# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

OF THE TOWN OF

# ISLE AU HAUT, MAINE

2024

Also included: Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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#### List of Town Officers 2024/2025

Selectboard First Abigail Hiltz Second Kyle Devereux

Third Michael Fedosh

Clerk Kendra Chubbuck

Registrar\* Kendra Chubbuck

Treasurer Ellen Fedosh

Tax Collector Lisa Turner

Assessors Chair Abigail Hiltz

Christine Hill Rita MacWilliam

Aidan Olney

Fire Chief

Deputy Fire Chief\* Kyle Devereux

Road Commissioner Tucker Runge Deputy Road Comm.\* William Stevens

School Board Chair Rita MacWilliam (2026)

Sharon Wilson (2026) Kathie Fiveashe (2025)

Michael Delchamp (2025) \*filling Michael F. position

Cynthia Seay (2027)

Planning Board Chair Wendell Chamberlain (2027)

Daniel MacDonald (2026) Michael Fedosh (2025) Tucker Runge (2026) Michael Delchamp (2027) Waylan Small (2026)

Alt.\* Waylan Small (2026) Alt.\* Rob DeWitt, Jr. (2025)

Planning Board of Appeals\* Judi Burke (2025)

Kendra Chubbuck (2026) Ellen Fedosh (2026) Gregory Runge (2026) Kyle Devereux (2027) Crystal Gareau (2027) Colwell Ramp Committee Michael Fedosh (Selectboard)(Yearly)

> Bill Stevens (2026) Charlie Sisk (2025)

Lighthouse Committee\* Wendell Chamberlain (2025)

> Sue Chamberlain (2025) Michael Fedosh (2026) Bernadine Barter (2027) Marshall Chapman (2027) Kathie Fiveashe (2027)

Maine Islands Coalition\* Kendra Chubbuck (2025)

Alt. Peggi Stevens (2025)

Harbormaster \* Tucker Runge

Local Plumbing Inspector\* William Stevens (2025)

Code Enforcement Officer\* Matthew Skolnikoff (2025)

Emergency Mgmt. Director\* Charlie Sisk (2025)

Marshall Chapman (2025) Deputy EMS Director\*

911 Addressing Officer\* Michael Fedosh (2025)

Judi Burke (2027) Library Committee\*

Julia Finney (2026)

Meg Gailey (2025)

Ellen Fedosh (2027) \*filling Christine Hill position

Holly Scott (2025) Hannah Waters (2027) Sharon Wilson (2026)

Broadband Committee\* Stew Foelix (2025)

Sue Foelix (2025) Charlie Hopkins (2025) Donna Hopkins (2025)

Animal Control Officer Selectboard

Overseers of the Poor Selectboard

Sealer of Weights and Measures Selectboard

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber Selectboard Comprehensive Plan Committee\*

Appointed until completion of Comprehensive Plan.

David Wallstrom (Chair)

Tucker Runge
Michael Fedosh
Christine Hill
Kyle Devereux
Derrick Sibbald
Michael Delchamp
Kathie Fiveashe
Sue Foelix
Bob Olney
Mat Hastings

<sup>\*</sup>Appointed positions



# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 1 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

#### Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills Governor

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

#### Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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January 1, 2025

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CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends.

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR United States Senate

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CHELLIE PINGREE
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AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Dear Friends.

As we welcome the New Year, I want to extend my sincerest well wishes for 2025: to you, your loved ones, and your community. I'd also like to share an update on what my team and I have been working on—and how we intend to continue serving Maine's First District in the next Congress.

One year ago, our state was reeling from a series of unprecedented winter storms. Thanks to the efforts of local, state, and federal officials, we're starting to rebuild. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration approved more than \$10.7 million in federal assistance for Maine households, businesses, and homeowners in the months following the storms. In addition, Maine received a \$69 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to support the climate-resilience goals outlined in *Maine Won't Wait*. More help is needed, no doubt, and I will continue to advocate for the support our state deserves. For more information about available resources, go to Pingree.house.gov/disasterresources.

In 2024, \$1.7 billion in federal grant funding came to Maine—encompassing everything from conservation efforts and home-heating assistance to resilient infrastructure and affordable housing. My team was able to secure \$1.4 million in refunds for Maine taxpayers, along with \$639,000 in Social Security benefits. We also helped thousands of constituents file for work permits, veterans benefits, and passports, and wrote countless letters of support on behalf of our constituents.

I'm so proud of what we achieved in 2024, and I'm fully committed to building on those accomplishments in the 119th Congress. As ever, my team and I are ready to assist however we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019, or by visiting pingree.house.gov/contact. We're also happy to provide information related to Congress's annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process, which allows nonprofits and local governments to apply for federal funding for specific projects. For more info, go to Pingree.house.gov/communityprojectfunding.

I'm deeply honored that voters have chosen me to represent them once again in the U.S. Congress. It is a responsibility I will never take lightly—and a privilege I will always cherish.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree Member of Congress

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January 3, 2025

Dear Friends and Residents of Isle au Haut.

On December 4th, I was sworn in for another term as your State Senator to represent the 22 coastal communities of Senate District 7. I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to do the best work we can for all Mainers. For the next two years, I will continue to chair the Taxation Committee and serve on the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee.

In the 131st Legislature, recognizing the significant impact municipal property taxes have on many of our older neighbors, the Taxation Committee improved the Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC) for Mainers over 65. These changes are now in effect for 2024 state income taxes. The PTFC helps Mainers of any age afford to stay in their homes, whether they own or rent, so please review this credit when you file your 2024 income taxes. As the returning Senate chair, I will collaborate with my colleagues to provide additional property tax relief for Mainers across the district and state.

Also in the last Legislature, we increased our investments in roads, bridges, broadband, housing, and working waterfronts. After severe winter storms, my colleagues and I focused on storm preparedness and resilience. We streamlined coastal permitting requirements to allow structures to be rebuilt faster and stronger. We also allocated \$60 million to rebuild commercial working waterfront infrastructure, support other businesses adversely affected by the storms, and enhance the long-term resilience of public infrastructure.

We also made significant investments in education, which helps alleviate the pressure on municipalities to raise property taxes. We kept our promise to fully fund the state's share of K-12 public education, and we set aside \$30 million for the Education Stabilization Fund, in case there is a future economic downturn. We also increased wages for education technicians and school support staff to 125 percent and 115 percent of the state minimum wage, respectively, to improve employee retention.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you have questions about the legislative process. I also share information via Facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/grohoskiformaine">www.facebook.com/grohoskiformaine</a>) and Instagram (<a href="www.grohoskiformaine">@grohoskiformaine</a>) and send out periodic email newsletters; please let me know if you would like to be added to my mailing list. You can email me at <a href="www.Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov">Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov</a> or call the Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

I remain at your service, and I am honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Nicole Grohoski State Senator, District 7

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Part of Hancock County and the Town of Isle au Haut



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#### Dear Isle au Haut Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. Over the next two years, I will be working hard as your advocate in Augusta to make life better for everyone in our district and in our state.

