



TOWN OF EMBDEN MAINE
ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2025 FISCAL YEAR



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS Friday March 6th
10am-6pm at the EMBDEN TOWN OFFICE

2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Sat March 7th
12:00pm at the EMBDEN COMMUNITY CENTER



JULIE REDOMND
EMBDEN POND

“Hanging Out”

BRUCE BLAKE
EMBDEN POND

“Wing Span”

CHRIS ANDREWS
EMBDEN POND

“Taking Off”

Thank you to everyone who entered the new contest
for the cover of the Town Report. The theme was
“LOONS ON THE PONDS OF EMBDEN”.

Sincerely,
Ruth

BARBARA
GARBARINO
HANCOCK POND

“Front Profile”

BARBARA
GARBARINO
HANCOCK POND

“Floating on a Cloudy Day”

BRUCE BLAKE
EMBDEN POND

“Swimming
Under Water”

Next years theme will be
“SUNRISES AND SUNSETS OVER EMBDEN”
So save those photos and be ready for
the 2027 Town Report cover contest. You are a winner
if you get on the cover with your photos.

BARBARA
GARBARINO
HANCOCK POND

“Alert Reflection”

BARBARA
GARBARINO
HANCOCK POND

“Caught Dinner”

MEAGAN DOZIER
EMBDEN POND

“Sitting on the nest”

Town Information

We welcome all of the residents of Embden to attend and observe our annual Town meetings. In addition to the annual Town Meeting, held on March 1, 2025 this year, the Selectperson's and other Board meetings are an excellent way to witness how your representatives conduct Town business and the processes they use to make decisions that impact our community. All meetings are held at the Embden Town Office unless otherwise noted. For updates and other useful information, please check out the Embden Town website at www.embden.maine.gov.

Embden Town Town Meeting

Saturday March 7, 2026

Beginning at 12pm

Embden Community Center

Monthly Meetings:

Select Board Meeting

1st Thursday of each month at 6:15pm

Planning Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm

School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month

Town Business Hours:

Select Board

Thursday 5:30 – 6pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Thursday 1 – 4pm (and by appointment)

Assessors

Upon request

Town Office

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Monday 9AM-4PM

Tuesday & Wednesday 9AM-4PM

Thursday 1PM-6PM

Friday 9AM-4PM

Closed on RSU #74 School Cancellation Days due to weather events.

Norridgewock Transfer Station 207-634-2714

(Available to all residents with a transfer sticker which can be obtained at no cost from the Town Clerk)

Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 9:30am - 6pm

Thursday 9:30am - 6pm

Friday 9:30am - 6pm

Saturday 7:30am - 4pm

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COVER DESIGN: Ruth Blake

In Honor Of **James A. Lightbody, Sr.**

James A. Lightbody, Sr.

A lifelong Embden resident, Jim was raised just footsteps across the road from where he was born. In the early 1960's, from many materials resourced from the property where he grew up, Jim and wife Jenny built a house on the east side of Rte. 201A, that remains a fixture at the foot of the Embden Flats. It was there that Jim led a family and laid the foundation for another generation of Embden Residents.

As a decades long member of the Embden Historical Society, Jim was an unmatched resource when reciting things from the development of camp properties around Embden pond to woods roads over to Hancock Pond that no longer can be found. With a career spanning over 30 years with the Maine DOT, Jim was as an Owner/Operator truck driver and also labored alongside maintenance crews providing road support from Raymond to Rockwood. During many of those years, Jim and Jenny would travel with the work, first staying in a remodeled school bus, then eventually to a more comfortable travel trailer. It was during these formidable years that Jim became a student of his surroundings and the changing times in which he lived. Like clockwork, Jim would detail his schedule and events in his daily logs that he maintained throughout the years.

When not working on the roads, Jim could be found close to home, down back with his tractor cutting wood or in the wood shop nestled at the back of his garage that he also built off the land. Whether cutting in the woods to provide fuel for the wood stoves or lumber for the shop, Jim would take extraordinary efforts to salvage any useable piece of wood that could be found on the forest floor.

After retirement from the MDOT, Jim and Jenny found a home away from home at Cathedral Pines Campground in Eustice. For nearly 15 seasons, Jim could be found roaming the campground developing countless friendships and sharing stories about trucking and time spent in the woods. During these years, Jim built a small screen house at his home in Embden. It was there that he hosted annual summer gatherings where many of Embden's residents, both young and old those well-seasoned, have spent time sharing Bean Hole Beans with friends and family around the fire.

In Honor Of
James A. Lightbody, Sr.



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Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your governor for the past seven years. We have faced many challenges together, from confronting a global pandemic, to healing from a horrific tragedy in Lewiston, to rebuilding from unprecedented storms that damaged homes and businesses across the state. But we have done so with the strength, courage, and kindness that is at the essence of Maine people, the same community spirit that will sustain us in the years to come.

Our towns and cities are the essence of community and the foundation of our democracy. In my last year as governor, I will push to continue fully funding revenue sharing and public schools so those costs are not added to the property tax bills. We will continue to make record investments in housing to bring down the cost of home ownership. We will continue to deliver tax relief to working people and lift the burden of student debt off the shoulders of younger people to encourage them to stay here, pay taxes here and invest in our state.

I fundamentally believe that our strongest asset is you – the people of Maine – which is why my Administration’s approach has always been, and will always be, to make this state the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,


Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Russell Black
Senator, District 5

THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve once again as your State Senator from District 5. It is truly an honor to represent our communities, and I remain committed to working on your behalf to protect our way of life, lower taxes, support local tourism and agriculture, and address the issues that matter most to the people of this region.

The First Regular Session and First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature adjourned in March and July of 2025, respectively. The Second Regular Session will convene in January 2026. With hundreds of bills carried over, the upcoming session will be busy and will require continued focus on responsible budgeting, natural resource protection, and meeting the needs of rural Maine.

Many of you have contacted me with concerns about the rising costs of energy, child care, property taxes, and housing, among other challenges. As your State Senator, I will continue advocating for commonsense solutions that ease these pressures on Maine families.

I am pleased to report that the Legislature passed several important bills to expand access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also achieved key victories to protect our forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

On a personal note, this session the Legislature enacted legislation I sponsored to address flooding in the Sandy River Watershed. Flooding has threatened homes, roads, farmland, and livestock in our region for many years, and this represents an important step toward long-term solutions.

I would also be happy to host students at the State House. Parents and teachers interested in having students participate in the Honorary Page Program are encouraged to contact me to arrange a visit and learn more about our state government firsthand.

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

Sincerely,

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

Russell Black
State Senator, District 5

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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored by the opportunity to serve as your state representative for District 72 in the Maine House of Representatives. During the First Regular Session of the 132 Legislature, I worked hard on the Judiciary Committee and in the House chamber to study proposed legislation for its constitutionality, real-life implications, fiscal impact on taxpayers, unintended consequences, and the impacts on the size of government, local control, and your individual freedoms. Ensuring lawmakers would hear the perspectives of rural, hard-working Maine families and ways of life, I advocated on your behalf for lower taxes, affordable and reliable energy, accessible healthcare, public safety and law enforcement, tourism and forestry industries, and more.

During 2025, I assisted constituents with their requests regarding property tax, public safety, crime in the community, social services, personal safety, government services, and legislative issues. In order for me to represent you as effectively as possible, I encourage you to share your thoughts and perspectives on the issues that are important to you and your family.

Using www.legislature.maine.gov, you can follow any legislation to review bill summaries and roll call votes, view House/Senate chamber and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings, or watch live-streamed video of the House/Senate chambers or committee rooms. I encourage you to participate in the process. In addition to emailing or calling me with your views and questions on a specific bill, you can also provide comment for the public hearing. To assist you, I have created 3 short videos which teach you how to participate in the hearing process.

During the Second Session of the 132nd Legislature, I will continue to serve on the Judiciary Committee. This committee plays a critical role in shaping Maine's laws by reviewing legislation related to civil and criminal law, the court system, and the rights and protections of all Mainers. I am committed to supporting fair, effective, and transparent policies that uphold justice, protect our communities, and ensure our legal system works for everyone. I look forward to continuing this important work on your behalf while hearing your thoughts as we move forward.

If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, please email me directly with your request at Elizabeth.Caruso@legislature.maine.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Caruso
State Representative

Spirit of America Award

Beth Agren and Nancy Bickford exemplify the Spirit of America through their dedication to the Embden Community Thrift Store. Together, and alongside many committed volunteers, they ensure the store remains a welcoming and supportive resource for our community. Their work provides affordable goods, helps neighbors in need, and fosters a strong sense of connection and care within Embden. Through quiet leadership, reliability, and generosity, Beth and Nancy make a meaningful difference in the daily lives of our residents and help strengthen the fabric of our town.



Select Board Letter

Another year has passed in the Town of Embden, marked by both transition and continued commitment to our community. During the year, longtime Select Board member Jan Welch retired from service. The Board extends its sincere gratitude to Jan for her many years of dedication, leadership, and care for the Town of Embden. This year also brought a new voice to the Select Board. Kayla Starr joined the Board and has stepped into the role with enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and a strong interest in community engagement.

Throughout the year, the Select Board has addressed several matters important to the Town, including the following:

The discretionary decision to allow ATV travel on designated town roads for a two-year trial period generated both concerns and support among residents. The Town, in coordination with the ATV Club, continues to work with residents to address shared road-use concerns and to explore appropriate options for trail expansion into wooded areas. These efforts include landowner outreach and grant writing by the ATV Club.

The Board supported the formation of an RSU 74 Withdrawal Exploratory Committee to provide voters with information regarding a potential directive to pursue withdrawal. The vote did not pass, and Embden will remain a member of RSU 74 with three School Board representatives.

