CAMPER:

Re-Registration: Old registration

New Registration (Dealer Sale): Proof of sales tax paid (usually found on financing statement), ME-assigned number on used recreational vehicles.

New Registration (Private Sale): Bill of Sale, ME-assigned number, and serial number.
Horsepower and length required for boats.

New Registration (Transfer): Same as private sale registration above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

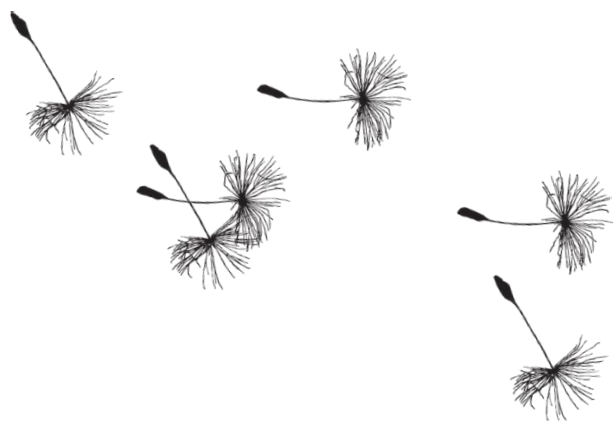
Current rabies certificate and neutering/spay certificate (must be original from the vet).

As required by Maine State law, every dog over 6 months of age shall be licensed by its owner in the Town where the dog resides before December 31st annually. The fee for spayed/neutered dogs is \$6.00, and for unaltered dogs, the fee is \$11.00. The mandatory State late fee of \$25 will be applied after January 31st.

In Loving Memory

2023

Sylvia Ann August	February 14, 2023
Cheryl Denise Augustine	December 18, 2023
Tracy Beverly Beale	February 7, 2023
Sherman Alton Carter	June 3, 2023
Calvin Charlie Churchill	May 10, 2023
Maurice A Lescault	October 20, 2023
Scott Nelson Lisherness	June 25, 2023
Eugene Vincent Nile Jr.	June 20, 2023
Margaret Jean Plancon	December 20, 2023
Elizabeth Jean Thomas	June 6, 2023
Howard Tracy	May 12, 2023





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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

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

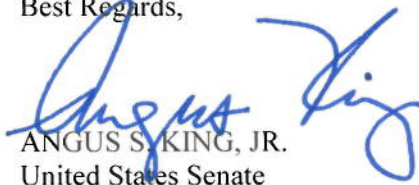
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



Senator Russell Black
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the 5.5% vehicle sales tax and 40% of the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at russell.black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black
State Senator



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January 2024

Greetings to all my friends in the Town of Industry,

As we enter 2024, the Sheriff's Office answered 346 calls for service in the Town of Industry in 2023. This is one of the few towns we've seen a consistent level of complaints, and we are happy about it. The trend we have been seeing in other towns countywide includes an increase in mental health calls as well as drug overdose calls. Recognizing that we cannot do it all, we have reached out to various community partners to help us deal with drug issues, mental health issues, and other social needs.

Community Partnerships include, but are not limited to:

- Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach, Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS program) – This program is funded by the Office of Behavioral Health at DHHS with the goal of keeping individuals alive by providing intensive support post non-fatal overdose. The Sheriff's Office participates as Law Enforcement Agency champion.
- Franklin Community Health Network (FCHN) – The office works closely with our local healthcare system to ensure we're providing the best care for individuals with severe mental health issues or incarcerated individuals with who need medical care outside of the Jail.
- Kennebec Behavioral Health – the Sheriff's Office works to make referrals and support the Recovery Coach work being done in Franklin County
- Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) – HCC is the community health arm of the county and provides programs and services to address some of the biggest health needs. Part of this work is securing state, federal and private foundation funds. Our focus areas include Substance use, Mental Health, Social Needs and outreach and access to care. The Sheriff's Office is involved in many of the community health initiatives from prevention to treatment and is a key partner in many federal grants.

Over the last year the department identified community needs related to safety, violence, and mental health. To help bring additional resources into Franklin County we identified potential federal grants and partnered with the Healthy Community Coalition to apply. Out of the three grants submitted, the Sheriff's Office was awarded two of them.

School Violence Prevention Program

Secured nearly 500,000 dollars grant to improve the safety of our schools by providing technology, equipment, and training. We are partnering with MSAD 53, RSU 9, RSU 73, the Stratton School, and the Rangeley School to complete a school safety assessment, develop a process for improvement based on the biggest needs and highest impact.

C.O.P.S CHP (Community Hiring Program)

With the increase of calls related to substance use, mental health and violence, this program supports additional staff to support the ongoing law enforcement needs of the County. We will be working with the Commissioner's Office to plan how to best implement this program.



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January 2024

Community Collaborations:

The Sheriff's Office partners on many grants and community groups that support the health and wellbeing of our communities.

These include:

- Rural Addiction Care Expansion (RACE) Consortium –
 - To work collaboratively to reduce death associated with substance/opioid use disorder and increase access to treatment and recovery services.
 - Activities:
 - Identifies gaps and unmet needs.
 - Data sharing between Agencies
 - Works together to solve problems with access to care.
 - Explores funding opportunities.
 - Works with individuals directly sharing resources.
- Recovery Center Advisory Board –
 - This past year Franklin County opened its first recovery center. The Sheriff's department has been instrumental in the development of the center and provides leadership on the advisory board.
- Western Maine Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Consortium – Healthy Babies.
 - The overall goal of this project is to reduce the incidence and impact of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in babies in the rural Western Maine Region by improving systems of care, family support and social determinants of health. The Sheriff's department is on the steering committee for this work.

Funding to support these projects is from the Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA), the Maine Access Foundation (MeHAF), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and Maine CDC to mention a few.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support that you have provided over the years to the Sheriff's Office. We could not be as successful as we have been without you as our partner. Contact me anytime at 207-778-2680 or email me at snichols@franklincountymaine.gov if you wish to discuss an issue.

I pray 2024 will be a blessing to you all.

