

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of January 27, 2025

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

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Members Aria Eee and Katie Goodwin, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. There were 14 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2025, were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

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

- The Selectboard met with Mike Farina from the Working Waterfront Group. It was agreed that a public information session will be scheduled
- Special Election Candidates' Night was scheduled for 7pm February 10th in the Georgetown Central School Gymnasium and on Zoom. The candidates for Selectboard are Geoff Birdsall and Kathy Gravino
- Absentee voting has begun for the Special Election. In person voting (Special Town Meeting) will be 10am to 8pm on February 17th

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.

The most interesting items were:

- U.S. Dept. of the Army - Notification re: FUDS Site in Georgetown
- **State of Maine - Animal Welfare - Dog License Deadline Reminder**
 - **Note: Dogs must be licensed by 1/31/2026. State mandated late fees kick in on 2/1/2026.**
- Sheriff's Office - December Incident Report
- Southern and MidCoast Resilience Collaborative - Newsletter
- United Way - Update and CASH Maine Information
- Maine Public Radio - Thank you for donation
- Maine Municipal Association - Legislative Bulletin # 1
- Maine Municipal Association - Legislative Bulletin #2
- Oasis Free Clinics - Announcement of Executive Director's Retirement

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Thursday, January 29 - Harbor Committee - 4pm - HYBRID*

Tuesday, February 3 -Recreation Committee - 6pm - HYBIRD

Wednesday, February 4 - Planning Board - 7pm-HYBRID

Monday, February 9 - Conservation Commission - 6pm - ZOOM

Tuesday, February 10 -Financial Advisory Committee - 1 pm - HYBRID*

Tuesday, February 10 - Select Board-6pm HYBRID

NOTE: This Select Board Meeting is anticipated to adjourn no later than 6:45pm)

Tuesday, February 10 - Special Election Candidates' Night -7pm - HYBRID

NOTE: Candidates' Night will take place in the GCS Gymnasium and on Zoom.

Thursday, February 12 -Solid Waste Management Committee - 7pm- ZOOM

Monday, February 16- Town Office Closure in observation of Presidents' Day.

Monday, February 16-Georgetown Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Meeting-7pm-IN PERSON

Tuesday, February 17-Special Select Board Election Day

Tuesday, February 17 - Town Owned Property Management Board - 4pm - HYBRID*

Wednesday, February 18 -Planning Board - 7pm - HYBRID

Tuesday, February 24 - Select Board -6pm -HYBIRD

NOTE: an asterisk (*) indicates Zoom available if requested

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, February 10th. The public is welcome to attend in person or 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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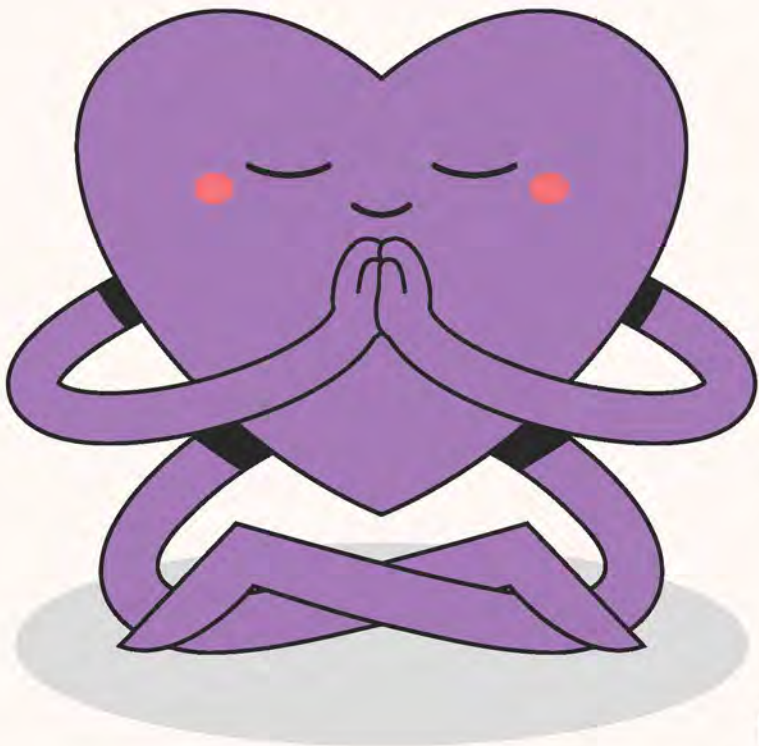


First Sundays
12:30 w/ Susan

Second Sundays
12:30 w/ Andrea

Third Sundays
12:30 w/ Susan

Fourth Sundays
12:30 w/ Sara



DONATIONS WELCOMED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
& OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

GCS GYM

BYO MAT, WATER, TOWEL

Bath Winterfest

**Sat
Feb 21
2026**



DOWNTOWN OLYMPICS

**All Day Sales & Menu Specials
10-1pm Family Games & Contests
Bath Fire Dept. Touch a Truck
5-6pm Lantern Parade & CCAC Concert**



visitbath.com/winterfest



Main Street Bath AWARD TENT!
Pick up your Medal & Take a Photo with
our Olympic Backdrop.
Get a Lantern for the Parade at 5pm.
At Hallet's Clock from 10 - 1pm





Synchronized Community Parachute!
Bring your friends and let the
nostalgia take over!
Next to Brackett's Market 10-1pm



July 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2026

BATH, MAINE

Heritage Days

Happy Semiquincentennial!



America celebrates

250 Years!

VisitBath.com

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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:

Public comment:

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

Scheduled appointments:

- 6:05 – Recess to Convene a Board of Assessors Meeting for the purpose of addressing abatements
 - 6:15 – Meeting with Elaine Pinkham, Chair of the Georgetown School Committee, for approval on use of reserve funds*
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:05 pm

Abatements to address:

- 163 Bowmans Landing Road (03R-007-17, Kinnee) Abatement Request re: Acreage Error*
 - Recommendation – Reduction of \$7,700
- 266 Marrtown Road (05R-037, Sheehan) Abatement Request re: Land Valuation*
 - Recommendation? – To Assessing Agent
- 44 Stevens Lane (10R-026, Magliozzi Trustees) Abatement Request re: Land & Building Valuations*
 - Recommendation? – To Assessing Agent
- 120 Jewett Road (01R-013, Magliozzi Trustees) Abatement Request re: Land & Building Valuations*
 - Recommendation? – To Assessing Agent
- No Street Address (09R-015, Magliozzi Trustees) Abatement Request re: Land Valuation*
 - Recommendation? – To Assessing Agent

Abatements awaiting further action:

- 1132 Five Islands Road (10R-017, Jaeger) Abatement Request
 - Pending Final Report from Assessing Agent

Pending abatements received to appear on next agenda:

- 46 Stevens Lane (10R-025-A-1, Magliozzi) Abatement Request re: Land Valuation
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Minutes:

- Minutes of December 16, 2025*

Review: *none*

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Continuing Items: *none*

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eee:
- Ms. Goodwin:

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Update on the Working Waterfront Work Group & any appropriate action *
- Ongoing Discussion re: EMS Billing (no action expected)

New Business:

- Update regarding Candidates' Night and any appropriate action *
- Discussion regarding polling hours and other items relevant to drafting a Warrant for calling a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 17 *
- Approval for Town Administrator to attend Grant Writing & Funding Class **
- Approval to remove Chalk Board in Conference Room to facilitate better meeting space *
- Update on School / Town Office power outage & any appropriate action **

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES TO REMEMBER...

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

(under 36 MRSA § 841)

Please read the instructions on the back of this form before filling out this application

1. Your name: David & Jeannette Kinee
2. Your mailing address: 163 Bowmans Landing Rd
3. Your phone numbers: Local: 287-521-6423 Away: _____
4. Tax year for abatement: 2025
5. Tax map and lot of property: Map: 03R-007-17 Lot: 17
6. Assessed valuation of real estate: Land: \$211,800 Bldg: N/A
7. Requested abatement in value: Land: \$160,000 (±) Bldg: N/A
8. Specific reasons for abatement:

Current tax bill shows 7.25 acres
is different from actual deed. Deed
paperwork shows 5.1 acres. (see attached)

To the Board of Assessors of the Town of Georgetown:

In accordance with the provisions of 36 MRSA § 841, I hereby make written application for abatement of property taxes as shown. The statements made are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 12/4/2025

Signed: Jeannette Kinee

You must file this form in duplicate and must file an application for each separately assessed parcel you claim has been overvalued. Unsigned forms will not be accepted.



Outlook

Re: Abatement - Fixing Acreage

From WILLIAM VAN TUINEN <bvt12851@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/6/2026 10:30 AM

To Town Office Georgetown <GtwnME@hotmail.com>

ABATEMENT APPLICATION MAP 03R LOT 007-17

TYLER,

IT APPEARS IT IS JUST A REDUCTION IN THE REAR ACREAGE. I ASSUME THE LAYOUT OF LOT 17 CORRECTLY REPRESENTS THE LAYOUTS THE PLAN REFERENCED IN THE DEED AND THAT NO ADDITIONS OF LAND HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PARCEL SINCE THE DATE OF THE DEED IN 1989.

THE ABATEMENT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE LESS THAN THE REQUESTED AMOUNT OF 60,000. THE REAR LAND LINE WOULD NOW BECOME 1.1 ACRES. THE VALUE OF THE REAR LAND WOULD BECOME 3960 ROUNDED TO 4000.

THE ABATEMENT WOULD BE 7,700.

PLEASE CONFIRM ON THE TRIO SOFTWARE.

BILL

On Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 9:54 AM Town Office Georgetown <GtwnME@hotmail.com> wrote:

Bill -

This is the abatement we've talked about re: acreage. We billed just over 7 acres. Their deed and survey show just over five. I think this is pretty straightforward... taking from the rear land. But would like to confirm that. Hoping to finalize this one next week.

Tyler J. Washburn

Town Administrator

Town of Georgetown

50 Bay Point Road

Georgetown, ME 04548

(207) 371-2820

From: Town of Georgetown Copier <townofgeorgetownme@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 10:08 AM

To: Tyler Washburn <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

Subject: Send data from MFP13390802 01/06/2026 10:08



TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

(under 36 MRSA § 841)

Please read the instructions on the back of this form before filling out this application

1. Your name: TOM SHEEHAN
2. Your mailing address: 266 MARITOWN RD GEORGETOWN, ME. 04548
3. Your phone numbers: Local: 207-751-4578 Away: _____
4. Tax year for abatement: 2025
5. Tax map and lot of property: Map: 05R Lot: 037
6. Assessed valuation of real estate: Land: \$ 716,200.00 Bldg: \$ 207,500.00
7. Requested abatement in value: Land: \$ 400,000.00 Bldg: _____
8. Specific reasons for abatement:

1.) MY HOUSE IS LOCATED IN TODD BAY. WE HAVE MUD FLATS AT LOW TIDE.