The Town received a proposal from RSU 74 regarding potential use of space at the Embden Community Center. Additional information is being gathered to be presented to voters prior to the school district budget referendum in June. Permission or refusal of this proposal will be determined by Embden residents.

Improvements to town roads and infrastructure continued under the guidance of the Road Commissioner, with positive results. The Select Board has requested an updated long-term maintenance plan to support future planning.

The Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer were tasked with reviewing existing ordinances and drafting new Embden-specific ordinances to help protect natural resources and guide responsible development.

The Select Board also continued oversight and negotiation of contracted services, including the Anson Fire Department, AMS Ambulance, KVCOG plumbing inspection services, Tri-Town Recreation, J.R. Nunes winter road maintenance, the Franklin County Animal Shelter, and Waste Management, to ensure services are delivered efficiently and within budget.

At the end of 2025 Embden's youth recreation program joined forces with Anson and Solon to offer year-round sports opportunities for local youth at little to no cost. Residents will notice soccer on the fields in the fall, basketball at the Community Center during the winter, and T-ball returning in the spring — all hosted right here in Embden. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to accessible programming, healthy activity, and strong connections among neighboring towns.

The Select Board remains committed to thoughtful decision-making, transparency, and respectful collaboration. As Embden continues to grow and evolve, the Board values the voices, participation, and shared responsibility of its residents in shaping the Town's future.

The Select Board encourages all residents to stay informed and involved in town government. Meeting dates and contact information are available on the Town website, town sign, and within this Town Report. We thank the citizens of Embden for their continued trust and engagement.

Respectfully submitted,

The Embden Select Board.

Elected & Appointed Town Roles

Elected Boards		Elected Officials	
Board of Select Persons		Tax Collector	
Charles Taylor, Chair	2028	Ruth Blake	2026
Wayne McLaughlin	2026		
Kayla Starr	2027	Road Commissioner	
Assessor		Michael Witham	2027
Shirley Bartlett	2026	Town Clerk/Treasurer	
RSU# 74 School Board		Christine Sockwell	2027
Kevin Sousa, Jr	2028		
Eric Ewing	2027		
Robert Lightbody	2026		

Appointed Boards

Planning Board		Board of Appeals	
Leo Mayo, Chair	2030	John Duff, Chair	2026
Ann Bridges, Secretary	2028	Dale Mullins	2026
Kelly Bragg	2026	Keith Stephens	2026
Randy Caldwell	2027		
Charles Pease	2029		
Paula Sancousi, Alternate	2026		
George Arab, Alternate	2026		

Appointed Officials

Animal Control		E-911 Addressing	
Robin Wilkey	2026	Christine Sockwell	2026
Registrar of Voters		General Assistance	
Christine Sockwell	2027	Charles Taylor	2026
Local Plumbing Inspector		Health Officer	
Jeff Drew	2027	Leo Mayo	2026
		Code Enforcement	
		Terriann Lamontagne	2026

Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of Embden,

Statistics from 2025 for the Town of Embden:

Resident Superpack	4
Resident Hunting & Fishing Combo	11
Resident Hunting & Fishing Combo	8
Resident Hunting	5
Resident Fishing	18
Resident Fishing	4
Resident Archery Hunting	3
Nonresident Season Fishing	9
Nonresident Hunting & Fishing Combo	1
Nonresident Hunting & Fishing Combo	1
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	1
Migratory Waterfowl Upgrade Card	2
Spring/Fall Turkey	1
Saltwater Fishing Registry	1
Resident Over-70 Lifetime License	2
	71

Congratulations to the five families that welcomed their “Little bundle of joy” in 2025

Best wishes to the four couples that got married!

Licensed Dogs: 290

WOW — 2025 truly flew by! It was an incredibly busy year for Embden, and each year we continue to grow stronger and more connected as a community.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Betty Pratt, John Duff, Alyson Duff, and Amy Champany for your dedication and hard work as our Election Ballot Clerks. I’m honored to work alongside such a committed and dependable group of people.

As we look ahead, I’m excited to see what 2026 will bring. It is a privilege to serve you, Embden, and I’m grateful for the trust you place in me.

IN MEMORY OF EMBDEN RESIDENTS WHO PASSED IN 2025

Billing, Nancy Lee	70	06/22/2025
Caldwell, Phyllis V.	96	02/09/2025
Cole, Jean Barbara	80	03/28/2025
Lightbody, James Allen Sr.	87	08/18/2025
Longley, Daniel Earl	81	10/28/2025
Luce, Gloria J.	81	12/15/2025
Richardson, Mary Ellen	55	12/07/2025
Timberlake, John Stanley	96	05/28/2025



Tax Collector's Report

Dear, Residents and Taxpayers of Embden,

I want you all to know I appreciate being your tax collector. I love this job and I will always do my best to meet your needs.

I am asking taxpayers to send money for the interest they accrue daily if tax payments are post marked after the due date. If you send more than needed to bring your account balance to zero, it will go towards your next year's tax payment. If you would like to know the exact amount, please call the office. Also, just a reminder that your tax payment is due once a year, and usually in September.

If you need Tax Collection or Vehicle Registration information from me, please call during office hours. You can also email me if you do not need an immediate answer, my email is embden-collector@embden.org.

My hours at the Town office are Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00am – 4:00pm, Thursday 1:00pm – 6:00pm and Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm. I am more than willing to help you while I am at the office.

A little Embden Trivia from 2011 – 2025, 15 years:

*Ninety-nine new real estate tax accounts were added to Embden from 2011 – 2025.

*The State evaluation of Embden from 2011 to 2025 increased by \$240,541,300.00

Breaking up the time frame from 2011 – 2025 into three 5-year periods:

*The highest growth of 43 new tax accounts happened from 2011 – 2015.

*The year with the most growth of 17 new tax accounts happened in 2014.

* The years from 2016 – 2020 were second at 32 new tax accounts.

*The lowest growth of 26 new tax accounts for Embden happened from 2021 – 2025.

Even though 2021 to 2025 were the lowest growth years for adding new tax accounts, I believe the most applications for permits to the planning board happened during those years. I do not have statistics on that comment; it is just my observation.

Thank you for being wonderful people to work with and allowing me to serve as your tax collector. And thank you to those who participated in the contest and sent in Loon pictures for the Town report cover, "Loons on the Ponds of Embden".

Sincerely,

Ruth Blake

P.S. The cover contest next year will be "Sunrises and Sunsets over Embden".

2025 Tax Assessor's Report

ASSESSMENTS:

COUNTY TAX	\$760,343.22
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,201,500.00
EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,253,650.00
OVERLAY	(\$88,569.65)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$4,126,923.57

DEDUCTIONS:

STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$123,127.58
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENTS	\$55,619.51
BETE REMBURSEMENTS	\$51.62
OTHER REVENUES	\$152,891.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$331,689.71
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$3,795,233.86

To the Residents of Embden,

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Assessor. I have enjoyed working with the Select Board, ladies in the town office, residents, and taxpayers.

The Maine Legislature provides Property Tax Relief through many different programs. The applications, instructions, and other information regarding property tax relief can be found on the State of Maine Revenue Services website. Applications are also located in the town office.

All applications **MUST** be received by April 1st to take effect in 2026. Also, please inform the assessing office by April pt of any changes to the buildings on your property since last year.

Respectfully,

Shirley Bartlett, CMA

Embden Assessor

Road Commissioner's Report

Residents and Taxpayers of Embden:

As your Road Commissioner, it has been my continued honor to serve my town throughout the year of 2025. As always, I want to thank the Selectboard, Town Clerk and all subcontractors for their continued service this year.

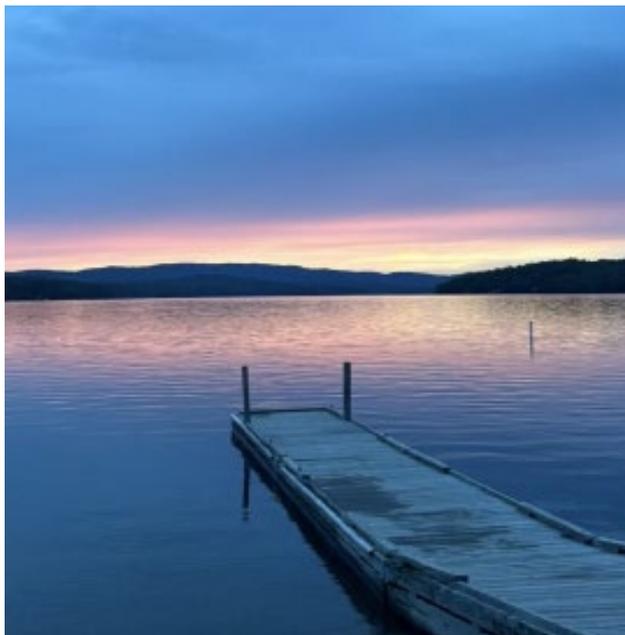
We started our spring season with sweeping roads and grading town roads. The Farmer Road was resurfaced as well as the Mill Road. As we moved into August we started the East Shore Road project. It went very well, ended up repaving over the portion of the East Shore Road from the bridge. As well we repaved a small section of the Bert Berry Road, to the intersection of Williams Hill.

In 2026 for a paving project, we will be focusing on paving Bert Berry Road towards the Concord line.