Respectfully,


Sheriff Scott R. Nichols



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Call Type	Call Total	Call Type	Call Total	Call Type	Call Total
911 Hang up	34	Emergency Mental Health	4	Parking Complaint	2
Abandon MV	0	Escort/Transport	3	Request for phone call	22
Alarm	1	Footbeat	0	Remove Subject	0
Animal Complaint	9	Follow up investigation	0	Road Hazard	8
Arrests	0	Fire Alarm	0	Sex Offenses	1
Assist other officer	2	Found Property	0	SORNA violation	0
Assault	1	Fire, vehicle	0	Security Check	0
Assist Citizen	12	Fire, structure	2	School Admin Action	0
Assist other agency	1	Follow up investigation	16	Shots fired/fireworks	4
Attempt to locate	0	Harassment complaint	6	Special Detail	0
ATV/Snowmobile	1	Information	9	Suicidal person	4
Bail/Probation check	0	Intoxicated Person	0	Suspicious Activity	17
Barricaded subject	1	Juvenile Offenses	0	Theft/Fraud	10
Background check-firearms	0	K-9 Assist	1	Threatening complaint	2
Burglary	0	Late Report	3	Traffic Control	0
Building Checks	9	Lost & Found prop	1	Tree in road	0
Civil Issue	8	Fire/tree/lines down	2	Trespass complaint	2
Complaint other	8	Medical Emergency	4	Vandalism	3
Community policing	3	Missing Person	1	Vio of Protection Order	0
Death Investigation	3	M/V accident injuries	5	Warrant Arrest	1
Dispatch Information	0	M/V complaint	3	Warrant Search	0
Disturbance	4	M/V accident no injury	21	Welfare Check	16
DHHS Referral	1	M/V traffic violations	50	Warrant/Probation check	1
Disabled MV	3	Noise Complaint	0	Weapons Violation	0
Domestic Disturbance	4	Paperwork Service	4		
Elder Check	13				
Total calls for Service	346				

Northern Lites Snowmobile Club



Our club would like to say thank you to the citizens of Industry for your ongoing support. We would also like to acknowledge our landowners for their cooperation and dedication to allowing the club and all of the snowmobile enthusiasts to use their land and resources for the enjoyment of all.

The club works diligently to keep trails groomed and maintained, signage in place and accurate, and makes sure the travel area is accessible and safe, but without the support of our residents and landowners, there would be no club.

In closing, let me just say a huge Thank You to everyone who supports and assists our club, and here's to many more years of fun and recreation in Industry.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Nutting
Secretary, NLSC

Clearwater Food Pantry

The Clearwater Food Pantry primarily serves the communities of Industry, Chesterville, and New Sharon. We also have a few families in need coming from Anson, Starks, and Skowhegan.

We would like to thank the town Industry for the support they continue to give the Clearwater Food Pantry. During the winter months, they have kept the driveway and area, where clients receive food, cleared of snow and in the warmer months they keep the grassy areas mowed. Boxes of food are delivered to the vehicles while clients choose their produce and dairy. We thank you for those services creating a safe place for all.

During 2023 the food pantry received surplus from TFAP through Good Shepherd. Our shelves are stocked with nonperishable food, especially rice and dried beans and peas. Each order includes nonperishable items plus fresh produce, bakery items, meats, eggs when available, and dairy items all donated each week by the Hannaford store in Farmington. Please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity when you shop there. A few individuals and groups have donated personal care and cleaning items. Shorey Chapel donated gift cards for the Thanksgiving baskets and provided snack bags for children.

In 2023 we provided 50 families with Thanksgiving Boxes.

The number of families coming to the pantry has been impacted by the increase in SNAP funds families received. We averaged 38 families with 48 adults, 23 seniors, and 25 children with 96 unduplicated served. We also gave out emergency boxes to families in need. We do not turn away anyone needing food.

We appreciate the hard work of the director, Brenda Bickford, and all of the folks who generously volunteered hours, allowing the pantry to run smoothly. We have a number of volunteers who are certified by Good Shepherd in Food Safety. With your support, we were able to safely provide nutritious food to families in need. THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Palmer, Clearwater Food Pantry

Industry Community Kitchen

The Industry Community Kitchen is a not-for-profit organization led by a dedicated group of volunteers. Our goal is to provide a place for people of all ages to gather to enjoy a free meal and a warm place to socialize with other community members and friends.

We hold gatherings while taking precautions using a sign-in sheet with contact information in order to alert members if someone attending has contracted COVID. The health and safety of our guests is of utmost importance in making the decision to keep attendees informed.

Our monthly socials meet on the first Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Industry Town Hall. Lunch is served at noon. Come for the social part with crafts, games, or speakers on topics of interest to the group, or come just for the lunch. We have averaged 20-25 in attendance.

This year the directors raised fund to donate to programs benefiting our community such as Operation Santa for children and FAEM's ECU-Heat Program in which anyone in need of heating assistance can apply. We thank the community for their support at our Boiled Dinner and bake sales. We couldn't have done it without their support.

We have dedicated members on the board who donate the food, time, and energy for each luncheon. We invite and welcome new members, guests, and folks who would like to volunteer during the social hours or other fund raising events. For more information please contact us at 778-4158 or 778-6722.

Board of Directors

Amy Palmer, President Carol Prentiss, Vice-President Vicci Hamel, Secretary

Debbie Horne, Treasure Patty Hickey, Assistant Treasurer Pat Coro

Phyllis Mason Evelyn Cushman Debbie Oliveira Kathy Card

Founder -Rosemary Fraizer

Lovejoy Witherly Endowment Fund

The Lovejoy-Witherly Endowment is available for residents of Industry who are 60 years of age or older and need assistance paying their utility expenses and/or real estate taxes.

If you fit the parameters of the trust and need assistance you may speak to one of the Select Board members or complete an application that is available at the Town Office or online at www.townofindustry.com/documents

In 2023 assistance was granted to 4 residents.

Waste & Recycling

Recycling

The Town of Industry contracts recycling with the Town of Farmington. The Farmington Recycling Facility is located at 179 Dump Road in Farmington.

