Report on the Select Board Meeting of November 10, 2026

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

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These notes, and the full agenda with the packet for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF

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https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Select Board Members Aria Eee, Katie Goodwin, and Kathy Gravino, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. There were 12, members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2026, were tabled.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- The Select Board set a Mil Rate of 6.35 and Commitment date of 11/20/2026 for 2026-27 Taxes. Tax bills will be due 01/19/2027
- The Select Board approved creation of an Economic Sustainability Work Group. Details will be available on the Town website soon. This was the first step in the creation of this advisory work group
- The Select Board approved a Public Comment letter to the State regarding Proposed Library Rules Changes
- The November 24th Select Board Meeting will be Zoom only

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website. Members of the public may come to the Town Office to read the correspondence items listed here. Most items are scanned in and included in the meeting packet that can be downloaded from the Town website before the meeting. The packet is also included in the Singing Bridge Meeting Reports at SingingBridge.net.

The most interesting items were:

- Sagadahoc County Navigator – Tedford Shelter Information
- FEMA – Update
- MidCoast Council of Governments – Newsletter
- Southern Maine Resilience Coordinator Collaborative - Newsletter
- Maine Municipal Association – FOAA Survey

Upcoming Events/Dates:

TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED NOVEMBER 11th IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY
Solid Waste Committee – November 12 – 7pm – ZOOM
Town Owned Property Management Board – November 17 – 4pm – IN PERSON*
School Committee – November 18 – 5pm - HYBRID
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The next meeting of the Select Board will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 24th. The meeting will be Zoom only, but may be cancelled. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day. The agenda and meeting packet are available, usually the Monday before a meeting, at:
https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=6611

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The Arrowsic and Georgetown Conservation Commissions Present

Island Ecology & Pesticide Use

Potential effects on the environment and human health



Speaker: Gary Fish
Maine State Horticulturist

This program will be hybrid and recorded for later viewing.
Register for the Zoom link:
https://bit.ly/ccpesticideprogram

Tuesday, November 17th at 6pm

Georgetown Historical Society
20 Baypoint Road, Georgetown



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Mid Coast Maine 2026-2027

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(207) 295-3317, Safety checks/ accessibility modifications/minor repairs – Brunswick and Sagadahoc County bathhousing.org/comfortably-home

CMP Assistance
(800) 750-4000, Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP)
cmpco.com/account/waystopay/help-with-bill

Community Energy Fund of Lincoln County
Contact your town office in Lincoln County.

Community Housing Improvement Project (CHiP, Inc.)
(207) 380-9276, Fuel funds, Home repair & weatherization – Central and Eastern Lincoln County chipinc.org

Community Resource Council
(207) 350-1743, Fuel funds & wood – Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, Southport
crcboothbay.org/the-fuel-fund

Efficiency Maine
(866) 376-2463, Home repair & weatherization
efficiencymaine.com

Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine
(207) 504-9332, Home repair & weatherization – Brunswick, Harpswell, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties
habitat7rivers.org

Harpswell Heating Assistance
(207) 833-5771 ext. 108, Fuel funds–Bailey's Island, Cundy's Harbor, Great Island, Harpswell Neck, Orr's Island
harpswell.maine.gov/assistance

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)
(207) 859-1500, Weatherization and heat pumps – Central and Eastern Lincoln County, kvcap.org

Maine Energy Office
(207) 557-4439, Home repair & weatherization maine.gov/energy/initiatives/energy-efficiency

MaineHousing Home Accessibility & Repair Program
(207) 816-3550, Home repair grants, mainehousing.org/programs-services/HomeImprovement/

Midcoast Maine Community Action
(800) 221-2221 / (207) 442-7963 (option 1), LiHEAP, ECIP, and economic stability programs–Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties
midcoastmainecommunityaction.org/liheap-assistance

Midcoast Wood Bank
(207) 729-7331, Wood - Bath, Brunswick, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, Topsham,
midcoastwoodbank.org

The Opportunity Alliance/Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
(207) 553-5900, Fuel funds, Low In-come Home Energy Assistance Program (207)442-7094, (LIHEAP) – Cumberland County
opportunityalliance.org/ecip

Rebuilding Together-Lincoln County
(207) 380-5719, Home repair & weatherization, Boothbay region
rebuildingtogether-lc.org

The Salvation Army Bath-Brunswick
(207) 443-3611, Fuel funds–Brunswick and Harpswell, Sagadahoc County (excluding Richmond)
easternusa.salvationarmy.org/northern-new-england/bath-brunswick

Tedford Housing/Warm Thy Neighbor
(207) 729-1161 ext. 115, Fuel funds – Brunswick, Harpswell, Bailey Island, Cundy's Harbor, Lisbon Falls, Lisbon, Lisbon Center, Durham, & Sagadahoc County tedfordhousing.org/programs/heating-assistance

Town of Bowdoinham/Town Heat Fund
(207) 666-5531, Fuel funds
bowdoinham.com/general-assistance

Town of Phippsburg
(207) 389-2653 ext. 1201, 837-5471 (nights and weekends), Fuel funds
phippsburg.com

Town of Richmond
(207) 737-4305, ext. 202, Fuel funds
richmondmaine.com/departments/GeneralAssistance

Town of Topsham
(207) 725-5821, Fuel funds
topshammaine.com

Window Dressers
(207) 596-3073 ext. 5, Insulating window inserts
windowdressers.org

Woolwich Fuel Assistance Fund
(207) 442-7094 contact the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department after hours, Fuel funds
woolwich.us/heating-assistance/

For additional information contact 211

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211 Maine

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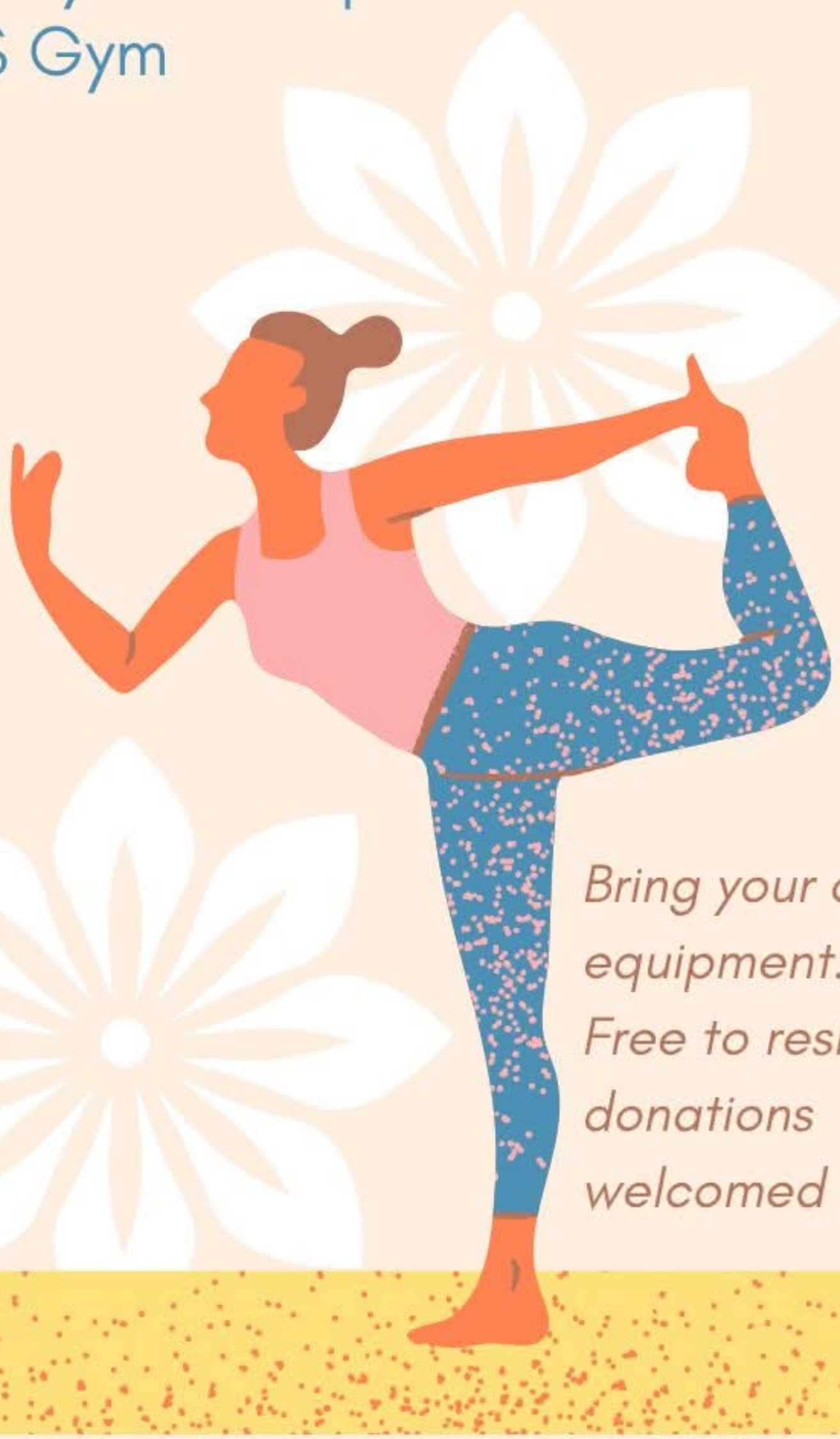
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SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, November 10, 2026