As I write this, we are preparing to begin the first session of the 132 Legislature that starts in January 2025. We have a lot of work ahead of us, which will include doing more to lower costs for Maine families, build an economy that works for everyone, increase access to housing and health care, and more. I'm looking forward to working with all of my colleagues to tackle these challenges head-on.

Our most significant priority will be crafting a two-year state budget, which will shape the direction of our state in the near future. I will be fighting to ensure that the budget includes policies that will provide relief and make it easier for more Maine families to build their lives here and make ends meet. Some of my other top goals for the budget include funding recommendations from the Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission, which was formed following the 2023-24 winter storms and has reported out recovery and resiliency rebuilding priorities.

I am happy to share that I continue to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where we will work to develop legislation to strengthen our fishing industries, promote marine conservation and protect and invest in our coastal economy. I've also been reappointed to the Transportation Committee. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support our island communities and push back against harmful changes to the state ferry service.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family, please feel welcome to reach out. I always enjoy connecting with constituents – whether you have concerns about local matters, questions about state programs or would like to discuss thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at 207-610-9281 or <a href="https://hotspace.org/hotspace.new/hotspace.org/hotspace.new/hotspace.org/hotspace.

Sincerely,

Holly Eaton State Representative

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Eagle Island Township, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven

# Assessor's Report 2024

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation Local Taxable Personal Property Value Total Taxable Valuation Total Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$81,167,580 + 27,450 81,195,030 + 475,000
Total Valuation Base	\$81,670,030
Appropriations County Tax (Incl. Comm. Fee)	\$79,528
Municipal Appropriations	437,288
School Appropriations	203,015
Overlay	+ <u>15,909</u>
Total Appropriations	\$735,740
<u>Deductions</u>	
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$8,348
Homestead Reimbursement	4,133
Tree Growth	6,164
In Lieu of Taxes	10,673
Veterans Exemption	+ 25
Total Deductions	\$29,343
Tax for Commitment	\$706,396

Mil Rate: .0087

#### TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT

#### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Before making an assessment, the Assessors shall give reasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to take action in the municipality to furnish the Assessors true and perfect lists of their estate, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year.

The notice to residents may be given by posting notifications in some public place in the municipality or in such ways as the municipality directs. The notice to non-resident owners may be mailed directly to the last known address of the taxpayer.

If any such person after such notice does not furnish a list, he or she is hereby barred of his or her right to make application to the Assessors or County Commissioners for any abatement of his/her/their taxes, unless he/she/they furnished such a list with his/her/ their application and satisfies them that he/she/they were unable to furnish at the times appointed.

#### NOW. MORE IMPORTANTLY:

The Assessors, or any one of them, may require the person furnishing the list to make an oath to its truth, which any of the Assessors may administer, and any of them may require him/her/them to sign in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation, and value of his/her/their property liable to be taxed in the state and refusal or neglect to answer such inquiries and subscribes to the same, bars an appeal to the County Commissioners, but such list and answers shall NOT be conclusive upon the Assessors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Hiltz, Chair Christine Hill Rita MacWilliam

Board of Assessors Town of Isle au Haut, Maine

#### Selectboard Report 2024

Isle au Haut town government saw more big changes this year as Peggi Stevens retired from the Selectboard after many years of service to the town. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the island community. Abigail Hiltz stepped into the First Selectperson role, as Kyle Devereux moved into the position of Second Selectperson. The board welcomed Mike Fedosh to the team as our Third Selectperson. The town meeting once again brought thoughtful and productive conversations around salaries, future changes, and encouraging young people's involvement in the community.

It became apparent that 2024 was going to be the year of wrapping up big, long-term undertakings. Over the past couple years, the board has had many projects in the early or investigative stage. This preliminary work included researching, exploring funding options, and applying for grants.

Our spring of 2024 started off with the finishing touches on our Community Action Grant. By early summer, we were awarded our \$50,000 grant and had a signed contract with Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) to help guide us through the Comprehensive Plan Update process.

In September, our new float for the town landing arrived. Harbormaster Tucker Runge, with help from Kyle Devereux and Derrick Sibbald, worked to fit it in place after the busy summer schedule settled down.

A fall barge signaled the arrival of our new plow truck. The board worked with the Road Commissioner and plow drivers to find the vehicle that best fit our needs. The truck has been hard at work this winter season.

Fall also brought a long overdue meeting with the Army Core of Engineers regarding the ever-ongoing Thorofare Dredging Project. The Selectboard feels hopeful and have been told that we are reaching the end of the required testing and permitting process. The channel dredging is estimated for fall of 2026.

Isle au Haut is now contracting with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services as our assessor's agents going forward. They are also working to help the town transfer our existing tax data onto a new database program. With that transfer, a partial revaluation was done in December, using monies that were set aside in the town's Property Tax Revaluation Fund.

Looking forward, we hope to begin the reading room ceiling repair project this April. The Selectboard has also been exploring another grant designed to identify community and climate challenges which focuses on providing a vulnerability assessment to help prioritize future projects. Many of the unbridged islands are participating together in this grant, in hopes to utilize and pool resources for aligned projects.

The Selectboard ended the 2024 Fiscal Year with all three board members attending a Municipal Officer training refresher course through Maine Municipal Association.

With sadness, we bid a fond farewell to Dorothy Graf, Jim Greenlaw, Ronald Nygaard, Joan Tilney, and Timothy Vallilee. Their light that shone throughout the island community will be missed. Heartfelt condolences to their family and friends.

Respectfully Submitted.