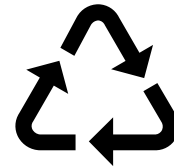
Hours of Operation

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 am – 2 pm

Saturday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm.

What to Recycle

- ❖ Newspapers and magazines
- ❖ Corrugated Cardboard
- ❖ High Grade Paper
- ❖ Mixed Paper
- ❖ Glass Containers
- ❖ Colored HDPE (#2) Plastics – Bottles
- ❖ Natural HDPE (#2) Plastics – Bottles
- ❖ Steel Cans (tin cans)
- ❖ Aluminum
- ❖ Compost
- ❖ Fluorescent Bulbs (Residences only)
- ❖ Mercury Containing Products (Residences only)
- ❖ Batteries
- ❖ Tires – Antifreeze – White Goods – Waste Oil (Place in designated areas)



Waste Disposal

The Town of Industry does not provide curbside pick up for trash. You may contract with a local hauler. Bulky waste items may be disposed of at the Farmington Recycling Facility for a fee.

Archie's Inc./J&J Disposal provides trash drop-off at the Farmington Recycling Facility for a fee.

A complete copy of the 2023 audit report
will be available at the Industry Town
Office when it is completed.



R.H.R. Smith & Company
3 Old Orchard Road
Buxton, ME 04093



Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' and Treasurers' Association

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October 13, 2023

Mr. Lee Ireland
Chair Selectboard
Town of Industry
1033 Industry Road
Industry, ME 04938

Dear Mr. Ireland,

Congratulations are in order for the Town of Industry. The Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' and Treasurers' Association has approved Angelina G. Davis as a re-certified Treasurer. This certification process has required many hours of dedication to achieve. The certification process requires that applicants receive training in a number of courses that relate to their field of expertise.

Angelina will be recognized for receiving certification in the MMTCTA newsletter *Dollar\$ and Sense* and her certificate will be awarded at the 2024 MMTCTA Annual Conference.

The MMTCTA understands the investment of time and resources it takes to achieve this status. You may want to check with the Town's insurance carrier to see if this would entitle the Town to a discount on your public official's liability insurance or bond insurance for this position. We encourage you to ask your insurance company and find out.

Congratulations once again!

Sincerely,

Julie Giles
Chairperson
MMTCTA Certification Committee

Municipal Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Again, throughout this year we saw some more changes to the office staff. Barbara Vischer joined us at the beginning of the year and unfortunately resigned in September for a better employment opportunity. Ashley Steward Hayden came aboard and has been with us since September.

As a friendly reminder, all dogs 6 months and older are required to be licensed in the State of Maine. Dog licenses expire on December 31st each year. Please bring a current rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate (if recent), with you when you license your dog. All dogs licensed after January 31st are subject to a \$25 late fee. If you no longer own a dog, kindly notify the Town Office at 778-5050 or townofindustry@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angel Davis, CCM

2023

Vital Statistics

Births: 6

Deaths: 11

Marriages: 6

Dog Licenses

Male/Female: 50

Neuter/Spay: 114

Service Dog: 0

Kennel: 0

Election Turnout

2023 Town Meeting: 29 ballots cast

RSU 9 Budget: 25 ballots cast

Nov. Referendum: 307 ballots cast

Registered Voters: 712



Code Enforcement Officer
E-911 Addressing Officer
Report For 2023

TO: The Select Board and the Citizens of the Town of Industry

While Industry does not administer or enforce the Maine Building Code a permit is still required for many activities. Permits are required under the:

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
Building Setback Ordinance and
Floodplain Management Ordinance

Any construction to build or expand a structure, particularly within 250' of the pond, or within 75' of most other water bodies and wetlands, may need a permit. Please contact me so that I can assist you in the preparation of the application for the project.

If you have concerns about a land use activity let me know and I will inspect the project to make sure it has the proper permits.

As the E-911 Addressing Officer, I assigned new street numbers and street names to keep the Town current with the E-911 addressing standards. While all E-911 changes are done via computer, actual measurements still may have to be conducted in the field before the information can be entered into the database.

If you have questions about the Town's land use ordinances or E-911 addressing, please contact me at 684-4111. I am also frequently in the municipal building so you can also leave a message for me there.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marcotte
Code Enforcement Officer
E-911 Addressing Officer

Animal Control Officer

To the Select Board, and the Citizens of Industry:

First I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Industry for their support during my first year as your Animal Control Officer. Second, I would like to thank my husband/deputy: Mike Ryan for all his support and hard work this past year.

All in all 2023 was a great year that seems to have flown by and I can't to see what 2024 brings.

This year I worked on updating some of our Dog Control Ordinances, helped facilitate animal surrenders, made wellness checks, worked with the animal shelter and citizens of this town to get more of Industry's large cat population spayed and neutered, helped lost animals find their way home, help stray animals find new homes, snuggled some donkeys, made friends with a few goats and a cow.

In closing, I would like to once again thank everyone for their trust and support as Animal Control Officer. We look forward to another successful year.

Thank You:

Erin Ryan

2023

Calls

Wildlife - 5
Animal Trespass – 17
Barking Dog – 5
Animal Surrender – 7
Stray / Missing / At Large Dog – 31
Goat / Pig / Cow – 11
Wellness Checks - 11



Plumbing Inspector's Report
For 2023

TO: The Select Board and the Citizens of the Town of Industry

In 2023, I issued fourteen plumbing permits. Eight were for septic systems and six were for internal plumbing.

The Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules, which were updated and revised in September of 2023, require that a permit be issued for all septic system installations and that the Plumbing Inspector conduct a minimum of two inspections during the construction of the system. Also, the Maine Internal Plumbing Code requires that a permit must be issued by the Plumbing Inspector for most interior plumbing and that plumbing also has to be inspected.

Enforcement of the State septic system and internal plumbing rules did not require legal action by the Town and any problems identified were corrected.