Thank you for your continued support as I look forward to serving our community in 2026.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Witham
Town Road Commissioner



Road Commissioner's Report

Contractors	Michael Witham d.b.a.	Dump Truck 18 C.Y.	\$ 8,271.90
		Dump Truck 4 C.Y.	\$ 6,568.20
		Excavator	\$ 22,393.60
		Grader	\$ 40,552.80
		Pickup	\$ 1,910.00
		Pickup W/Man	\$ 1,534.40
		Bucketloader	\$ 3,429.10
		Skid Loader	\$ 463.00
		Man Hours	\$ 206.40
		WaterTank	\$ 4,400.00
			\$ 89,729.40
	Charles Nickerson	Dump Truck 14 C.Y.	\$ 21,762.58
	Arther Rogers	Dump Truck 14 C.Y.	\$ 14,474.88
	Brandon R Cates	Dump Truck 14 C.Y.	\$ 804.16
	BR Erskine Trucking Inc.	Dump Truck 14 C.Y.	\$ 4,121.32
	Lucas Striping LLC	Paving	\$ 6,327.40
	Fine Line Paving	Paving	\$ 154,390.00
	Sheldon O. Brown	Mowing	\$ 2,850.00
			\$ 294,459.74
		Total Contractors	\$ 294,459.74
Gravel	Michael Witham d.b.a.		\$ 71,042.00
1 1/2 Stone	Michael Witham d.b.a.		\$ 23,864.00
Rip Rap Rock	Michael Witham d.b.a.		\$ 100.00
			\$ 95,006.00
Equipment Rental	Skowhegan Equipment and Tool Inc.		\$ 1,991.80
	Eagle Rental		\$ 6,672.00
	Eric Creamer		\$ 600.00
			\$ 9,263.80
Calcium			\$ 8,525.71
Road Supplies			\$2,100.14
Payroll	Michael Witham		\$ 6,754.00
	FICA		\$ 418.75
	Medicare		\$ 97.92
			\$ 7,270.67
Total			\$ 416,626.06

Town Of Embden

PLACING/PLOWING SNOW INTO OR ACROSS TOWN WAYS & TOWN MAILBOX POLICY

Its wintertime and many people are occupied with issues related to snow removal. The large volume of snow recently fallen can present problems for homeowners as they try to clear their driveways. The Town of Embden is concerned with preventing and removing obstructions, such as snow, from accumulating on town ways. In fact, a number of statutes provide for the town to deal with obstructions.

(Title 29-A: Motor Vehicles, Chapter 21, Subchapter III: Protections of Ways §2396 **prohibits any person from placing in the public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.** A violation of this section and 29-A M.R.S.A. §103 and §104 state that the exclusive penalty for which is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, suspension of a license, or both.)

Please do not shovel, blow snow, or have your driveway plowed into or across the road. This is prohibited by law and can cause serious traffic hazards. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite (i.e., downstream from) the direction traveled by the plow. Snow on that side of your driveway will be carried by the plow away from your driveway rather than back into your driveway.

Broken mailbox posts may happen during a snow storm, even though our plow drivers take all precautions to avoid striking them with the wing of the plow.

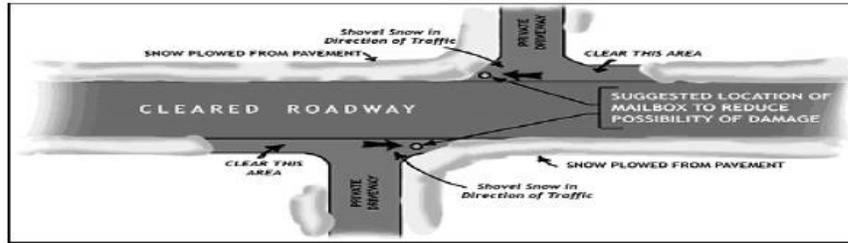
Some tips on placement of mailboxes that will help to minimize the chance of damage:

- Place reflective material on the side of the box visible to approaching traffic, also, 4" high letters to identify the address is recommended to assist emergency vehicles.
- Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" by 4" for a wooden post or 2" diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered "deadly fixed objects" and are not permitted within the Town Way.



Mailbox to have 42 inch ground clearance

- Mailboxes should be installed at least 42 inches high to provide clearance for the plow wing as shown in the above picture. We recommend the use of an extended arm type of post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox as also shown on the above picture. This allows snowplows to sweep near or under boxes without damage to supports and provides easy access to the boxes by carrier and customers.



Locate mailbox on side of driveway away from approaching traffic

- Above you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our driver to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.
- For uncurbed roadways set the mailbox back at the far edge of the road shoulder to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance. For curbed roads the face of the mailbox should be 8-12 inches back from the curb face.

Your participation and cooperation in complying with the above will be greatly appreciated by your rural carrier, postal service and the Town of Embden. If you have any questions, please call the Embden Town Office at 566-5551.

A Message to all Embden Residents from the Code Enforcement Officer:

This has been a very busy year around the Town. I issued 38 various building permits outside of the shoreland zone.

Once again, this year, I have had to issue several violations. These violations have included building structures, installing more than 10 yards of fill, and docks, etc. without permits.

These violations not only cause the violator to pay a substantial fine but the Town, in some instances, have incurred legal fees. The legal fees have been paid with your tax dollars.

Construction of over 200 square feet **outside** of the 250' shoreland zone requires a permit from the Embden Code Officer.

Any construction **within the 250'** shoreland zone requires a permit from the Embden Planning Board. This includes new buildings, additions, earthmoving, placement of gravel and/or fill of any kind over 10 cubic yards, etc.

To avoid future violations, please contact the Embden Code Enforcement Officer before any proposed work is done.

Thank you,

Terri Lamontagne



Photo by: Janice Welch

Cobra Rec Program

In 2025, Embden, Solon and Anson officially united to form the **Cobra Rec Program**. This collaborative, community-rooted initiative was designed to serve youth across our entire district. We are proud to report **record-breaking participation** and a surge in volunteer spirit that is making our community stronger every season!

Record participation from Embden youth shows the growing demand for local sports:

-  **Soccer (Fall): 17 from Embden**
-  **Baseball/Softball/Tee Ball: 13 from Embden**
-  **Basketball (Winter): 13 from Basketball**

Programs Offered: K-6th Basketball, Tee Ball, 8U/10U/12U Baseball & Softball, and Soccer (Pre-K through 6th Grade).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & IMPACT

Building a sustainable future through partnership and generosity.

- **The Tri-Town Agreement:** A landmark partnership where Anson, Solon, and Embden each contribute annually and collaborate. This creates **long-term sustainability** for our youth and ensures each town is represented, included and utilized.
- **Leadership:** Officially hired **Melody Rich** as Rec Director, bringing organized, dedicated oversight to our operations.
- **Local Access:** Basketball and soccer found a home in **Embden**, keeping our kids playing right here in their own community. We look forward to expanding programming offered in Embden!
- **Safety & Gear:** Professional maintenance and monetary donations has been donated by **George Yodice (The Works)**, and **Isaac and Amy Sidell** and generous equipment/uniform donations from **Vicneire's Elm Street Market**.
- **Community Spirit:** For the second year in a row over **70 participants** enjoyed a group night at the **Portland Sea Dogs**, organized by Kayla Starr, fostering friendships beyond the playing field.

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Keeping costs low through hard work and local heart.

- **4th of July Stand (Solon):** Raised **\$1,572.02** (Special thanks to Leslie Giroux & volunteers).
- **Seasonal Concessions:** Brought in **\$1,188.34** through the kindness of our families.
- **Grants and Donations Secured:** \$5,500 has been secured from **Weyerhaeuser and New Balance** towards the Cobra Rec Multi-Use Field (specifically to support softball). For the second consecutive year, girls' basketball uniforms were sponsored by **Nitram Excavation**. In addition, **Vicneire's Elm Street Market** has been strong supporters of our programming and it has been incredibly impactful. They have helped us secure uniforms, equipment and training. We also received a donation that went to Embden's soccer program from a resident. This donation will be used for new balls, practice jersey's and moveable goals. Thank you to those that have donated and volunteered to support our programming!
- **Clinic Support:** Coach Vicneire and the CHS team led free soccer clinics, connecting our youngest athletes with high school role models. The female High School basketball program, led by Varsity Girls Coach Will Cote has hosted clinics for our girls rec teams as well

LOOKING AHEAD

Our commitment to the Town of Embden and our neighbors remains simple:

1. **Keep costs low** so every child can play.
2. **Foster inclusion** across all three towns.
3. **Build healthy, active citizens and strong communities.**

Thank you for believing in and investing in the young people of our district!

Respectfully Submitted, Melody Rich *Cobra Rec Director*

E-911 Addressing Report

In 2025, the Town spent \$496.62 to replace road signs that had gone missing. Thanks to the sale of 16 one-sided Katie Crotch and Embden Pond Road signs, we were able to generate \$290.29 in profit, which has been added back into the budget.

If you're looking for a fun, unique gift—whether for someone else or for yourself—stop by the Office and pick one up!

Board of Appeals Report

During 2025 there were three requests for appeal within the Shoreland Zone brought to the Appeals Board. The first was a denial by the Planning Board for a change in classification of a structure. The Appeals Board decision was to remand back to the Planning Board the need to address the concern as covered in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance “Change of Use” articles 12 C (5) and 12 D (3) and the commitment of the owner to remove required equipment assuring change.

An appeal was made by an abutting landowner to a permit issued by the Planning Board for the construction of a fence. The Appeals Board discussion was that a fence is “not included” by definition in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and was issued by mistake. And, the issues dealing with fences are treated as a “private matter” per State of Maine statutes. Therefore, the Appeals Board took no action.

An appeal was submitted by a landowner regarding the Notice of Violation issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. Information submitted was inadequate and the applicant was contacted by an Appeals Board member requesting additional facts and the application fee of \$250.00. The applicant was informed that, by Shoreland Zoning Ordinance 16 H (1) (a), the Appeals Board has no authority to act on an enforcement action related to the Ordinance. He was also advised of possible continuation options as part of due process. To date, no further action has been advanced by the applicant.