2.) MY NEIGHBORS ON BOTH SIDE OF MY PROPERTIES PAY FROM 360,000 - to 480,000 PER ACRE. WHILE I'M BEING CHARGED \$ 1,068,961.00 PER ACRE. RATE.

DEEP WATER - Neighbor #1 05R-038 is charged \$ 363,403.90 per ACRE RATE
MUDS OUT - Neighbor #2 05R-036 is charged \$ 481,154 per ACRE RATE.

To the Board of Assessors of the Town of Georgetown:

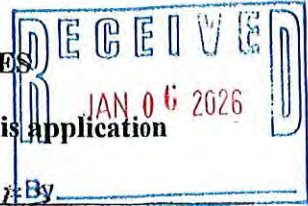
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Date: 12/10/2025

Signed: [Signature]

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APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES
(under 36 MRSA § 841)



Please read the instructions on the back of this form before filling out this application

1. Your name: ORESTE J. & MARIE H. MAGLIAZZI TRUSTEES By UNIT 201
2. Your mailing address: 671 SW South River Dr., STUART, FL 34997
3. Your phone numbers: Local: 978-270-1693 Away: SAME
4. Tax year for abatement: 2025
5. Tax map and lot of property: Map: 102 Lot: 026
6. Assessed valuation of real estate: Land: 4,232,000.- Bldg: 253,200.-
7. Requested abatement in value: Land: 1,000,000.- Bldg: 100,000.-
8. Specific reasons for abatement:

FIRST THE LAND: THIS LOT IS ONLY 1.28 ACRES AND IT IS A VERY HIGH DUNE. THE WATER, APPROX. 60' AND VERY IRREGULAR IN ELEVATION. TO ACCESS THE WATER FOR RECREATION ONE HAS TO DESCEND A STEEP TRAIL APPROX. 25-30' IN ELEVATION TO A DOUBLE FLIGHT OF STAIRS DESCENDING ANOTHER 30' IN ELEVATION TO A DOCK. MARKET VALUES ARE \$150,000. TO \$380,000 PER ACRE. THE RESIDENCE IS 29' X 48' PARTIAL 1 1/2 STORY WITH A CRAWL SPACE PARTIAL BASEMENT AND PIER FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION

To the Board of Assessors of the Town of Georgetown: (SEE REVERSE SIDE)

In accordance with the provisions of 36 MRSA § 841, I hereby make written application for abatement of property taxes as shown. The statements made are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: DEC. 20, 2024

Signed: [Signature]

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You must file this application with the Town within 185 days from the date of commitment of taxes.

You must file a separate application for each separately assessed parcel of real estate.

You must file this application in duplicate.

To be eligible to request an abatement, you must have filed a complete list of your taxable property with the assessors in accordance with 36 MRSA § 706. If you have not filed such a list, you must file it with this application, together with a statement as to why you did not file it at the proper time.

The assessors will provide written notice of their decision within ten days of taking final action on this application. They may ask you to agree to further delay. If they do not provide such notice within sixty days, you may assume that they have denied the application and proceed to an appeal.

In line 7, show the amount by which you believe the valuation should be reduced, not the number to which you want it reduced. For example, if the valuation listed in line 6 is \$150,000 and you believe it should be \$100,000, you should enter \$50,000 in line 7, not \$100,000.

In the space below line 8, be as specific as possible in providing reasons why the assessors should grant your request. State the reasons for your claim, such as the sales prices of this or comparable properties.

☐ The abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$_____ valuation.

☐ The abatement requested is denied. You have sixty days from the date you receive this notice to appeal this decision to the County Commissioners of Sagadahoc County. You are further notified of certain payment requirements under 36 MRSA §§ 843 (4) or 844 (4) in order to enter an appeal from this decision if your property has a valuation of more than \$500,000.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Assessors, Town of Georgetown

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3. Your phone numbers: Local: 978-270-1693 Away: SAME
4. Tax year for abatement: 2024
5. Tax map and lot of property: Map: 09R Lot: 015
6. Assessed valuation of real estate: Land: 32,400.- Bldg:
7. Requested abatement in value: Land: 22,400.- Bldg:

8. Specific reasons for abatement:

THIS LAND IS 6 ACRES APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILE INTO THE
WOODS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY CONSERVATION LAND
WITH NO VEHICULAR OR UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS. THIS LAND
AS OF NOW CANNOT BE DEVELOPED OR USED FOR ANY
PURPOSE EXCEPT MAYBE HUNTING OR CAMPING.

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4. Tax year for abatement: 2025
5. Tax map and lot of property: Map: 01R Lot: 013
6. Assessed valuation of real estate: Land: 334,200.- Bldg: 174,900.-
7. Requested abatement in value: Land: 284,200.- Bldg: 74,900.-

8. Specific reasons for abatement:

FIRST THE LAND: THIS LOT IS 60' WIDE X 100' DEEP WITH ^{EXPOSED} LEDGE 50% OF THE LOT AND HAD NO UTILITY ACCESS.

THE SEASONAL STRUCTURES FOOTPRINT IS 600 S.F. AND AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE OF 80 S.F.

DETER SOMEONE GIVES ME \$500,000. FOR IT TAX THEM.

To the Board of Assessors of the Town of Georgetown:

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Assessors, Town of Georgetown

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL CAPITAL ASSETS BY FUNCTION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Land and Non-depreciable Assets	Buildings, Building Improvements and Land Improvements	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Vehicles	Infrastructure	Total
General government	\$ 171,299	\$ 192,080	\$ 18,888	\$ 554,332	\$ 936,599
Public safety	10,000	179,120	745,766	-	934,886
Public works	-	-	-	2,752,490	2,752,490
Education	-	1,965,632	232,426	-	2,198,058
Total General Capital Assets	181,299	2,336,832	997,080	3,306,822	6,822,033
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-	(1,702,139)	(791,245)	(1,417,210)	(3,910,594)
Net General Capital Assets	<u>\$ 181,299</u>	<u>\$ 634,693</u>	<u>\$ 205,835</u>	<u>\$ 1,889,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,439</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, MAINE

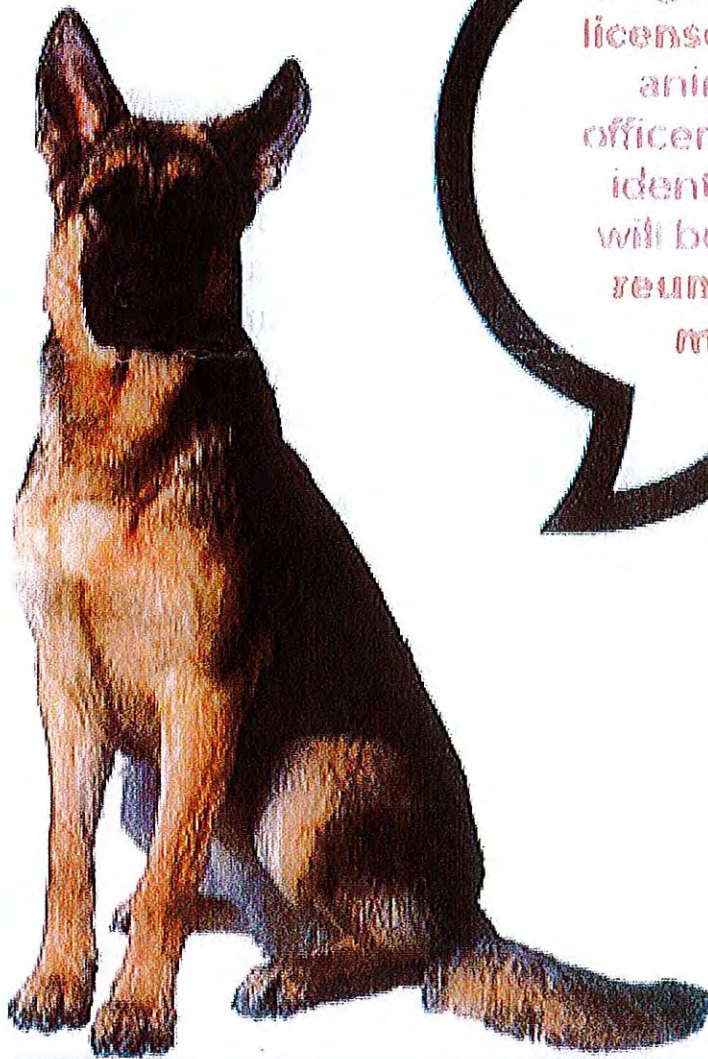
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN GENERAL CAPITAL ASSETS BY FUNCTION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Capital Assets 7/1/23	Additions	Disposals/ Transfers	General Capital Assets 6/30/24
General government	\$ 805,137	\$ 153,455	\$ (21,993)	\$ 936,599
Public safety	876,471	112,880	(54,465)	934,886
Public works	2,752,490	-	-	2,752,490
Education	2,198,058	-	-	2,198,058
Total General Capital Assets	6,632,156	266,335	(76,458)	6,822,033
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,793,689)	(193,363)	76,458	(3,910,594)
Net General Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,838,467</u>	<u>\$ 72,972</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,439</u>

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DOG LICENSING SEASON IS HERE!



If I get lost, my dog
license tag will help
animal control
officers and shelters
identify me. They
will be able to help
reunite me with
my family!



Visit Your Town Office and Renew
Your Dog License in Person Today!



Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department

Law Total Incident Report, by Offense Codes

Agency: Sagadahoc County Sheriff Dept

<u>Offense Code</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Alarm (ALAR)	3
Assault, Simple (ASIM)	1
Agency Assist (ASST)	1
Citizen Assist (CITA)	1
Concealed Weapon Permit Appl (CWPA)	1
Disabled Motorist (DISM)	1
Family Fight (FAMF)	1
Public Service (PUBS)	8
Suspicion (SUSP)	1
Traffic Accident NonRep (TANR)	1
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage (TAPD)	3
Welfare Check (WELF)	1
Total Incidents for This Agency	23

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:00 12/01/25' and '23:59:59 12/31/25', All agencies matching '1200', All natures, All locations matching 'GO', All responsible officers, All dispositions, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes, All circumstance codes



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD MA 01742-2751

December 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Notification and Safety Education Initiative at Department of Defense
Formerly Used Defense Sites

Aria Eee
Selectmen
Town of Georgetown
PO Box 436
Georgetown, ME 04548

Dear Selectmen Eee:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which executes the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program on behalf of the Army, conducts notification and safety education activities at FUDS with munitions-related concerns when additional investigations are not expected to occur in the near future. This letter is to advise you that information will be mailed to landowners whose property may be subject to environmental or safety concerns linked to past Department of Defense (DoD) activities at the FUDS on the enclosed list.

Congress established DoD's FUDS Program as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program to address properties formerly owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the DoD prior to October 1986 that may contain environmental contamination or military munitions resulting from past DoD activities. USACE is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination or military munitions at the approximately 5,400 FUDS properties across the country that still require a response.

After initial site inspections, USACE identified properties which may have munitions-related concerns and require further investigation. Due to the large number of munitions response sites (MRS), not every site can be addressed immediately. Because safety is the Army's number one priority at FUDS, USACE will provide landowners on a FUDS MRS a notification letter and a site-specific safety guide at least once every five years.