Abigail Hiltz Kyle Devereux Michael Fedosh

# SELECTBOARD REPORT INTEREST ON TAXES AND FILING FEES 2024

INCOME:

Interest on Taxes \$1,231.34

Filing Fee \$46.92

Total Income: + \$1,278.26

January 31, 2025 Balance \$1,278.26

STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance \$14,052.02

INCOME:

State of Maine \$10,453.67

Total Income + Balance + \$10,453.67

January 31, 2025 Balance \$24,505.69

#### TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT

# TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEMENT 2024

2/1/24 Transfer to Undesignated Fund Balance

INCO	ME:

State of Maine \$5,749.22 + \$5,749.22

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$5,749.22

Veterans Tax Benefit 2024 2/1/24 Transfer to Undesignated Fund Balance

INCOME:

State of Maine \$28.00 + \$28.00

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$28.00

**Homestead Tax Exemption 2024** 

2/1/24 Transfer to Undesignated Fund Balance

INCOME:

State of Maine \$3,480.63 + \$3,480.63

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$3,480.63

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2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance INCOME:			φ24,477.20
Appropriation	\$0.00		
Income+Balance		+	\$24,477.25
EXPENSES:			
Maine Assessment and Appraisal	\$3,472.88		
Total Expense		-	\$3,472.88
*Total Partial Revaluation contract is for \$14,880.00 over 8	8 payments		
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$21,004.37
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES 202	24		
Transferred to Undesignated Fund Balance			
INCOME:			
Maine Coast Heritage Trust	\$1,875.00		
United States Treasury - ANP payment	\$8,989.00		
US Dept. Of Interior-Fish&Wildlife	\$323.00		
Total Income		+	\$11,187.00
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$11,187.00
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COUNTY TAX 2024			
INCOME:			
County Tax Assessment Amount	\$79,528.00		
Total Income for County Taxes		+	\$79,528.00
EXPENSES:			
Knox County Treasurer - 2024 tax	\$75,676.00		
Knox County Treasurer - 2024 comm. Fee	\$3,852.00		
Total Expenses			\$79,528.00

January 31, 2025 Balance

# **GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2024**

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjustment Balance			\$30,928.73
INCOME:			
Appropriations	\$135,000.00		
Agent Fees	\$255.00		
Filing Fees	\$46.92		
MEMIC-Insurance Dividend	\$301.34		
Camden National Bank - interest	\$284.07		
Total Income+ Balance		+	\$166,816.06
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	\$79,434.34		
Payroll Tax	\$6,931.81		
Insurance	\$22,644.50		
Utilities -phone	\$535.63		
Operating			
Audit	\$8,768.50		
Legal Fees	\$3,726.50		
Filing Fees	\$187.30		
Overpayment of Taxes	\$41.52		
Dues and Subscriptions	\$2,769.00		
Postage	\$1,170.75		
Lien Costs	\$57.00		
Supplies (Includes Accounting Software)	\$3,829.09		
Printing and Publishing	\$2,311.95		
Website Maint.(Salary+Security+Domain)	\$4,187.49		
Training	\$500.00		
Mileage and Transportation	\$530.14		
Assessing Program and Agent Fee	\$4,550.00		
Consultant	\$300.00		
Total Expenses:		-	\$142,475.52
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$24,340.54

# ASSETS TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$30,613.10
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$0.00		
Coomb's Mtn. House	\$0.00		
Miss Lizzie House	\$6,350.00		
Head Harbor Schoolhouse	\$3,125.00		
Total Income + Balance	4- ,	+	\$40,088.10
EXPENSES:			
Coomb's Mtn. House			
Utilities-Electric	\$316.81		
Miss Lizzie House	,		
Utilities-Fuel+Electric	\$1,490.18		
Building R/M	\$3,421.07		
Arsenic Water Filter Install	\$1,710.00		
Deposit Reimbursement	\$500.00		
Head Harbor Schoolhouse			
Building R/M	\$6,264.84		
Total Expenses		-	\$13,702.90
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$26,385.20

# $TOWN\ OF\ ISLE\ AU\ HAUT$

TOWN OWNED I ANDS 2024	~~~~	~~~	~~~~~
TOWN OWNED LANDS 2024 2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance	\$6,359.22		
Deferred Revenue-Mael Drew Morin			
2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance	\$5,652.00		
Income:			
Land Lease Payment #2	\$5,652.00		
Total Income+Balance		+	\$11,304.00
Deferred Revenue Account-John Carnes			
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2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance	\$0.00		
Income:			
Land Lease Payment #1	\$1,128.00		
Total Income +Balance		+	\$1,128.00
Deferred Revenue Account-Charlie Sisk			
2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance	\$6,019.52		
Income:			
Land Lease Payment #4	\$2,019.52		
Total Income+Balance		+	\$8,039.04

Expense:

Expense:

Balance:

Early Lease Termination Returned Payment

\$8,039.04

\$8,039.04

\$0.00

# Isle au Haut Fire Department Report 2024

The Isle au Haut Fire Department over this past summer conducted a volunteer training day. We ran through a variety of scenarios, and overall, became familiar with our equipment on hand. The I.A.H.F.D. has plans to conduct a similar training day this spring and again during the summer. With increased volunteer support and "know how" with the equipment we will be more prepared to fight fires within our capacity.

The funds allocated to the department this year were used to purchase a new pump for the water truck, additional float pumps and mobile pumps, and a variety of hose nozzles.

Aidan Olney

Fire Chief

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2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$20,431.28
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$5,000.00		
Donations	\$1,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$26,431.28
EXPENSES:			
Utilities (Elec., Phone, heating)	\$1,144.89		
Supplies	\$179.98		
Vehicle R/M	\$40.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	\$2,539.96		
Total Expenses		-	\$3,904.83

January 31, 2025 Balance \$22,526.45

#### Town of Isle au Haut

#### **Planning Board**

#### **Annual Report to Town Meeting**

The following is a chronological review of the Planning Board's activities for the year 2024.

#### January

 Formalized letters of permit approvals were sent to the Broadband Committee of Isle au Haut and the Isle au Haut Power Company (PoCo) concerning the dual cable installations on the island.

#### February

· Received the Hub concept plans on the Hastings lot for discussion at the March Planning Board Meeting.

#### March

- Secretary and Chairman begin participation in ongoing regional informational discussions concerning
  affordable housing strategies. The Zoom webinars were sponsored by the Island Institute's Maine Island
  and Coastal Affordable Housing Coalition.
- Terri Patchen's shed permit application was accepted for review.
- Lee Davis boat house expansion permit reviewed, and determination made.
- LD2003 Law review and discussion and its impact on Isle au Haut's affordable housing.
- The Board had an initial discussion about the Hub Project Concept Plans.

#### April

- Final approval was granted for Patchen shed permit.
- · Signed letter of support for the State Comprehensive Plan grant to IAH.
- Discussed PoCo application for a housing trailer addition to the PoCo office.
- Ongoing discussion of Hub development concept plans on Hastings lot.

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- · Election of officers.
- · Approved and sent draft letter on Hub Project recommendations by the Planning Board.
- Accepted for review a deck construction permit for the Howe/Hall Cottage property.
- · Accepted for review a new house construction permit for the Runge/Hiltz property.
- Advised John Carnes on drainage and culvert proposals for his Coombs Mt. lot.
- Informational discussion of the new Fuji System waste disposal concepts and applications for the Island.