6:30pm, Town Office

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.
Please email gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM login info.
*indicates copy provided to Select Board
✱INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE

Call to order:

Moments of Silence & Celebrations

Public comment:

Items to be added to the agenda (if approved by chair and board):

Scheduled appointments:

Minutes:

- October 27th Minutes*✱

Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
- Maine Waste Discharge License ***renewal*** / transfer applications:
- Maine Waste Discharge License ***approvals:***
- PBR / NRPA :

Review:

- October Hauling Numbers

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Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eee:
- Ms. Goodwin:
- Ms. Gravino:

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Memorandums of Understanding (ongoing, no action expected)
- Comprehensive Plan Check In – Next Steps
- Update re: EMS Billing (ongoing, no action expected)
- Discussion re: creation of an Economic Sustainability Work Group✸*

New Business:

- Discussion and possible action re: November 24 Meeting✸
- Approval of Public Comment re: Proposed Library Rules Changes✸*
- Setting a Mil Rate and Commitment of 26-27 Taxes✸*
- Appointment of a Transfer Station Attendant✸

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session:

- pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(F) regarding consultations with Legal Counsel✸

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES TO REMEMBER…
NOTE: an asterisk (*) indicates Zoom available if requested

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Tedford Housing Overnight Shelter

From Philip Davis <pdavis@sagadahoccountyme.gov>
Date Wed 11/4/2026 1:07 PM
Cc Ashley Day <ADay@sagadahoccountyme.gov>

1 attachment (158 KB)
Brunswick Warming Center_FAQ_11.02.2026.pdf;

Good afternoon everyone.

Although today seems like a bad day for us to start thinking about the cold winter months that will soon be upon us, we must start preparing for the winter season and the cold that comes with it. Once again this year, Tedford Housing will be opening an overnight warming shelter beginning November 15. This will be opened until mid-April and open nightly, including holidays. Executive director of Tedford Housing has asked us to share information with each of our community partners as there are some changes from last year's center. While a majority of services remain the same, they have restructured for a better experience for the residents and staff this year. If you come across an unhoused resident or someone who may need a place to stay for the night, you can direct them to the Tedford Center located at 1 Tenney Way in Brunswick. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Dear Sagadahoc County Town Managers & First Responders,

Hello from Tedford Housing in Brunswick. We are writing to local municipalities and police departments to share information about the Brunswick Warming Center that will begin operation on Sunday, November 15.

Please find attached vital info and FAQ about Tedford's Warming Center program.

We want to ensure that the Warming Center is a welcoming place for people to spend a cold winter night, but also need to ensure everyone's safety. With that in mind, please note:

- Our space can only accommodate a maximum of 30 guests each night and will not admit more, except in a weather emergency.
- To request a spot, prospective guests should call Tedford Housing front desk at 207-721-6378 beginning at 8:00 am daily.
- The Gathering Place, a daytime drop-in shelter in Brunswick, similarly has limited capacity.
- We ask that no one transports or facilitates transportation for anyone to Brunswick in hopes of them accessing daytime or overnight shelter, unless they have first called and received confirmation that space is available. If a person is dropped off and we do not have space available, it will result in them being without a warm place to go in an unfamiliar community.

Regarding alternatives to the Brunswick Warming Center: State-subsidized warming centers will open in Lewiston, Augusta and Waterville starting 11/15. There may be also smaller (often faith-based) programs available closer to home - consult your local contacts.

Tedford Housing and our partners are committed to serving our region to the maximum extent possible with limited resources. Thank you for your partnership and please contact us with any questions.

Andrew Lardie

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact SCEMA at any time. Thank you.

Important update: Sagadahoc County EMA has transitioned to a new citizen alerting system, RAVE. If you wish to continue receiving important safety information, please sign up with RAVE, by visiting: https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=SCEMA or by scanning the QR code below.

Philip B. Davis

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Brunswick Warming Center 2026-2027

About

The Brunswick Warming Center (WC) provides safe overnight accommodations for individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness in southern midcoast communities. The WC is operated by Tedford Housing in coordination with The Gathering Place (TGP) and other community organizations.

Hours, Location & Contact

Open every night November 15 – April 30, 6pm - 8am
1 Tenney Way, Brunswick ME 04011
207-607-4552 (WC office, staffed only during hours of operation)
207-729-1161 (Tedford 24/7 front desk)

Capacity and layout

- Up to 30 individuals, sharing 1300 square feet of space in two rooms
- Semi-private room available for families with minors
- Assistance animals are welcome, subject to behavior & safety expectations

Amenities

- Chairs, blankets and hygiene items
- Single-stall locking bathrooms
- Single-stall locking showers, coordinated by staff
- Laundry self-service, coordinated by staff
- Snacks and hot beverages (no hot meal served)
- As available, gloves, hats, socks & hand warmers
- *Per Town ordinance, the WC building is not zoned to provide sleeping accommodations (eg mats).*

Staffing & Services

- Paid staff (2-3) present always, with more staff & volunteers at peak active hours.
- Security personnel on staff every night.
- Support staff are knowledgeable about available residential healthcare, treatment and housing options. Staff will facilitate guests' access to these settings as much as possible.
- Staff communicate with the nearest WCs and other agencies to facilitate bed access.

Safety & Security

- Uniform behavioral expectations and consequences have been adopted for 2026-27 by all agencies on the Tenney Way campus (see attached)
- To access program nightly, all guests must undergo security screening before entry
- 6 monitored video cameras and hourly staff rounds for constant visibility.
- Reverse motion detectors in bathrooms and showers (not cameras), to flag a health emergency.
- Guests to be inside by 7pm, and must remain on the premises for the entire night or else forfeit their spot (exceptions for people going to/from a job).
- All staff are trained in de-escalation, mental health first aid, trauma-informed care, first aid, NARCAN administration, and have relationships with adjacent providers (street outreach, crisis response, police, etc.)
- Brunswick Police Department supports for safety as a last resort.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does a person access the WC?