The following served as board members in 2025: Dale Mullin, Keith Stephens and John Duff.

John Duff

Chairman

12/27/2025

2025 Embden Planning Board Report

Another busy year for the Board. The Board reviewed and issued 37 permits for the construction of residences, garages, repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings, replanting of vegetation and driveway construction. The Board is early stage of working on an application submitted by Embden Solar, LLC for approval of a solar array located on the Kennebec River Road. Since 2023, the CEO has issued permits outside of the shoreland zone relieving a great deal of pressure off the Board.

Please remember that before you start any construction, you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see if a building permit is required, especially if construction is within 250 feet of a body of water. Any construction within the town outside of the shoreland zone that is over 200 sq. feet also requires a building permit.

Please be sure when submitting an application to Terri Lamontagne, Code Enforcement Officer, that all the requirements have been submitted with the application with the appropriate filing fee, and the required number of copies of the application. **Pictures of the site involved are required with all applications.** If you have owned the property less than two years, a copy of your recorded deed **must** accompany the application. An incomplete application only delays the process. Once again, this year, the Board had to hold multiple meetings due to lack of and/or inaccurate information and measurements on several applications. Once Ms. Lamontagne has completed the site review, she will submit the application with attachments at the Board's next meeting.

An application must be received by the CEO or the Town Clerk by the last Thursday of the month in order to be considered at the following month's Planning Board meeting.

Board members and terms are:

Leo Mayo, Chairman	March, 2030
Kelly Bragg	March, 2026
Randy Caldwell	March, 2027
Ann Bridges, Secretary	March, 2028
Charles Pease	March, 2029
Paula Sansouci, alternate	March, 2026
George Arab, alternate	March, 2026

Planning Board meetings are now being held at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Embden Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Bridges
Ann C. Bridges, Secretary

Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club

Find us on Facebook

The Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club was created to provide recreation, enjoyment and entertainment for the residents of Embden and others when using the snowmobile trails. The organization consists of volunteers that build and maintain all that is necessary to support this non-profit activity this year consisting of 33 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club thanks the residents of Embden for approving some monetary support of this organization. The ETSC is supported annually by a State grant, family and business memberships, as well as donations and fund raisers. These funds are used to build and repair bridges, and to fuel and maintain our equipment. Our trail system provides access to North New Portland, Pleasant Ridge and the Interconnecting Trail to Solon and North Anson leading to the 14,000 miles of trails in the State.

At the time of this writing (January 15, 2026) Embden Pond is frozen over. Always be cautious when utilizing iced over surfaces. This past summer and fall again saw multiple trail reroutes and bridge repairs. Of significance, was the upgrade to the bridge over Mill Stream giving access to Sand Beach on Embden Pond. Sincere thanks to those that gave their time to accomplish the work seamlessly. As Embden's demographics change, the need to adjust is ever present. We have been notified that the trail from Dunbar Hill Road to the ITS 84 trail by the bridge to Solon may be closed due to logging.

We are looking forward to the annual Snow Fest with the Embden Pond Association on February 14th.

Normally, we have a potluck supper on the third Saturday in October, the second or third Saturday of January and meet as necessary September through April. Membership (\$30.00/family, \$40/business) is open to everyone. Contact Membership chairperson Amy Champany (566-5097) or, Vice President John Duff (566-5722) for an application. Last year we had 44 families and six business memberships.

It is with great respect that the ETSC extends appreciation to the landowners of Embden, Concord Township and North Anson who grant us permission for the use of their land for the purpose of snowmobiling, snowshoeing and skiing. Without their support, the activities would not be enjoyed locally.

Together we trail; divided we fail.

John Duff, Embden Travelers S. C.



Embden Historical Society Report -- 2025

www.embdenhistoricalsociety.org

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Our 19 cemeteries in town are cared for throughout the year. Fifteen are maintained by John Bigelow as needed but at least twice a year: mowed, raked, weed-wacked, sticks/limbs taken care of, etc. There are 4 cemeteries that are maintained by: Bob Donovan, Pam Ewing, Bob Berry and Patty Cobb. The last 2-3 years Bob has scheduled Cemetery Tours that he's provided some individual history about some of the headstones. Bob has also led a few work days straightening headstones within their bases and other maintenance. (Leaning stones often lead to breakage.) The more complicated repairs are done by a trained individual, Albert Stehle. This year he has been working in the Hutchins and Chick Cemeteries. Over the last few years historical members have installed fences around some of the cemeteries. More cemetery fencing and maintenance are scheduled for next year.



Mullin Cemetery



Pleasantdale Cemetery

Photos by Charlie Frear

Each year the Society awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to an Embden resident who holds a high-school diploma or its equivalent. Priority is given to those seeking to enter a "helping" profession. An application can be downloaded at www.embdenhistoricalsociety.org Again this year we have received an anonymous \$2,000.00 donation to supplement our Scholarship Account. Many thanks!

Our monthly meetings are well attended (usually 16-28 people). Please feel free to attend any or all. In 2026, the lineup is as follows:

MAY 11, 2026

Honey Bee Keeping By: Dwayne Wells

JUNE 8, 2026

Allagash Wilderness Waterway (PowerPoint) By: Paul Johnson

JUNE 22, 2026

Tour of a couple of our cemeteries By: Bob Donovan

JULY 13, 2026

Chain Saw Carving (presentation & demonstration) By: Brad Clark

AUG. 10, 2026

Stanley Family History (Stanley Steamers, etc.) By: Debbie Smith

AUG. 17, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.; meet at the Town House

Cemetery Workday By: Bob Donovan

SEPT. 14, 2026

Women Leaders of Maine Sporting Camps By: William Geller

SEPT. 21, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.; meet at the Town House

Cemetery Care By: Bob Donovan

OCT. 12, 2026

Invasive Plants/Bushes By: Jim Ferrante, District Forester

NOVEMBER 9, 2026 Meal at 5:00

Harvest Fest Meal (Pot Luck)

Meetings are at 6:30 p.m.; Programs at 7:00 (unless otherwise noted) at the Embden Town House.

The Society had 75 paid members and 1 honorary member in 2025. If you are interested, dues are \$5.00 per person and can be mailed to: Art Ouellette, Treasurer, 214 Wentworth Road, Embden, ME 04958.

If you would like a complete Program Booklet and/or would like to be added to the monthly meeting/speaker email reminders, please feel free to contact me.

Carol Dolan, President

612-8887 or mcdolan@roadrunner.com

Embden Community Center

Greetings to all from the Embden community center! So much is going on for all ages in our town. Country Sunday, led by Dave and Leah Mayo from 1pm to 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, is such enjoyment for those who come. Most of the participants could be classified as mature adults, but you would never guess as most are singing and dancing for hours. Many people arrive by 11am and fill tables with all kinds of food. They bring hot nostalgic entrées, cookies, pies, and pastries, making it an opportunity to sit, chat and enjoy the goodies. The community center offers hot dogs and beverages to round out the festivities.

The thrift store managed by Nancy, Beth, and Linda is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 12 noon. Many of the people who go to the thrift store talk about the boutique as very clean and refreshing. The talented volunteers set up venues so people can see how things could look in their own home. The clothing offered ranges from infant to adult sizes, relaxed wear, and informal attire. They even have vintage clothes and furniture on occasion. The volunteers are always there to help you.

Karaoke is offered on the second and fourth Friday evenings of every month from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Larry and Renée Oliver welcome one and all for a fun night of singing.

The sewing room is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9am till noon. You can learn to sew or just work on a project and chat with all who step in.

Walking in the gym is open when the thrift store is open. Just a mere 29 laps are equal to a mile. Don't forget to occasionally change directions!

Cinda Rafferty offers yoga in the gym, Mondays at 9am, Wednesdays at 4:15pm for chair yoga only, 5:30pm all levels, and Saturdays at 9am.

Carol Chapman offers Tai Chi on Thursdays at 9am for all ages. Another way to get moving for your health.

A band of Moms and Dads bring their preschoolers to the Community Center for socializing and playtime in the gym.

The recreation program is using the community center for basketball. A little-known offering from the community center is a Hands-Up program. It is for those working but find themselves a bit short of cash when something unexpected happens. Ruth at the Town office is the person to see.

The community dinners will be starting once again in April on the second Saturday of each month through November. A surprise this year, there will be an entirely new crew with new ideas for the dinner menu. Terry Bugay and Paula Sancouci will be the overseers of the kitchen, but they will need some cooks, and up to 10 new personalities ready to be the unsung heroes peeling potatoes, vegetables, slicing bread, making salads, desserts, getting beverages ready, setting tables, washing dishes, and being ready to greet you. Sign up with Terri and Paula for a good time. As always Ruth and Bruce Blake will be preparing and cooking steak for the steak tip dinner in July.

We at the Embden community center would like to thank all the volunteers who help keep the center open and running.



ECC YEAR END TOTALS 2025

	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
SEWING ROOM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ROOM RENTALS & SHOWS	\$ 940.00	\$ -	\$ 940.00
DINNERS	\$ 5,871.00	\$ -	\$ 5,871.00
BOTTLE RETURN	\$ 1,223.15	\$ -	\$ 1,223.15
50/50	\$ 508.00	\$ -	\$ 508.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
KITCHEN FOOD SALES	\$ 43.00	\$ -	\$ 43.00
DONATIONS	\$ 3,070.65	\$ -	\$ 3,070.65
THRIFT STORE	\$ 16,647.00	\$ 1,457.71	\$ 15,189.29
OPEN MIC /COUNTRY SUNDAY	\$ 7,160.50	\$ 180.00	\$ 6,980.50
Total	\$ 35,463.30	\$ 1,637.71	\$ 33,825.59

FOOD EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 6,270.12	
CONCERTS & EVENTS		\$ 200.00	
MISC EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 10,577.07	
ADVERTISING & LICENSES	\$ -	\$ 1,018.50	
Total	\$ 35,463.30	\$ 18,065.69	\$ 17,397.61

Hand Up Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,353.25	
Money Given to Town	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	
ECC Donated & Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 3,912.92	
	\$ 35,463.30	\$ 17,266.17	\$ 18,197.13
Totals	\$ 35,463.30	\$ 36,969.57	\$ (1,506.27)

DINNERS & KITCHEN	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 7,959.25	\$ 6,270.12	\$ 1,689.13

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Friday, March 6, 2026

And

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 7, 2026

To Ernest Falcone, resident of the Town of Embden, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Embden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Embden Town Office in said town on Friday, the 6th day of March, A.D. 2026, at nine and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Embden Community Center in said town on Saturday, the 7th day of March 2026 A.D., at noon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 38 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To elect a moderator, all municipal officers, and school committee members are required to be elected.