#### <u>June</u>

- Final approvals granted for the Howe/Hall deck and the Runge/Hiltz house permits.
- The Board's Secretary announced that the Town had received a State grant to update its comprehensive
  plan. The Hancock County Planning Commission will be contracted to prepare the Plan with community
  participation by forming an Island Committee to be appointed by the Selectboard.

#### August

Accepted for review a shed addition permit from Cam Brown.

- The secretary informed the Board of the formation of a Town Comprehensive Plan Committee with Board members Runge and Fedosh selected as participants.
- Received for review an initial incomplete permit application for a two-story dwelling from Scott Brown at Rich's Point. The application was tabled for lack of building construction schematics and utilities locations on the site plan.
- Fielded an inquiry on permit application strategies concerning the construction of decks, steps, and walkways on the Laura Jacobus property at Moores Harbor (shoreland zoning).

#### September

- · Final Approval of Cam Brown's shed extension.
- Discussion and finalization of a confirmation Approval Certification Letter to ICDC for closing transfer purposes on the Coombs Mt./Schrader House.
- Board determination made that the Stafford/Barter lot was .78 acres and buildable.
- More detailed discussion on the Scott Brown Lot concerning the old State septic plan approval and the need for a more detailed building construction plan.
- Determined that the John Carnes Yurt proposal needs a formal application to proceed.
- The CEO reported on permitting procedures concerning the Jacobus deck and walkway proposal by the Point Lookout Association maintenance crew.

#### October

- A building permit application was submitted for acceptance and review by Laura Jacobus at Moores
  Harbor (accessible shoreland). The scope of the project includes the replacement of steps and the
  construction of boardwalks.
- Facilitated permit proposal for John Carnes' Coombs Mt. lot to construct a yurt.

#### November

- Approved Jacobus permit application at Moore's Harbor.
- · Approved John Carnes Yurt permit with conditions.
- Sent permit application for a deck construction proposal from Scott and Nancy Schiff-Slater to the CEO for his adjudication and sign-off.

#### Respectfully submitted by:

Wendell Chamberlain, Chairman Mike Fedosh , Secretary Dan MacDonald Tucker Runge Mike Delchamp

#### TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT

#### 2024 REVERE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

2024 was a significant year for Revere Memorial Library. *Brenda Clark*, our longtime librarian, announced she would retire in October. The community expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Brenda's service in multiple ways by: attending a Library sponsored "Authors Night" in September where local authors read poetry and other works; supporting the book and bake sale Brenda organized; generously donating close to \$5,000 to "Brenda's Book Fund" - a fund restricted to the purchase of books and library materials into the future; and, foremost, by stopping by the Library to share in the warmth and welcome Brenda created through her knowledge and care for the people of Isle au Haut for more than 20 years. We remain very grateful for Brenda's dedication and service.

After soliciting community members for qualities and resources they hoped for in a new librarian, the Board interviewed several wonderful candidates and we are thrilled \*Christine Hill\*, with her passion for both literature and a vibrant intellectual and social life on the island, said yes! We owe \*Ellen \*Fedosh\*, our former Winter Librarian\*, enormous thanks for training Christine on the catalog system, LibraryWorld and other technical aspects of the job. So far, we have seen Christine launch several programs already in the first months of her tenure: the very successful "Paint and Sip" project for children and adults; an ongoing book sale; workshops with local experts — such as knitting and woodworking; and a local artists showcase in the lobby of the Town Hall. Christine jumped at the chance to bring in new books while also highlighting parts of the collection to bring fresh awareness of our resources to the community. As Christine actively enriches the Library experience for Islanders, she continues to support our longstanding community building connections through Book Buddies and Book Club meetings.

As our 2024 budget demonstrates, the Librarian salary, together with cost of books, the inter-Library loan network, updated technology, and supplies exceeded the \$7,000 allocation the Town generously provided the Library. We made up for this shortfall in 2024 by using a tech grant to purchase our new computer and printer; exhausting Reserve Fund of around \$2000 to, among other things, pay for the construction and retrofitting of new shelves; and also using some of the newly acquired Brenda Fund money to purchase books. As Town wages increased, so did the Librarian's. Further, the Board has charged Christine with providing more opportunities and resources to winter programming than seen previously. Looking ahead, we expect our salary needs will grow to \$8,000 in 2025 and hope to hold our technology, subscriptions, and supplies budget as close to \$2,000 as possible. We are excited to see the Library responding to, reflecting, and inspiring Isle au Haut residents and visitors and continuing to be the warm, welcoming, and sustaining heart of our community.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Finney, Secretary

Board Members: Holly Scott, *Treasurer*; Judi Burke; Ellen Fedosh; Meg Gailey; Hannah Maxcy; Sharen Wilson Christine Hill, *Librarian* 

# **REVERE MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2024**

\$2,551.06

INCOME:
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Freight

Project

Programming

INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$7,000.00		
Book Sale Revenue	\$533.55		
Donations for Book Purchases	\$4,750.00		
Donations	\$500.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$15,334.61
EXPENSES:			
Salaries and Wages	\$6,775.00		
Operating			
Dues	\$525.00		
Postage	\$30.23		
Supplies	\$102.27		
Computer/Zoom	\$1,018.48		
Books	\$1,106.18		

Total Expenses - \$10,328.18

\$30.00

\$580.63

\$160.39

January 31, 2025 Balance \$5,006.43

# **Brenda Clark Reserve Book Fund 2024**

2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance \$0.00

# $TOWN\ OF\ ISLE\ AU\ HAUT$

January 31, 2025 Balance

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$7,644.11
INCOME:			
Appropriations	\$20,000.00		
Donations	\$85.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$27,729.11
EXPENSES:			
Electric	\$1,683.10		
Heating	\$6,030.38		
Operating	\$336.56		
Building R/M-Labor	\$1,790.00		
Building R/M-Materials	\$791.07		
Total Expenses		-	\$10,631.11

\$17,098.00

#### **Lighthouse Committee Report 2024**

The year 2024 began with the 2022 bid package advertisement remaining open for restoration of the lantern deck metal work and the wood walkway leading to the Lighthouse. It was the second year of a small number of interested historical restoration specialist contractors with a backlog of jobs. In August we made a random call to Jim Leslie, president of J.B. Leslie Company, Inc. Jim has restored over 20 Maine lighthouses, including on Swans and Eagle Islands. Our timing was perfect when we caught him between lighthouse jobs. Jim came out and assessed the lighthouse needs. He agreed to do the work on the lantern deck since that was within the amount of free time he had. In September, Jim's crew addressed metal corrosion, welding, replacement of all glass windows, and metal work painting. This work completed sealing the lighthouse interior from future weather impacts. Thank you, Jim Leslie, and to the Luce family, Lloyd Turner, and the Flynn family who provided housing, transportation, and property access for the restoration crew.

