

# Town of Industry



2024 annual town report

Thompson's Bridge is a historic stone bridge in rural Franklin County, Maine. Built c. 1808, it is one of the few surviving stone lintel bridges in the state, a type that was once quite common. It carries a local dirt road across Josiah Creek in Industry and is located near (and possibly on) the border with neighboring Somerset County. The bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

# TOWN OF INDUSTRY

For The Year Ending  
December 31, 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT

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Annual Town Meeting

March 8, 2025

Industry Town Hall

Election of Officers

Polls Open 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Open Town Meeting 2:00 p.m.

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### Voter Check-in Required

Voters must check in to obtain a voter card before participating in the Open Town Meeting  
Please bring this report to Town Meeting



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## 2024 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

### SELECT BOARD / ASSESSORS

Earl L. Ireland	2026
Mark D. Prentiss	2027
Stewart K. Durrell	2025

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Thomas Marcotte  
Jon Arnold

### RSU 9 DIRECTOR

Richard Ruhlin	2027
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### HEALTH OFFICER

Erin Ryan

### CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Angelina G. Davis

### LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Thomas Marcotte  
Jon Arnold

### DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Ashley Hayden  
Lori L. Russell

### ADDRESSING OFFICER

Thomas Marcotte  
Earl L. Ireland

### ROAD COMMISSIONER

Ray Kelley Jr.

### PLANNING BOARD

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

### TAX COLLECTOR

Angelina G. Davis

### FIRE CHIEF

Timothy D. Hardy

### TREASURER

Angelina G. Davis

### APPEALS BOARD

Stephen Kearing	2027
Thai Sinkinson	2027
Dean Look	2027
Vacant	
Vacant	

### GA ADMINISTRATOR

Lori L. Russell

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Erin Ryan



## Otto “Ted” Clyde Nutting Sr.



I met Ted Nutting when I was eight years old. It was a hot day in July 1978 and Ted was haying the field at the flats by the old Luker place. Jean Nutting invited our newly widowed mother, Barbara, to the field that day. Jean's husband, Harold, and his brother, Ted, worked to get the hay in before the next storm rolled in.

I believe Jean and Barbara schemed for Barbara to meet Ted, a divorced father of four. Maybe he could help Barbara raise her three children and she could help him with his.

As a little girl, I only remember a few things. The day was swelteringly hot, there were lots of people around, and a tall, tan man was driving an old red tractor around that ate the hay and spit it back out into tidy square bales. Soon he stopped for a break.

Our mother leaned down and handed me a cold glass of water and told me to give it to the tall tractor driver. I did and Ted, my dad, will tell you, “I fell in love with her first.” Just 3 weeks after that hot day in July, Ted Nutting and Barbara Ryder were wed at the Shorey Chapel.

Mom and Dad were married for 36 years, and during that time they worked alongside each other to help build up this community. When the old presbyterian church burnt down, they got together with other members of the community to rebuild. They raised funds and Dad donated his time and his pulp truck to move heavy pieces of granite to build a retaining wall.

They helped start the original food bank in the basement of the church, and he is currently volunteering at the Clearwater Food Bank. Ted was a selectman for a time in the 80’s. He was the trail master for the Northern Lights snowmobile club and is still an active member.

Before Ted married my Mom, he worked on the Industry road crew plowing in the winter and repairing roads in the spring (He’s got a couple of really great stories, just ask him when you see him). He maintained several of the village cemeteries for decades. He helped plant vegetable gardens for others, teaching them how to feed themselves. He helped the needy in our little village opening his home to neighbors whose home was lost in a fire.

When I asked my dad why he did all these things, He simply shrugged his shoulders and said, “You’re supposed to help your neighbor.”

Dad will be 94 this March.

Submitted by Lisa McGowan





## CONTACT INFORMATION

Industry Town Office	778-5050
Tues, Wed, Thurs 12 pm – 6 pm	fax 778-5502
Select Board 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 6 pm	
Planning Board 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 6 pm	
Animal Control Officer (Bri)	(401) 250-6523
Deputy ACO (James)	(401) 600-1420
Addressing Officer (Lee)	491-8611
Code Enforcement & Local Plumbing Inspector (Jon)	242-3331
Health Officer (Erin)	491-6247
Industry Public Works Garage	305-2007
Industry Fire Station (non-emergency)	778-5100
Farmington Fire Station (non-emergency)	778-3235
Farmington Public Library	778-4312
Farmington Transfer Station	778-3525
Tues & Thurs 7:30 am – 2: pm	
Saturday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm	

## TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY CLOSURES

School Budget Election – TBD	Thanksgiving Day - November 27, 2025
Election Day - November 4, 2025	Christmas Day - December 25, 2025
Veteran's Day - November 11, 2025	New Year's Day - January 1, 2026

# *~In Memory of~*

<i>Donna Churchill</i>	<i>February 9, 2024</i>
<i>Rosemary B Frazier</i>	<i>October 10, 2024</i>
<i>Donald R Guerrette</i>	<i>December 4, 2024</i>
<i>Alan Bruce Hatch Sr</i>	<i>October 3, 2024</i>
<i>Valerie Jean Hoyt</i>	<i>July 15, 2024</i>
<i>Alton Lynnwood Kennedy Sr</i>	<i>May, 16, 2024</i>
<i>Laura Kwon</i>	<i>June 20, 2024</i>
<i>Anita McFarlane</i>	<i>February 6, 2024</i>
<i>Brent Stephen McNear</i>	<i>December 31, 2024</i>
<i>Jean Squires Methot</i>	<i>January 25, 2024</i>
<i>David Scott Plancon</i>	<i>November 5, 2024</i>
<i>David Robbins</i>	<i>February 26, 2024</i>
<i>William Robert Sinkinson</i>	<i>January 9, 2024</i>



Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

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

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

COMMITTEES:  
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CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

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

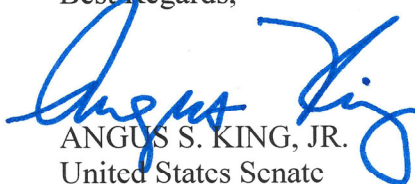
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services.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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
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**Committee on Armed Services**  
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**Jared Golden**  
Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

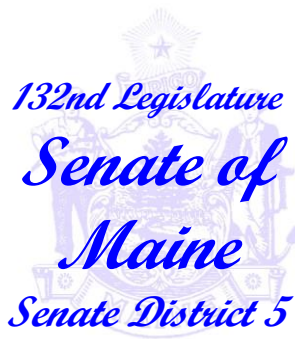


Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

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**Senator Russell Black**  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored and humbled to continue serving as your State Senator for a fourth term. The trust you have placed in me is something I do not take lightly, and I remain committed to being a strong voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

I am happy to continue my work on the Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Committee, I will continue to focus on ensuring accountability in key state programs, with a particular emphasis on the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on December 4, 2024, with our swearing-in ceremony led by Governor Janet Mills. It was a day filled with tradition, attended by family and friends of incoming members, as we set the stage for the work ahead.

Many of you have reached out to me about the challenges you are facing—rising costs of energy, housing, child care, and concerns about education, mental health, substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety. As your State Senator, I am committed to working with my colleagues to find common-sense solutions to these pressing issues.

In addition, addressing Maine's anticipated budget gap and setting priorities for the next biennium will be a significant focus this session. I am confident that through collaboration, we can work to balance fiscal responsibility with investments in the well-being of all Mainers.

Once again, I want to thank you for re-electing me to represent you in the State Senate. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help, whether it's navigating state programs or working to address issues important to you and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black  
State Senator



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Randall C. Hall

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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are just beginning the first year of the 132nd Legislative session and I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you again as your State Representative.

I am honored to announce my appointment once more to the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee in the Maine State Legislature. This committee oversees crucial areas such as agricultural development, animal welfare, food safety, timber harvesting, state parks, and the Land for Maine's Future Program.

As your representative, my top priority will be advocating for Maine's hardworking farmers, from Aroostook County to York County. I will work tirelessly to ensure that Maine's agricultural sector, including our vital potato, broccoli, and blueberry industries, are supported through sensible policies that promote growth, innovation, and sustainability. I will support legislation that protects farmers from policies that threaten their ability to maintain their way of life, ensuring that their work remains viable and their businesses can thrive for generations to come.

Please know that your voice is valuable to me. I encourage you to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns about state government. I can be reached at [Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at (207) 860-8431.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall C. Hall".

Randall C. Hall  
State Representative



# Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Scott R. Nichols, Sheriff

Steve Lowell, Chief Deputy

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January 2025

To our friends in Industry.

The Sheriff's Office answered **440** calls for service in Industry in 2024, which is 94 calls higher than the previous year. In 2023 we covered **346** calls for service.

Whether or not calls for service increase or remain stable, we have seen an increased demand for patrol to assist towns who may have police departments that find it difficult to fill vital patrol slots. The Sheriff's Office Patrol Division remains a force multiplier to assist those towns. We have either covered calls full-time in some towns or assisted in filling a patrol gap when needed. We will always do our best to support our patrol friends and peers in all towns within the county.

Because of these increased needs, we have had to find innovative ways to add additional staff through grants or the state Unorganized Township funds to fill our own gaps in coverage. We have also added an additional sergeant's position to our supervisory staff to help oversee patrol operations day.

We continue to see an increase in people who are drug addicted or suffer from mental health issues. Whenever a deputy runs into this type of contact it can easily take him off the road for hours if not for the rest of the patrol shift while he guides the person in crisis through the process of seeking the help they need for their addiction or mental health issues.

Where do people go after they have had contact with law enforcement and have been arrested? Well, they go to the county jail. Our dedicated staff of Corrections Officers work hard within the walls of the jail to also help guide people who arrive angry and/or addicted.

In order to help combat these issues within our community, the Sheriff's Office through the leadership of Franklin County S.O. Sergeant Ryan Close and Director LeeAnna Lavoie of the Healthy Community Coalition of Franklin County applied for and received a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant called COSSUP. This stands for "Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program". This grant will enable the Sheriff's Office Jail staff to comprehensively address the impact of illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances through a vetted model approach which has proven results in other jails within Maine. This model, once fully implemented, will work to prevent and reduce drug overdose incidents and death, as well as reduce jail recidivism rates.

Not only have we been working on behalf of people that encounter law enforcement, but we have also been concerned with the mental health of our local first responders within Franklin County. In March of 2023, several public safety agencies within Franklin County banded together to create the County's first Public Safety





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January 2025

Peer Support Team. Working with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), all members of the team were trained and certified in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) in April of 2023.

The Franklin County Peer Support Team provides several services for First Responders in Franklin County. These first responders include fire, EMS, corrections and patrol personnel. Primarily, members are resources for their agencies and those surrounding them. Members organize and facilitate Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefings when requested. In 2024, members organized and facilitated 7 Debriefings with over 90 participants. Members also conduct one on one check ins when a referral for a First Responder was received. Members organized and facilitated dozens of one-on-one check ins.