Article 2: To elect municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, three-year term: Wayne McLaughlin

Selectman, three-year term: Foster Robinson

Tax Collector: Ruth Blake

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term: Robert Lightbody

Article 3: To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in one installment, due and payable 45 days after commitment or by September 15, 2026, and to charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on unpaid balances after due date.

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 and pay 0% interest on these prepaid taxes.

D. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2026 pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 710.

E. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate of 2% to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027, to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property pursuant to State of Maine statute H.P. 69-L.D. 101 An act to return to the former owner any excess funds remaining after the sale of foreclosed property. Then to award the property on such terms and to execute a Quit Claim Deed for such property.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town.)

Selectmen recommend.

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Roads Assistance Program
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement
- I. FEMA

Selectmen recommend.

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 12. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations, (e.g.; KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for all insurance policies (e.g.; worker’s comp., building, equipment, etc.).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for legal expenses (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services.

A. Stewart Public Library	\$2,500.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$1,000.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,275.00
D. Spectrum Generations	\$1,103.00
E. People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$6,000.00
F. Baker Mountain	\$1,000.00
G. American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
H. KVCAAP	\$1,000.00
I. Sunset Cemetery	\$1,000.00
J. Madison Public Library	\$ 750.00
K. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 316.00
L. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 150.00
M. Community Health & Counseling	\$ 200.00
N. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 902.00

O. Family Violence Project	\$1,000.00
P. Children's Center	\$ 185.00
Total:	\$ 18,631.00

Selectmen recommend.

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from surplus to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend.

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from excise to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for future town road paving projects.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from surplus to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for future town building projects.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to *remove* the designation of all town-maintained roads as ATV access routes as allowed by the Town of Embden's Select Board in 2025.

This vote is a non-binding advisory vote designed to assist the selectboard in exercising its authority to designate public ways as ATV access routes pursuant to 12 M.R.S. § 13157-A(6)(H).

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus to fund a 250-year celebration of the United States of America in the Town of Embden.

Selectmen recommend.

Dated: 5th day of February 2026

Charles E. Taylor, Select Board Chairman

Wayne McLaughlin, Selectman

Kayla Starr, Selectwoman

Municipal Officers

Embden Pond Association

The Embden Pond Association is happy to report this summer was a welcome change from the previous year. Sunny skies and warm temperatures made for a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the lake. There seemed to be many folks enjoying the beach and boating this year. It's so nice to see not only residents of the lake but so many towns' people coming out. Embden is on the map these days drawing people from everywhere. All of our committees worked really hard this year in their respective fields to help maintain the quality of this lake. The association has increased water testing and our Lake Smart program has helped property owners to take a look at their shoreline to make sure they are doing everything they can to insure they are protecting the lake from harmful runoff. For those of you who use the lake from time to time you probably noticed our Courtesy boat inspectors at the dock. They are there to ensure boats entering the lake are not carrying any invasive plants from other lakes and ponds into the lake. This is state program that we are involved in to continue to monitor the lake. I am happy to report that the Embden Pond Association is involved with every state program as it pertains to lake health. Embden Pond remains one of Maine's cleanest lakes and is free of invasive weeds. We are working very hard to keep in that way.

Enjoy the coming winter and pray for snow!!

Ernie Falcone



Madison Library



To the Citizens of Embden:

The library is a community hub. If you haven't been to the library in a while—or ever—I encourage you to visit. There's something here for everyone and we welcome residents and visitors to the area. Peruse the book stacks, get copies made or print out your mailing labels, meet with your career or literacy counselor, or simply admire the beautiful architecture. We do our best to meet the needs of all our patrons.

Story times, book clubs and summer programs were all well attended. Library checkouts were consistent, up slightly from previous years. Total checkouts for 2025 were as follows:

Print books	13,380
Ebooks	1,037
Digital audiobooks	897
Total	13,617

Total print circulation increased by over 1,800 checkouts, on average about 5 more books per business day, while ebook totals dropped slightly but audiobooks increased slightly.

This is cause for celebration; adult readers are very consistent, but story time has more children attending on a regular basis so their presence is most likely responsible for the higher circulation numbers. Great job, parents, grandparents and caregivers!

We hosted two summer programs, one for elementary school children, the other our junior readers book club. Average attendance for the younger group was 29 people—18 children and 11 adults—with 8 middle schoolers attending book club each week. Attendance for the younger group decreased slightly, while the book club increased. Kids grow up, but we do all we can to keep them reading.

Story time continued to be offered every Tuesday at 10AM. Attendance has grown significantly, as new families move to town, little ones “age into” story time, and homeschooling families attend with babies, toddlers and school-aged children. Life is busy. Many different families attend when they can; not every family attends every week. Children of all ages are welcome but stories are geared toward kids ages 3-8.

The Madison Christmas Celebration was held on December 6th. We gave out 105 gift bags and books this year. Another 15 were gifted to our story time attendees who couldn't make it to the Celebration. The remainders were delivered to the local food cupboard, to be distributed to area children. Hopefully they made Christmas a little brighter for them.

We have a very generous community. As always, my thanks to the patrons and taxpayers of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Starks, and Embden and to our trustees. Your generous financial support and timely advice is much appreciated, especially during the many challenges we have all faced these past few years.

Business hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday	9AM – 5:30PM
Saturday	9AM – 2:00PM

Rest assured, we will continue to provide library services—in whatever forms they may take—to the people of Madison and its surrounding towns. We serve the community of readers!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus
Head Librarian

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Stewart Public Library (SPL) is an all-volunteer, full-service local library with 501(c)3 status. Serving Anson and Embden residents and all R.S.U. 74 students, the collection of books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs are available for two-week lending periods along with a large selection of large print books. Wi-Fi is available 24/7. We are the only place in the village to offer copy service. Library hours are posted on the outside sign and on the website.

The exterior of the library was completely painted this year. The website had 4,510 visits viewing 39,876 pages. We hosted a drawing for a unique pop-up children's book, Easter egg wrappings, had "take and make" kits to give away, and free vegetable seeds. This year's Book Sale was held on the 19 of July outside the library under canopies due to community complications. We will return to the usual date – last Saturday in June – in 2026.

SPL had \$15,515 in income. Our expenses totaled \$14,793. Volunteers worked over 763 hours, valued at \$21,776. The value of the library usage/checkouts calculates to \$25,319. Embden's Return On Investment = \$12.66 for every \$1.00 donated. Statistics for all Maine libraries can be accessed by Googling 'Maine Library Annual Report Statistics.'

2025 Desk Volunteers: Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Kathy Falcone, Helen Catanese, Angela Larlee, Emily Quint, and Valerie Sirois. Special Projects: Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Helen Catanese, Karen Colombo, Alyson & John Duff, Pam & Eric Ewing, Kathy & Ernie Falcone, Kelly Garland, Angela Larlee, Jeanne Moore, Mitchell, Emily, Scott & Shannon Quint, Bev Tripp, and Larry Witham. An exceptional thanks to all the individuals who donated their time, money, services and many books. You make our community a better place. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Stewart Public Library
Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian/Director
Mitchell Quint, Pres., Stewart Library Association

RSU 74

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Carrabec High School ~ Carrabec Community School ~ Garret Schenck School ~ Solon Elementary School

January 1, 2026

Dear RSU 74 Residents,

I am happy to report the state of your schools continues to move in a positive direction. During the 2025 calendar year, the RSU 74 Board of Directors have supported multiple initiatives to continue the work of making improvements in the academics we offer and in our infrastructure.

Each year the students in RSU 74 are tasked with completing the Northwest Educational Assessment (NWEA) as it is the approved instrument to provide State growth in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics to the federal government. Over the past two years our schools have continued to show improvement in their educational growth and achievement. Attendance remains an area of focus as we continue to have a significant number of students who are as defined by the State as being chronically absent, meaning the students miss 10% or more of the seat days. Truancy has improved but remains high. Our staff continue to reach out to families to offer assistance with getting students into their seats on a regular basis.

Another project we are working on is the documenting of the curriculum for each of the content areas. This current school year we are attempting to finish up documenting our science and social studies. Once these documents are created, we can then continuously review the student data from the NWEA scores to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and our instructional practices.

Last year our district objective was to finish developing and implementing 5-10 year improvement plans for buildings, grounds, and busing. While the plans did not call for a new bus in the current budget, if fiscally possible we will be asking to replace two from our fleet in the coming budget year. Again, our plan is to remove those that are costing us more than others so the ones being replaced may not be the oldest. Our buildings and grounds project undertaken in the latter half of 2025 included installing an outside pellet hopper at CCS to allow us to reinstall a 5,000-gallon heating oil tank in the pit where in the original construction plan for that building housed such a tank. This project saved us \$3,000 on our first filling for the 2025-2026 winter. Both Garret Schenck and Solon had the stretched and tattered rugs removed and new flooring put in that can be washed daily. All four buildings received an upgrade in security systems with additional cameras installed and swipe card entry systems.