The last remaining work on the Isle au Haut lighthouse is the replacement of the walkway. Jim Leslie said that he liked the island and lighthouse and wants to return and replace the walkway in 2025. The Lighthouse Committee and the Friends of Isle au Haut lighthouse are working with Jim Leslie to plan and schedule this last phase of the restoration work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Fedosh Town Lighthouse Committee

### Lighthouse Committee Treasurer's Report 2024

#### Lighthouse Fund Reserve

2/1/2024 Auditor's Adjusted Balance: \$ 12,574.70

INCOME:

Transfer from Friends of IAH Lighthouse

For renovation project \$ 65,224.00

Total Income: + \$ 65,224.00 \$ 77.798.70

EXPENSES:

Gartley & Dorsky - Engineering

4/4/24 Professional fees \$ 376.25 12/20/24 Professional fees \$ 498.75

J.B. Leslie Co., Inc. - Lantern House

Maintenance & Preservation

 9/3/24 Professional fees
 \$ 38,250.00

 9/19/24 Professional fees
 \$ 19,125.00

 10/6/24 Professional fees
 \$ 19,125.00

Total Expenses: \$ 77,375.00 - \$ 77,375.00 January 31, 2025 Balance: \$ 423.70

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Fedosh, Treasurer Isle au Haut Lighthouse Committee

#### ISLE AU HAUT BOAT SERVICES 2025 TOWN MEETING REPORT

The Mailboat completed a mixed 2024 year. Overall our business was relatively even, with some categories increasing and some declining.

2024 vs 2023:	2024 fares	2024 \$ vs 2023 \$
Non Resident Fares:	17,073 fares	+ 4.8%
Resident Fares:	4,757 fares	(4.6%)
Charters, tours, special trips		(5.9%)
Freight		+ 1.0%
Parking		(1.3%)

- Nonresident passenger traffic, including Duck Harbor, remains ahead of the years before Covid (17,073 non-resident passengers in 2024 compared with 14,579 in 2019).
- Resident traffic remains at about the levels seen before Covid.
- Charters, tours and special trips brought in almost \$115,000, 5.9% down from 2023 because of reduced
  emphasis on long distance runs and some puffin excursion cancellations owing to bad weather, but
  nonetheless a very valuable contribution to the operation.
- Total revenue for 2024 was \$739,814, and was only \$513 different from 2023! Expenses, however, ran
  about \$91,000 ahead of 2023, mostly for a mix of planned and unplanned maintenance of both boats
  and for insurance.

The main part of our operation is, of course, year round scheduled public passenger operations. That continues to show an annual financial loss, which is in part supported by the Maine DOT 5311 Rural Transport Program. Because we earn higher rates for sightseeing tours and charters, those activities provide additional support for the year round scheduled operation. As a reminder, every dollar received from Maine DOT requires an equal dollar match from local sources, which for us include the annual Town grant and private donations.

We are preparing to issue bids for the reconstruction of our Stonington wharf, planned to begin in mid October 2025. Our plan for improved resilience calls for concrete decking, similar to that used at the Town Landing, and for the surface to be raised by two feet above its current level. We also expect a modest increase n parking capacity. The estimated project budget of just over \$5 million includes the earmark funding of \$1.85 million obtained for us by Senator Collins, \$250,000 of funding from Maine DOT SHIP, and funds received and pledged from 69 individual donors and one foundation.

Most of you have seen the repairs made to our Stonington wharf after the January 10, 2024 storms. The repairs had a cost of about \$80,000, which we paid for from our reserves and which has been approved for reimbursement by FEMA (75%) and Maine Recovery (15%), leaving 10% for our own funds. By the time you read this we expect the reimbursement to have been paid.

As always, we thank the Town for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted, Isle au Haut Boat Services

2025 Board: Bill Chamberlin (secretary/treasurer), George Cogan (vice president), George Cole (president), Ellen Fedosh, Nick Filler, Christine Hill, Abigail Hiltz, Alex Millspaugh, Sue Proctor, Tucker Runge, Robert Smith, Peggi Stevens

#### TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT

# **DOT INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN 2024**

2/1/24 Balance Forward **\$0.00** 

INCOME:

Appropriation \$11,083.06

Total Income + \$11,083.06

**EXPENSES:** 

Treasurer, State of Maine, loan repaym't \$11,083.06

Total Expenses - \$11,083.06

\$0.00

January 31, 2025 Balance

<sup>\*</sup>This is for the loan the Town has for the easement at the IAH Boat Services

#### TOWN OF ISLE AU HAUT

# JACK & ALICE CROWELL MEMORIAL TRUST FUND BALANCE 2024

"Fund to Purchase Childrens Books" 2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance

Jack & Alice Crowell Memorial Trust Interest\$327.20Jack & Alice Crowell Memorial Trust Reserve\$995.65

Jack & Alice Crowell Memorial Trust CD Balance \$1,342.46

# **COLWELL WATERFRONT ACCESS 2024**

INCOME:

Appropriation \$3,000.00

Total Income + \$3,000.00

EXPENSE:

Operating \$3,000.00

Total Expense - \$3,000.00

January 31, 2025 Balance \$0.00

#### Maine Islands Coalition

#### 2024 Annual Report

The Maine Islands Coalition (MIC) had a busy 22<sup>nd</sup> year, returning to in-person gatherings, as well as several zoom meetings. We worked most of the year with support from Alex Zipparo, Island Institute, who left for a position with Lincoln County.

Our meetings were well attended in 2024, with state legislators, representatives from each member of the Congressional delegation (Senator Collins, Senator King, Congressman Golden, and Congresswoman Pingree), and other public officials including State Senator Nicole Grohoski were present throughout the year. Aside from the topics on the agenda, we frequently discussed issues around municipal leadership capacity, transportation, housing, sea level rise, the marine economy, economic development, and emergency services.