Should military munitions remain on these properties, they are most likely below ground surface; however, there is a possibility that some may have become partially or fully exposed. If present, these military munitions may pose an explosive hazard.

It may be some time before USACE is able to fully investigate the extent of the environmental contamination or military munitions at each of the identified FUDS; therefore, the site-specific safety guides include information on actions to take to reduce the risks that may remain from past DoD activities. For MRS with potential explosive hazards, the safety information encourages readers to follow the 3Rs of Explosive Safety: **Recognize** – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** – do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** – call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it. Local law enforcement will arrange for DoD Explosive Ordnance Disposal or police bomb squad personnel to locate, evaluate, and address the situation. For more information please visit: <https://3Rs.mil>.

This notification letter is being mailed to the local government representatives and first responders where the FUDS on the enclosed list are located. A copy of the distribution list is enclosed.

Enclosed are copies of the site-specific safety guides and a sample of the notification letter that will be mailed to landowners within an MRS. Questions about this notification process can be answered by contacting Heather L. Sullivan, FUDS Program Manager, at (978) 505-7985 or by email at heather.l.sullivan@usace.army.mil. Additional information on the FUDS Program can be found at www.fuds.mil.

Sincerely,



Heather L. Sullivan
FUDS Program Manager

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1. List of FUDS Projects
2. FUDS Notification and Safety Education Fact Sheet
3. Distribution List
4. Sample Letter to Landowners
5. Site-Specific Safety Guides

Town of Georgetown Projects

Notification and Safety Information will be mailed to property owners within the following town of Georgetown Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). More information about these projects, including an interactive map, is available at www.fuds.mil.

Project List

Maine Bombing Area, Rocket Range Land Area, D01ME044001

Town of Georgetown Distribution List

Bronwen Tudor, Selectmen, Chair, Town of Georgetown, PO Box 436, Georgetown, ME, 04548

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD MA 01742-2751

January 9, 2026

SUBJECT: parcelAddr

fName lName
ownerContact
ownerAddr
ownerCityStateZip
ownerCountry

Dear Property Owner:

This letter advises you that the property listed above is located on property that has been identified as being eligible under the Department of Defense's Formerly Used Defense Sites Environmental Restoration Program. The Formerly Used Defense Sites property name and project property identification number are propName, projName, and propNum.

Congress established the Department of Defense's Formerly Used Defense Sites Program as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program to address properties formerly owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the Department of Defense that may contain environmental contamination or military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense-related activities. The Department of Defense has assigned the Army responsibility for the Formerly Used Defense Sites Program, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes this program on behalf of the Army and Department of Defense. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address such contamination or military munitions at approximately 5,400 Formerly Used Defense Sites across the country.

Available information indicates military munitions may be present on or near your property as a result of past munitions-related activities that the Department of Defense conducted on this Formerly Used Defense Sites property. More specific information is enclosed. Should military munitions remain on this Formerly Used Defense Sites property, they are most likely below the ground surface; however, there is a possibility that some may have become partially or fully exposed. If present, these military munitions may pose an explosive hazard to you, your family, other property users, or the public. The Army recommends you share the enclosed information with those who use your property, including those who lease or rent your property.



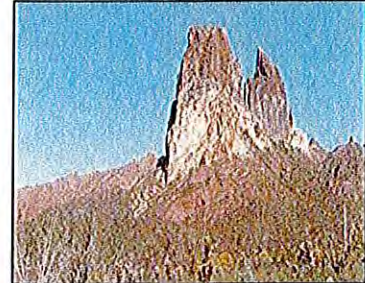
Formerly Used Defense Sites Notification and Safety Education Initiative Interim Risk Management

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Background

For more than 200 years, our military forces have carried out activities such as maneuvers and live-fire training and testing on various properties throughout the United States in preparation to defend our national interests. Some of these activities resulted in a possible need for an environmental response. Properties that the Department of Defense, or DOD, used for these purposes and transferred before October 1986 are known as Formerly Used Defense Sites or FUDS. The DOD is committed to responding to environmental contamination and military munitions on FUDS that resulted from the Military Services' past use and pose an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment.

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Army is the lead agent for the FUDS Program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes the program on behalf of Army and the DOD. The Army is committed to responding to contamination and military munitions (e.g., unexploded ordnance) present on these properties to allow for their safe use. Active coordination and collaboration with property owners, state and federal regulators, tribal and local governments, and affected communities are critical to Army's activities. While conducting these activities, the Army Corps of Engineers ensures that its actions are protective of human health and the environment and conducted in a safe, timely, and transparent manner. It also works hard to keep interested parties informed of its activities, including offering affected communities and property owners opportunities to express their views early and continuously throughout the process.

Notification and Safety Education Initiative

Given the number of FUDS, it may be some time before the Army Corps of Engineers is able to address the potential hazards present. For this reason, and in the interest of public safety, the Army is implementing notification and safety education activities as part of the DOD's Interim Risk Management initiative. The Army Corps of Engineers will implement these activities at eligible FUDS every five years beginning with military munitions sites that pose the greatest potential risk. These activities are designed to help reduce impacts to human health, safety and the environment until further response activities are initiated. The goal is to educate property owners and others about how to reduce risk from hazards that may remain from the DOD's use of the property. The Army Corps of Engineers uses cost-effective methods to help safeguard affected communities, maintain transparency, and allow for early and continuous engagement with property owners, affected communities and other stakeholders.

Types of activities the Army Corps of Engineers implements at a FUDS include:

- Notifying property owners whose land is within a FUDS boundary;
- Coordinating with government officials whose constituents reside within a FUDS boundary;
- Staffing a toll-free FUDS information telephone line: 1-855-765-FUDS (3837);
- Providing 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat and Report) Explosives Safety Program (www.denix.osd.mil/uxo) materials at those FUDS where military munitions may be present; and,
- Conducting public education activities tailored to specific projects.

The Army Corps of Engineers will implement these notification and safety education activities at designated FUDS at least once every five years. For more information about the FUDS Program see www.fuds.mil.

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Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military training activities that took place at the former Maine Bombing Area and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Maine Bombing Area, also known as Rocket/Projectile (R/P) Practice Range and Area William, was used from 1944 to 1946 for aerial rocket practice by personnel stationed at the former U.S. Naval Air Station Brunswick. An area of the former Maine Bombing Area, known as Rocket Range Land Area, has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the range include practice rockets and small arms ammunition.

The Rocket Range Land Area is located in Reid State Park, within the town of Georgetown, and extends into the waters of Sheepscot Bay, in Sagadahoc County, Maine. The land within this former range is publicly owned and is used for recreational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the land and in the waters of the Rocket Range Land Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that the landowner and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



A rocket at the former Maine Bombing Area

Former Maine Bombing Area

For More Information



US Army Corps of Engineers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Maine Bombing Area, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

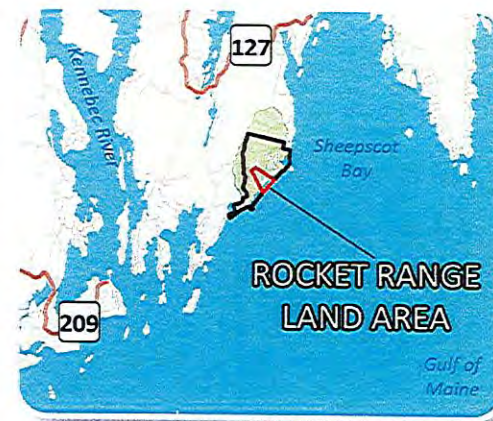


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
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3Rs Safety Guide

Former Maine Bombing Area

Maine
Sagadahoc County



Rocket Range Land Area

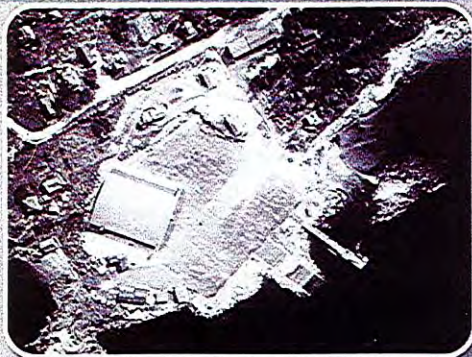


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Source: U.S. Navy

Aerial view of the former Naval Air Station Brunswick, 1944

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

A: Military munitions, such as practice rockets and small arms ammunition, are known or suspected to have been used at the Rocket Range Land Area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

Q: What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

A: Based on historical research and site inspections, military munitions are known or suspected to have

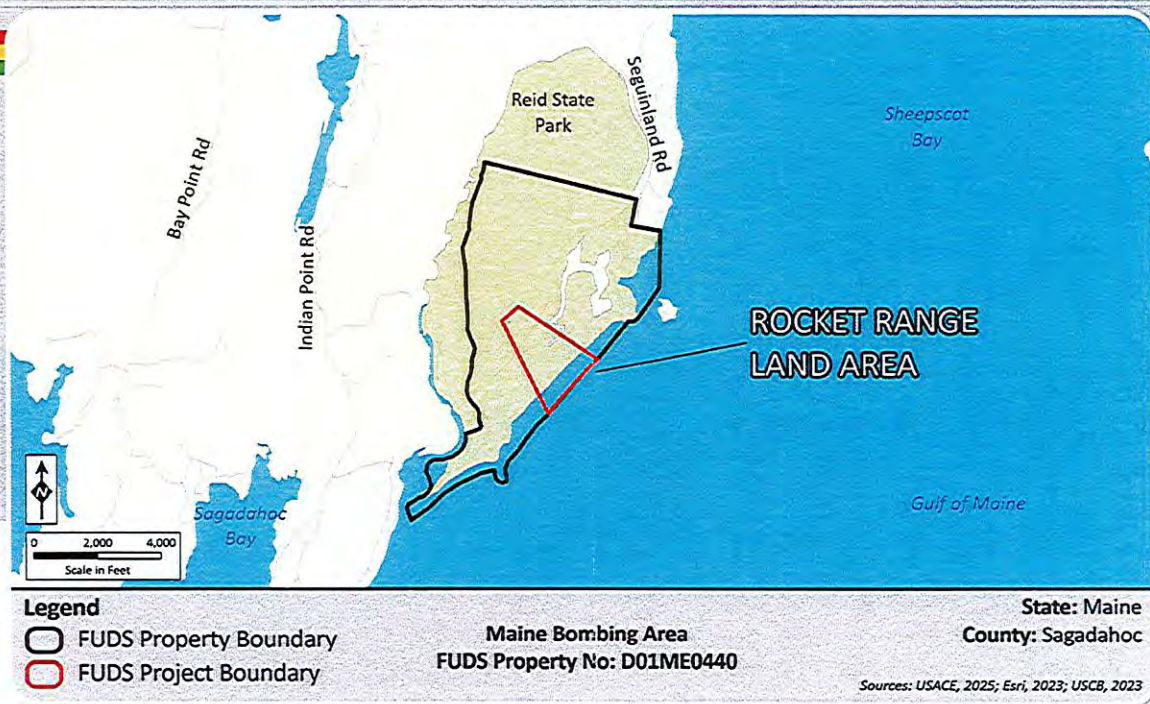
been used at this range, and some munitions may remain on the land and in the waters of the Rocket Range Land Area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Rocket Range Land Area at the former Maine Bombing Area.