This fall, the Board agreed to enter into an agreement with the Town of Anson to permit the use of CCS as an emergency shelter. Working with the Anson Board, Anson Fire Department, and the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Anson, an agreement was reached that permits the building to be opened up to allow residents to seek shelter if situations arise where their own home isn't the best place to remain in an emergency. The agreement will require the Town of Anson to reimburse the district for costs associated with the use. For example, if there is no power, our generator will kick on and we will be able to inform the Town how much propane was consumed and at what our price is in order to recoup the cost to operate the facility. While the agreement is with Anson, it is expected that other community members also have access through collaboration between fire departments/emergency management personnel.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Together we are creating responsible adults for our communities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The school community of RSU #74 will work together to raise the aspirations of all students by providing them with lifelong skills that they may become self-sufficient contributing members of society.



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2025 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

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

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

Law Enforcement

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

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

Jail

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



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

Civil Process

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

Calls for Service

- In 2025, the Sheriff's Office received 13,432 calls for service from our residents.
- During 2025, the Sheriff's Office responded to 830 calls for service from the Town of Solon. Calls included 84 motor vehicle stops, 57 motor vehicle accidents, 8 calls requesting citizen assistance as well as other requests for police services.
- In 2025 the Sheriff's office transitioned to a new records management system.

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

SOMERSET COUNTY

Maine

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

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

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

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

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

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



Tim Curtis

Somerset County Administrator

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Friday, February 28, 2025

And

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 1, 2025

To Ernest Falcone, resident of the Town of Embden, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Embden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Embden Town Office in said town on Friday, the 28th day of February, A.D. 2025, at nine and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Embden Community Center in said town on Saturday, the 1st day of March 2025 A.D., at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 39 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To elect a moderator, all municipal officers, and school committee members are required to be elected.

Article 2: To elect municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, three-year term: Anthony Sparrow 16 Votes

Selectman, three-year term: Charles Taylor 78 Votes

(Write-in) Kayla Starr 62 Votes

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term: Kevin Sousa 133 Votes

Article 3: To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in one

installment, due and payable 45 days after commitment or by September 15, 2025, and to charge interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum on unpaid balances after due date.

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 and pay 0% interest on these prepaid taxes.

D. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2025 pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 710.

E. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate of 2% to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2026, to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property pursuant to State of Maine statute H.P. 69-L.D. 101 An act to return to the former owner any excess funds remaining after the sale of foreclosed property. Then to award the property on such terms and to execute a Quit Claim Deed for such property.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town.)

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Roads Assistance Program
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement
- I. FEMA

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 12. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations, (e.g.; KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.).

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from taxation for all insurance policies (e.g.; worker’s comp., building, equipment, etc.).

Selectmen recommend.

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Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

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Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

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Fire Protection 4/1/25-3/31/26 \$65,000
Anson Fire Dept. - Icy water rescue gear \$3,320.00 (1 rescue boat and a set of ice picks – in memory of Tammy Murray)
Ambulance Service \$20,000
Hydrant Rental \$19,000

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

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Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from taxation for signs, maintenance, compensation, and applicable taxes for the town’s E911 Coordination Officer.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for the town’s recreation department.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from taxation for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner (to be used in conjunction with carried forward balance and LRAP grant monies from the State of Maine).

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372,500 from taxation for winter roads.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from surplus for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town. (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services.

A. Stewart Public Library	\$2,000.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$1,300.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00
D. Spectrum Generations	\$1,102.50
E. People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$5,000.00
F. Baker Mountain	\$1,000.00
G. American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
H. KVCAAP	\$1,000.00
I. Sunset Cemetery	\$1,000.00
J. Madison Public Library	\$ 600.00
K. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 316.00
L. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 150.00
M. Community Health & Counseling	\$ 200.00
N. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 902.00
Total:	\$15,070.50

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from surplus to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from

surplus plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated to maintenance of cemeteries within the town.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from excise to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for future town road paving projects.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from surplus to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for future town building projects.

Selectmen recommend. Article Passes

Dated: 6th day of February 2025

Charles E. Taylor, Select Board Chairman

Wayne McLaughlin, Selectman

Janice Welch, Selectwoman

Municipal Officers

Elected Positions

Board of Select Persons

Charles Taylor	\$5704.68 Chair/\$3182.64
Wayne McLaughlin	\$5,704.68
Janice Welch	\$1,426.17
Kayla Starr	\$4,040.82

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Christine Sockwell	\$57,720.00
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Tax Collector

Ruth Blake	\$43,672.00
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Road Commissioner

Michael Witham	\$34.76/Hr. State Foreman Wages
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Appointed Positions

Assessor

Shirley Bartlett	\$34,000.00
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Assessing Clerk

Terriann Lamontagne	\$10,000.00
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General Assistance Office

Charles Taylor	\$231.75
Christine Sockwell	\$695.33

Registrar of Voters

Christine Sockwell	\$2,183.60 Plus \$25.23 Hr. on Election Day
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Election Clerks

John Duff, Alyson Duff,	\$19.22 Hr.
Betty Pratt, Amy Champany	

Code Enforcement Officer

Terriann Lamontagne \$40,000.00

Code Enforcement Officer Secretary

Ann Bridges \$2,000.00

Deputy Tax Collector

Christine Sockwell \$6,952.50

Animal Control Officer

Robin Wilkey \$2,000.00 Plus \$26 First/Hr. \$20 each additional

Licensed Plumbing Inspector

Jeff Drew Based on Fees (75% paid to LPI)

E-911 Addressing Officer

Christine Sockwell \$2,575.00

Health Officer

Leo Mayo \$515.00

Planning Board \$47 per Meeting

Leo Mayo, Chair \$2,575.00/\$47 per Meeting

Ann Bridges, Secretary \$2,575.00/\$47 per Meeting

Kelly Bragg, Randy Caldwell,

Charles Pease, Paula Sancousi,

George Arab

Board of Appeals \$83 per Meeting

John Duff, Chair \$515.00

Dale Mullin, Keith Stephens

School Board \$30 Per Meeting

Kevin Sousa, Eric Ewing, Robert Lightbody

Report of Expenditures for 2025

Article # 11 Municipal Officials \$168,000 Appropriated

Selectboard	\$18,632.82
Ballot Clerks/Moderators	\$5,275.40
Tax Collector	\$43,672.08
Town Clerk	\$57,720.00
GA Officer	\$927.08
Health Officer	\$515.00
School Board	\$1,470.00
Mileage	\$963.90
Deputy	\$6,952.56
Training	\$1,197.70
FICA	\$9,769.45
Medicare	\$2,267.19
INS/Ret	\$12,000.00
FMLA	<u>\$1,058.57</u>
	\$162,421.75

Article # 12 Membership Dues \$8,000 Appropriated

Maine Municipal Association	\$3,014.00
Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' and Treasurers' Association	\$185.00
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$2,631.00
Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$215.00
Maine Town and City Clerks Association	\$35.00
Maine Building Officials & Inspectors Association	\$90.00
Central Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$15.00
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	\$6,185.00

Article # 13 Insurance \$20,000 Appropriated

Property & Casualty Insurance	\$5,458.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	<u>\$2,983.00</u>
	\$8,441.00

Article # 14 Legal Expense \$25,000 Appropriated

Advertising and Legal Expenses	\$200.00
Somerset Registry of Deeds	\$1,482.00
Advertising and Legal Expenses	\$435.48
Advertising and Legal Expenses	\$5,548.75
Somerset Registry of Deeds	<u>\$146.50</u>
	\$7,812.73

Article # 15 Audit/Town Meeting Annual Report \$25,000 Appropriated

Town Report	\$2,582.00
Audit	\$17,550.00
Moderator	\$175.00
	<u>\$20,307.00</u>

Article # 16 Utilities \$75,000 Appropriated

<u>Town Office</u>	
Electricity	\$3,149.73
Gas/Oil	\$2,488.16
Telephone	\$5,377.84
Water	\$270.24
Alarm System	\$720.80
Office Cleaning	\$3,900.00
Trash Removal	\$324.00
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	\$1,375.00
	<u>\$17,605.77</u>

Embden Community Center

Electricity	\$8,901.82
Gas/Oil	\$11,178.93
Telephone	\$1,576.41
Water	\$945.33
Alarm System	\$697.52
Office Cleaning	\$5,100.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$935.00
Trash Removal	\$697.00
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	\$1,575.00
	<u>\$31,607.01</u>

Town House

Electricity	\$633.40
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	\$440.00
	<u>\$1,073.40</u>

Boat Landing

Portable Toilet Rental	\$2,000.96
Trash Removal	\$398.75
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	\$440.00
	<u>\$2,839.71</u>

Street Lights

Electricity	\$642.51
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Sand Shed

Electricity	\$1,328.20
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Sandy Beach

Trash Removal	\$55.00
	<u>\$55,151.60</u>

Article # 17 Office Supplies/Technology \$35,000

Office Supplies	\$5,989.83
Office Equipment	\$1,979.62
Technology	\$5,116.90
Software & Licensing	\$22,977.44
Postage	\$6,315.67
Printing	\$2,879.29
Safe Deposit Box Rental	\$25.00
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	\$45,283.75

Article #18 Facilities Maintenance \$10,000 Appropriated \$34,689 Carried Forward

Town Office Building Maintenance	\$1,608.70
Emden Community Center Building Maintenance	\$14,478.54
Sand Shed Building Maintenance	\$8,474.48
Building Maintenance	\$134.00
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	\$24,695.72