- January 23, 2024. The meeting was held in Augusta with a tour of the building and a welcome from the state legislature. This was an in person meeting with over 40 people in attendance. The topics discussed were storm impact on islands, affordable housing, solid waste, water quality, MIC membership dues, updates and policies with legislators and state officials. Isle au Haut had a full contingency of representation with Ellie Kastanopolous, Peggi Stevens, Bob Olney, Fannie Allen, George Cogan, and Deane Rykerson.
- March 21, 2024. Remote, hosted on Zoom. Topic: Working Waterfronts. There
  were 31 individuals in attendance. Speakers were Steve Train, fisher-people,
  and aqua culturist from Long Island; Emma Fernald, multi-generational fishing
  family member, stern woman, scallop farmer, and soon to be licensed fisherpeople from Islesford; and Roxanne Tolman, multi-generational fishing family
  member and manager of Vinalhaven Co-Op. A highly informative meeting.
- May 3, 2024. Remote, hosted on Zoom. Topic: Municipal leader engagement and capacity building, with a special focus on cyber security and digital resources. Speakers were Heather Moran, Head of Archives Services, Maine State Archives; Chris Johnson, Deputy Secretary of State for Informa on Services; Adam Fisher, Director of Collections Development, and Digital Initiatives for the Maine State Library; and Daisy Mueller, Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security. This was an informative meeting with interesting information. You can read the minutes and Maine Islands Coalition.com. Recording of this meeting: hpps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVCOPvUytHE

- September 20, 2024. In-Person in Rockland at Midcoast School of Technology. Topic: Policy and Legislative Strategy. We also discussed storm impact, infrastructure damage, and funding challenges, capacity challenges. Also discussed were short-term versus long-term dilemmas, along with technical assistance and program management needs. Issues with permitting and regulation delays on some islands were identified. Island communities face outdated energy infrastructure, excessive costs, and limited capacity for sustainable solutions. Problems with solar projects and political barriers and strained relationships. Most islands have training and workforce pressures along with lack of housing. This prevents growth of the population and training of a successor, forcing islands to rely on off-island coverage. Transportation has had service disruptions which cause economic and operational impact and EMS and emergency transport challenges with ferries. There was also a discussion around housing regarding affordability, access, cost of construction, management of properties, lack of capacity to develop housing projects and there is a huge need for funding/grant support for housing.
- The two Co-Chairs of MIC (Ellen and Kendra) had the opportunity to visit Matinicus Island on May 13, 2024 and Vinalhaven on June 5, 2024. This was certainly a wonderful learning experience for me because I haven't been to either Island before. I really didn't realize how close Vinalhaven was to North Haven! You could take a rowboat to it. It was so interesting what other islands are doing and comparing them to Isle au Haut. I did meet with the Select-people about both the trips to report back to them on my thoughts.

As we head into 2025, we are excited to bring new energy to the group of resolute individuals who represent Maine's 15 unbridged, year-round islands. Plans are being made for meeting with our constituents in different areas close to the islands in Downeast and Midcoast and Southern Maine. We are also in the process of scheduling two zoom meetings as well. A reminder that all islanders are welcome to our meetings and that extensive minutes of all MIC meetings available http://www.islandinstitute.org/program/community-development/mic. If you have any questions, concerns, or topics you want us to address please reach out to your Island Representative. We have been honored to serve as your representative for MIC.

Sincerely,

Kendra P. Chubbuck Representative Peggi R. Stevens Representative

# **MAINE ISLANDS COALITION 2024**

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance

\$0.00

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Appropriation	\$1,000.00

Total Income + Balance + \$1,000.00

#### **EXPENSES:**

Dues	\$200.00
Transportation	\$1,203.39

Total Expenses: - \$1,403.39

January 31, 2025 Balance -\$403.39

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2024**

2/1/24 Balance \$0.00

#### INCOME:

Community Resilience Partnership Grant \$50,000.00

Total Income + Balance + \$50,000.00

# EXPENSE:

Hancock County Planning Commission \$6,480.54

Total Expense - \$6,480.54

January 31, 2025 Balance \$43,519.46

HEALTH AND SANITATION
<b>PLUMBING CODE ENFORCEMENT 2024</b>

2/1/24 Auditors Adjusted Balance			\$2,962.68
INCOME:			
Plumbing permits issued 3 @ \$265.00 ea.	\$795.00		
Plumbing permits issued 1 @ \$187.50 ea.	\$187.50		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$3,945.18
EXPENSES:			
LPI Fee-Bill Stevens	\$250.00		
Treasurer State of Maine (4 permits)-Sur-	\$60.00		
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Total Expenses	'	-	\$560.00
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$3,385.18
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL 2024			
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$28,481.50
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$35,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$63,481.50
EXPENSES:			
Trash P/U	\$25,187.50		
Disposal	\$2,656.81		
Total Expenses		-	\$27,844.31
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$35,637.19

# $TOWN\ OF\ ISLE\ AU\ HAUT$

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INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$0.00		
Donation	\$0.00		
Total Income+Balance		+	\$4,410.18
EXPENSE:			
Supplies	\$1,598.98		
Total Expense		-	\$1,598.98
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$2,811.20

TOWN LANDING 2024			
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$14,563.20
Transfer from Boat Excise Tax			\$1,545.00
		+	\$16,108.20
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$0.00		
Utility Vehicle Parking Fee(2023+2024)	\$2,920.00		
Total Income + Balance+ Transfer		+	\$19,028.20
EXPENSES:			
Utilities	\$880.14		
R/M Labor	\$1,540.00		
R/M Materials	\$169.81		
New Float	\$14,970.00		
Equipment R/M	\$661.76		
Total Expense		-	\$18,221.71
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January 31, 2025 Balance			\$806.49
TOWN LANDING PARKING LOT	2024		
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$9,630.09
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INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$0.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$9,630.09
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EXPENSES:			
Materials	\$0.00		
Total Expenses		-	\$0.00
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January 31, 2025 Balance			\$9,630.09

<b>TOWN LANDING BUILDING 2024</b> 2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$3,225.28
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$5,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$8,225.28
EXPENSES:			
Utilities	\$597.71		
Building R/M	\$0.00		
Central Office Broadband	\$0.00		
Materials	\$0.00		
Total Expenses:		-	\$597.71
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$7,627.57
SNOW REMOVAL WINTER ROADS	S 2024		ф <b>3</b> 4 <b>5</b> 4 0 5
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$3,454.05
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$12,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$15,454.05
EXPENSES:			
Plow Drivers	\$3,607.50		
Salt and Sand	\$4,778.49		
Fuel	\$324.84		
Total Expenses:	φε <b>2</b> σ.	-	\$8,710.83
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$6,743.22