Q: What will be done next?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to the landowner and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with the landowner as it plans required response activities.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837) or select the GIS Tool on the Interim Risk Management page at www.fuds.mil. Learn more about munitions and explosives safety at <https://3Rs.mil>.



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat

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Report

call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.



December 16, 2025

Dear Community Partner,

Midcoast CA\$H is an initiative of United Way of Mid Coast Maine that provides free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers to households earning up to \$69,000. We provide these services in six locations across the Midcoast: Bath, Boothbay, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, Richmond, and Wiscasset. Last year, \$1.33 million was returned to the community in federal and state income refunds.

Midcoast CA\$H Coalition members come from many parts of our communities and include Age-Friendly Bowdoinham, Bowdoinham Fire Department, Coastal Enterprise, Inc., Community Resource Council, Harpswell Aging at Home, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission, Midcoast Maine Community Action, Town of Boothbay, Town of Harpswell, and retired volunteers. We receive sponsorship from the Internal Revenue Service, New Ventures Maine at the University of Maine Augusta, Davenport Trust Fund, Midcoast Maine Charitable Foundation of Maine, and The First.

Enclosed please find a flyer with more information about Midcoast CA\$H. Will you please inform your employees and/or customers of this service either by posting the flyer or including it in communications?

Check out our website www.uwmcm.org to learn more about activities in the Midcoast area. Follow us on social, sign up for our newsletter, and visit Volunteer ME to learn more about opportunities to help.

Thank you for your support of this valuable program.

Regards,

Doreen

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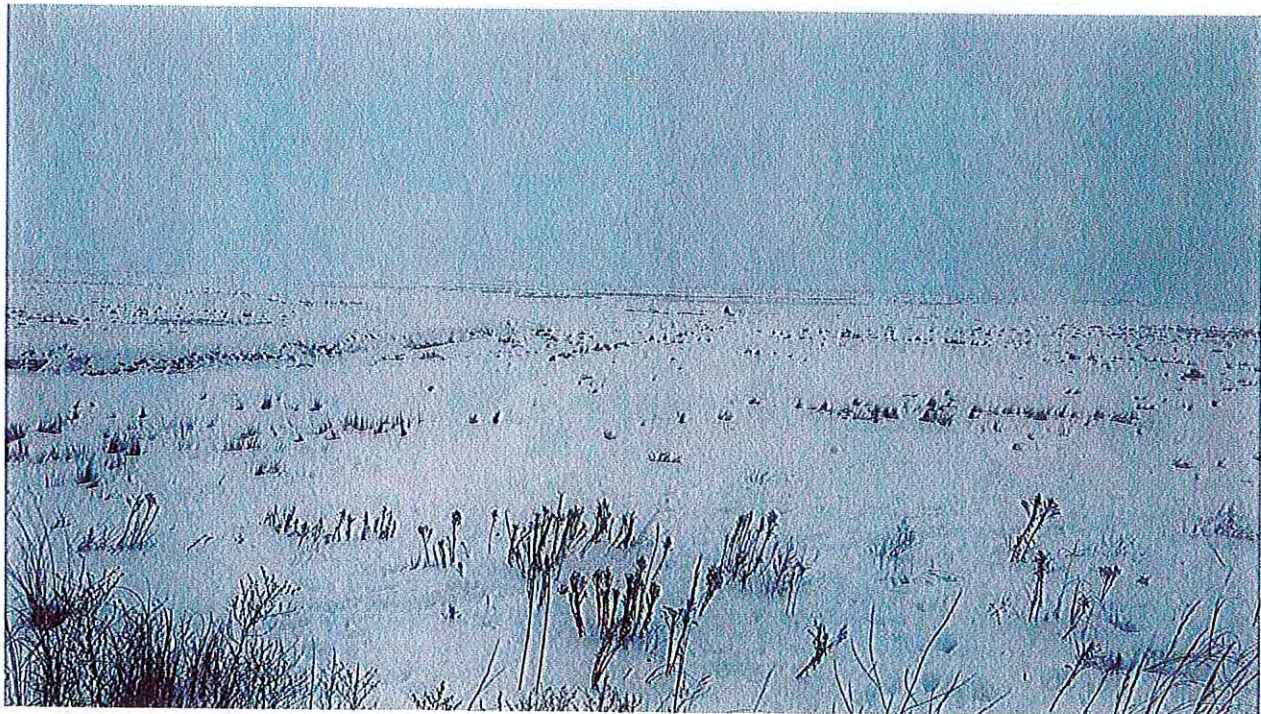
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January Newsletter



Hello Friends!

Winter has arrived in full force—cold, snowy, and undeniably Maine. Winter is a great time to hunker down and make progress on planning, especially resilience projects that prepare communities for what's ahead. Two major state design, engineering, and construction grants—the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and the Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund—are opening in the first quarter of the year, offering exciting opportunities to advance local resilience projects. To learn more, check out the upcoming learning opportunities highlighted in this month's newsletter and Lists.

As always, reach out to your regional coordinators for assistance, we are here to help!

Upcoming Talks, Events, Workshops & More!



From Ideas to Action Online Workshop: Funding for Resilience Projects

Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund

Wednesday, January 14 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The second session of the *From Ideas to Action* series hosted by the Southern & Midcoast Resilience Coordinator Collaborative (SMRCC), will focus on the **Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund (MIAF)**, administered by **Maine Department of Transportation** (MaineDOT).

Sierra Millay and Lirella Jaen from MaineDOT will provide an overview of the program and share insights to help communities prepare for the upcoming funding round expected in 2026.

The workshop will:

- Explain the purpose of MIAF and how it supports climate-resilient infrastructure projects
- Review eligible project types, funding ranges, and match requirements
- Share what to expect in the next round, funded through Resilient Maine by NOAA's Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (CRRC)
- Offer guidance on how communities can begin shaping projects now, ahead of the formal RFA release

MIAF was established following recommendations in *Maine Won't Wait* and supports projects such as stormwater, wastewater, drinking water, and transportation resilience, as well as shoreline stabilization.

Who should attend: Municipal and tribal staff and officials, infrastructure districts, committee members, and service providers supporting community resilience and infrastructure projects.

Join to learn more about MIAF and how the fund could be used in your community! **LEARN MORE**

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Click to see a curated list of upcoming workshops, talks, events and webinars in our region and across the state.

Learning Opportunities List

Upcoming: Working Waterfront Resilience Workshop Series

Maine Sea Grant and **Maine Coastal Program** are hosting regional working waterfront resilience workshops to support communities applying for Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Funds. Workshops will address project planning, such as engineering design and permitting. Presentations will be followed by an interactive resource-sharing session. Workshop dates and locations TBD SOON! Contact your regional coordinator for more information.

Upcoming opportunities



Maine
Community Foundation



Land Conservation Grants

Maine Community Foundation is offering another round of funds to promote community relationships to Maine lands. The Land for Communities (L4C) grant program is a redesigned conservation grant that addresses recommendations from Maine's climate action plan and community needs. Project support for land acquisition can be up to a maximum of \$50,000, and support for land-based projects, such as stewardship needs, technical support program development, and infrastructure upgrades can receive a maximum of \$25,000.

Applications due **March 16**.

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Casco Bay Community Grants

The **Casco Bay Estuary Partnership** (CBEP) Community Grants program funds projects that engage communities with Casco Bay and its watershed, and encourages collaboration between nonprofits, educators, and civic groups. Proposals can focus on environmental education, stewardship, or community outreach. Examples of past projects include middle-school and high-school water quality monitoring, classroom watershed demonstrations, and intergenerational programming about the Bay. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and eligible applicants must be located in Casco Bay or its watershed. Applications are due **January 26** at 5:00 PM. **DOWNLOAD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** or **LEARN MORE**

2026 Catalyst Program

The **Northern Border Regional Commission** (NBRC) **Catalyst Program** is open for another round of grants to encourage projects that take a creative approach to addressing an economic need or opportunity in the region, alleviate economic distress, and contribute to economic growth. Strong projects promote diverse economic development efforts, such as upgrading and expanding public water and wastewater systems, improving transportation infrastructure, or creating workforce training programs and facilities. Eligible applicants must be located in Oxford, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties (in addition to Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington counties).

Pre-application deadline 5:00 PM, **February 27**. **Visit the NBRC website. LEARN MORE** by downloading the Catalyst Program Overview

BRIC Program Update

On December 11, 2025, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) program was reinstated by Congress. Restoring BRIC allows state, tribal, and local governments to continue receiving federal support for mitigation projects that help communities prepare for natural disasters through large-scale infrastructure projects. Stay tuned for updates on pending awards and upcoming opportunities. [LEARN MORE](#)

Upcoming State Resilience Grants



Working Waterfront Public Infrastructure Fund

The Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund is anticipated to be released by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT), Department of Marine Resources (DMR), and Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) in **late January 2026**. The fund is intended to help communities make public waterfronts more resilient to sea level rise, flooding, and other climate impacts. Once released, access the [REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS](#).

[WWF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INFO SHEET](#)

Save the dates for upcoming regional workshops on navigating the Maine Public Working Waterfront Infrastructure Fund in February. [LEARN MORE](#)

Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund

The Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund (MIAF) and MaineDOT are also providing direct funding to help communities adapt critical infrastructure—such as roads, culverts, stormwater systems, and wastewater facilities—to reduce vulnerability to climate change. Anticipated release date **March 2026**. Once released, access the [REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS](#).

[MIAF INFO SHEET](#)

Join the SMRCC online workshop on **January 14, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** for guidance on MIAF and eligible project types. [LEARN MORE](#)

Access the Grants List

Check out our list of current grants for your climate projects. Contact us to discuss funding opportunities.

Update on Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding

As Congress finishes appropriating funds for FY26, requests for earmarks in FY27 are underway. Congressional earmarks—formally known as Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in the Senate and Community Project Funding (CPF) in the House—provide a pathway for communities to secure federal funding for local projects. It is likely that Congress will accept earmark applications for Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding in **March**.

For applicants interested in applying, review previous recommendations from the Senate and House of Representatives for Congressional funding. Access FY26 **CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS**. Access **FY26 COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT REQUESTS**.

LEARN MORE in *Resilience Works Monthly*, a newsletter edited and published by Allen Kratz, Principal of **Resilience Works, LLC**.

Maine Community Funding Finder



The Maine Community Funding Finder is a suite of tools to help Maine communities discover available funding opportunities.

Ask Us Anything



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Visit our Programs page to learn more about how MOCA can support planning and implementation at the local level.

News and Events



Stay up to date on the latest developments, from MOCA in the news to upcoming events.