I can be reached at 684-4111 if you need a permit or an inspection or if you have questions about interior plumbing or septic systems.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marcotte
Plumbing Inspector

Treasurer's Report 2023

REVENUE

General Government

Agent Fees	5,579.85
Sale of Town Equip	16,752.00
Banking Interest Earned	5,847.19
Boat Excise	2,150.00
Homestead Exemption	55,427.00
Misc. Income	485.00
MV Excise	172,095.81
Property Taxes	1,462,452.61
State Revenue Sharing	133,072.65
Supplemental Taxes	2,720.00
Tax Acquired Prop. Sale	26,555.64
Tax Interest	6,631.23
Tree Growth	16,763.83
Veteran's Exemption	501.00

Town Hall

Town Hall Rent	1,220.00
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Public Works

LRAP	22,252.00
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Enforcement

Dog Fees	748.00
Building/Land Permits	785.00
Plumbing Permits	1,631.25

Parks and Recreation

Snowmobile Reimburserr	470.02
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Trust Accounts *(interest earned)*

AM Cemetery Trust	4.98
Cemetery Trust	20.60
Lauriston A. Smith Fund	0.12
Lovejoy-Witherly Fund	8.91

Social Services

Gen. Asst. Reimburse.	1,135.38
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Grants

CLIA Milfoil Grant	6,207.47
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Bank Account Balances

Town Operating (checking)	802,554.42
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	2,663.00
Lauriston A. Smith Fund	755.73
Cemetery Savings	3,674.48
Lovejoy-Witherly Fund	27,400.68
Allens Mills Cemetery Assn	17,642.61

2023 Expense Report

ADMINISTRATION

General Government

Budget		35,000.00
Expenditures	35,220.84	
Unexpended Balance		-220.84

Debt Service

Budget		1,000.00
Expenditures	0.00	
Unexpended Balance		1,000.00

Town Hall

Budget		12,000.00
Expenditures	11,371.36	
Unexpended Balance		628.64

Insurance

Budget		24,000.00
Expenditures	16,044.50	
Unexpended Balance		7,955.50

PUBLIC WORKS

Town Garage

Budget		5,000.00
Expenditures	5,171.01	
Unexpended Balance		-171.01

Equipment

Budget		70,000.00
Expenditures	112,447.34	
Unexpended Balance		-42,447.34

Summer & Winter Roads

Budget		260,000.00
Expenditures	256,167.00	
Unexpended Balance		3,833.00

Equipment Purchase		
Budget		100,000.00
Loader/Backhoe Purchase	90,000.00	
Unexpended Balance		10,000.00

Street Lights		
Budget		5,000.00
Expenditures	4,884.53	
Unexpended Balance		115.47

Plow Truck Debt		
Budget		17,040.00
Expenditures	17,039.99	
Unexpended Balance		0.01

Garage Design Construction		
Budget		51,648.00
Expenditures	0.00	
Unexpended Balance		51,648.00

PROTECTION

Fire Department		
Budget		35,000.00
Fire Dept Operating	32,177.17	
Unexpended Balance		2,822.83

Fire Dept Administration		
Budget		30,000.00
Town of Farmington	22,500.00	
Unexpended Balance		7,500.00

Ambulance		
Budget		9,872.50
NorthStar Ambulance Subsidies	9,872.50	
Unexpended Balance		0.00

ENFORCEMENT

Animal Shelter		
Budget		1,892.00
Franklin County Animal Shelter	1,891.20	
Unexpended Balance		0.80

Animal Control Officer		
Budget		3,200.00
Expenditures	3,229.50	
Unexpended Balance		-29.50

Code Enforcement Officer		
Budget		4,300.00
Wages	4,305.97	
Unexpended Balance		-5.97

Plumbing Inspector		
Budget		1,180.00
Wages	1,162.62	
Unexpended Balance		17.38

PARKS & RECREATION

LakeFront Improvements		
Budget		4,000.00
Expenditures	2,840.75	
Unexpended Balance		1,159.25

Library		
Budget		850.00
Farmington Public Library	790.00	
Unexpended Balance		60.00

Snowmobile		
Budget		470.00
NorthernLites SC	470.02	470.02
Unexpended Balance		-0.02

HEALTH & SANITATION

Recycling/Waste Disposal		
Budget		3,877.00
Town of Farmington	3,876.96	
Unexpended Balance		0.04

Recycling Attendant		
Budget		2,425.00
Recycling Attendant Wages	2,111.48	
Unexpended Balance		313.52

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Municipal Officials Salaries

Budget		73,500.00
Salaries & Wages	65,768.21	
Unexpended Balance		7,731.79

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Expenses

Budget		7,000.00
Expenditures	6,579.44	
Unexpended Balance		420.56

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

County Tax

Budget		172,595.22
Franklin County Tax	172,595.22	
Unexpended Balance		0.00

Education

Budget		1,013,072.73
RSU 9	1,013,072.73	
Unexpended Balance		0.00

Overlay

Budget		30,222.21
Abatements	855.26	
Unexpended Balance		29,366.95

Lovejoy-Witherly Endowment

Budget		0.00
Expenditures	2,938.04	
Unexpended Balance		-2,938.04

Milfoil Program

Budget		0.00
Expenditures	6,208.47	
Unexpended Balance		-6,208.47

SOCIAL SERVICES

General Assistance

Budget		3,000.00
Expenditures	3,221.97	
Unexpended Balance		-221.97

Property Tax Assessment

Assessments are based on the status of the property as of April 1st of the tax year. Tax bills will be mailed to the owner of record as of April 1st, and if known to the Town a copy will be mailed to any new owner. Property valuations can be adjusted at any time during April, or until the taxes have been committed to the Tax Collector. Upon commitment, the valuations become a permanent record and may only be changed through the abatement process.

2023 VALUATION, ASSESSMENT & COMMITMENT

COUNTY TAX	172,592.22
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	626,402.21
LOCAL EDUCATION	1,013,072.73
OVERLAY	30,222.21
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	1,885,811.22
STATE REVENUE SHARING	115,244.00
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT	57,859.37
OTHER REVENUE	250,257.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	366,613.90
NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT	1,462,450.85

REAL ESTATE VALUE	102,377,793.00
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT VALUE	3,896,254.00
TOTAL VALUATION BASE	<u>98,481,539.00</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION BASE	98,481,539.00
TAX RATE	x .01485
AMOUNT COMMITTED TO TAX COLLECTOR	<u>1,462,450.85</u>

Tax Collector

Property tax collections for 2023 represent 95% of the total tax commitment. Listed below and on the following pages are the collection detail and schedule of taxes and liens receivable.