- Hold one of 30 available spots for the following night by calling Tedford's front desk (207-721-6378). Guests from the prior night have priority for the next.
- If any spots are not already held when the program opens at 6pm, presenting guests will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached.

Can I reserve my spot for the future?

- Each morning during normal operation, current guests may hold their spot for the following night before they leave the program. Holds beyond one night are not allowed.
- If you are not a current guest, your hold request will be noted in the order it was received. If all 30 current guests hold their spot for the following night, no new hold requests will be accommodated.
- In the event of overflow occupancy due to a storm, the next day's 'held' list will be limited to the 30 people who were on the list the before overflow protocol was activated.

What happens if there is not a spot for me?

- As available, staff will offer a bus or train pass to access another warming center that has capacity (if prior to departure time of last train/bus for the evening). Staff will share available information about availability at other warming centers.
- As available, staff will provide hand warmers, additional clothing layers, sleeping bag, emergency blanket.

What amenities are available to support rest and comfort for guests?

- 'Zero gravity' chairs are available for guests, as well as blankets. Mats will not be used, for a variety of reasons. The comfort amenities question will be revisited at the end of the season.

Where can guests access food?

- See attached information about local hot dinners, to-go lunches, and groceries.
- Guests may take a limited amount of food from the WC with them each day.

How does the WC facilitate transportation?

- As available, WC staff will provide bus and train passes until the last run nightly.
- The Brunswick Link bus provides free transportation to many local resources.
- WC is not able to fund taxi rides.

How does the WC operate in a weather emergency?

WC leadership will announce expanded capacity, and will increase staffing, when the following severe conditions are forecast (24 hours notice when possible):

- Windchill temperature below 0 degrees, or below 20 with significant wind or precipitation (ie ice storm, snow)
- Greater than 6 inches of snow or blizzard conditions
- The program has reached capacity but there are no other open beds that guests can reasonably access.

How does management monitor neighborhood conditions and respond to concerns?

Tedford will host neighborhood listening sessions at the WC every Friday, 12pm-1pm throughout the warming center season (11/15-04/30). The sessions will be accessible in person and by zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81339963761 or 305-224-1968 (Meeting ID: 813 3996 3761 #).

Tenney Way Good Neighbor Agreement

Welcome to Tenney Way! Our campus is a part of a neighborhood, which includes families with children. It is important that we be respectful and considerate of residents, property, and the surrounding area by following these guidelines:

- Refrain from yelling, swearing, or causing a disturbance while on Tenney Way and in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Be respectful of our neighbors and do not trespass on private property.
- Use the bathrooms that are inside the buildings and refrain from taking care of these needs elsewhere on the property.
- Drive slowly and carefully and park only in designated spaces. Keep vehicle noise to a minimum by avoiding loud music, excessive engine noise, and unnecessary horn use.
- Keep the property and the neighborhood clean by putting trash into the appropriate bins, including cigarette butts and any animal waste.
- Remain fully clothed in public spaces and refrain from sexual activity.
- Refrain from unauthorized video or audio recording in common areas, including video calls.
- Assistance Animals and Service Animals must remain leashed or under the handler's control at all times, and handlers are responsible for cleaning up after them.
- Please use the campus only while accessing Tenney Way programs or services. Loitering and overnight camping are not permitted.

If your behavior is unsafe, disrespectful, or frightening, in any of the Tenney Way campus programs you may be asked to leave and will not be permitted to access ***any*** of the Tenney Way programs, or Curtis Library, during that period of restriction. If you come onto the property while restricted, this may result in a Criminal Trespass order.

The following behaviors are **not** allowed on Tenney Way and will result in a restriction from campus:

Behavior	**Minimum Restriction Time**
Alcohol or marijuana possession	24 hours
Theft	1 week
Illicit drug possession	30 days
Drug or alcohol use on campus	30 days
Threatening or hate speech	30 days
Intentional or significant property damage	Criminal Trespass for campus
Assault	Criminal Trespass for campus
Illicit drug distribution	Criminal Trespass for campus
Other	Staff discretion

Last update 11/02/26

Food and Meals Outside of Warming Center Hours

The Gathering Place (5 Tenney Way) offers snacks and deli options Mon-Fri 8:30-3pm.

Groceries - MCHPP Food Pantry (12 Tenney Way) offers fresh produce, non-perishables, meat, and dairy products 4 days a week. Drop in or if you have a mobile device, use OrderAhead to select your pickup time and items in advance.

Go to: https://www.orderahead.org/home/foodbank?zip=04011 or Scan the QR code:

Tues: 12pm-6pm
Wed, Fri: 12pm-3pm
Sat: 1pm-4pm

Lunches - MCHPP Soup Kitchen (12 Tenney Way in Brunswick)
MCHPP offers a freshly cooked to-go lunch on-site or via community partners 5 days per week:

Sun, Mon: Closed

Tues, Wed, Fri: On-site, 11am-12:30pm

Thurs: Bagged lunch pick-up at Independence Association

3 Industrial Pkwy, Brunswick, 10:30am-12pm

Sat: On-site, 12-1:30pm

Community Dinners - Weekly

Mondays - First Parish Church (Pilgrim House at 9 Cleaveland St.), 5-6pm; sanctuary opens at 3p.

Tuesdays - Neighborhood Faith Community Café (798 Washington St. in Bath), 4:30-6pm

- *Tue. dinner @ Pathway Vineyard Church is on pause after 11/2026*

Wednesdays - PeoplePlus (35 Union Street), 3:30-5:30pm

Thursdays- St. Paul's Church (27 Pleasant Street), 4:30-5:30pm

Last update 11/02/26

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REMINDER: Upcoming Grants Management System Transition and Limited Availability to Process Financial Transactions

From FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) <fema@service.govdelivery.com>
Date Fri 11/6/2026 5:17 PM
To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

FEMA Grants News

FEMA



REMINDER: Upcoming Grants Management System Transition and Limited Availability to Process Financial Transactions

As a reminder, FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) and other FEMA grants management systems will transition to the agency's new financial management system, the Federal Information Management System (FIMS), in late November. During this transition period, financial transactions—including payment requests, awards, budget amendments, period of performance amendments, obligations, de-obligations and closeouts—will not process in FEMA GO, Mitigation eGrants (MT eGrants), Payment and Reporting System (PARS), or National Emergency Management Information System-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (NEMIS-HMGP). **However, FEMA GO and NEMIS-HMGP users will still be able to complete non-financial grant administration transactions, functions such as application submission, award acceptance and report submission. HMGP payments will continue to be supported through the Payment Management System (PMS).** For all systems, users will be able to view existing information.

Action Needed Now: All grant systems users must complete time-sensitive financial transactions for grant awards ***by 5 p.m. ET on November 20, 2026.*** Financial transactions completed after that date will not be processed until mid-December at the earliest.

For additional questions during this transition, please reach out to the FEMA GO Help Desk at FEMAGO@fema.dhs.gov or by phone at 877-585-3242. The FEMA GO Help Desk is available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

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MCOG General Assembly: You're Invited!

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Midcoast Council of Governments

Regional Assistance and Resources for Midcoast Maine Communities and Municipalities

RSVP: MCOG General Assembly: What is Rural?