The Franklin County Peer Support Team has continued to add members to the team and get them CISM trained. The FCPST meets monthly to discuss various topics, trends, and continue on-going training to keep skills fresh. This allows the team to be ready to respond at any time. In September, the area hosted its annual Wellness and Resiliency Seminar at UMF which was widely attended by over 90 First Responders locally and from away.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support that you have provided to the Sheriff's Office over the years. 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](mailto:snichols@franklincountymaine.gov) if you wish to discuss an issue.

I pray 2025 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	13	Emergency Mental Health	1	Paperwork service	11
Abandon MV	2	Escort/Transport	0	Request for phone call	19
Alarm	2	Footbeat	0	Remove Subject	0
Animal Complaint	11	Follow up investigation	25	Road Hazard	9
Arrests	0	Fire Alarm	0	Sex Offenses	2
Assault	1	Found Property	9	SORNA violation	1
Assist Citizen	10	Fire, vehicle	0	Security Check	0
Assist other agency	26	Fire, structure	0	School Admin Action	0
Attempt to locate	2	Harassment complaint	4	Shots fired/fireworks	2
ATV/Snowmobile	2	Information	5	Special Detail	0
Bail/Probation check	0	Intoxicated Person	2	Suicidal person	0
Barricaded subject	0	Juvenile Offenses	0	Suspicious Activity	7
Background check-firearms	0	K-9 Assist	0	Theft/Fraud	5
Burglary	1	Late Report	8	Threatening complaint	3
Building Checks	5	Lost & Found prop	2	Traffic Control	0
Civil Issue	6	Fire/tree/lines down	6	Tree in road	1
Complaint other	4	Medical Emergency	56	Trespass complaint	5
Community policing	0	Missing Person	0	Vandalism	2
Death Investigation	1	M/V accident injuries	1	Vio of Protection Order	2
Dispatch Information	0	M/V complaint	8	Warrant Arrest	1
Disturbance	4	M/V accident no injury	16	Warrant Search	0
DHHS Referral	0	M/V Stop	83	Welfare Check	18
Disabled MV	0	Noise Complaint	0	Warrant/Probation check	2
Domestic Disturbance	4	Parking Complaint	3	Weapons Violation	0
Elder Check	27				
	121		229		90
<b>Total calls for Service</b>	<b>440</b>				

**INDUSTRY**



## MUNICIPAL CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

As I begin my 20<sup>th</sup> year at the Industry Town Office, I would like to say what a privilege it is to serve the residents of Industry.

Once again, we had a change in office staff with Ashley leaving and Lori joining us in June.

The Clerk's office is responsible for the care and preservation of town records, along with dog licensing and elections. 2024 was an extremely busy election with our highest record voter turnout ever in November. I would like to thank all of our election clerks for their hard work and dedication.

Please remember that we are open for election activities only on election days. The Town Office is not open for business during election days as we want to ensure our full attention is dedicated to the election process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angel Davis, CCM

### 2024

#### Vital Statistics

Births: 8

Deaths: 12

Marriages: 4

#### Dog Licenses

Male/Female: 21

Neuter/Spay: 71

Service Dog: 1

Kennel: 1

#### Election Turnout

2023 Town Meeting: 20 ballots cast

Presidential Primary: 125 ballots cast

June Primary: 88 ballots cast

Presidential Election: 524 ballots cast

Registered Voters: 745



## **FIRE CHIEF**

To: The Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Industry

In 2024 the Industry and Farmington Fire Departments Responded to 49 calls for service.

Motor Vehicle Accidents	4
Medical Calls	13
Trees/Lines Down	10
Burning Permit Complaints	3
Woods/Brush Fires	2
Service Calls	4
Fire Alarm Activations	4
Propane Leak/Odor	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident	2
Structure Fire	4
Smoke Investigation	2

This past year the departments 1988 fire engine lost its motor, and the department has purchased a used 2003 fire engine to replace it. That new truck is expected to arrive in March or April of this year. The department is currently using a loaner fire engine that has been provided by the dealer till the truck arrives. This past year the department was also fortunate enough to receive a boat that was generously donated by Paul Flagg of Farmington. Equipment for the boat was generously donated by the Clearwater Lake Association.

The department is always looking for more firefighters if you are interested in joining contact us for more information. If you have any questions about the Fire Department or fire related issues, feel free to contact me at 207-778-3235. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy D. Hardy  
Fire Chief

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

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

In 2024, I issued thirteen plumbing permits. Nine were for septic systems and four 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Marcotte

# Property Tax Assessment

Assessments are based on the status of the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year. 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. Tax bills will be mailed to the owner of record as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, and if known to the Town a copy will be mailed to any new owner.