Resource Spotlight: MOCA Tools for Community Planning

The **Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA)** has created a growing hub of resources to assist with community planning. These resources are located on a newly designed website.

The Maine Community Funding Finder is a newly added resource that helps communities locate funding opportunities through a search tool. Results can be filtered by eligible applicant types, funding entities and agencies, and type of funding. **ACCESS THE MAINE COMMUNITY FUNDING FINDER**.

The MOCA Phone Line is another resource intended to support municipal leaders with resilience and planning questions. Calls are directed to staff experts who are equipped to answer questions

about a variety of topics related to resilience. Call at 207-287-MOCA (**207-287-6622**) during normal business hours.

ACCESS THE MOCA WEBSITE

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!***



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Melanie Nash, Sustainability and Resilience Planner
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Cumberland County communities contact:
Gretchen Anderson, Sustainability Program Coordinator
Sara Mills-Knapp, Director of Sustainability
Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)

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Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC)

Sagadahoc, Knox, and Southern Waldo County communities contact:
Meg Rasmussen, Sustainability Program Director
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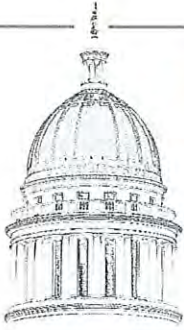
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A Much-Anticipated Housing Update

Several major housing bills were worked this week in the Housing and Economic Development Committee, including two initiatives that MMA has been watching very carefully.

Rental Registry. LD 1806, *An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry*, sponsored by Rep. Rana (Bangor), proposes to change the annual reporting form that corporations complete for the purpose of collecting information about the business's purpose and classification under the North American Industry Classification System code. The bill represents the beginning of a statewide rental registry effort, which MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) opposed.

Given the current housing crisis, concerns were raised regarding the significant penalties for noncompliance associated with the proposed new registration process. Original bill language prohibited the delivery of a notice of termination for nonpayment of rent if the unit had not been registered under this provision. Further, if a unit was not registered and the landlord served a notice of eviction to a tenant, that action would constitute a civil violation requiring the assessment of a penalty of three times the monthly rent of the unit paid to the tenant. This penalty could have a chilling effect on the landlord community, particularly small landlords.

At the January 13 work session, Rep. Rana agreed to remove the penalty sections of the bill.

During the committee's discussion on the bill's merits, Sen. Bennett (Oxford County) noted that rental registries were being implemented in many municipalities already, and if communities feel the need for this data, they can pursue it at the local level. The final determination of the committee's vote on LD 1806 came after absent committee members had voted, as the members present originally split their vote by a 5-5 margin. After all votes were tallied, a majority of the committee supported the "ought not to

pass" recommendation.

Statewide Resolution Board. The committee also discussed LD 1921, *An Act to Create a Statewide Housing Resolution Board*, sponsored by Rep. Gere (Kennebunkport). MMA's LPC opposed this bill, as it would supplant local appeals processes and put critical land use decisions in the hands of a statewide board with no local knowledge or expertise.

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Hearings on Bills of Note

To date, 183 of the anticipated 192 second-session bills have already been printed. Over the next several months legislative committees will focus their attention on holding public hearings on a variety of initiatives. Each week, municipally relevant bills will be described in the "In the Hopper" section of the Legislative Bulletin, and when available, information on upcoming hearings will also be provided.

From time to time, however, certain bills will warrant additional attention. This week is no exception, as three initiatives of municipal interest are slated for public hearings during the week of January 19.

LD 2079 – Residential Building Data Reporting. On **Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m.**, the Housing and Economic Development (HED) Committee will convene to hear testimony on LD 2079, *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings*.

As sponsored by Rep. Gere (Kennebunkport), the bill refines a law enacted in 2025 that requires municipalities with populations of 4,000 or more residents to annually provide residential building permit information to the Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA). The bill clarifies existing requirements by: (1) moving the reporting deadline from January 31 to March 31; (2) repealing the provision requiring municipalities to report on the number of applications

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Recalling School Board Members

On Wednesday, January 14, the State and Local Government committee held a work session for several carryover bills. One of those bills was LD 849, *An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members*, sponsored by Rep. Sayre (Kennebunk). The intent of the bill is to institute a fair recall process for school board members with clear criteria and thresholds.

At the public hearing held on March 24, 2025, the Maine School Boards Association outlined several concerns in their testimony which led to them working with the sponsor to craft an amendment to address those concerns. With no clear consensus reached, the committee opted to carry the bill over into the second session to give enough time for stakeholders to work on an amendment.

At the work session this week, the bill sponsor shared with the committee that the new amendment would hopefully address all the concerns with the bill. A main concern for some committee members, and for MMA, was the fact that this proposal would preempt local control. Communities who have a charter or ordinance specifying recall provisions for school board members would be forced

to amend their charters or ordinances to comply with the new law.

From the municipal perspective, the decision on who should serve as a school board member falls squarely on the shoulders of local voters. However, an opposing viewpoint is that LD 849 would provide clear parameters for a community with or without a charter or ordinance and would set guidelines that would be uniform across the state. Although uniformity is a laudable goal, it doesn't negate the work it takes to change a town or city charter.

Committee members recessed for a corner caucus and returned with a sug-

gestion to carve out municipalities who have a charter that contains specific school board recall provisions. After completing all other work sessions scheduled for that day, the committee voted on LD 849 with a divided report. The majority report includes the suggestion to carve out communities with a charter specifying school board recall provisions, while the minority report includes the same amendment but adds communities who also have an ordinance that specifies school board recall provisions.

This bill is now off to the House and Senate for further debate and action.

A Much-Anticipated Housing Updatecont'd

At this week's work session, Rep. Gere offered an amendment to change the bill into a study. The resolve would establish and direct a group to examine the use of housing resolution boards across the country, as well as the steps needed to establish something similar in Maine. Given a variety of issues, including the need for further justification of the emergency status and potentially narrowing the scope of the type of appeals the board would hear, the bill was tabled.

LD 1921 will be reworked during a work session scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Technical Assistance Hub. Finally on the housing front, this week MMA testified in support of LD 1995, *An Act to Require the Maine Office of Community Affairs to Establish a Technical Assistance Materials Hub*, a department bill sponsored by Sen. Curry (Waldo County). This bill codifies the Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) hub, intended to be a user-friendly searchable database of resources from across agencies and

community partners. MOCA has already begun the process of assembling these resources to create a one stop shop for community assistance, meaning that legislation was not necessary to enable this work, but as the office's Director Samantha Horn noted in her testimony, legislation lasts.

Having the directive in statute will make it easier to maintain program continuity during changes in administration and to seek financial support from other sources, such as grants and philanthropy, if state funding is not available. During testimony, MMA applauded the effort and reminded legislators that municipalities urgently need increased access to code enforcement officer (CEO) training. CEOs across Maine report challenges with completing the training necessary for both recertification and certification of new staff members. Given the critical need for CEOs, this is a priority MMA will continue to elevate.

LD 1995 was voted out of committee with a majority report of "ought to pass."

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For the week of January 19, 2026

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MONDAY, JANUARY 19 – HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Education & Cultural Affairs
Room 208, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 1992 An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union

LD 2014 An Act to Update the Funding Method for Career and Technical Education Programs

LD 2015 An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies

LD 2020 An Act to Update Department of Education Reporting Requirements

Energy, Utilities & Technology
Room 211, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 838 An Act to Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure

LD 2041 An Act to Eliminate the Debt Limit of the North Jay Water District

LD 2043 An Act to Raise the Ogunquit Sewer District Debt Limit

Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services
Room 220, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1314

LD 2005 An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs

LD 2011 An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code

Housing & Economic Development
Room 206, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4880

LD 2079 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings

Judiciary
Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 2121 An Act to Enhance the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor by Allowing Certain Personal Information to Be Removed from Designated Public Records

Labor
Room 202, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 2022 An Act to Clarify the Setting of Group Life Insurance Coverage Levels

Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

LD 2145 An Act to Decrease Offsets to Disability Retirement Benefits

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Education & Cultural Affairs
Room 208, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 2003 An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging

LD 2091 An Act to Continue Training Programs for Emergency Medical Services

Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 2063 An Act to Clarify Activities Allowed Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
Room 206, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1338

LD 2023 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Identify Ways to Manage Moorings on Inland Waters

Judiciary
Room 438, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 1994 An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

State & Local Government
Room 214, Cross Building, 11:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1330

LD 2009 An Act to Allow a Political Subdivision to Enter into Federal Bankruptcy Proceedings

LD 2042 An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper

Veterans & Legal Affairs
Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 2000 An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws



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submitted, approved and denied; and (3) clarifying that municipalities must provide information on the number of: (a) residential building permits approved and certificates of occupancy issued for single-family, two-unit, three-to-four unit, and five plus unit housing; (b) dwelling units approved for demolition; and (c) income-restricted units, if known. The bill also directs MOCA to encourage municipalities with fewer than 4,000 residents to voluntarily submit the data.

LD 2042 - Newspaper Notice. On **Wednesday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m.**, the State and Local Government Committee will conduct a public hearing on LD 2042, *An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper*.

While the bill's title purports to eliminate public notice in newspapers altogether, that is not the intent of the legislation. As sponsored by Sen. Black (Franklin County), the bill simply provides municipal officials with an alternative for letting residents and other interested parties know what is going on in their communities. Rather than mandating publication in a "newspaper of general circulation," LD 2042 authorizes required notices to instead be posted on the municipality's publicly accessible website, provided the notice contains all the information that would otherwise be posted in the newspaper.

LD 2097 - CEO Certification. The industrious HED committee will reconvene on **Thursday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m.** to gather public feedback on LD 2097, *An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification*.

Also sponsored by Rep. Gere, this bill creates a new system for evaluating code enforcement officer (CEO) performance and adherence to state laws by shifting the responsibility for revoking

CEO certification from the district court to the director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, and as needed, to a five-member complaint review committee. The review committee, which is created in LD 2097, consists of two members of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board and three Maine residents who have professional experience and familiarity with established building techniques and codes. The bill establishes procedures for investigating complaints, disciplinary proceedings and sanctions, grounds for actions, and disciplinary outcomes. An investigation by the MOCA director will also trigger a mandatory municipal investigation into the same matter, which must be completed within 30 days. In cases where disciplinary action is not warranted, the bill authorizes the director to issue a letter of guidance or

concern to educate, reinforce knowledge regarding legal or professional obligations or express concerns over actions or inactions. Additionally, the bill provides that a CEO may apply for reinstatement of certification no less than one year after the revocation.

The full text of these bills can be found on the Legislature's website: <https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>.

MMA's advocacy team encourages municipal officials to share their perspective on these three bills with their legislators, and if possible, to submit testimony or take part in public hearings either in-person or via Zoom. For more information about how to get involved, please see the "Tips for Testifying" article published in this edition of the bulletin or reach out to Kate Dufour at kdufour@memun.org.

Sustaining EMS

One of the MMA LPC platform bills, LD 1530, *An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine*, sponsored by Sen. Curry (Waldo County), had another work session this week.

The Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee took up the matter and reviewed the report and bill analysis performed for the Maine Bureau of Insurance. The proposal requires carriers to include reimbursement for the cost incurred by non-transporting emergency medical service (NT-EMS) providers for services currently covered when provided by ambulance services. The bill also requires coverage for naloxone hydrochloride and other opioid overdose-reversing medications when provided by an ambulance provider or NT-EMS providers.

The report estimated a premium impact range of \$1.26 to \$3.34 per member per month based on the proposal. Another notable finding from the report is that researchers found just one other state that has addressed reimbursement terms for all EMS providers, including NT-EMS—Indiana. The committee requested further information and the bill was tabled.

All in all, the actuarial report and analysis provided useful data points for the committee to consider, and it appears the committee is interested in further understanding ambulance and NT-EMS services and reimbursements, providing an opportunity for MMA to offer additional information and feedback from municipal leaders on this important matter.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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Room 208, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 2050 An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District

LD 2111 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

LD 2114 An Act Regarding Public Preschool Programs Serving Children Who Are 3 Years of Age

Energy, Utilities & Technology
Room 211, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 2038 An Act to Require Maine

Transmission and Distribution Utility Participation in a Regional Transmission Organization

1:00 p.m.

LD 2112 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity

LD 2113 An Act to Align Long-range Grid Strategy with the State Energy Plan and Strengthen Integrated Grid Planning

Housing & Economic Development
Room 206, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4880

LD 2097 An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification

LD 2143 An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure

Judiciary

Room 438, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 517 An Act Regarding Synthetic Material in Campaign Advertising

Transportation

Room 126, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4148

LD 2137 An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public

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Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 2058 An Act to Require Municipal and County Jails to Be Available at All Times for Detention of Persons Arrested on Criminal Charges by Maine Law Enforcement Officers (Sponsored by Sen. Talbot Ross of Cumberland Cty.) This bill clarifies that municipal and county jails must always be available for the detention of a person arrested on criminal charges by any Maine state, county or municipal law enforcement officer. Under the current law, municipal and county jails must be available for the detention of a person arrested for any offense, and includes arrests made by "other law enforcement officers."

LD 2076 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs (Sponsored by Rep. Bunker of Farmington) As of January 1, 2026, this bill requires the incident reports municipal fire chiefs currently file with the State Fire Marshal to be submitted in a manner that is consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fire Administration. The bill also authorizes the state to adopt rules to facilitate the transition to a national emergency response information system, including provisions for electronic submissions, technical assistance, and system integration with municipal reporting systems.

Education & Cultural Affairs

LD 1992 An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union (Sponsored by Sen. Rafferty of York Cty.) This bill allows a municipality within a school union to petition and vote to withdraw from the union in the same manner a single municipality in a school administrative unit may petition to withdraw from a regional school unit.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD 2112 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity (Sponsored by Rep. Runte of York)

As amended by the sponsor, this bill authorizes a municipality or group of municipalities with a Public Utilities Commission approved community choice aggregation plan, adopted by the municipal legislative body, to engage an aggregator to aggregate the electric load of its residents, businesses and municipal accounts to procure electricity on their behalf. Municipalities that receive approval for a plan must send at least one written notice via first-class mail and publish a notice in a newspaper detailing the program, including the deadline for opting out. The bill also clarifies that enrollment in a community choice aggregation program does not affect a customer's eligibility under an electric assistance program or any other low-income assistance program. The bill requires investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to implement a purchase of receivables program and establishes billing and collection procedures. The commission is authorized to adopt rules guiding implementation of a community choice aggregation plan.

Health & Human Services

LD 1996 An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing General Assistance (Sponsored by Sen. Ingwersen of York Cty.) This bill removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human

Overseas Voters & Cannabis Lounges

On Monday, the Veterans and Legal Affairs committee met for a presentation by the Secretary of State (SOS) on several election related reports due to the committee and for a couple work sessions. One report stemmed from the resolve directing the SOS office to study providing access to absentee ballots for municipal elections to uniformed service voters or overseas voters (UOCAVA voters) in the same manner as provided for a statewide election.

In her presentation to the committee, Secretary Bellows described the conversations had with internal staff as well as the Maine Town and City Clerks Association about the UOCAVA voting process and possibilities to streamline the issuance of ballots. Bellows also reported that due to the MOVE Act requiring states to provide a method for UOCAVA voters to request and receive absentee ballots electronically, Maine amended Title 21-A to require the SOS to issue those ballots statewide. To accomplish this goal, an absentee ballot retrieval service portal was created. Much work has been completed to streamline the UOCAVA voting process through the electronic service portal.

Although the SOS has updated their website and the UOCAVA voters service portal with language to help make it clear that ballots for local elections are distributed by the municipality, several larger challenges remain if local ballots are to be included in the UOCAVA process. As a home rule state, Maine towns and cities are allowed to determine the time and form of their elections, and the municipal clerk has the authority to conduct those elections. Therefore, the SOS does not have an oversight role in local elections including ballot creation and design.

As you can imagine, across approximately 485 municipalities in

Maine, there are many possible ways of designing a ballot. For example, some may just contain the question; others may include details for the voter. Absent real uniform changes to municipal ballots and SOS authority, it was Secretary Bellows position that it will not be possible to include local ballots in the electronic UOCAVA process at this time.

After a brief lunch break, the committee took up their scheduled work sessions, one being for LD 1365, *An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges*, sponsored by Rep. David Boyer (Poland). The proposal would allow cannabis hospitality lounges to operate provided a municipality, or other local government entity within the unorganized and deorganized areas of the Maine, has adopted an ordinance to provide licensing or other approval requirements to operate within their borders. Under this bill, cannabis hospitality lounges are defined as facilities open to those 21 or older, locally licensed or approved, and where adult use cannabis consumption is allowed on site.

A public hearing was held last session on May 8, 2025, drawing support from industry representatives who purport that those who wish to use adult use cannabis in Maine do not have a legal space to consume it once purchased. Opposition came from the Maine Public Health Association which was concerned with intoxication and ventilation with smoking indoors. The Maine Office of Cannabis Policy, Department of Public Safety, and Maine Municipal Association were also opposed to the legislation.

During the work session, it was reported that an amendment was forthcoming but not yet ready for public viewing. Rep. Boyer indicated that Massachusetts has just passed a law similar to LD 1365 and suggested the committee consider incorporating the Massachusetts process into an amendment. Rep Boyer offered to take on the research and work with the analyst.

Most of the committee was open to an amendment but with time running short, language will need to be firmed up quickly. The bill was tabled until a later date with all but one committee member in favor.

MMA Tips for Grassroots Advocacy

Members often ask, "How Can I Advocate For My Community?"

Check out the new resource prepared by MMA's advocacy team for tips on contacting legislators, staying up to date on proposed legislation and involving your local team in the legislative process.

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Tips for Testifying

Submitting Testimony via the Portal. Testimony submitted through the portal is the easiest and fastest way to have your perspective on an issue available to committee members. Please be advised that testimony submitted through the portal is not publicly accessible until the day after the public hearing.

Please make certain to proofread your document for errors prior to uploading. Once a document is sent, it is available for public review. If you do send a document to the portal and realize there are errors, you can upload a revised version and note it as such. In that case, both documents will be posted, and both versions will be placed in the historical

record. Currently, the state does not have an easy way to delete duplicates.

Make sure that your name, town/organization, LD# and whether you are a proponent, opponent or “neither for nor against” the proposal appears at the beginning of the testimony. This will ensure the document is stored in the proper file.

Testifying in Person Pointers. If you are planning on testifying in person, a minimum of 20 paper copies of your testimony are required. In addition to the 13 committee members, there are other places where submitted testimony is filed. If you cannot print 20 copies, you may make copies for a fee at the Law and Legislative Reference Library, located

on the second floor of the State House.

To avoid the distribution of duplicate documents, do not upload your testimony to the portal if you intend to bring copies the day of the public hearing. If you wish to upload your testimony to the portal and then decide to testify in person at the public hearing, please inform the committee that you have submitted your testimony through the portal. If you have uploaded your document prior to the day of the hearing, it will either already be in the committee members’ files or included soon after the work session.

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Services provide municipal General Assistance program administrators access to an online database containing the information necessary to properly determine an applicant’s eligibility.

Housing & Economic Development

LD 1999 *An Act to Exclude Agricultural Leases from the Definition of “Subdivision” Under the Planning and Land Use Regulation Laws* (Sponsored by Sen. Brenner of Cumberland Cty.)

As amended by the sponsor, this bill amends the definition of subdivision to exclude the lease of a tract or a parcel of land, or a portion thereof, that is used primarily for farming or ranching and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings. The bill also references Title 7, which defines “farming or ranching” as the act of primarily engaging in the commercial production of agricultural products as a livelihood to voluntarily provide the data.

LD 2124 *An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax* (Sponsored by Rep. Gattine of Westbrook) As of September 1, 2026, this bill reduces from 10% to 8.2% the portion of the real estate transfer tax retained by county governments and instead directs the revenues to be distributed to the Maine State Housing Authority for support of the shelter operating subsidy program.

LD 2143 *An Act Facilitating the Reconstruction or Replacement of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure* (Emergency) (Sponsored by President Daughtry of Cumberland Cty.)

This emergency bill authorizes municipal boards of appeal to grant variances allowing a petitioner to make repairs to a dock, pier, wharf or structure without having to illustrate that the person’s land cannot yield a reasonable return absent the improvement, as long as the structure sustained substantial damage and is reconstructed or replaced for a functionally dependent use.

Judiciary

LD 2121 *An Act to Enhance the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor by Allowing Certain Personal Information to Be Removed from Designated Public Records* (Sponsored by Rep. Faircloth of Bangor)

This bill creates the Office of Information Privacy, within the Department of the Secretary of State, to provide access to a portal enabling an active, formerly active or retired judicial officer, member of Congress, state legislator, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor and immediate family members to submit or revoke a request for the redaction or nondisclosure of that person’s home address from certain records and publicly available online resources. When the office approves a request, any state, county or municipal government must redact or stop disclosing the covered person’s home address within 30 days following the approval.

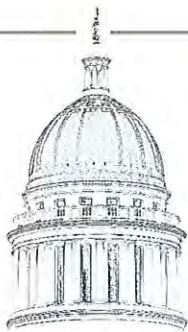
State & Local Government

LD 2009 *An Act to Allow a Political Subdivision to Enter into Federal Bankruptcy Proceedings* (Emergency) (Sponsored by Sen. Moore of Washinton Cty.)

This emergency bill allows counties and municipalities to file for federal bankruptcy, provided the county or municipality: (1) has exhausted all reasonable alternatives to resolve debt obligations; (2) has been determined insolvent by the State Auditor; and (3) a majority of the county commissioners or municipal officers have voted to file the petition.