TAXES	
COMMITTED	1,462,450.85
SUPPLEMENTALS	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	1,462,450.85
ABATEMENTS	0.00
COLLECTED	<u>1,381,609.19</u>
TOTAL	1,381,609.19
BALANCE	
UNPAID	80,841.66

By State Law (1MRSA 30-A §2801) A delinquent taxpayer list (taxes delinquent on the date at the close of the fiscal year, December 31, 2023) must be included in the annual Town Report.

A * has been added to all those accounts paid in full after December 31, 2023. Two ** have been added to those accounts that have had a partial payment made.

Respectfully submitted,

Angel Davis

OUTSTANDING TAXES

2023

Acct	Property Owner	Total Due
164	ADAMS, SHERMAN G JR	357.89
165	ADAMS, SHERMAN G JR	374.22
3	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	2,853.43
4	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	368.28
461	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	270.27
9	AMES, JOHN A	219.78
652	AUGUST, JESSE J	565.42
21	BAKER, JOHN ROBERT	1.09
* 163	BEAN, AUSTIN ESTATE	287.65
64	BONSALL, WILLIAM	1,589.18
74	BRACKETT, PAUL	66.83
77	BRENNAN, STEVEN D	681.68
* 79	BRIGGS, RONALD E	129.21
88	BROWN, RICHARD J	795.72
87	BROWN, RICHARD L	190.08
89	BUBAR, ROGER	1,906.46
94	BURD, MICHAEL S	2,386.24
116	CENTEIO, JOHN S	304.43
469	CHICK, ISSAC A	1,031.33
865	COTRUPE, TESSA LYNNE	3.69
186	DAVIS, LAURIS SCOTT	1,741.02
967	DULEY, THOMAS WADE	0.79
253	FENDERSON, WILLARD T II	191.57
258	FISSETTE, JAMES A	46.04
285	GATES, EVE M	5,390.55
287	GENDRON, LIONEL P	360.86
289	GERRISH, JANET	615.53
310	GOVONI, SCOTT M JR	64.60
* 319	GREEN, BRENDA	172.26
* 317	GREEN, BRENDA I	348.98
* 318	GREEN, BRENDA I	13.37
321	GREENLAW, TIMOTHY	346.01
962	HALL, DUANE ANTHONY	3.01
349	HALL, ERIC C	1,576.33
673	HARRISON, ELVA J	208.19
925	HARRISON, ELVA J. & NELSON, DAVID	69.80
341	HOLT, CAROL SUSANNE	636.32
384	HOWARD, ANTHONY E	1,720.37
270	HUSTUS, CATHERINE E	168.70

Acct	Property Owner	Total Due
393	HYDE, SANDRA	418.03
834	HYDE, SANDRA	362.34
425	KESSINGER, CHARLES	665.28
431	KOMULAINEN, WENDALL JR	290.32
458	LEWIS, DAVID	2,326.25
414	LINGER LONGER, LLC	622.22
** 885	MASON, JOHN A	356.11
924	MASON, KYLE	74.25
25	MAZZA, DAVID C	429.17
920	MCNEAR, BRENT S	154.44
501	MERRILL, BARBARA J.	495.43
503	MERRITHEW, JON A	343.78
96	MORRIS, SAMUEL	207.90
342	MORRIS, SAMUEL	2,169.59
537	NILE, OWEN R	2,305.46
33	NILO, VINCENT E III	2,475.50
538	NILO, VINCENT E III	625.19
546	NUTTING, DORENE E.	106.18
692	OLIVEIRA, DONALD A	1,539.20
558	OSBORNE, DUSTIN N	480.40
562	OSBORNE, MICHAEL	92.23
565	O'TOOLE, PATRICK W	455.90
578	PARLIN, MARY P	1,021.53
579	PARROTT, ROBERT I	304.43
585	PECK, COLIN C T	5,467.77
632	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	542.77
835	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	218.30
839	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	442.53
** 633	RACKLIFF, DONALD S	671.96
634	RACKLIFF, REGINALD B	550.19
644	REILLY, JAMES	1.49
653	RICHARDS, ROBERT P. ESTATE OF	28.22
53	RIDINGS, HEATHER	985.38
** 658	ROBBINS, BEVERLEY, PATRICIA, LINDA, EDWARD, DAVID	1,021.15
309	ROMANO, DONNA M	1,369.91
477	SCHLEIER, MIRANDA	997.18
696	SHEA, PAMELA J	899.91
700	SILLANPAA, JESSIE P	1,399.61
92	SIROIS, LUCAS J	2,967.20
707	SIROIS, LUCAS J	368.28
708	SIROIS, LUCAS J	2,643.30
717	SMITH, WANDA	1,231.81

Acct	Property Owner	Total Due
303	STRAIN, WENDY L	513.81
740	SWAN, FREDERICK A	394.27
535	THOMAS, JESSIE E	505.64
387	THOMPSON, KIANA R	268.79
637	THOMPSON, KIANA R	268.79
757	THOMPSON, LANCE	1,827.29
758	THOMPSON, LANCE	157.41
803	TRACY, DONNA M	350.46
806	TRACY, MANLEY A	182.66
895	TRASK, BONNIE JEAN	540.54
598	TURCOTTE, BRIAN	1,085.54
934	VOGT, LYNDA	497.48
850	WHATMOUGH, DAVID E	23.89
879	WING, STEPHEN A	1,475.30
906	WITHERLY, WESLEY S	131.42
797	WORDELL, LESTER	151.47
** 915	ZENUS, ROBERT P	150.76