## Property Relief

**Homestead Exemption** – This program provides a measure of property tax relief for Maine residents who have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and make the property they occupy on April 1 their permanent residence. Forms are available in the Town Office or on the Town’s website at [www.townofindustry.com](http://www.townofindustry.com). If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply. Applications should be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Veteran’s Exemption** – You are entitled to a Veteran’s Exemption if you are a veteran, or the widow of one, who served active duty during a federally recognized war period and was discharged or retired under honorable conditions. The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States government for total disability, either service or non-service-connected. A Form DD 214 is required to be filed with the application. Forms are available in the Town Office or on the Town’s website at [www.townofindustry.com](http://www.townofindustry.com)

## 2024 VALUATION, ASSESSMENT & COMMITMENT

COUNTY TAX	207,878.22
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	746,878.52
LOCAL EDUCATION	1,061,752.12
OVERLAY	30,419.34
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	2,046,928.20
STATE REVENUE SHARING	103,495.00
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT	50,231.69
OTHER REVENUE	309,500.00
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	463,226.69
<b>NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT</b>	<b>1,583,701.51</b>

# TREASURER

*For the year ending 12/31/2024*

## REVENUE

### General Government

Agent Fees	6,289.65
Banking Interest Earned	6,714.23
Boat Excise	2,269.00
Homestead Exemption	50,033.37
Misc. Income	37.00
MV Excise	200,329.82
Property Taxes	1,469,451.27
Tax Liens	80,067.24
Prop. Tax Stabilization Rein	1,592.32
Sale of Town Equipment	2,752.52
State Revenue Sharing	107,855.61
Tax Interest	6,238.70
Tree Growth	16,977.99
Veteran's Exemption	432.00

### Town Hall

Town Hall Rent	500.00
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### Public Works

FEMA	88,927.18
LRAP	22,576.00

### Enforcement

Dog Fees	462.50
Building/Land Permits	525.00
Plumbing Permits	1,725.00

### Parks and Recreation

Snowmobile Reimbursemen	364.10
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### Trust Accounts *(interest earned)*

AM Cemetery Trust	468.94
Cemetery Trust	99.13
Lauriston A. Smith Fund	0.12
Lovejoy-Witherly Fund	8.28

### Social Services

Gen. Asst. Reimburse.	5,051.07
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### Grants

CLIA Milfoil Grant	6,564.69
MMA Safety Grant	3,000.00

### Bank Account Balances

Town Operating (checking)	754,248.63
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	2,761.57
Lauriston A. Smith Fund	755.84
Cemetery Savings	3,675.49
Lovejoy-Witherly Fund	27,408.24
Allens Mills Cemetery Assn	17,173.67

# EXPENSE REPORT

*For the year ending 12/31/24*

	Budget	Expenses	Remaining
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
General Government	36,000.00	41,473.68	-5,473.68
Debt Service	1,000.00	365.62	634.38
Town Hall Operating	12,000.00	10,635.83	1,364.17
Insurance	34,000.00	33,796.39	203.61
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>83,000.00</b>	<b>86,271.52</b>	<b>-3,271.52</b>

<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
Town Garage	5,000.00	8,686.80	-3,686.80
Equipment	75,000.00	84,901.64	-9,901.64
Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	8,901.20	1,098.80
Summer/Winter Roads	225,000.00	225,792.59	-792.59
Street Lights	5,000.00	4,153.87	846.13
Paving	50,000.00	44,425.00	5,575.00
PW Truck Debt	17,040.00	17,039.99	0.01
FEMA	88,927.18	83,663.30	5,263.88
PW Garage Design/Construction	51,648.00	2,055.00	49,593.00
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>527,615.18</b>	<b>479,619.39</b>	<b>47,995.79</b>

<b>PROTECTION</b>			
Fire Department	35,000.00	34,531.01	468.99
Fire Administration	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
FD Truck Debt	11,398.00	11,397.56	0.44
Fire Truck Purchase	75,000.00	18,750.00	56,250.00
<b>Total Protection</b>	<b>151,398.00</b>	<b>94,678.57</b>	<b>56,719.43</b>

<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>			
Animal Control Officer	6,600.00	6,459.02	140.98
Animal Shelter	1,892.00	1,891.20	0.80
Code Enforcement Officer	6,600.00	5,741.34	858.66
Health Officer	550.00	538.24	11.76
Local Plumbing Inspector	1,147.50	1,113.29	34.21
<b>Total Enforcement</b>	<b>16,789.50</b>	<b>15,743.09</b>	<b>1,046.41</b>

<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>			
Lakefront Improvement	4,000.00	4,189.50	-189.50
Library	850.00	750.00	100.00
Snowmobile	364.00	364.10	-0.10
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>5,214.00</b>	<b>5,303.60</b>	<b>-89.60</b>



	Budget	Expenses	Remaining
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>			
Recycling/Waste Disposal	3,877.00	3,876.96	0.04
<b>Total Health &amp; Sanitation</b>	<b>3,877.00</b>	<b>3,876.96</b>	<b>7,753.96</b>

<b>MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS</b>			
Select Board	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
Clerk, Treas & Tax Collector	38,000.00	37,732.24	267.76
Deputy Clerk	13,000.00	7,978.50	5,021.50
Training	1,500.00	1,257.00	243.00
Payroll Taxes	5,500.00	5,059.86	440.14
<b>Total Municipal Officials</b>	<b>72,000.00</b>	<b>66,027.60</b>	<b>5,972.40</b>

<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
Cemetery	7,000.00	7,524.63	-524.63
<b>Total Cemeteries</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>7,524.63</b>	<b>14,524.63</b>

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>			
American Rescue Plan Funds	45,543.98	46,991.78	-1,447.80
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>45,543.98</b>	<b>46,991.78</b>	<b>92,535.76</b>

<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS</b>			
Lovejoy-Witherly Endowment	0.00	2,111.50	-2,111.50
<b>Total Trust Accounts</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,111.50</b>	<b>-2,111.50</b>

<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>			
County Taxes	207,878.50	207,878.22	0.28
Education - RSU 9	1,061,751.90	1,061,986.87	-234.97
Overlay / Abstements	30,419.34	405.21	30,014.13
<b>Total Special Assessments</b>	<b>1,300,049.74</b>	<b>1,270,270.30</b>	<b>29,779.44</b>

<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>			
<b>General Assistance</b>			
General Assistance	4,000.00	5,381.07	-1,381.07
<b>Total Social Services</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>5,381.07</b>	<b>9,381.07</b>

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## TAX COLLECTOR

Property tax collections for 2024 represent 72% of the total tax commitment. Listed below and on the following pages are the collection details and schedule of taxes and liens receivable.