LD 2092 *An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity* (Sponsored by Rep. Salisbury of Westbrook)

This bill amends the laws waiving the State’s competitive bidding process by authorizing the chief information officer (CIO), after reasonable investigation, to purchase information technology products or services provided to state and local governments from the U.S. General Services



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Surprising Turn of Events for LD 1926

The Housing and Economic Development (HED) Committee held a work session Tuesday, January 20, on LD 1926, *An Act to Require Increased Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing*, sponsored by Rep. Stover (Boothbay). This bill has been of particular concern for municipal officials, as it would once again force statewide, one size fits all solutions on communities in an effort to increase housing production. LD 1926 was high on the list of carryover bills that MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) Housing Subcommittee discussed with HED Committee Chair, Rep. Gere (Kennebunkport) during the intersession.

Tuesday's work session was intense with many technical points debated and discussed. Surprisingly, after a short break Rep. Gere moved "ought not to pass" (ONTP) on the bill. Rep. Gere has been one of the biggest proponents of land use reform as a tool for housing production. In her remarks on the motion, she stated there appeared to be consensus that this complicated approach, along with the timing and interaction with the many other challenging tasks handed down by the state recently, would be hard for communities to digest.

MMA's advocacy staff commends and thanks Rep. Gere for both this public acknowledgement and the hard work she put in with our LPC Housing Subcommittee between sessions. In a true demonstration of state-local partnership, Rep. Gere and nine other HED members voting with her on the report recognize that now is not the time to pursue this issue.

Rep. Collamore's (Pittsfield) "ought to pass as amended" (OPTA) minority report for LD 1926 would advance changes supported by the bill's sponsor and the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA). This has been a key MEREDA initiative.

MMA expects that proponents of the bill will fight hard for votes in support of the OPTA report when debated by the full legislature. For this reason, municipal officials are

encouraged to reach out to their legislators now to express their support for the ONTP committee report. Once the bill is scheduled for debate in House and Senate, MMA will send an advocacy alert with a detailed call to action.

The Fate of the GA Database

In 2022, an article on the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) website stated, "The Maine DHHS remains committed to improving operations to better serve and meet the needs of Maine people. A major component of these efforts is leveraging technologies to upgrade outdated systems, transition paper-based processes online, improve customer service, increase transparency, and inform data-driven policies and service delivery."

On Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., the Health and Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on LD 1996, *An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing General Assistance*, a department bill, sponsored by Sen. Ingwersen (York County).

The sole purpose of this bill is to repeal all statutory language that references a statewide General Assistance (GA) database, essentially striking any guarantee of continued discussion or consideration. Despite the tool being a priority for both GA administrators and the department, the database continues to be an elusive dark horse (or dark unicorn if you read the bulletin of [April 5, 2024](#)).

After passage of LD 1732 in 2024, which included a directive that the database be available by July 2025, the department met with several stakeholders to discuss the needed and desired parameters of such a program. The department's request for proposals (RFP), dated August 14, 2024, stated, "Due to data limitations and lack of a comprehensive State-wide database, the State does not have an accurate count of the total number of individuals receiving GA benefits in any given year or the related amounts." The RFP continued, "Completion of Phase One would allow Municipalities to

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populate a database of all Applicants and voucher expenditures, which can then be searched by GA Administrators Statewide to determine benefits that an Applicant is currently or has previously received in any Municipality, including the information currently available in the 'GA Portal' (from ACES)."

The Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) is used by department staff to determine eligibility for public support programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. ACES is also interconnected with the My Maine Connection platform so clients can view their own benefits, including MaineCare.

Department testimony from April 2025, in response to public hearings on several GA bills, noted they had received several bids for the platform, ranging in

cost from \$752,000 to almost \$6 million, through the RFP process. The department continued by explaining those costs could not be absorbed under the current fiscal conditions and that a bill would be forthcoming to "clarify what it can accomplish... or to delay the system until funding is available."

Yet here we are with a bill poised, instead, to repeal the database, while continuing to be referred to as a department priority.

At the most recent MMA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) meeting, members referred to the database as both critical and essential. Municipal officials agree that a statewide database is the most needed tool, next to increased reimbursements, for the local administration of this state program. Rather than cutting off all discussion of the project, by repealing the language, the LPC encourages the committee to instead consider

changing the implementation dates in statute, providing the department with time to evaluate other options and possible solutions. GA administrators play a key role in this state-local partnership program and want to provide the aid for which applicants are eligible while at the same time preserving the integrity of the program. They need appropriate tools to do so.

The fact remains that until policy makers can agree that these technological improvements are vital to the transparency and accountability of the program, funding for any kind of GA reform will continue to be an elusive dark unicorn.

Municipal officials are encouraged to participate in next week's hearing. For information on how to get involved, please refer to a related article published in the January 16 edition of the bulletin.

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Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 2090 *An Act to Establish a One-year Probationary Period for Public Safety Dispatchers* (Sponsored by Rep. Bunker of Farmington)

This bill provides that the probationary period for a public safety dispatcher may not be less than 12 months. The bill also defines a dispatcher as an employee whose primary duties involve acting as an emergency medical dispatcher and/or answering, directing or dispatching requests for services received at a public safety answering point and services for municipal fire protection or law enforcement assistance.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD 1730 (New Title) *An Act to Make Small, Portable, Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis* (Sponsored by Sen. Grohoski of Hancock Cty.) As amended by the sponsor, this bill directs the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to require buildings with four or more units that are constructed

after December 1, 2026, to include at least one outdoor dedicated 240-volt circuit per unit. With exemptions and conditions, the bill also amends the Maine Solar Energy Act to allow a retail electricity customer to install and operate one or more plug-in photovoltaic systems, plug-in battery systems or a combination of both, which may be exported to the grid.

Health & Human Services

LD 2105 *An Act to Update Maine's Mandated Reporting Laws* (Sponsored by Rep. Meyer of Eliot)

This bill amends the mandated reporting laws by requiring individuals who, in the normal course of professional duties, interact with children or with individuals responsible for children, to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill also authorizes any person to voluntarily report to the department if child abuse or neglect is suspected or observed and directs all reporters to disclose the same information to a law enforcement officer, upon request of the officer. The bill also requires reporters to make reasonable efforts to take color photographs of any visible areas of trauma and further requires the filing of a report if a child under six months of age has suffered a bone fracture, substantial bruising, a subdural hematoma, burns or poisoning. The bill also authorizes the reporting of reasonable suspicion of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect to the local animal control officer or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's animal welfare program. Finally, the bill requires mandatory reporters to complete DHHS approved training at least once every two years.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
Room 214, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1312

LD 2118 *An Act to Eliminate the Natural Areas Program and Reassign Certain Responsibilities Under the Program to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management*

Health & Human Services
Room 209, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1317

LD 2105 *An Act to Update Maine's Mandated Reporting Laws*

Labor
Room 202, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 2018 *An Act to Amend the Requirements Governing Self-insurance Plans in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program*

LD 2049 *An Act to Clarify Indemnification When Seeking Remedy for Labor Law Violations*

LD 2101 *An Act to Establish a Monetary Penalty for Employers Whose Unemployment Payment Is Returned Unpaid*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 2115 *An Act to Protect Private Wells from Hazardous Substances*

State & Local Government
Room 214, Cross Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1330

LD 2092 *An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity*

LD 2139 *Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket*

LD 2158 *An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Education & Cultural Affairs
Room 208, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 2008 *An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and Clarify Sending School Administrative Unit Obligations*

Health & Human Services
Room 209, Cross Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1317

LD 1996 *An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing General Assistance*

Judiciary
Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 2106 *An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review*

LD 2163 *An Act to Improve the Response to Complaints by Victims of Crime and Enhance Victims' Rights*

Transportation
Room 126, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4148

LD 2159 *An Act to Require School Buses to Be Equipped with and to Use School Bus Crossing Arms*

Sustaining EMS, Part 2

Last week, MMA's advocacy team reported on a work session for one of the remaining bills on MMA's 2025-2026 legislative platform, LD 1530, *An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine*, sponsored by Sen. Curry (Waldo County). The bill would allow ambulance service providers to seek reimbursement for the costs incurred when delivering on-scene care, even if transportation to a hospital is refused.

The bill was back in front of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Ser-

vices committee for another work session, where members focused on the contracted actuarial report projecting the costs associated with the provisions in the bill.

During the work session, Rep. Mastracchio (Sanford) noted that EMS services have undergone a seismic change that now demands holistic, systemic solutions. Other committee members, however, expressed concern about adding additional costs considering public sensitivity around the affordability of health insurance. The committee's vote on LD 1530 produced

three separate reports, with four members voting "ought not to pass," five voting "ought to pass as amended" (OTPA), and one member advancing a second amended report.

The majority OTPA report leaves the transport amount as is (at 200% of the Medicare rate for that service), but for non-transport services it covers a maximum of 160% and reimburses for use of Naloxone. The second OTPA report includes both transport and non-transport reimbursement.

CEO Certification Revocation

On Thursday, January 22, the Housing and Economic Development (HED) Committee held a public hearing on LD 2097, *An Act to Modify the Law Governing Revocation of a Code Enforcement Officer's Certification*, sponsored by Rep. Gere (Kennebunkport), on behalf of the Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA).

The bill proposes to amend the process for revoking a code enforcement officer's (CEO) state certification by shifting the authority to either the MOCA director or, at the director's discretion, to a five-member complaint review committee, whose members are appointed by the director. Currently, this responsibility falls to the district court.

At the public hearing, MMA testified in opposition to the bill and took the opportunity to express, yet again, the urgent need for CEO training and support. Representatives from the Maine Building Officials & Inspectors Association (MBOIA) were also in attendance, however, because the 10:00 a.m. hearing

extended past 3:00 p.m., they could not testify in person.

In their written comments, MBOIA expressed appreciation for the willingness among interested parties to work collaboratively on amended language that addresses code enforcement challenges in a thoughtful and measured way. Members of the CEO community emphasized the importance of ensuring that disciplinary actions do not arise due to reasonable differences in interpreting local ordinances and state policies, but only when clear misconduct or incompetence is present.

CEOs are frontline employees and must make tough decisions regularly, requiring understanding of complex and constantly evolving codes, ordinances, and regulatory frameworks. Members of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee do not believe that concentrating disciplinary powers in the hands of a single political appointee while ignoring pleas from municipalities for additional CEO training and resources is the way

to address the challenges the state has with code enforcement.

MMA appreciates the cooperative relationship forged with MOCA, as conversations between MMA, MOCA, and MBOIA ensured the public hearing was productive. Staff were able to express the concerns of our members and discuss potential areas for compromise. Committee member Rep. Collamore (Pittsfield) asked MMA to return to the work session with information regarding the dearth of training opportunities for CEOs and recommendations to address it. Prior to the public hearing, MOCA, MMA, and MBOIA had agreed that a two-week window would allow for further discussion between stakeholders and make for a more productive work session.

HED committee members agreed.

MMA members who have feedback on LD 2097, or comments regarding training and certification for code enforcement officers should contact Tanya Emery by Monday, February 2, at temery@memun.org.