Thursday, November 19th at 9:00am
Rockport Opera House, 6 Central St, Rockport

RSVP Here

What makes a place "rural"? How do we identify a rural area? Is it just a sparce population or is there more than that? It seems like a simple question, but a lot of people struggle to clearly answer it. Most people, "know it when they see it", but can't quite define it.

At this year's General Assembly, we'll explore what it means to be rural, examine the data and definitions commonly used, and discuss the characteristics that shape rural communities. Beyond understanding a defining feature of Midcoast Maine, we'll consider how rural places can navigate change while retaining the qualities that make them distinctive.

Building on our understanding of municipal planning, state resources, and national programs, we'll discuss how communities can develop effective regulatory frameworks, balance local social and economic priorities, and strengthen their resilience in the face of development pressures and an increasingly uncertain future.

By better understanding what we mean when we say "rural," MCOG hopes to help communities plan intentionally, adapt thoughtfully, and preserve the

qualities that make Midcoast Maine such a remarkable place to live, work, and play.

Lunch will be provided. A more detailed agenda will be released shortly.

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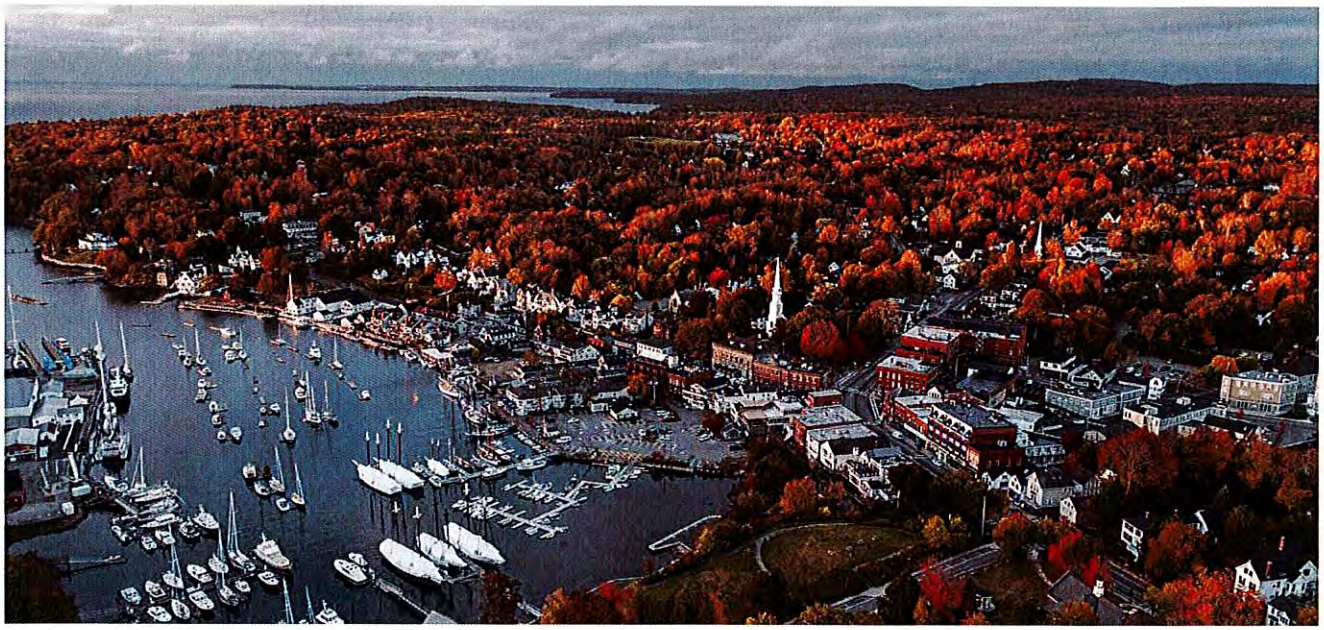
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Southern & Midcoast
Resilience Coordinator Collaborative

November Newsletter



Hello Everyone. Happy November!

This month's newsletter is packed with upcoming learning opportunities, funding announcements, and resources to support your community's resilience and sustainability work. We hope you'll take a few minutes to explore what's available, share opportunities with others in your circle, and find something useful for the work you're doing!

*As always, please **reach out** if there's a topic, project, or question we can assist you with.—we're here to help!*

Upcoming Talks, Events, Workshops & More!

Resilient Shorelines Workshops:
Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Communities
November 9, 17 & 18 | In Person



Maine's Regional Planning Organizations, in partnership with the **Maine Coastal Program (MCP)** and **Municipal Planning Assistance Program (MPAP)**, are hosting a series of regional workshops to help coastal communities incorporate nature-based solutions into local planning, regulations, and municipal operations. These workshops bring together coastal scientists, state agency staff, and local practitioners to share practical strategies for strengthening shoreline resilience. **Find the workshop in your region below.**

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

Lincoln County Resilient Shorelines Workshop
Monday, November 9, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, ME
For Lincoln County municipal staff, volunteer commissions, planners, code enforcement officers, and local practitioners, and individual property owners
Hosted by **Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC)**

Registration is closed. To be added to the waitlist, email **Laura Graziano**

Greater Portland Resilient Shorelines Workshop

Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Greater Portland Council of Governments, Portland, ME

For Greater Portland municipal staff, volunteer commissions, planners, code enforcement officers, and local practitioners, and individual property owners

Hosted by **Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)**

REGISTER

Midcoast Resilient Shorelines Workshop

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Camden Town Office, Camden, ME

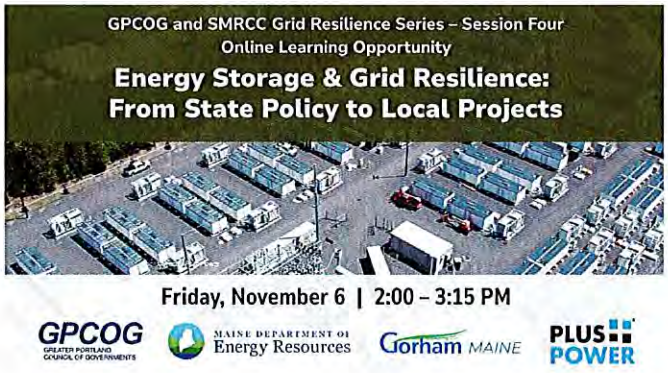
For Midcoast municipal staff, volunteer commissions, planners, code enforcement officers, and local practitioners, and individual property owners

Hosted by **Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG)**

REGISTER

Recording & Resources Available for Grid Resilience Series Session 4

Energy Storage & Grid Resilience: From State Policy to Local Projects



The recording, presentation slide decks, and resource sheet are now available from SMRCC & GPCOG's fourth session in the Grid Resilience Series explored Maine's energy storage policies, municipal considerations for siting and permitting battery storage projects, and how energy storage supports grid reliability and resilience. It also included a virtual tour of the Cross Town Energy Storage facility in Gorham.

ACCESS RECORDING

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Our curated list of workshops, talks, events

ACTT
A Climate to Thrive

Upcoming Webinar

Community Choice Aggregation: *Pathways for Community Control Over Energy Supply*

Thursday, November 12 | 12:00–1:00 PM

Join **A Climate to Thrive** (ACTT) to learn about Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), a newly enabled policy tool in Maine that allows municipalities and Tribes to purchase electricity on behalf of residents. Speakers will share lessons from other states and explore opportunities for local renewable energy procurement, greater community control, and community benefits.