TAXES COMMITTED	1,583,701.51
SUPPLEMENTALS	0.00
TOTAL	<u>1,583,701.51</u>
ABATEMENTS	236.78
COLLECTED	<u>1,469,451.27</u>
TOTAL	<u>1,469,688.05</u>
BALANCE UNPAID	114,013.46

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, 2024) must be included in the annual Town Report.

A \* has been added to all those accounts paid in full after December 31, 2024.  
Two \*\* have been added to those accounts that have had a partial payment made.

Respectfully submitted,

Angel Davis

# DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

## 2024 Property Taxes

Account	Property Owner	Amount Due
164	ADAMS, SHERMAN G JR	373.55
165	ADAMS, SHERMAN G JR	390.60
3	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	3,024.83
4	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	384.40
461	ADAMS, SHERMAN JR	282.10
9	AMES, JOHN A	229.40
652	AUGUST, JESSE J	657.98
163	BEAN, AUSTIN ESTATE	304.17
47	BEAUREGARD, ROBERT A	2,072.35
364	BERGERON, RAYMOND	270.61
235	BESSEY, JAMES D	0.66
236	BESSEY, JAMES D	0.89
238	BESSEY, JAMES D	0.89
239	BESSEY, JAMES D	0.89
240	BESSEY, JAMES D	0.89
382	BESSEY, LAURA	9.41
383	BESSEY, LAURA	5.56
407	BESSEY, LAURA	21.09
* 642	BLISKO, BARBARA	1,615.10
64	BONSALL, WILLIAM	1,698.03
74	BRACKETT, PAUL	69.75
77	BRENNAN, STEVEN D	794.38
* 79	BRIGGS, RONALD E	139.50
89	BUBAR, ROGER	2,037.48
93	BURACHYNSKI, ANDREW	601.40
** 570	CARD, KATHLEEN M	1,093.24
116	CENTEIO, JOHN S	317.75
469	CHICK, ISSAC A	1,122.97
965	CLOSE, CARRIE A	285.20
865	COTRUPE, TESSA LYNNE	337.90
173	CROCKETT, KENNETH JR	554.90
188	DAVIS, CHIRSTOPHER B	12.99
200	DICKINSON, ROBERT L	2,339.73
201	DICKINSON, ROBERT L	395.25
78	DYKE, GERRY A	1,027.65
253	FENDERSON, WILLARD T II	199.95
* 254	FERNALD, ANN	16.81

<b>Account</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
255	FERNALD, SHAUN	3,548.73
590	FERNALD, SHAUN	536.30
258	FISSETTE, JAMES A	48.05
285	GATES, EVE M	5,626.50
287	GENDRON, LIONEL P	370.52
289	GERRISH, JANET	688.98
* 975	GOWER, T EDWARD	573.93
319	GREEN, BRENDA	62.00
317	GREEN, BRENDA I	364.25
318	GREEN, BRENDA I	13.95
340	HABERSTICK, LARRY T	1,477.15
309	HAINES, PHILIP D	1,743.75
962	HALL, DUANE ANTHONY	161.20
349	HALL, ERIC C	1,691.83
673	HARRISON, ELVA J	10.01
341	HOLT, CAROL SUSANNE	710.68
384	HOWARD, ANTHONY E	1,842.18
393	HYDE, SANDRA	482.83
834	HYDE, SANDRA	378.20
867	JOHNSON, NICHOLAS	680.45
425	KESSINGER, CHARLES	694.40
431	KOMULAINEN, WENDALL JR	349.53
36	KWON, LAURA T	190.65
458	LEWIS, DAVID	984.74
111	LONGWORTH, ANDREW	280.55
885	MASON, JOHN A	406.10
25	MAZZA, DAVID C	447.95
494	MCCLURE, JASON M.	337.90
* 920	MCNEAR, BRENT S	1,044.70
501	MERRILL, BARBARA J.	600.63
503	MERRITHEW, JON A	672.70
* 519	MOORE, VERNON J	1,277.97
* 520	MOORE, VERNON J	285.20
96	MORRIS, SAMUEL	217.00
342	MORRIS, SAMUEL	2,264.55
* 528	MURPHY, DAVID	159.65
* 537	NILE, OWEN R	2,452.88
33	NILO, VINCENT E III	2,583.85
538	NILO, VINCENT E III	652.55
546	NUTTING, DORENE E.	157.32
558	OSBORNE, DUSTIN N	547.92
979	OSBORNE, SCOTT O	296.05
578	PARLIN, DAVID W & MICHAEL F Trustees	1,061.88