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LD 2119 *An Act to Expand Reimbursement for Treatment in Place, Community Paramedicine and Alternate Destination Transport* (Sponsored by Rep. Debrito of Waterville)

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program and insurance carriers that provide coverage for emergency medical services to provide reimbursement for ambulance services. Covered services include emergency transport to a hospital, treatment provided on scene in response to an emergency call, care provided by an emergency medical services provider through community paramedicine, and the transportation of a patient to an alternative destination, including a facility other than a hospital emergency department that is clinically appropriate for the patient's condition. The bill further directs the department, in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, to adopt rules implementing the reimbursement process, including establishing clinical and documentation standards, billing and coding procedures, and quality assurance and patient safety requirements.

Housing & Economic Development

LD 2079 *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings* (Sponsored by Rep. Gere of Kennebunkport)

This bill amends legislation enacted in 2025 requiring municipalities

with 4,000 or more residents to annually provide to the Maine Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) building permit related information by: (1) moving the reporting deadline from January to March 31; (2) repealing the provision requiring municipalities to report on the number of applications submitted, approved and denied; and (3) clarifying that the municipalities must provide information on the number of: (a) residential building permits approved and certificates of occupancy issued for single-family, two-unit, three-to-four unit, and five plus unit housing; (b) dwelling units approved for demolition; and (c) if known, income-restricted units. The bill also directs MOCA to encourage municipalities with fewer than 4,000 residents to voluntarily provide the data.

LD 2164 *An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing* (Sponsored by Rep. Gere of Kennebunkport)

This bill establishes the Vacant School Housing Conversion Program, which authorizes the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to provide technical and financial assistance to municipalities to repurpose school buildings into residential units. Municipalities accessing the program must enter into a memorandum of understanding, which may include provisions regarding overseeing hazard abatement, determining the legal and financial feasibility of the conversion, navigating zoning and regulatory requirements, acting as a liaison between a municipality and state and local housing authorities, determining the specific goals

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Rabbit Holes and Newspaper Notices

Allowing bankruptcy proceedings and removing the requirement for public notices to be published in newspapers were the topics for two separate public hearings held in the State and Local Government Committee on Wednesday.

First up was the hearing on LD 2009, *An Act to Allow a Political Subdivision to Enter into Federal Bankruptcy Proceedings*, sponsored by Sen. Moore (Washington County), which was introduced in response to the recent financial situation in Washington County.

At its core, the bill would allow a political subdivision to enter bankruptcy proceedings provided certain criteria have been met. Committee members expressed concern with offering the option of bankruptcy when there isn't much public information on what went wrong in Washington County. This led to a discussion on the events contributing to the financial crisis, highlighting the fact that the county was behind on their audits.

Rep. Greenwood (Wales) suggested that since audits are in statute, the committee could set up a process to require counties to do a forensic audit periodically. Realizing that the committee was headed down a rabbit hole, the chair redirected focus away from what happened in Washington County and back to the bill at hand.

Support for the initiative came from the Maine Policy Institute, whose testimony described LD 2009 as a tool for municipalities and counties, while opposition came from the Maine County Commissioners' Association, Maine Municipal Association, Maine Bankers Association and Maine Public Employee Retirement System. Those opposed to the proposal shared concerns that this would hurt the long-term stability of local government and potentially raise interest rates across the state, further challenging economic viability.

For the work session, committee members requested the statutory requirements for the audit process and an overview of how that process is conducted. Although most of the debate on LD 2009 focused on Washington County, one member suggested that municipalities failing to conduct annual audits should be fined, and that universities could explore ways to expand the pool of certified auditors.

A public hearing was also held for LD 2042, *An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper*, sponsored by Sen. Black (Franklin County). The sponsor testified that the bill was submitted at the request of the Town of Farmington and would eliminate the requirement for a municipality to publish public notices in a local newspaper. This would not prohibit a community from publishing notices in the newspaper but instead allow them to use alternative tools that may work better for their residents.

The committee questioned whether the bill would need an amendment based on written testimony submitted by water and sewer districts, who were in support of eliminating the requirement and asking to have quasi-municipal governments also included.

The proposal generated support from several entities who all believe

it is time to modernize practices and allow local governments to post public notices through avenues widely used today including municipal websites, digital tools, and mass communication methods. From the municipal perspective, each community has different communication needs, and there will be some who choose to continue publishing notices in newspapers, particularly if that is what the residents want.

The proposal drew opposition from the Maine Press Association and different newspaper outlets across the state who argued that not all residents have internet access, essentially cutting out communication with a wide percentage of residents. Eliminating the requirement, in their view, would erode public trust and further frustrate the public communication process.

The Maine Broadband Coalition was also opposed based on their view that not all residents have access to or use the internet and that a viable alternative to publishing public notices in a newspaper currently does not exist.

Although valid arguments were presented on both sides of the debate, the bill lies with the committee who will ultimately decide the fate of publishing public notices in newspapers.

Works sessions for LD 2009 and LD 2042 have not yet been scheduled.

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of a conversion in alignment with a comprehensive plan, and identifying financing strategies, incentive programs and available funding sources. Beginning February 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the authority is directed to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters summarizing the assistance provided to municipalities, the status of building conversions, the number of housing units created, and an evaluation of the program. Finally, the bill establishes the Maine School Conversion Fund to be administered by the authority and appropriates \$5 million in ongoing revenue to capitalize the fund.

Judiciary

LD 1788 *An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters* (Sponsored by Rep. Henderson of Rumford) Carried over in the same posture to any special or regular session of the 132nd Legislature

This bill amends the laws guiding the Freedom of Access Act by defining the terms commercial and non-commercial requests; clarifying that entities cannot assess a fee for the first two hours of staff time spent on a non-commercial request; and authorizing an agency or official to establish a fee structure for commercial requests. The bill also requires a person making a request to certify whether the request is commercial or non-commercial, whether the public information subject to the request is likely to be produced pursuant to an ongoing judicial proceeding, and

to provide additional information, as necessary, to the agency or official having custody or control of a public record subject to the request. Under the terms of the bill, a commercial request is defined as a request for a public record that furthers a commercial, trade or profit interest, which can include furthering those interests through litigation. An agency or official's decision to place a requester in the commercial request category is made on a case-by-case basis based on the requester's intended use.

Marine Resources

LD 2025 *An Act to Create a Limited-purpose License for Aquaculture Nursery and Husbandry Activities and to Clarify the Aquaculture Lease Amendment Process* (Sponsored by Rep. Rielly of Westbrook)

This bill creates a limited-purpose license for aquaculture nursery and husbandry activities and defines "husbandry" as specific activities designed to care for, manage and improve marine organisms, which are distinct from culture, including the production and development of marine organisms. The bill also directs the Department of Marine Resources to issue limited purpose licenses to applicants that meet certain requirements, including providing documentation that the municipality where the activity will take place has been notified of the application. The bill also provides certain exceptions for applications from municipal shellfish management committees and municipal officers needing licenses for municipal projects.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2026

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 at 7:00 am to 8:00pm

GEORGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL

TO: Robert "Bob" Trabona, citizen of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, to assemble at Georgetown Central School, Georgetown Center, on **Tuesday, the seventeenth day of February, 2026 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon through 8 o'clock in the evening**, to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To elect by ballot a Select Board Member to complete a term expiring at the Annual 2026 Town Meeting.

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Tuesday the Seventeenth of February, 2026, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

You are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in public places in the Town of Georgetown at least seven days before the time of this meeting.

Given under our hands this ____ day _____, 2026:

Aria Eee, Chair
Select Board, Town of Georgetown

Katharine Goodwin
Select Board, Town of Georgetown

Attest:

Angela Mead

Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown

Robert "Bob" Trabona

Citizen of Georgetown

Officer's Return

STATE OF MAINE

County of Sagadahoc, s.s.

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the Georgetown Community Center, Five Islands

the Georgetown General Store, Georgetown Center

the Georgetown Town Office, Georgetown Center

the Town Wharf, Five Islands

on _____, 2026, which is at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Robert "Bob" Trabona

Date



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PRESENTER: Tina N. Brown, MPH, Grant Strategist, TNB Grant Consulting

Who Should Attend:

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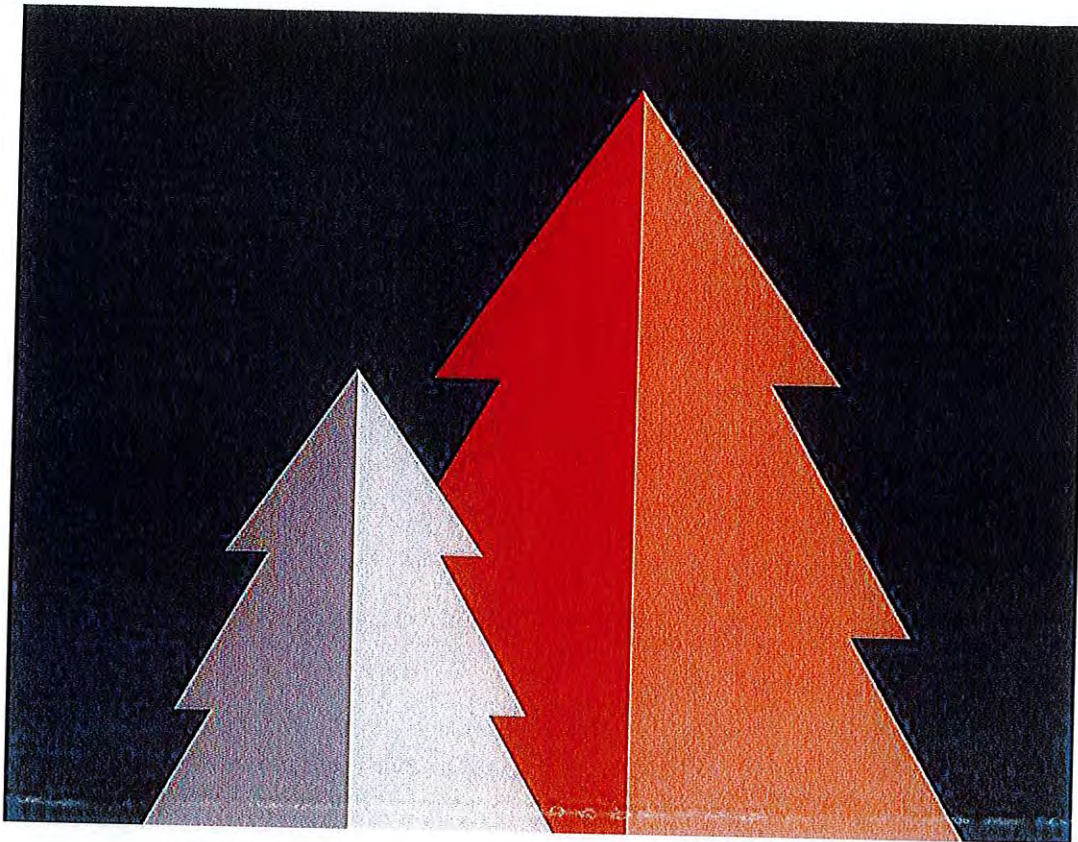
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