REGISTER

Local Leads the Way

Local Leads the Way was developed and is hosted by **A Climate to Thrive** (ACTT). These online meetings support community members and leaders across Maine who are engaged in community-driven, solutions focused climate action.

Upcoming Meetings – Click to Register

General Call
Community-driven climate action updates
Monday, November 9, 12:00 PM

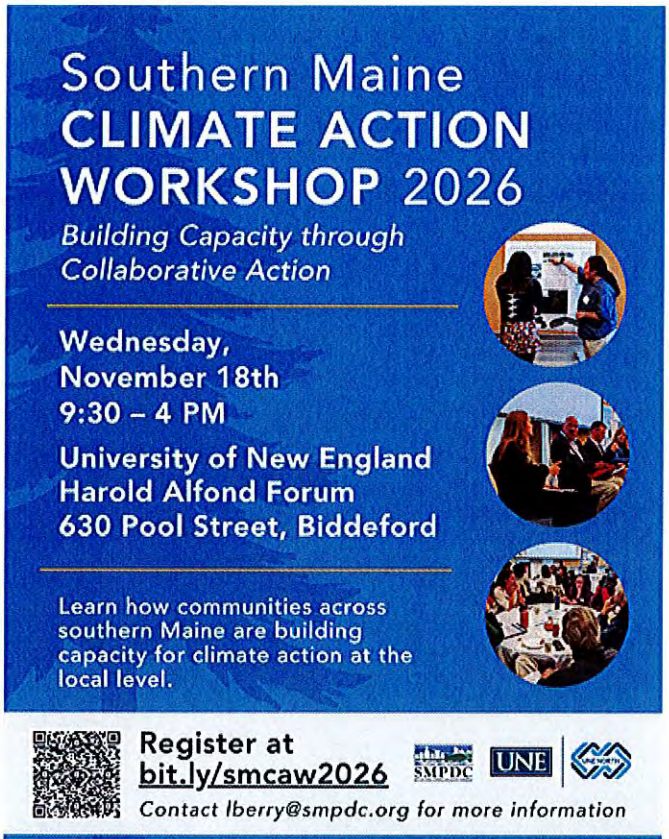
Monthly Energy Coaching Program Call
Connecting coaches from across the State
Tuesday, November 10, 12:00 PM

Monthly Resilience Call
Building social connection for more resilient communities
Wednesday, November 18, 12:00 PM

Southern Maine Climate Action Workshop

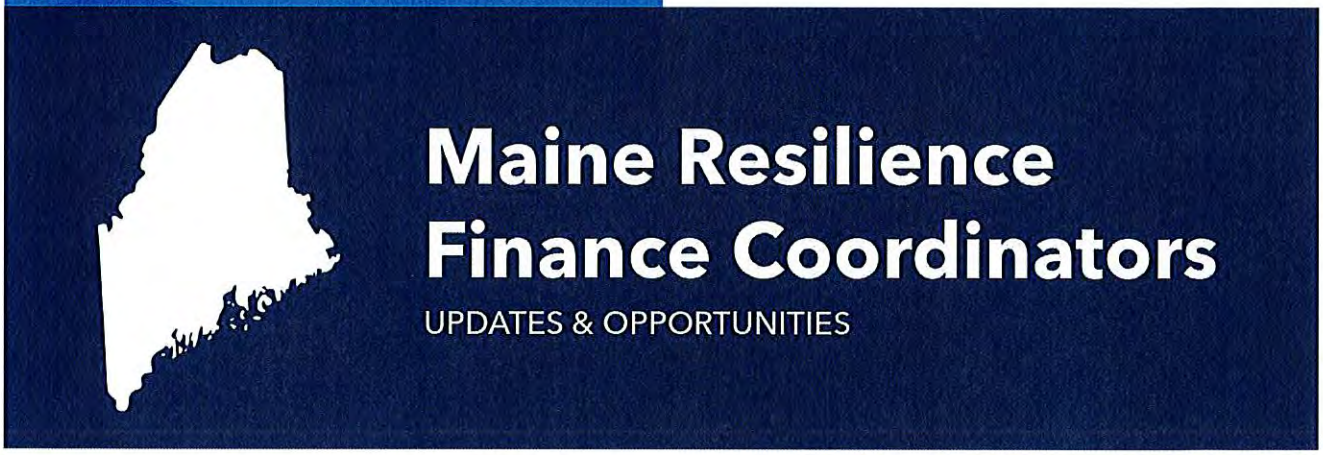
Wednesday, November 18 | 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

In-Person at the University of New England, Biddeford Campus



Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) and **University of New England** (UNE) are hosting the third annual climate action workshop for southern Maine. This full-day event connects municipalities, organizations, and communities in the region working towards meaningful climate action. This year's theme is *Building Municipal Capacity Through Collaborative Action*. The day will feature plenary sessions and breakout groups focused on case studies, tools, and resources designed to support Southern Maine municipalities build capacity and take action on climate change at the local level.

REGISTER



Climate Finance Virtual Office Hours

Thursday, November 19 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Have questions about funding your community's resilience or sustainability projects? Join the **New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC)**, **Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI)**, and **Resilience Works** for an informal office hours session offering guidance on navigating funding opportunities and financing strategies. *Bring your questions!*

REGISTER

Upcoming Webinar

Municipal Tax Increment Financing: *Balancing Economic Growth and Resilience through Creative Financing*

Friday, December 4 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Explore how municipalities can use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to support community development and resilience projects. Hosted by **NEEFC** and **GMRI**, this webinar will feature TIF experts explaining how the financing tool works, sharing successful municipal examples, and offering practical advice for communities interested in using TIF to advance local priorities.

REGISTER

Gulf of Maine Research Institute

New England neefc Environmental Finance Center

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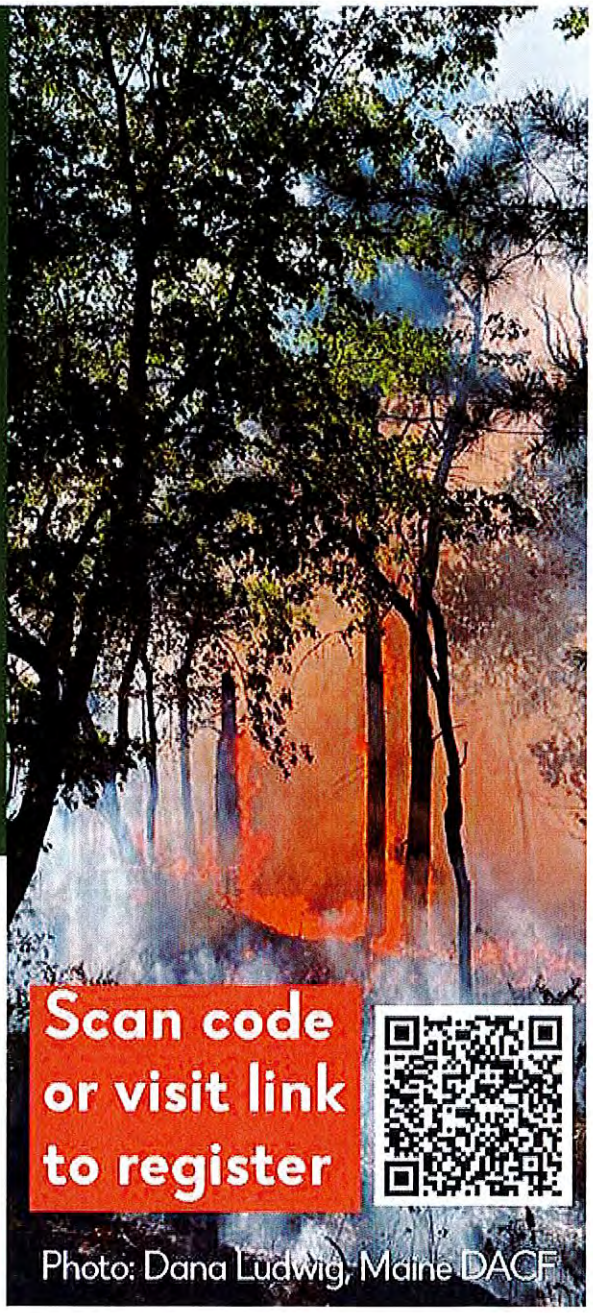
Camden Talks Climate with CamdenCAN