Account	Property Owner	Amount Due
585	PECK, COLIN C T Estate	5,707.10
632	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	613.03
835	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	227.85
839	RACKLIFF, ALFRED O	461.90
** 633	RACKLIFF, DONALD S	747.88
634	RACKLIFF, REGINALD B	620.78
645	REIS, MARCO	1,308.20
653	RICHARDS, ROBERT P. ESTATE OF	29.45
654	RICHARDS, ROBERT P. ESTATE OF	3,361.63
53	RIDINGS, HEATHER	1,029.20
658	ROBBINS, BEVERLEY, PATRICIA, LINDA, EDWARD, DAVID	148.92
669	ROSE, ROBERT L	413.08
477	SCHLEIER, MIRANDA	1,087.33
696	SHEA, PAMELA J	939.30
700	SILLANPAA, JESSIE P	1,507.38
92	SIROIS, LUCAS J	4,350.85
708	SIROIS, LUCAS J	2,759.00
717	SMITH, WANDA	1,316.73
727	STAIER, ROBIN	380.53
303	STRAIN, WENDY L	503.75
740	SWAN, FREDERICK A	458.03
535	THOMAS, JESSIE E	565.66
387	THOMPSON, KIANA R	280.55
637	THOMPSON, KIANA R	280.55
757	THOMPSON, LANCE	1,953.78
758	THOMPSON, LANCE	67.68
803	TRACY, DONNA M	327.05
804	TRACY, JOSEPH S	530.10
598	TURCOTTE, BRIAN	1,133.05
168	VAILLANCOURT, TYLER	437.10
* 823	VENTER, JOHN R JR	1,717.40
** 934	VOGT, LYNDIA	519.25
100	WESTON, BRIAN	134.65
879	WING, STEPHEN A	2,121.95
906	WITHERLY, WESLEY S	183.68
797	WORDELL, LESTER	158.10
* 915	ZENUS, ROBERT P	118.78

## 2023 Tax Liens

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96	MORRIS, SAMUEL	294.12
342	MORRIS, SAMUEL	2,395.76
33	NILO, VINCENT E III	2,712.31
538	NILO, VINCENT E III	739.12
546	NUTTING, DORENE E.	185.64
558	OSBORNE, DUSTIN N	584.71
585	PECK, COLIN C T	4,978.20
477	SCHLEIER, MIRANDA	1,145.49
92	SIROIS, LUCAS J	3,236.66
708	SIROIS, LUCAS J	2,891.25
598	TURCOTTE, BRIAN	1,215.69

## 2022 Tax Liens

Account	Property Owner	Amount Due
* 33	NILO, VINCENT E III	1,814.60
* 538	NILO, VINCENT E III	177.98

\* Indicates paid in full after 12/31/24

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## LOVEJOY WITHERLY ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2024 assistance was granted to 4 residents from the Lovejoy Witherly Endowment Fund. The Lovejoy-Witherly Endowment is available for residents of Industry who are 60 years of age or older, and who need assistance in paying their utility expenses and/or real estate taxes.

This fund was graciously set up by Robert A. Witherly which he named the Lovejoy-Witherly Endowment. The Select Board oversees this fund with the intent of helping multiple residents each year. Applications are available at the Town Office and on the town's website.

## Code Enforcement Officer

To the residents of Industry:

My name is Jonathan Arnold and I was recently appointed code enforcement/plumbing inspector for the town in late 2024. Because of my late arrival last year, I don't have a formal report for you but I am looking forward to working with the planning board, select-board, and residents. Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Arnold

C.E.O./L.P.I.

207-242-3331

[jonarnold4477@ymail.com](mailto:jonarnold4477@ymail.com)



Unfortunately, the audit report was  
unavailable at press time.

Once available a complete copy of the  
Audit Report will be available at the  
Industry Town Office.

# The 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. Prior to the social we have a business meeting at 10:00 to decide how to help others in the community. We raised funds in 2024 by making a Harvest Dinner for the Antique Car Club and having a bake sale for the Presidential Election. Because of your generous support we were able to give funds to Operation Santa and the Farmington Area Ecumenical Ministries which offers fuel assistance through the ECU-Heat Program.

When we began this group, the town gave us \$500 for our meals. We have turned this into helping others as we plan meals and interesting informative programs for those who come, giving back to the community.

Lunch is served at noon. We have averaged 25-30 in attendance for lunches this year. We couldn't have done it without the support of the community. Thank you for your support.

We need to acknowledge Rosemary Frazier for sparking the idea for this program. We lost Rosemary this year but her memory will be in our hearts always.

We have dedicated members on the board who donate 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 fundraising 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, Treasurer	Patty Hickey, Assistant Treasurer	Pat Coro
Phyllis Mason	Evelyn Cushman	Debbie Oliveira
Thai Sinkinson	Shirley Lane	Founder - Rosemary Fraizer

## 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 Ministries Food Pantry is a local organization that serves those in need who reside in Industry, Chesterville, New Sharon, Starks, Mercer, Anson, Farmington, and Skowhegan. We are located at 1108 West Mills Road in Industry. We serve approximately 100 individuals per month and we strive to make as great an impact as possible. Hunger is a very real issue in our area and our volunteers do everything within our power to lessen the burden of food insecurity. Our rule is this: If you need us, please visit our pantry. We turn no one away.

Primarily, the food our pantry distributes is received from Good Shepherd (dry, canned, and frozen goods) and the Hannaford store located in Farmington (fresh produce, meats, and breads). We also receive monetary, food, personal, and cleaning item donations from local businesses, farms, as well as individuals. We thank these organizations and individuals wholeheartedly for their generosity. We simply wouldn't be in operation without them.