2022

Acct	Property Owner	Total Due
9	AMES, JOHN A	238.37
77	BRENNAN, STEVEN D	721.71
258	FISSETTE, JAMES A	58.73
** 425	KESSINGER, CHARLES	448.81
924	MASON, KYLE	87.90
96	MORRIS, SAMUEL	226.09
342	MORRIS, SAMUEL	2,262.47
33	NILO, VINCENT E III	2,570.63
538	NILO, VINCENT E III	649.45
546	NUTTING, DORENE E.	82.53
692	OLIVEIRA, DONALD A	1,796.03
585	PECK, COLIN C T	4,716.88
644	REILLY, JAMES	12.67
696	SHEA, PAMELA J	941.58
806	TRACY, MANLEY A	199.98
598	TURCOTTE, BRIAN	1,141.63

* Indicates paid in full after 12/31/23

** Indicates partial payment after 12/31/23

2024 Industry Budget

		Article #	2023	2024	Difference
1	Northern-Lites Snow. Club	12	\$436.92	\$364.10	-\$72.82
2	NorthStar Ambulance	14	\$9,872.50	\$12,081.00	\$2,208.50
3	Animal Control Officer	15	\$3,200.00	\$6,600.00	\$3,400.00
4	Animal Shelter	16	\$1,892.00	\$1,892.00	\$0.00
5	Debt Services	17	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
6	Farmington Fire	18	\$30,000.00	\$22,500.00	-\$7,500.00
7	Fire Dept. Operating	19	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
8	Town Hall	20	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
9	Administration	21	\$35,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$1,000.00
10	Insurance	22	\$24,000.00	\$20,000.00	-\$4,000.00
11	Town Officials Salaries	23	\$73,500.00	\$72,000.00	-\$1,500.00
12	Street Lights	24	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
13	Library	25	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
14	Farmington Transfer Station	26	\$3,877.00	\$3,877.00	\$0.00
15	Recycling	N/A	\$5,175.00	\$0.00	-\$5,175.00
16	Recycling Attendant	N/A	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	-\$4,000.00
17	Equipment Maintenance	27	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$5,000.00
18	Town Garage	28	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
19	Roads	29	\$260,000.00	\$225,000.00	-\$35,000.00
20	Paving	30	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
21	Cemetery Maintenance	31	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	-\$1,000.00
22	Enforcement Wages	32	\$4,400.00	\$7,250.00	\$2,850.00
23	General Assistance	33	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
24	Lake Front Improvement	34	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
25	Plow Truck Loan	35	\$17,040.00	\$17,040.00	\$0.00
26	FD Mini Pumper Loan	35	\$11,397.56	\$11,398.00	\$0.44
27	Fischer Sander	37	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
28	Fire Truck Engine	38	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
28	Backhoe Purchase	STM	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	-\$50,000.00

\$678,663.98 **\$693,852.10** **\$17,211.12**

2.48%

NOTES OF PROCEDURE & TOWN MEETING

The **Moderator presides over Town Meeting** in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2524.

Please observe the separation of Voters from Non-Voters;

Registered Voters must check in to receive a colored card to show voter status.

- **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 that 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.
- **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands if required - please keep your hand raised until the Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. A vote for “all in favor” means - yes, you want the motion to pass, “all those 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 another designated 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, proceed to the microphone:
 - 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.
 - Disorderly conduct, profanity, threatening or aggressive language or gestures; are *out of order*.
 - At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate, or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
 - Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meetings 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**”, as much as the Select Board attempts to have all Warrant Articles ready for the Town Report prior to printing, 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 the *Town Hall and www.townofindustry.com*.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Town of Industry

March 9, 2024

To: Joseph Paradis, Jr., a citizen of the Town of Industry, in the County of Franklin, and the State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Industry, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Industry Town Hall in said town on **Saturday, March 9, 2024** at 7:45 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 through 2, polls closing on article 2 at 1:00 PM; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at 2:00 PM to act on articles 3 through 39, all of said articles being set out below,

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

Article 2 To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:

Select Board / Assessor & Overseer (1 position, 3 yr. term)
School Board Director (1 position, 3 yr. term)

The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Industry Town Hall. The remaining business to be transacted under this Warrant will be taken up at 2 PM.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to ratify all overdrafts for the year 2023.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize all abatements that are granted, and charged to the Overlay account.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S.A § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$298,961.00** established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax limit.

By State statute, this vote must be by written ballot.

EXPLANATION: The recommended budget will exceed the tax levy limit of \$298,961.00 by \$120,706 to a higher figure of \$419,667.00.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to make all property taxes due and payable October 1, 2024, upon that day, they will become delinquent thereafter, and the interest on said delinquent taxes shall be the maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4. (8.5%)

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to accept any gifts, grants, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by an individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, that have not been listed in any of the previous or following articles and to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose for which they were given if the Select Board determine that the gifts, grants, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the NorthernLites Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Local Plumbing Inspector 50% of the fees collected in the year 2024.

25 % State, 25% Town, 50% Plumbing Inspector
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Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **12,081.00** and to contract with Franklin Memorial Hospital, NorthStar Emergency Medical Service, for the term of one year.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,600.00** for the Animal Control Officer.

ACO Salary	\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$600.00

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,892.00** and to contract with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for the term of one year.

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for debt service.

Interest on tax anticipation loan

Article 18 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,500.00** to contract with the Town of Farmington and Farmington Fire/Rescue for fire department oversight and fire emergency response for the term of one year.

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Industry Fire Rescue Department.

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Town Hall.

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,000.00**, for the Administration operating expenses.

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00**, for liability, and property insurance coverage.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$72,000.00** for the salaries of the Select Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Deputy Clerk.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the operation of town Street Lights.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$850.00** for membership reimbursements at the Farmington Public Library, for the Town of Industry Taxpayers.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,877.00** to contract with the Town of Farmington for the use of their transfer station for the term of one year.

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000.00** for the maintenance of the highway department Equipment.

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Town Garage.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$225,000.00** for the care and maintenance of Roads.