WILDFIRE-READY

Preparing the Midcoast for wildland fires as the climate warms

Camden PUBLIC LIBRARY

With more than 7,500 acres of publicly accessible woodlands, the Camden Hills region is vulnerable to wildland fires. Dana Ludwig with Maine DACF and Kent Nelson with the Maine Forest Service will discuss growing wildfire risks in Maine, what landowners near woodlands can do to protect their homes, and how communities can benefit from regional wildfire planning.



Thu, Nov. 12
6:30 - 7:30 PM
On Zoom only

librarycamden.org/wildfire-ready

Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

Forestry Best Management Practices

Thursdays, December 3, 10 & 17 | 12:00–1:00 PM

Join the **Adaptive BMP Cooperative** for a three-part webinar series exploring practical approaches to protecting water quality, improving forestry practices, and strengthening resilience to extreme weather. Topics include:

December 3 – Forestry BMPs for Extreme Weather: Tom Gilbert of the Maine Forest Service will introduce new guidance for managing runoff, stabilizing exposed soils, and protecting infrastructure at timber harvest sites.

December 10 – Forestry for Maine Fish: Sarah Haggerty of Maine Audubon will discuss forestry practices that support fish habitat and other aquatic organisms.

December 17 – Our Shore: Jordan Kimbal of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection will introduce nature-based techniques for stabilizing soils near water bodies.

REGISTER BY 5:00 PM DECEMBER 1

ONE CLIMATE FUTURE
Charting a Course *for* Portland and South Portland

T4ME
Transportation for Maine

Online

Coffee & Climate: All About E-bikes

Friday, November 13 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Join **Coffee & Climate** for a conversation about the benefits of e-bikes as a sustainable and accessible transportation option. Reed Silvers of the **Bicycle Coalition of Maine** will explore how e-bikes can reduce car travel, encourage active lifestyles, and expand transportation access. Learn about Maine's e-bike regulations, road safety, and rules of the road.

REGISTER

In Person

Transportation for Maine 2026 Summit: *Closing the Distance Between Us*

Tuesday, November 17 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Join **Transportation for Maine (T4ME)** for its inaugural summit focused on advancing equitable and sustainable transportation solutions across Maine. The event will bring together municipal leaders, planners, community organizations, and advocates to share ideas, build partnerships, and explore strategies for improving transportation access and mobility.

REGISTER

Funding & Technical Assistance Opportunities

FY2026 FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced $400 million in funding through its **FY2026 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program** to help communities reduce flood risks and repetitive flood damage to properties insured through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). **Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, special district governments, and federally recognized Tribal Nations participating in the NFIP and covered by a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan.** Funding supports flood mitigation planning, project scoping and feasibility assessments, community-scale flood risk reduction projects, and improvements to individual flood-prone structures, including elevations, acquisitions, demolitions, and floodproofing. Municipalities may also apply on behalf of eligible property owners and businesses. FEMA generally covers 75% of eligible project costs, with up to 90% available for repetitive loss properties and 100% for severe repetitive loss properties.

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to hmagrants@maine.gov *and* complete an eligibility check with the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) by November 13, at 5:00 PM. Both steps are required before beginning an application in FEMA GO.

Completed applications must be submitted to MEMA through FEMA GO by December 18, at 12:00 PM.

MEMA is offering **virtual office hours on Wednesdays from 2:00–3:00 PM** to answer questions about eligibility, project development, and applications (excluding November 11 and 25). **Join by phone at 207-209-4724 (Conference ID: 575015205#)**, or contact **hmagrants@maine.gov** for assistance. **ACCESS LOI TEMPLATE** and **LEARN MORE**

GRANTS LIST

Our curated list of current grants for your climate projects. Contact us to discuss funding opportunities.

climate smart communities initiative

Climate Smart Communities Initiative – 2027 Grants

The Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) is accepting Letters of Intent for its 2027 grant program, offering funding and technical assistance to help communities plan and implement climate resilience projects. CSCI anticipates awarding 16–20 grants, typically ranging from $75,000 to $115,000, for projects beginning in July 2027. Priority is given to underserved communities facing significant climate risks, particularly those needing additional technical and administrative capacity. Applicants must demonstrate a partnership among a community-based organization, local or regional government, and qualified climate adaptation practitioner. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals in February 2027. **Letters of Intent are due November 20. LEARN MORE**

CEI

Coastal Enterprises

Small Business Energy Audits

Technical Assistance Grant

Open to small businesses outside Cumberland and Kennebec counties with 50 or fewer employees and less than $1 million in annual gross revenue. **Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI)**, with funding from the USDA, is offering eligible small businesses financial assistance covering 75% of the cost of a professional energy audit. Audits include an energy bill review, on-site building assessment, and recommendations for improving energy efficiency and reducing operating costs. Audit costs vary based on building size and complexity. Interested businesses can schedule a free, no-obligation intake call to discuss eligibility, the audit process, and estimated costs.
Contact Eliza Jacobs at eliza.jacobs@ceimaine.org to learn more.

Featured Tools & Resources

Webinar Recording & Slide Deck

Beyond Federal & State Grants: *Unlocking Foundation Support for Local Resilience*

Looking for funding opportunities beyond traditional state and federal grants? This practical workshop from the **Maine Resilience Finance Coordinators** explores how private, community, and corporate foundations can help support local resilience projects. Learn how philanthropic funding differs from government grants, where it can help fill funding gaps, and how municipalities and community partners can identify and pursue foundation support for their resilience goals.

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A Tool for Comparing Consultant Proposals

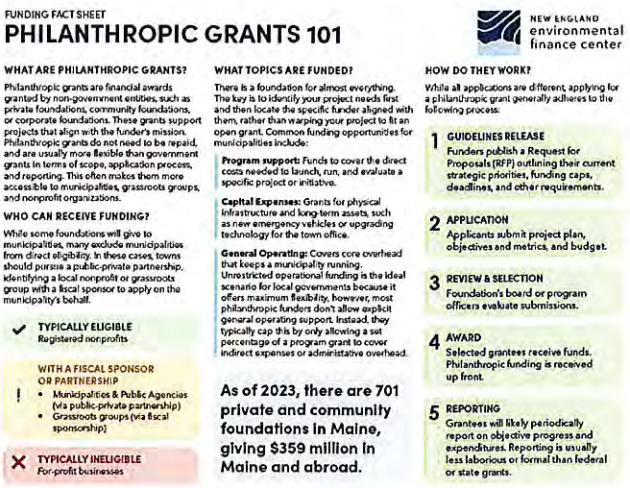
Hiring a consultant for an upcoming project? The **Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG)** has developed a customizable evaluation rubric to help municipalities and community organizations consistently review and compare consultant proposals. Originally created for a coastal resilience project, the tool provides a framework for evaluating consultant qualifications, project understanding, proposed approach, responsiveness, and budget. Communities can adapt the rubric and evaluation criteria to fit their specific project needs.