# TOWN ROADS, BRIDGES, AND TRUCKS TOWN ROADS AND BRIDGES R/M 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance Transfer from Vehicle Excise Tax			\$0.00 \$6,432.00
Transfer from Vehicle Excise Tax		+	\$6,432.00
INCOME:		'	ψυ, τυ 2.00
Appropriation	\$45,000.00		
Total Income + Balance+ Transfer		+	\$51,432.00
EXPENSES:			
Labor and Equipment	\$20,727.50		
Materials	\$21,505.00		
Brush Cutting/Tree Trimming	\$225.00		
Equiptment Rental	\$3,800.00		
Total Expenses		-	\$46,257.50
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$5,174.50
TRUCKS AND PLOWS 2024			
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$13,614.37
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$5,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$18,614.37
EXPENSES:			
Labor	\$1,415.00		
Materials	\$1,314.42		
New Plow	\$9,571.27		
Fuel	\$239.18		
Total Expenses		-	\$12,539.87
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$6,074.50

<b>TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT 2024</b> 2/1/2024 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$53,756.50
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$25,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$78,756.50
EXPENSE:			
New Plow Truck	\$62,000.00		
		-	\$62,000.00
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$16,756.50
SALT AND SAND SHED RESERVE	2024		
February 1, 2024 Balance Forward			\$12,500.00
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$12,500.00
STATE ROAD ASSISTANCE 2024 (I	OTLRA)		
2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$38,042.36
INCOME:			
State of Maine - LRAP	\$11,496.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$49,538.36

\$49,538.36

\$11,826.40

January 31, 2024 Balance

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2/1/2025 Local Road Assistance Program

**DOT TRANSPORTATION ACCT.(DOTTA) 2024** 

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance

\$46,669.79

INCOME:

DOT Transportation Funding (2023 and 2024)

\$20,000.00

Total Income+Balance

\$66,669.79

\*2023 Funding was received late

January 31, 2024 Balance

\$66,669.79

2/1/25 Transportation Acct. CD

\$20,056.88

VEHICLE AND BOATS EXCISE TAX 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance

\$5,792.87

\* Boat and Vehicle Excise Tax are combined in Auditor Report

**VEHICLE EXCISE TAX 2024** 

INCOME:

Tax Collector

\$8,328.02

Total Income

\$8,328.02

**BOAT EXCISE TAX 2024** 

INCOME:

Tax Collector

\$1,341.60

Total Income

\$9,669.62

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$15,462.49

# **VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES (MV) 2024**

2/1/2024 Auditor' Adjusted Balance (MV payable)

\$110.00

INCOME:

Tax Collector \$1,737.00

Total Income+ Balance + \$1,847.00

**EXPENSES:** 

Secretary of State \$1,732.00

- \$1,732.00

Total Expenses

January 31, 2025 Balance \$115.00

# EDUCATION COMMON SCHOOLS 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjustment Balance 2/1/24 School Roof Reserve			<b>\$132,961.56</b> \$10,390.00
INCOME:			
Appropriation	\$191,733.71		
Isle au Haut Elementary School (REAP)	\$5,185.50		
State of Maine - EPS subsidy	\$1,564.50		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$331,445.27
EXPENSES:			
Schoolboard Salaries	\$849.46		
Payroll Tax	\$563.91		
Utilities:electric, phone, heating	\$5,782.60		
Audit	\$3,998.50		
Legal Fees	\$0.00		
Dues and Subscriptions	\$169.00		
Supplies	\$4,316.01		
Transportation	\$3,775.71		
Lodging	\$87.20		
Building R/M:Labor	\$280.00		
Building R/M:Materials	\$0.00		
Equipment R/M:Labor	\$160.00		
Salaries	\$115,184.56		
MPERS	\$7,757.74		
Health Insurance	\$36,896.55		
Dental Insurance	\$949.46		
Reimbursement	\$565.08		
Tuition	\$360.50		
Residency	\$5,135.00		
Total Expenses		-	\$186,831.28
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$144,613.99

# BOND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE COOMB'S MTN HOUSE 2024

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance			\$1,378.48
INCOME:			
Appropriation - Principal & Interest	\$13,000.00		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$14,378.48
EXPENSES:			
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (principal=\$9250, Interest=\$4,056.64	\$13,306.64		
Total Expenses		-	\$13,306.64
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$1,071.84
<b>ARTHUR J. H. BARTER EDUCATIO</b> 2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance	ON FUND 2	2024	\$2,170.96
INCOME:			
Dividends	\$195.56		
Total Income + Balance		+	\$2,366.52
January 31, 2025 Balance			\$2,366.52

#### SCHOOL UNION 76



#### BROOKLIN - DEER ISLE-STONINGTON CSD - SEDGWICK

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March 6, 2025

To the citizens of Isle Au Haut,

I am pleased to find myself as your Interim Superintendent once again, having previously served in this role in the Winter/Spring of 2022. Your school has a robust 7 students this year, and has welcomed back Kipp Quinby to the Island as your teacher.

Our proposed expenditure budget is down 1.07% or down \$2,628.36 from this year's budget. Even so, we were able to add \$4,100.00 in Special Education programming and \$6,300.00 in food for student lunches. We did not fund the Student Transportation account (\$20,000.00) and that was a big savings. Our students are in K and Grade 2 this year, and travel and transportation will be minimal until they get a little older!

From now until June, we will attempt to re-glaze the large old school windows, and we will be installing a PFAS mitigation system for the school well (hopefully over April Vacation).

We will also be applying \$20,000.00 from carry forward to the 2025-26 budget to lessen the tax commitment. Last year we were able to apply \$50,000.00.

State Subsidy will be at \$1,714.58 for next year, down \$243.42 from this year.

I look forward to discussing this proposed budget with you at Town Meeting on April 28th.

Respectfully

Mark Hurvitt

Interim Superintendent

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	2025-2026 School Budget	Budget	3	Staten	Statement Code: 2026	
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	2 Years Prior Budgeted	1 Year Prior SoFar	l Year Prior Budgeted	Budget Total	Incr/Decr	
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State Share 1. 1000-0000-0000-43111-000 State Educ Subsidy	(1,405.18)	(1,050.03)	(1,958.00)	(1.714.58)	243.42	
Total State Share	\$(1,405.18)	\$(1,050.03)	\$(1,958.00)	S(1,714.58)	\$243.42	
Local Share						(
<ol> <li>1000-0000-0000-41211-000 Local EPS Allocation</li> <li>1000-0000-0000-41213-000 Additional Local Funds</li> </ol>	(33,453.59) (185,354,47)	(28,018.76) (83,825.90)	(48,032.16) (143,701.55)	(45,008.56) (174,340.21)	3,023.60 (30,638.66) 3 (30,638.66)	9881
Total Local Share	\$(218,808.06)	S(111,844.66)	\$(191,733.71)	\$(219,348.77)	S(27,615.06) 4 yell	eg,
Balance Forward 4, 1000-0000-0000-41000-000 Bal Frvd/Audit	00.00	0.00	(50,000.00)	(20,000.00)	30,000.00	
Total Balance Forward	80.00	80.00	S(50,000.00)	\$(20,000.00)	830,000.00	
TOTAL EPS REVENUE	S(220,213.24)	S(112,894.69)	S(243,691.71)	\$(241,063.35)	\$2,628.36	
TOTAL REVENUE	S(220,213.24)	S(112,894.69)	S(243,691.71)	S(241,063.35)	\$2,628.36	