Article #19 Tax Assessment/Tax Maps Appropriated \$75,000

Assessor	\$34,000.08
Secretarial Services	\$10,000.08
Mileage	\$497.70
Training	\$30.00
FICA	\$619.95
Medicare	\$144.95
Tax Maps	\$2,600.00
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	\$47,892.76

Article # 20 Planning Board Appropriated \$20,000

Compensation	\$10,358.00
Training	\$210.00
FICA	\$642.20
Medicare	\$150.19
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	\$11,360.39

Article # 21 Code Enforcement Appropriated \$50,000

Compensation	\$40,000.08
Mileage	\$742.70
Deputy	\$1,500.00
Training	\$330.90
FICA	\$2,573.01
Medicare	\$601.83
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	\$45,748.52

Article # 22 Board of Appeals Appropriated \$4,000

Compensation	\$764.00
Training	\$70.00
FICA	\$47.36
Medicare	\$11.06
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	\$892.42

Article #23 Fire Protection/ Hydrants/ Ambulance Appropriated \$107,320

Anson FD Fire Protection	\$77,677.23
Hydrants	\$11,918.12
Icy Water Rescue Gear	\$2,745.00
AMS Ambulance Contract	\$19,843.98
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	\$112,184.33

Article #24 Animal Control Appropriated \$7,000

Compensation	\$2,981.88
Mileage	\$936.00
Training	\$0.00
FICA	\$184.89
Medicare	\$43.29
Maine Animal Control Association	\$35.00
Humane Society	\$2,706.00
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	\$6,887.06

Article #25 E-911 Appropriated \$4,000

Selectboard	\$2,575.20
FICA	\$159.62
Medicare	\$37.42
Road Signs (Double Sided)	\$496.62
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	\$3,268.86
Road Signs (Single Sided Purchased)	\$284.71
Road Signs (Sold)	\$575.00
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Back in Budget	\$290.29

Article #26 Rec. Department Appropriated \$5,000 Carried Forward \$5,768.00

Sports Program - Team Sports	\$5,252.28
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	\$5,252.28

Article #28 Summer Roads Appropriated \$250,000 LRAP \$51,024
Carried Forward \$136,215 FEMA \$72,446.71

Selectboard	\$6,754.00
FICA	\$418.75
Medicare	\$97.92
Gravel	\$97,468.74
Equip Rental	\$9,263.80
Calcium	\$8,988.71
Road Supplies	\$2,100.14
Summer Roads Contractor	<u>\$291,534.00</u>
	\$416,626.06

Article #29 Winter Roads Contract Appropriated \$372,500

Winter Road Contract	<u>\$372,500.00</u>
	\$372,500.00

Article #30 Sanitation Appropriated \$55,000

Waste Management	<u>\$63,883.47</u>
	\$63,883.47

Article #31 General Assistance Appropriated \$2000

General Assistance	\$0.00
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Article #32 Social Services Appropriated \$15,071

Stewart Public Library	\$2,000.00
Hospice of Somerset County	\$1,300.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$250.00
Spectrum Generations	\$1,102.50
Madison Food Cupboard	\$5,000.00
Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross	\$250.00
KVCAP	\$1,000.00
Sunset Cemetary Association	\$1,000.00
Madison Public Library	\$600.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$316.00
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$150.00
Community Health & Counseling	\$200.00
Life Flight of Maine	<u>\$902.00</u>
	\$15,070.50

Article #33 Snowmobile Club Appropriated \$3,000

Embden Travellers	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	\$3,000.00

Article #34 Maintenance of Cemeteries Appropriated \$3,500

Emden Historical Society

\$3,500.00
\$3,500.00

Article # 35 Capital Improvement Road Paving Appropriated \$150,000

Road Paving Projects

\$150,000.00
\$150,000.00

Article # 36 Capital Improvement Town Bldgs Appropriated \$68,876

Building Maintenance

\$3,537.23
\$3,537.23

Revenues

Auto Excise	\$274,353.53
Boat Excise	\$5,440.30
Agent Fee	\$9,480.00
Interest on Property Taxes	\$12,390.06
Bank Interest	\$33,272.47
Lien Costs	\$2,287.41
Dog Fees	\$486.00
Dog License Late Fee	\$950.00
Copy Fees	\$6.24
Postage Fee	\$21.10
Building Permits	\$21,477.57
Tree Cutting Permits	\$650.00
Driveway Permit	\$250.00
Appeals Permits	\$500.00
Plumbing Permits	\$348.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$39,596.01
Veterans Reimbursement	\$861.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$880.46
Revenue Sharing	\$122,531.77
BETE	\$54.00
Renewable Energy	\$71,685.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$30,927.51
MDOT Highway Reimbursement	\$52,676.00
General Assistance Reimburseme	\$168.95
FEMA	\$23,712.71
Ordinance Fines	\$1,500.00
Franchise Fee Reimbursement	\$3,475.10
Community Center Programs	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
	\$721,981.19

2026 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Appropriation

	Description	LRAP, Block Grant, FEMA, & Other Revenues	Carried Fwd	Taxation	Surplus	Excise	2026 Proposed Operating Budget
Art. 1-10	No Monetary Appropriation						
Art. 11	Municipal Officials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000
Art. 12	Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 13	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 14	Legal Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 15	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000
Art. 16	Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Art. 17	Supplies/ Equipment/ IT/Trio Lic.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Art. 18	Facilities Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 19,993	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 39,993
Art. 19	Tax Assessment/Tax Maps	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000		\$ -	\$ 75,000
Art. 20	Planning Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000		\$ -	\$ 20,000
Art. 21	Code Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000		\$ -	\$ 50,000
Art. 22	Appeals Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000		\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 23	Fire Protection, Hydrants, Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ 105,000
Art. 24	Animal Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 25	E911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Art. 26	Recreation Department	\$ -	\$ 5,515	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,515
Art. 27	State Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 28	Summer Roads Repair & Maint. (W/LRAP)	\$ 52,676	\$ 93,060	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 395,736
Art. 29	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,500
Art. 30	Sanitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000
Art. 31	General Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 32	Social Services/Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,631	\$ -	\$ 18,631
Art. 33	Snowmobile Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
Art. 34	Maintenance of Cemeteries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500
Art. 35	Capital Improvement Fund - Road Paving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Art. 36	Capital Improvement Fund - Town Bldgs	\$ 12,000	\$ 65,339	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 102,339
	ATV/Roads - Advisory, no appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 37	USA 250th Year Celebration in Embden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
		URIP Block Grant & Other Revenues	Carried Fwd	Taxation	Surplus	Excise	Proposed Total Funding All Sources
	2026 Totals	\$ 64,676	\$ 183,907	\$ 1,217,500	\$ 188,131	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,854,214
	2025 Totals	\$ 136,215	\$ 145,683	\$ 1,201,500	\$ 157,488	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,790,886
	Differential +/-	\$ (71,539)	\$ 38,224	\$ 16,000	\$ 30,643	\$ 50,000	\$ 63,328
	Differential %	-52.52%	26.24%	1.33%	19.46%	33.33%	3.54%
	Excise Tax						
			Actual 2025		Anticipated 2026		DIFF
	Revenue/Anticipated		\$ 279,794		\$ 275,000		\$ (4,794)
	Expended/Proposed Appropriation		\$ 150,000		\$ 200,000		\$ 50,000
	Lapse to Surplus		\$ 129,794		\$ 75,000		\$ (54,794)
	2025 Appropriations			2024 Appropriations			
	Municipal		\$1,790,886.00	Municipal		\$1,669,973.00	
	County Tax		\$760,343.22	County Tax		\$677,887.53	
	School/RSU #74		\$2,193,722.00	School/RSU #74		\$2,094,664.00	
	Overlay		\$88,569.66	Overlay		\$174,289.00	
	Total Due/Taxation		\$4,833,520.88	Total Due/Taxation		\$ 4,616,813.53	

TAX YEAR 2025

OUTSTANDING BALANCE AS OF: 12/31/2025

*Paid by: 01/31/2026

Acct	Name	Amount Due
631	AMMARELL, ANNETTE	\$ 451.98
7	ARMBRISTER, EUGENE	\$ 8.27
880	ARNTSON, JUDITH MOREL TRUST	\$ 4,044.57
38 *	ATWOOD, FAYETTE G.	\$ 313.43
39	ATWOOD, FAYETTE G.	\$ 181.35
166	BARRON REALTY TRUST	\$ 1,643.32
1420 *	BAUMGARDNER, SARAH E	\$ 1,935.33
1571 *	BAUMGARDNER, SARAH E	\$ 363.63
76	BELANGER, COREY	\$ 1,122.02
1326	BENBROOK, BEVERLY A ATTN: DANIEL BENBROOK	\$ 244.59
626	BISHOP, TERRY L.	\$ 1,680.51
138	BRETON, MITCHELL R.	\$ 463.14
140	BRIMIGION, WAYNE S	\$ 2,704.44
147	BROWN, ROBERT A.	\$ 443.61
421	BURRILL, TAMMY I.	\$ 1,368.03
177	BUTTERS, JAMES A.	\$ 962.49
1296	CAREY REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 3,060.63
94 *	CARRABASSETT GROUP ASSET	\$ 430.59
777	CASCO BAY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$ 66.05
366	CINCOTTA, DOUGLAS R., TRUSTEE	\$ 1,201.56
411	CINCOTTA, DOUGLAS R., TRUSTEE	\$ 1,280.61
32	CLARK, NICKOLAS C.	\$ 255.75
370	CLARK, NICKOLAS C.	\$ 254.82
700	CLARK, NICKOLAS C.	\$ 2,594.70
1424	COLLETTE, LEXIE M	\$ 263.19
254	COPELAND, DIANE J. CHRIS N.	\$ 5,048.97
541	COSTELLO, MYLES T.	\$ 297.60
1187	DANFORTH, AUBREY L. (ESTATE OF)	\$ 1,023.00
1440	DANFORTH, AUBREY L. (ESTATE OF)	\$ 257.61
1633	DANFORTH, BRUCE A	\$ 129.27
764	DANFORTH, BRUCE A.	\$ 1,169.94
491	DEMERS, DAVID R.	\$ 1,153.20
273	DENALSKY FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 811.89
33	DEXTER, ASHLEY	\$ 476.16
278	DEZAN, LEE F.	\$ 6,269.13
1654 *	DOUCETTE-WACOME, SHARON R	\$ 269.70
1412	DUNPHE, BRIAN C.	\$ 331.08
864	EBNETER, KURT T.	\$ 3,967.94
108	FRITH, PALMER E. II	\$ 3,107.13
507	GLENNON TRUSTEES, JOHN EDWARD & VIRGINIA	\$ 2,515.65
1050	GOODALE, KRISTINA	\$ 499.41
522	GRAY, LINDA M.	\$ 1,109.49
417 *	HABERLAND, GREG	\$ 59.62
1466	HAMILTON DAWES REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 306.90
1168	HARRIS, MISTY R	\$ 1,207.14