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Philanthropic Grants 101 Fact Sheet

Looking for funding opportunities beyond traditional government grants? The **New England Environmental Finance Center (NEEFC)** has developed a Philanthropic Grants 101 Fact Sheet to help municipalities, nonprofits, and community organizations explore foundation funding opportunities. This resource provides an overview of philanthropic grants, practical tips for finding and pursuing funding, and answers to frequently asked questions to help communities get started.



FUNDING FACT SHEET

PHILANTHROPIC GRANTS 101

NEW ENGLAND environmental finance center

WHAT ARE PHILANTHROPIC GRANTS?

Philanthropic grants are financial awards granted by non-government entities, such as private foundations, community foundations, or corporate foundations. These grants support projects that align with the funder's mission. Philanthropic grants do not need to be repaid, and are usually more flexible than government grants in terms of scope, application process, and reporting. This often makes them more accessible to municipalities, grassroots groups, and nonprofit organizations.

WHO CAN RECEIVE FUNDING?

While some foundations will give to municipalities, many exclude municipalities from direct eligibility. In these cases, towns should pursue a public-private partnership, identifying a local nonprofit or grassroots group with a fiscal sponsor to apply on the municipality's behalf.

✔ **TYPICALLY ELIGIBLE**
Registered nonprofits

! **WITH A FISCAL SPONSOR OR PARTNERSHIP**
- Municipalities & Public Agencies (via public-private partnership)
- Grassroots groups (via fiscal sponsorship)

✕ **TYPICALLY INELIGIBLE**
For-profit businesses

WHAT TOPICS ARE FUNDED?

There is a foundation for almost everything. The key is to identify your project needs first and then locate the specific funder aligned with them, rather than warping your project to fit an open grant. Common funding opportunities for municipalities include:

Program support: Funds to cover the direct costs needed to launch, run, and evaluate a specific project or initiative.

Capital Expenses: Grants for physical infrastructure and long-term assets, such as new emergency vehicles or upgrading technology for the town office.

General Operating: Covers core overhead that keeps a municipality running. Unrestricted operational funding is the ideal scenario for local governments because it offers maximum flexibility, however, most philanthropic funders don't allow explicit general operating support. Instead, they typically cap this by only allowing a set percentage of a program grant to cover indirect expenses or administrative overhead.

As of 2023, there are 701 private and community foundations in Maine, giving $359 million in Maine and abroad.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

While all applications are different, applying for a philanthropic grant generally adheres to the following process:

1 **GUIDELINES RELEASE**
Funders publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) outlining their current strategic priorities, funding caps, deadlines, and other requirements.

2 **APPLICATION**
Applicants submit project plan, objectives and metrics, and budget.

3 **REVIEW & SELECTION**
Foundation's board or program officers evaluate submissions.

4 **AWARD**
Selected grantees receive funds. Philanthropic funding is received up front.

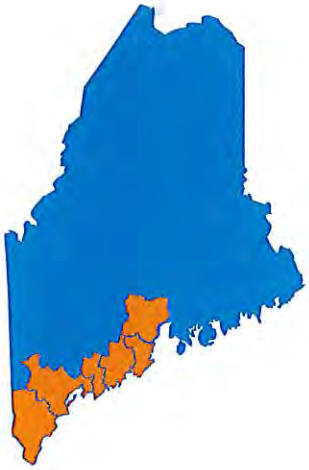
5 **REPORTING**
Grantees will likely periodically report on objective progress and expenditures. Reporting is usually less laborious or formal than federal or state grants.

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Get Support Directly

From Your CRP Regional Coordinator

Looking for feedback on your project ideas? Need some help finding the right grant and writing your grant applications? Want to connect with other communities and technical assistance providers? ***Reach out to connect via zoom, phone, or in-person. We are here to help!***



York and Southern Oxford County communities:
Melanie Nash, *Sustainability and Resilience Planner*
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC)

Cumberland County communities:
Sara Mills-Knapp, *Director of Sustainability*
Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)

Lincoln County communities:
Laura Graziano, *Community Resilience Planner*
Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC)

Sagadahoc, Knox, and Southern Waldo County communities:
Meg Rasmussen, *Sustainability Program Director*
Sydney Ranalletti, *Community Planner*
Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG)

For general inquiries about support offered through the Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Southern & Midcoast Resilience Coordinator Collaborative (SMRCC) contact Gabe McPhail.

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FOAA Requests Generated by Artificial Intelligence

From Rebecca Lambert <rlambert@memun.org>
Date Wed 11/4/2026 11:40 AM
To GTWNME@HOTMAIL.COM <GTWNME@HOTMAIL.COM>

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60 Community Drive | Augusta, ME 04330-9486
1-800-452-8786 (in state) | (t) 207-623-8428
(f) 207-624-0129

To: Key Municipal Officials, FOAA Officers

From: Rebecca Lambert, Municipal Issues Specialist

Date: November 4, 2026

RE: FOAA Requests Generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Over the last several months, the Right to Know Advisory Council has met to assess the varied elements of Maine's Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) and have since split into subcommittees to more efficiently tackle the work before them. One topic being explored by the Technology and Burdensome Requests subcommittee is the increased frequency in which governmental agencies are receiving FOAA requests that have been generated by artificial intelligence (AI).

To better understand the impacts, the subcommittee has asked the Maine Municipal Association for assistance gathering examples from municipalities about FOAA requests that have been generated using AI and how it has affected your community.

MMA is asking members to share examples of FOAA requests they have received that appear to have been generated by AI rather than written directly by an individual. We are particularly interested in requests that may be unusually broad, overly detailed, repetitive, highly technical, or that appear to follow an AI-generated format.

If you are not the person who receives and processes FOAA requests in your office, please forward this to the correct individual.

If you have received these types of requests, please consider sharing copies or examples with Rebecca Lambert at rlambert@memun.org, ***by 2:00 p.m., November 10, 2026.***

Your input is valuable, and having real-world examples will help the subcommittee better understand the issue and determine whether further discussion or potential solutions are warranted.

Thank you for your assistance and for taking the time to share your experiences.

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MLC Rule Proposal

From karen macgillivary <kmacg13@gmail.com>
Date Sun 11/8/2026 10:20 AM
To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

1 attachment (22 KB)
Rule - SelectBoard.docx;

Good morning Tyler,
Attached file shows some facts and information about the Maine Library Commission's Proposal.

The Board and several residents agree that there is something special about having a small library that functions well with what we have and do. We are not about money and have no intent of asking the Town for more so we can comply with what we feel are unnecessary rules for our little gem - we are all about books & reading!

Thank you!
~karen

Nov. 8, 2026
Info. re: MLC Rule proposal

Hi Tyler.

Hope this helps the cause.

Italicized words are taken from the MLC document

The Maine Library Commission (MLC) is proposing a Rule that *sets forth the eligibility criteria that must be met in order for member libraries to receive different services.* Laura E Richards Library may be potentially affected because certain criteria is not met. Unless MLC grandfathers or gives exemptions to small, all volunteer libraries, LER may lose access to Internet connection (NetworkMaine)services.