Summer Roads	\$125,000.00
Winter Roads	\$100,000.00

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** for the Paving.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the care and maintenance of Cemeteries, by appropriating \$6,000.00 from taxation and transferring \$1,000.00 from the Allens Mills Cemetery Trust account.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,250.00** for Enforcement wages.

CEO Salary	\$6,000.00
CEO Payroll Taxes	\$600.00
Health Officer	\$500.00
Health Officer Payroll Taxes	\$50.00
LPI Payroll Taxes	\$100.00

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the General Assistance program.

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the maintenance and improvements to the beachfront at Clearwater Lake.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,438.00** for the debt payments owed on previously approved loans for the Plow Truck and Fire Dept Mini Pumper.

Plow Truck Loan	\$17,040.00
Fire Dept Mini Pumper	\$11,398.00

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$28,025.52** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act of ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following projects: installation of generators at the Town Hall and Town Garage.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$75,000.00** for the purchase of a used Fire Truck engine/pumper with \$50,000.00 coming from taxation and up to \$25,000.00 from the town's undesignated surplus.

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purchase of a new Fisher Poly-Caster Hopper sand spreader.

Article 39 Shall an ordinance entitled "Dog Control Ordinance for the Town of Industry, Maine (as revised Feb 2024) be enacted?"

Town of Industry

Dog Control Ordinance

Article 1. Purpose and Definitions

Sec. 1.1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the Town of Industry Dog Control Ordinance and will be referred to herein as "this Ordinance". This ordinance repeals and replaces the Town of Industry Dog Ordinance adopted on April 17 2001 as amended.

Sec. 1.2. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Home Rule Authority granted to the Town of Industry in accordance with the provision of 30-A MRSA §3001 and 7 MRSA §3950.

Sec. 1.3. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Industry residents by holding dog owners accountable for the acts of their animals without imposing unreasonable restrictions on owners and dogs in their normal activities.

Sec. 1.4. Administration and Enforcement

The Municipal Officers, Animal Control Officer, Police Officers, or any other duly appointed agent(s) of the Municipal Officers, shall administer and enforce this Ordinance.

Sec. 1.5. Definitions

A. At Large. "At large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the dog owner,

and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family either by leash, cord, chain, at "heel", or under command.

B. Dangerous Dog. "Dangerous dog" means a dog as defined in 7 MRSA §3907(12-D), as amended.

C. Dog . "Dog" means a member of the genus and species known as canis familiaris or any canine, regardless of generation, resulting from the interbreeding of a member of canis familiaris with a wolf hybrid as defined below. For the purpose of this ordinance, the meaning of "Dog" shall include those animals meeting the definition of "Wolf hybrid ."

D. Domesticated Animal. "Domesticated animal" means a dog, cat or other animal commonly kept as a companion, and also includes livestock as defined in 7 MRSA, §3907, Subsection 18-A.

E. Owner. "Owner" means any person or persons, firm, association, partnership, corporation or other legal entity amendable to civil process, owning, keeping, harboring, in possession of, or having control of a dog or dogs.

F. Owner's Premises. "Owner's premises" means the residence or residences, including buildings, land and motor vehicles belonging to the owner of the dog.

G. Nuisance. "Nuisance" means excessive and/or habitual barking, howling, or yelping by any dog or dogs.

H. Secure Enclosure. "Secure enclosure" means a fence or structure of at least six feet in height forming or making an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of children and suitable to confine a dangerous dog in conjunction with other measures that may be taken by the owner, such as tethering the dangerous dog. The secure enclosure must be locked, be designed with a secure top, bottom and sides, and be designed to prevent the animal from escaping from or reaching through the enclosure. Any fencing material used in the construction of the secure enclosure shall have openings of no more than two inches.

I. Transfer. "Transfer" means to sell, give or otherwise convey ownership or possession of a dog to another person, or to cause a dog to be moved beyond the municipal boundaries.

J. Wolf Hybrid. "Wolf hybrid" means a mammal that is the offspring of the reproduction between a species of a wolf can ID as wolf can ID as hybrid and a domesticated dog or wolf

canid hybrid. Wolf hybrid includes a mammal that is represented by its owner to be a wolf hybrid, coyote hybrid, coydog, or any other kind of wild canid hybrid. Wolf hybrids must also be registered with the Maine Warden Service.

Article 2 Dogs

Disturbing the Peace Prohibited Sec. 2.1.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace of any person by biting, chasing, or continued barking or howling or in any other manner, or destroy the property of any person.

Sec. 2.2 Running at Large Prohibited

No owner shall cause or permit any dog owned or kept by them, or in their possession or under their control, to run at large within the Town limits. Dogs while in any public way or place shall be under restraint, which is defined as controlled by a leash, at "heel", beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper. Nothing in the Ordinance shall be held to require the leashing of any dog while on private premises. A leash shall not be more than eight feet long.

When dogs are found running at large and their ownership is known, such dogs need not be impounded but the Town, through its duly authorized agents, may, at its discretion, cite the owners of such dogs to appear in court to answer charges of this Ordinance.

Sec. 2.3. Impoundment

Dogs found running at large and the owners are unknown, shall be taken and impounded in a shelter or kennel designated by the Town and there confined in a humane manner according to shelter policy.

Sec. 2.4. Duty to Dispose of Feces

It shall be a violation of this article for any person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to fail immediately to remove and dispose of any feces left by his or her dog on any street, sidewalk, publicly owned property or private property of another.

Sec. 2.5. Violations and penalties

A person who violates any provision of this Article shall be fined and subject to a civil penalty of at least \$50.00 but not more than \$250.00 for a first violation and not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for 2 or more violations, pursuant to 7 M.R.S.A. § 3914 as amended. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation. All fines shall be paid to the Town. The Municipal Clerk shall deposit any fees and court fines Collected.

3945. In addition to paying the minimum fine set forth above, the owner shall also be responsible for the Town of Industry's attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Town in conjunction with the enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance.

Article 3. Dog Barking

Sec. 3.1. Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to regulate dog barking within the Town and to address the problems caused by excessive dog barking.

Sec. 3.2. Barking Dogs

No owner or person having custody of any dog or dogs within the legal limits of the Town shall keep or maintain a dog or dogs which create a nuisance by as defined under Section 1.5(G) of this Ordinance.