1444	HARTFORD, DONALD R.	\$	512.43
632	HENDERSON, GLORIA	\$	2,268.27
383	HERNANDEZ, JUSTIN R	\$	2,790.00
578	HIBBARD, JOSEPH M.	\$	2,310.12
771	* HOLLOWAY, STANLEY K & LINDA S	\$	1,895.34
630	HUNNEWELL, WENDY	\$	491.04
1197	IRVINE, KATHI	\$	26.15
924	JILLSON, JOSHUA P.	\$	430.59
660	JUDSON, DARRYL L.	\$	1,723.29
661	JUDSON, DARRYL L.	\$	787.71
663	JUTRAS, DAVID J. & LUZ M.	\$	2,278.50
1398	KELLEY, MATTHEW J.	\$	1,725.15
70	KELLY, MICHAEL	\$	2,481.24
549	KENNEY, DAVID D.	\$	3,111.78
48	KENNY, MEGAN C.	\$	447.33
1501	KENNY, MEGAN C.	\$	314.34
419	KILMARTIN, DEBORAH A.	\$	6.20
286	KOKMEYER, DIRK	\$	2,638.02
1263	KRITZER, TODD	\$	2,727.54
1280	KYES, JENNIFER KAY	\$	496.62
919	LADD, CINDY L.	\$	1,177.38
1038	LASSEY, KAREN COLLEEN	\$	1,089.96
136	LAVASSEUR, ANNMARIE	\$	370.14
727	LAVERDIERE, JANICE B.	\$	648.21
1127	LAZMAINE INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	\$	3,361.02
746	* LEHAY, SUE & SCOTT & MICHAEL	\$	162.71
935	LIBBY, LAURA L.	\$	2,243.16
1200	LUSSIER, PAUL	\$	13.83
870	MACLEOD, MICHAEL & KARYN	\$	302.83
797	MALESKY, FORREST M.	\$	963.48
798	MALESKY, FORREST M.	\$	91.93
1480	MALESKY, FORREST M.	\$	425.94
1481	MALESKY, FORREST M.	\$	365.49
665	MARINO, DANIEL F.	\$	443.61
1137	MARINO, DANIEL F.	\$	1,290.84
898	MASON, RALPH	\$	682.62
811	MAYO, CYNTHIA M.	\$	636.12
1640	* MCBRIDE, JAMES J	\$	265.05
819	MCCARTHY, CAROLYN M.	\$	2,377.08
458	MCCLAMMA, JASON D.	\$	558.93
1395	MCDOWELL, ANDREW R.	\$	408.60
1396	MCDOWELL, ANDREW R.	\$	341.31
1397	MCDOWELL, ANDREW R.	\$	437.10
833	MCMAHON, RICHARD J.	\$	7,505.10
1164	MERCIER, COLLEEN L	\$	1,795.83
1265	MERCIER, DANIEL L	\$	477.09
314	MILLER, DUWAYNE E.	\$	386.88
329	MILLER, JOTHAM M.	\$	2,614.23
873	MOODY, DOLORES P.	\$	632.40
518	MOODY, ROXANNE M.	\$	1,554.03
1374	MORNING, JAMES S	\$	647.28

1232	MORRIS, SAMUEL G	\$	1,488.93
392	MORRIS, SAMUEL G.	\$	377.58
1472	* MORRIS, SAMUEL G.	\$	18.60
923	MULLIN, STEVEN R.	\$	1,297.35
2	OLIVER, LAWRENCE W.	\$	404.55
1	OLIVER, RENEE J.	\$	618.45
380	PHILLIPS, DAVID	\$	2,936.01
1002	PHOENIX, LAURA L	\$	1,704.69
1024	POLYCARPO, NORMAN & SCOTT D.	\$	19.58
1026	POMERLOW, DONALD W	\$	665.32
519	RICE, RUSSELL	\$	1,953.00
116	RICKER, SETH R	\$	1,587.51
1526	* RIVER ROAD REAL ESTATE LLC	\$	1,647.03
862	ROBERTS, GARETH	\$	25.19
82	SCHOONMAKER, JOHN E. & LINDA & KATHLEEN	\$	506.17
1123	SHARKEY, LEE	\$	53.01
1433	SHARKEY, LEE	\$	57.66
1228	SHAW, KENNETH D.	\$	853.35
1124	SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	499.41
1463	SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	284.58
790	SINGHSRI, PUDT	\$	640.77
144	SISSON, DIANA L.	\$	214.33
1434	SMITH, WINN S.	\$	2,287.56
675	SPARROW, ANTHONY J.	\$	2,388.24
587	STEWART, ROBERT	\$	1,277.82
1505	STRICKLAND, WHITNEY A	\$	252.03
132	SWARTOUT, JEFFREY S.	\$	1,383.84
356	SWEENEY, RYAN	\$	762.60
203	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	1,855.35
213	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	198.09
331	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	3.72
340	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	524.52
671	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	191.58
1021	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	2,629.11
1031	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	349.68
1101	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	273.42
1244	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	2,480.31
1299	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	51.15
1467	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	49.29
1474	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	610.08
1476	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	14,627.97
1520	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	420.36
1560	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	709.59
1561	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	55.80
1562	* TFCC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$	346.89
323	THRASHER, HEATHER M.	\$	2,798.37
1102	TILLSON, LEROY	\$	1,844.19
21	TILLSON, LEROY S	\$	474.30
1352	TILLSON, LEROY S	\$	651.00
1174	TLILI, KRISTIN	\$	8.22
1537	TONER, ERICA M	\$	17.50

1070	TRUSCOTT, DANIEL T	\$	1,020.21
242	TRUSCOTT, KATIE	\$	414.78
1033	VERRILL, ANNE R	\$	4,129.20
1650	VIEKMAN, KATHLEEN G	\$	265.98
1238	VILES, GLENN S	\$	553.35
1239	VILES, GLENN S	\$	3,721.86
37	VILES, JANA L.	\$	472.44
845	WAMPATUCK, LLC	\$	4,340.31
345	WARREN, DOUGLAS E.	\$	1,030.44
1255	WAUGH, EARLENE F	\$	181.35
667	WEEKS, MICHAEL W.	\$	264.85
1273	WELCH, JEFFREY S	\$	1,207.14
1286	WILKINS, STACY & STEVEN; ZEH, TIMBERLAINE: WILLIAM	\$	224.43
357	WINTER STREET REALTY, LLC	\$	2,328.72
1312	WOOD, KENNETH G	\$	611.94
1314	WUORI, GUY	\$	4,610.83
1317	WYMAN, TRAVIS P	\$	570.09

TOTAL OF 168 ACCOUNTS

\$ 204,404.85

TOTAL OF 32 ACCOUNTS PAID BALANCE IN JANUARY

TAX YEAR 2024

OUTSTANDING BALANCE NOT INCLUDING INTERST AND COST

Acct	Name	Amount Due
1326	BENBROOK, BEVERLY A ATTN: DANIEL BENBROOK	\$ 231.44
626	BISHOP, TERRY L.	\$ 1,590.16
147	BROWN, ROBERT A.	\$ 419.76
1424	COLLETTE, LEXIE M	\$ 249.04
1440	DANFORTH, AUBREY L. (ESTATE OF)	\$ 243.76
1050	GOODALE, KRISTINA	\$ 472.56
522	GRAY, LINDA M.	\$ 565.44
924	JILLSON, JOSHUA P.	\$ 422.40
660	JUDSON, DARRYL L.	\$ 1,630.64
661	JUDSON, DARRYL L.	\$ 745.36
549	KENNEY, DAVID D.	\$ 2,944.48
919	LADD, CINDY L.	\$ 1,114.08
136	LAVASSEUR, ANNMARIE	\$ 350.24
935	LIBBY, LAURA L.	\$ 2,122.56
811	MAYO, CYNTHIA M.	\$ 601.92
819	MCCARTHY, CAROLYN M.	\$ 2,249.28
458	MCCLAMMA, JASON D.	\$ 528.88
314	MILLER, DUWAYNE E.	\$ 366.08
1374	MORNING, JAMES S	\$ 612.48
1232	MORRIS, SAMUEL G	\$ 1,408.88
392	MORRIS, SAMUEL G.	\$ 357.28
675	SPARROW, ANTHONY J.	\$ 2,031.51
356	SWEENEY, RYAN	\$ 721.60
1238	VILES, GLENN S	\$ 520.96
1239	VILES, GLENN S	\$ 3,521.76
1317	WYMAN, TRAVIS P	\$ 539.44
TOTAL OF 26 ACCOUNTS		\$ 26,561.99

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