Read the proposal here: **Proposed Rule 94-075, Chapter 1: Maine Regional Library System**

Scroll down to Section 4

SECTION 4 Maine State Library Services and Eligibility Criteria

Focus on services affected/criteria LER does not meet:

#3 – Services - A, B #4 – Criteria – B, C, D

COMMENTS WHICH I WILL EXPAND UPON & SEND TO THE MLC RULEMAKING PORTAL

4.3 Service that would be lost if LER if not in compliance will all the standards:

→ *Internet connection (1-10 Gigabits per second) through the Maine School and Library Network managed by NetworkMaine at no additional cost to the library;*

→ *Content filtering, email, web hosting, technology support, and consortia pricing through the Maine School and Library Network managed by NetworkMaine at no additional cost to the library*

4.3A.B Internet is the backbone of our library. It encompasses the catalog, circulation system, patron data, reports and more. Some year-round & summer residents along with visitors rely on this service and can connect 24/7.

Criteria

It promotes quality library services by ensuring:

→ *Professional development hours for Director (8) & Board(1) members:*

4.4.B1 LER's Director keeps current with State Library news by MELIBS & MEINFO postings and attends Zoom meetings when subject is applicable for our little library. Formal professional development often comes with a cost of time and often money which would affect the overall yearly budget. Professional growth has been informal in areas of interest or need for improvement of the library. Pertinent information is shared with Board members.

4.4.B2 Our 7 member board is composed of residents who hold full time jobs, serve on Town Boards, Committees, and/or other town organizations. Georgetown's population is under 1200 so the pool to draw from is limited. The requirement of adding extra time to busy lives would be a deterrent for serving on the Board and any costs of training would be a burden since it would have to be absorbed by LER's limited budget.

It plans for long-term sustainability by ensuring:

→ *It has a paid individual who serves as director*

4.4.C2 Being paid does not guarantee sustainability. LER has been in its present location as a totally volunteer library since 1948 so I'd say it has sustained. LER has a small budget – usually under $6,000 and depends on our annual book sale, town contribution & other donations. Paying a director 'just because' doesn't seem fiscally responsible but may need to be revisited when the current director retires.

→ *The director position may not be filled by an individual who also serves as a member of the governing board of trustees.*

4.4.C2 If someone is willing to take on a dual roles to support and carry out responsibilities of running the library, we see no problems. The library has run smoothly for years, so why change?

→ *Staffed and open to the public for an average of 12 hours per week year-round.*

4.4.D3 LER is situated on a hill with a narrow driveway – no way could a plow make it passable in the winter. Heat would be another issue since our small Rinnai couldn't adequately keep the building comfortable without a substantial added expense. We do offer our patrons access to books during the winter months. They can sign out as many books as they wish during Blizzard Books week when we close in Oct. and share among friends/neighbors until May when we reopen.

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Hopefully the Commission will acknowledge that although LER does not meet all the criteria, it shouldn't be denied services, and will let us continue keeping our patrons excited about books! Libraries vary in size and resources – it seems unreasonable to expect all to comply with all parts of the proposed 'rule'.

It would be great if the SelectBoard as a whole and/or individually respond to this proposal.

- **Online:** Rulemaking public comment form
- **By email:** state.library@maine.gov

You can read public comments by searching Maine Library Commission

COMMENT DEADLINE: Written comments must be received by the Maine Library Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 20, 2026.

Thank you for your time.

~karen

11/9/2026

Month	Paid To City of Bath for Solid Waste (Compactor) @ $130.00 Per Ton			Paid To R C Rogers @ $270.00 Per Trip $300 Sept 1 2026			Total Paid For Compactor Hauling	Monthly Tonnage Totals	Last Year Monthly Tonnage Totals	Variance Inc / (Dec)
	Tons		$$	Trip Fee						
2026										
July										
1-Jul	3.78	$	491.40							
7-Jul	9.61	$	1,249.30	RC - 1 was June not prev billed						
14-Jul	9.11	$	1,184.30	Billed $45 for mattress						
17-Jul	1 mattress	$	50.00							
23-Jul	7.17	$	932.10							
28-Jul	6.52	$	847.60							
29-Jul	2 mattress	$	100.00	@ $50 ea	5 @ $270.00			36.19	40.05	(3.86)
				$ 4,854.70		$ 1,395.00	$ 6,249.70			
August										
4-Aug	8.7	$	1,313.70	Pine Tree						
12-Aug	8.82	$	1,146.60							
18-Aug	8.97	$	1,166.10							
27-Aug	11.3	$	1,469.00		4 @ $270.00					
		$	-							
								37.79	33.96	3.83
				$ 5,095.40		$ 1,080.00	$ 6,175.40			
September										
3-Sep	7.72	$	1,003.60							
10-Sep	7.67	$	997.10							
15-Sep	4.9	$	637.00		5@ $300.00			32.88	34.32	(1.44)
22-Sep	6.35	$	825.50							
29-Sep	6.24	$	942.24	Pine Tree						
		$	-							
				$ 4,405.44		$ 1,500.00	$ 5,905.44			
October										
6-Oct	5.68	$	738.40							
13-Oct	5.63	$	731.90					22.42	24.97	(2.55)
20-Oct	5.73	$	744.90		4 @ $300.00					
27-Oct	5.38	$	699.40							
		$	-							
		$	-							
				$ 2,914.60		$ 1,200.00	$ 4,114.60			
	Tons		$$							
Totals	129.28			$ 17,270.14		$ 5,175.00	$ 22,445.14			(4.02)

11/9/2026

Month	Paid To City of Bath for Demolition/Bulky @ $157.00 Per Ton		Paid To R C Rogers @ $270.00 Per Trip $300 Sept 1 2026		Total Paid For Bulky Waste Hauling	Monthly Tonnage Totals	Last Year Monthly Tonnage Totals	Variance Inc / (Dec)	Total Paid For All Waste Hauling
	Tons	$$							
2026									
July									
8-Jul	4.3	$ 675.10							
15-Jul	4	$ 628.00							
17-Jul	2.07	$ 324.99							
23-Jul	3.96	$ 621.72							
28-Jul	4.46	$ 700.22							
29-Jul	3.77	$ 591.89							
30-Jul	3.15	$ 494.55		6 @ 270.00		**25.71**	**27.11**	**(1.40)**	
		$ 4,036.47			$ 1,620.00	$ 5,656.47			$ 11,906.17
August									
5-Aug	3.12	$ 489.84							
12-Aug	4.06	$ 637.42							
19-Aug	3.77	$ 591.89							
26-Aug	4.19	$ 657.83							
27-Aug	3	$ 390.00	billed @ SW rate	6 @ $270.00					
						18.14	**19.58**	**(1.44)**	
		$ 2,766.98			$ 1,350.00	$ 4,116.98			$ 10,292.38
September									
3-Sep	3.62	$ 568.34							
8-Sep	2.99	$ 469.43							
15-Sep	3.3	$ 518.10				**18.01**	**21.65**	**(3.64)**	
22-Sep	3.88	$ 609.16		5 @ $300.00					
30-Sep	4.22	$ 662.54							
		$ -							
		$ 2,827.57			$ 1,500.00	$ 4,327.57			$ 10,233.01
October									
1-Oct	1.4	$ 219.80							
8-Oct	3.54	$ 555.78				**16.31**	**17.79**	**(1.48)**	
15-Oct	3.58	$ 562.06							
22-Oct	4	$ 520.00	billed at SW Rate	5 @ $300.00					
29-Oct	3.79	$ 595.03							
		$ -							
		$ 2,452.67			$ 1,500.00	$ 3,952.67			$ 8,067.27
	Tons	$$							
Totals	**78.17**	**$ 12,083.69**			**$ 5,970.00**	**$ 18,053.69**		**(7.96)**	**$ 40,498.83**