We would also like to thank the **Town of Industry** for their continued support in the way of our parking lot and lawn maintenance. They've been extremely helpful. **Shorey Chapel** in Industry has been extraordinary with their donations of food, Hannaford gift cards for our Thanksgiving boxes, as well as snacks for the bags we give to children during school vacations. The **Town of Chesterville** supports our pantry with a very generous yearly donation of \$500 and the **New Sharon United Methodist Church** is especially gracious with their regular collections for our pantry.

During 2024, our pantry served a monthly average of 55 adults, 28 seniors, and 25 children, comprising 108 individuals. We also created and distributed approximately 50 specially prepared boxes for the Thanksgiving holiday. Each monthly order we distribute contains canned, dry, and frozen foods, bakery and deli items, breads, meats, and eggs when available. Visitors may also choose from the weekly fresh produce and dairy items we offer. When necessary, our pantry also distributes what we refer to as "emergency boxes" during any time of the month, for those who are especially in need.

Due to various economic circumstances, we've seen an uptick in numbers of visitors to our pantry, so we'd again like to express our gratitude to those who donate funds, goods, and volunteer their time. An extra hearty thanks goes to our volunteers who offer hours of their precious lives; Brenda Bickford, Maria James, Vicci Hamel, Lois Greenleaf, Amy & Dan Palmer, Patty Hickey, Debbie Horne, Julie Kelly, Al Gleason, Anthony Minicucci, Rick Kelly, RaeLynne Knight, Florence Williams, Greg Oakes, Pastor John Hogue, and Ted Nutting. Without these remarkable individuals, the pantry wouldn't run nearly as smoothly as it does.

It has been an honor to serve our area in 2024 and it will be an honor to again serve in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Gaulard, President, Clearwater Food Pantry

# CLEARWATER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The year 2024 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clearwater Lake Improvement Association (CLIA). This community-based organization was founded in 1984 to preserve and protect the natural beauty, the purity of the water, and the aesthetic qualities of the lake and its adjacent shorelands.

Annual membership dues provide funding for lake safety, education, protection, etc... Examples include buoys at the outlet breakwater, watershed survey, milfoil inspector program, as well as contributions to Lake Stewards of Maine and the Town of Industry to assist in maintenance and improvement of the public boat landing area, including the outhouse in the town parking lot.

Perhaps the most notable event in 2024 was the release of the book, "CLEARWATER A History of its People and Places". What a wonderful and lasting gift to the Clearwater Lake community. Families will enjoy this book for generations and learn more about the history of the lake and their friends and neighbors they share it with. We are all very grateful to Sam Pfeifle and Cyndle Plaisted Rials for creating this treasure and for those who supported the project.

Another exciting event was the return of the Mystery Snail Round-Up on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event was a huge success with a record number of 670 lbs. of Chinese Mystery snails collected, a nice dockside cook-out, and special T-shirts earned by all participants. A bonus is the snails that were taken to Living Acres, a producer of organic compost (at my house, we call it Tony's magic dirt) for garden centers and greenhouses in New Sharon to be added to their compost production.

The declining loon population has been a concern, and we invited Maine Audubon Society staff to the lake (see the 40-year loon count data at [clearwaterlakemaine.com](http://clearwaterlakemaine.com)). Director Tracy Hart and intern Ethan Daly toured the lake with Clearwater's loon counter Nan Stanek, Bill Stanek, John Prentiss, Taffy and Buzz Davis. They assessed the lake for threats, i.e. fluctuating water levels, habitat, and predators (eagles). We were able to see the loon pair and single loon as well as a bald eagle. We learned at the CLIA Annual meeting that there was a loon nest with an egg, but the loon pair abandoned the nest around July 4<sup>th</sup> and the egg was found to be cracked. Follow-up is needed to see if we can place a loon raft to provide a protective nesting habitat. Volunteers will be needed to place, monitor, and remove the raft annually.

Progress was made on replacing the outlet gate. A small committee (Lee Ireland, Peter Foster, Joe Paradis, John Prentiss, and Buzz Davis) have met, drawn plans, and now await the right time for construction and installation of a new gate.

The volunteer board of directors meet several times per year and there is an annual meeting for all members on the Sunday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July which is July 8 this year.

Newsletters are mailed twice each year and CLIA has its own website at [www.clearwaterlakemaine.com](http://www.clearwaterlakemaine.com). All are welcome!

As the CLIA Board of Directors prepares for its April 16 meeting we will be reviewing all our priorities. Along with the matters previously mentioned, we will continue to discuss Road Associations, fish and wildlife species, lake watershed, and ways to help build our lake community. Please send us your thoughts and ideas concerning these and other issues that are important for the Lake and our surrounding community. The Board Meeting is open to non-board members.

## 2025 Proposed Budget

		Article #	2024	2025	Difference
1	Administration	11	\$36,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$9,000.00
2	TA Loan / Debt Services	12	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
3	Town Hall	13	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
4	Insurance	14	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
5	Town Garage	15	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
6	Equipment Maintenace	16	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00
7	Roads	17	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00
8	Street Lights	18	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
9	Public Works Garage	19	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
10	PW & FD Truck Debt	20	\$28,438.00	\$28,438.00	\$0.00
11	Fire Dept. Operating	21	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
12	Farmington Fire	22	\$22,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00
13	MaineHealth EMS	23	\$12,081.00	\$14,951.00	\$2,870.00
14	Animal Shelter	24	\$1,892.00	\$2,364.00	\$472.00
15	Enforcement Wages	25	\$14,400.00	\$18,120.00	\$3,720.00
16	Lake Front Improvement	26	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
17	Library	27	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
18	Farmington Transfer Station	29	\$3,887.00	\$3,996.00	\$109.00
19	Town Officials Salaries	30	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$0.00
20	Cemetery Maintenance	31	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
21	General Assistance	33	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
22	New Fire Truck	N/A	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	-\$50,000.00
23	Fisher Sander	N/A	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00

\$644,048.00      \$732,719.00      \$88,671.00

13.77%

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Town of Industry**

**March 8, 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 8, 2025** 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 34, 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 (1 position, 3 yr. term)
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*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 appropriate funds to cover all Overdrafts from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Article 4** To see if the Town will authorize the payment of tax abatements that are granted, from 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 authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of 2025 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2026, to the 2026 annual town meeting.

**Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to make all property taxes due and payable October 1, 2025, 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. (7.5%)

**Article 9** 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 10** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, federal or other governmental units, or private sources that become available during the year, and to authorize the Select Board to accept, on behalf of the Town, and all unconditional gifts of any type of property.

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$45,000.00**, for the Administration operating expenses.

**Article 12** 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
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**Article 13** 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 14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00**, for liability, and property insurance coverage.

**Article 15** 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 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000.00** for the maintenance of the highway department Equipment.

**Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$225,000.00** for the care and maintenance of Summer & Winter Roads.

**Article 18** 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 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to construct a new Public Works Building to be built on the existing site of the current public works building.  
To be funded as follows;  
2025 taxation **\$100,000.00**  
Undesignated Fund Balance **\$300,000.00**  
Construction loan for a maximum of **\$500,000.00** to be paid off a maximum of 12 years, beginning in 2026 with payments not to exceed \$50,000.00 a year.

**Article 20** 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 21** 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 22** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** 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 23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **14,950.50** and to contract with MaineHealth Franklin Hospital, MaineHealth EMS, for the term of one year.

**Article 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,364.00** and to contract with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for the term of one-year.

**Article 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,120.00** for Enforcement wages.

ACO Salary	\$7,700.00
ACO Payroll Taxes	\$770.00
CEO Salary	\$8,000.00
CEO Payroll Taxes	\$800.00
Health Officer	\$500.00
Health Officer Payroll Taxes	\$50.00
Local Plumbing Inspector	75% plumbing permit fees
LPI Payroll Taxes	\$300.00

**Article 26** 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 27** 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 28** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the NorthernLites Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails.

**Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,995.16** to contract with the Town of Farmington for the use of their transfer station for the term of one year.

**Article 30** 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 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 appropriate the sum of **\$5,500.00** from the Allens Mills Cemetery Trust account for professional tree removal.

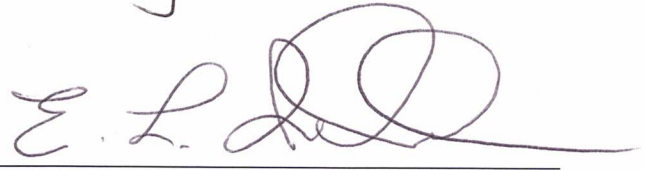
**Article 33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the General Assistance program.

**Article 34** Shall an ordinance entitled "Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance" be enacted?

Given under our hands this 18 day of February, 2025 by the vote of the Select Board

***Industry Select Board***

**Earl L. Ireland, First Select Board**




**Mark D. Prentiss, Second Select Board**



**Stewart K. Durrell, Third Select Board**



A true copy of the warrant,

  
**Angelina G. Davis, Clerk of Industry**

2/18/2025  
Date

# **Municipality of Industry Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance**

## **Sec. 1 Short Title**

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance.”

## **Sec. 2. Authority and Purpose.**

This Ordinance is intended to provide residents increased access to local food, to support the ability of residents to produce, sell, purchase and consume locally produced foods, and to reduce governmental regulation of local foods to the extent permitted by and pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 281 - § 286.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 284 and the home rule authority granted to municipalities by 30-A M.R.S. § 3001, or in the case of plantations, per authority of 30-A M.R.S. § 7051(11).

## **Sec. 3. Definitions.**

As used in this ordinance, the following words have the meanings stated below:

Direct producer-to-consumer transaction. "Direct producer-to-consumer transaction" means an exchange of food or food products directly between a food producer and a consumer by barter, trade or purchase on the property or premises owned, leased or rented by the food producer; at roadside stands, fundraisers, farmers' markets and community social events; or through buying clubs, deliveries or community-supported agriculture programs, herd-share agreements and other private arrangements.

Food or food products. "Food or food products" means food or food products that are grown, produced, processed, or prepared for human consumption, including, but not limited to, vegetables, fruit, milk or milk products, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products, seafood or seafood products, fresh produce, cider or juice, acidified foods or canned fruits or vegetables.

State food law. “State food law” means any provision of Title 7 or Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes that regulates direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

## **Sec. 4. License and Inspection Exemptions.**

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Ordinances of this municipality to the contrary, producers, growers, and processors of food or food products in the municipality are exempt from licensure and inspection requirements contained in State food law (as defined above) with respect to their direct producer-to-consumer transactions as defined herein.

B. Pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 285, the exemption provided in section 4(A) above does not apply to any transactions involving meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products, as those terms are defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2511. All such transactions remain subject to state inspection and licensing pursuant to Chapter 562-A of Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes and the rules adopted thereunder.

#### **5. Severability.**

If any section or provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this ordinance.

#### **6. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

## NOTES