An owner who keeps or maintains a dog or dogs whose barking, howling , or yelping sustained for one hour or more, or intermittently for three hours, can be heard beyond the boundary of the property on which the dog(s) is(are) located, violates this section.

Sec. 3.3. Complaint

A written complaint from a person or persons disturbed by a barking dog or dogs shall include the date the disturbance began, the description of the disturbance, and the length of time of the disturbance. The complaint must be signed and sworn to the Town's Animal Control Officer and/or any Police Officer representing the Town. Any of the above authorities may investigate and may give written warning to the owner of the violation of this Article, and order that said violation must cease. The written warning shall be made part of the complaint. See attached barking/howling log/statement forms.

Sec. 3.4. Violations and penalties

A person who violates any provision of this Article shall be fined and subject to a civil penalty of at least \$50.00 but not more than \$250.00 for a first violation and not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for 2 or more violations, pursuant to 7 M.R.S .A. § 3914 as amended. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation. All fines shall be paid to the Town. The Municipal Clerk shall deposit any fees and court fines collected pursuant to this Ordinance into a separate account pursuant to 7 M.R.S.A. § 3945.

An owner who allows a dog or dogs to bark, howl, or yelp in violation of this Article, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. shall be subject to double penalties. The Municipal Officers, the Animal Control Officer, a Police Officer, or any other duly appointed agent(s) of the Municipal Officers, at their exclusive discretion, may limit the number of violation citations issued within a twenty-four hour period if they determine that the means to abate the dog's barking, howling, and/or yelping is beyond the ability or control of the owner to enable them to voluntarily comply in a timely manner within that period.

In addition to paying the minimum fine set forth above, the owner shall also be responsible for the Town of Industry's attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Town in conjunction with the enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance.

Sec 3.5. Waiver Fee

Any owner who is charged with violating this Article may choose to pay a waiver

fee to the Town as an alternative to having the Town proceed with the prosecution of the complaint in court. The waiver fee option shall only be available to an owner for a total of three violations. The waiver fee must be received at the Town Office within thirty (30) days following issuance of the summons. Waiver fees that are tendered more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the summons shall only be accepted by the Town upon payment of an additional sum of money equal to any expenses, and fees that have been incurred by the Town in preparation for the court hearing. The waiver fee schedule is as follows:

First violation: \$50.00

Second Violation: \$100.00

Third Violation: \$200.00

Sec. 3.6. Exemptions

At the exclusive discretion of the Municipal Officers, the Animal Control Officer, a Police Officer, or any other duly appointed agent(s) of the Municipal Officers, the barking of certain dogs may be exempted from this Article, only on an incident-by-incident basis, including but not limited to: dogs in kennels licensed by the State of Maine under 7 M.R.S.A. §3923-C, livestock guardian dogs, guide dogs, service dogs, herding dogs, rescue dogs, training dogs, therapy dogs, sled dogs, and hunting dogs, if the complaint was filed by a property owner who was previously duly informed through disclosure per section 4-2 .12 of this Article or who obtained through other means that equivalent information prior to purchasing the property. Such discretion is intended to give the above authorities the latitude necessary to determine if and when dog barking associated with kennels and the customary uses and behaviors of specialized dogs is a nuisance.

Article 4. Dangerous Dogs

Sec. 4.1. It shall be unlawful to own or possess a dangerous dog as defined in Section 1.5(8) of this Ordinance, except as otherwise ordered by a Court. An owner who is given written notice by the town's Animal Control Officer or any duly authorized law

enforcement official that the owner's dog is a dangerous dog shall not without further written authorization, sell, give, or otherwise convey the ownership or possession of that dog, or cause it to be moved beyond the boundaries of the town, except to or under the care of a licensed veterinarian, animal control officer or law enforcement officer. An owner receiving such notice shall immediately place the dog under confinement for a period of at least ten days and shall promptly obey all rabies detection and control directions of any of the above officials concerning that dog. An owner receiving such notice shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Maine Department of Agriculture and Maine Department of Health and Human Services concerning rabies detection and control.

Sec. 4.2. Special Restraint of Dangerous Dogs

Any dog that has been determined by a court to be a dangerous dog shall be confined to a secure enclosure on the owner's premises. The secure enclosure shall in no event be any closer than three feet to any mail receptacle or entrance or exit to a house or other building, or driveway, walkway, stoop, or stairs leading to a building, home fill pipe, or utility meter.

Sec. 4.3. Insurance Provision

The owner of any dog that has been determined by a court to be a dangerous dog shall be required to obtain liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000.00 covering bodily injury or death of any person or animal, or for property damages, resulting from the keeping of the dangerous dog. Coverage shall be obtained within five business days of a court's finding that a dog is dangerous. Proof of coverage must be provided to the town's Animal Control Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer, and such policy must provide for notification to the town in the event of cancellation or non-renewal for any reason. If the town is notified that coverage has lapsed, the owner shall have twenty-four hours, after notice by the town, to provide evidence of renewal or replacement coverage.

Sec. 4.4. Enforcement and Penalties

Article 4 shall be enforced by the town's Animal Control Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer, or any other duly authorized law enforcement official. Any owner found in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and shall be assessed the following minimum financial penalty:

First offense: \$500.00

Second offense: \$750.00

Third offense: \$1,000.00

Subsequent offenses(s): \$1,000 per offense

Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

In addition to paying the minimum fine set forth above, the owner shall also be responsible for the Town of Industry's attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Town in conjunction with the enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance.

Article 5. Severability

Should any portion of these Articles be found invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, then all portions not found invalid shall remain unaffected and continue in full force and effect.

Article 6. Mediation

In cases where citation(s) under this Article involve disputes between abutter(s) and/or or neighbor(s) and the cited individual(s) regarding violations, these parties are advised to retain the services of a mediator listed by the Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Service (CADRES) at their expense to avoid the possibility of lengthy and costly litigation.

Article 7. Effective Date

The effective date of this Ordinance is _____