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# Isle au Haut School 2025-2026 School Budget

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Regular Programs - Elementary 5, 1000-1100-1000-51010-010 Reg Instr Prof Educ Salaries	50,306.87	38,092.11	60,000.09	57,750.00	(2,250.00)
Notes: One day a week art has moved to Professional Education services.  Music, dance and art residencies will come from REAP funds.  6. 1000-1100-1000-51021-010 Reg Instr ET1 Salaries	ces. 29,498.25	23,085.95	38,156.25	40,071.00	1,914.75
7, 1000-1100-1000-51230-010 Reg Instr Temporary Salaries	400.00	545.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
8. 1000-1100-1000-52110-010 Reg Instr Health Prof Notes: 8.5% increase placeholder.	24,753.80	12,790.25	12,605.04	12,704.27	99.23
9. 1000-1100-1000-52111-010 Reg Instr Dental Prof Notes: 4% increase placeholder.	286.56	251.42	306.60	318.86	12.26
<ol> <li>10. 1000-1100-1000-52120-010 Reg Instr Health ETs</li> <li>Notes: 8.5% increase placeholder.</li> </ol>	12,180.36	9,453.78	12.605.04	13,676.47	1,071.43
<ol> <li>11. 1000-1100-1000-52121-010 Reg Instr Dental ETs</li> <li>Notes: 4% Increase.</li> </ol>	286.56	228.59	306.60	318.86	12.26
12. 1000-1100-1000-52210-010 Reg Instr Medi/FICA Prof	729.45	596.73	870.00	837.38	(32.62)
13. 1000-1100-1000-52220-010 Reg Instr Medi/FICA ETs	2,256.61	1,766.11	2,918.96	3,065.43	146.47
14. 1000-1100-1000-52230-010 Reg Instr Medi/FICA Instr Subs	30.60	41.69	30.60	30.60	0.00
15. 1000-1100-1000-52310-010 Reg Instr MSRS Prof	1,931.78	1,670.83	0.00	2,581.43	2,581.43

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16.1000-1100-1000-52610-010 Reg Instr Unemp Prof	37.87	164.97	92.40	36.00	(56.40)
17, 1000-1100-1000-52615-010 PFMLA Prof	0.00	114.97	0.00	577.50	577.50
18, 1000-1100-1000-52620-010 Reg Instr Unemp ETs	45.94	43.61	92.40	36.00	(56.40)
19.1000-1100-1000-52625-010 PFMLAETs	00.00	74.27	0.00	400.71	400.71
20. 1000-1100-1000-52630-010 Reg Instr Unemp Instr Subs	3.42	00.0	3.08	3.08	0.00
21.1000-1100-1000-53200-010 Reg Instr Prof Educational Srvcs	11,780.60	00.0	0.00	00:00	0.00
22. 1000-1100-1000-54320-010 Reg Instr Tech Repair & Maint Srves	4,000.00	00:00	4,000.00	4,000.00	00.00
23, 1000-1100-1000-55800-010 Reg Instr Staff Travel Other	1,200.00	1,286.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00
24. 1000-1100-1000-56100-010 Reg Instr General Supplies	3,000.00	92.04	3,000.00	9,300.00	6,300.00
Notes: REAP funds are used for music, phys. ed/health and Art teacher as needed. Food for student lunches \$6,300,00	ther as needed.				
25. 1000-1100-1000-56110-010 Reg Instr Equipment & Furniture	500.00	00.0	500.00	500.00	0.00
26. 1000-1100-1000-56400-010 Reg Instr Books and Periodicals	1,500.00	120.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
27.1000-1100-1000-56500-010 Reg Instr Technology Supplies	400.00	00.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
28. 1000-1100-1000-56600-010 Reg Instr Audiovisual Supplies	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	00.00
Notes:					
Total Reg Programs - Elem	\$145,428.67	\$90,418.32	\$141,786.97	\$152,507.59	\$10,720.62
Special Educ Instruction					
29. 1000-2100-1000-53440-010 SpEd Contr Srvcs	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	2,500.00	(3,000.00)
Notes: Contingency incase extra support needed.					
30, 1000-2800-2110-53440-010 Soc Wk SpEd Contr Srvcs	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	00:00
31. 1000-2800-2140-53440-010 SpEd Psych Contr Srvcs Elem	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	(500.00)
32. 1000-2800-2150-53440-010 SpEd Speech Contr Srvcs	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Notes: Boothby Speech Services.					

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33. 1000-2800-2160-53440-010 SpEd Occ Ther Contr Srvcs	00:00	0.00	00:00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Total Spec Educ Instr	88,000.00	80.00	88,000.00	\$12,100.00	84,100.00
Office of Special Education					
34. 1000-2500-2330-51040-900 Spec Srvcs Ofc Admin Salary	1,074.44	556.03	1,112.05	1,145.41	33.36
35. 1000-2500-2330-51180-900 Spec Srves Ofe Support Salary	477.86	247.30	494.59	509.43	14.84
36. 1000-2500-2330-52240-900 Spec Srves Ofe Medi/FICA Admin	15.58	8.06	16.12	16.61	0.49
37. 1000-2500-2330-52280-900 Spec Srycs Ofe Medi/FICA Support	36.56	18.93	37.83	38.97	1.14
38. 1000-2500-2330-52340-900 Spec Srycs Ofc MSRS Admin	0.00	24.85	49.71	51.20	1.49
39. 1000-2500-2330-52640-900 Spec Srvcs Ofc Unemp Admin	9.02	4.28	8.56	8.82	0.26
40. 1000-2500-2330-52645-900 PFMLAAdmin	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.45	11.45
41. 1000-2500-2330-52680-900 Spec Srvcs Ofc Unemp Support	4.01	1.91	3.81	3.92	0.11
42. 1000-2500-2330-52685-900 PFMLAReg Employee	0.00	0.00	00.00	5.09	5.09
43. 1000-2500-2330-53440-900 Spec Services Ofc (Prorate)	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	00.00
44. 1000-2500-2330-55800-900 Spec Srvcs Ofc Staff Travel Other	175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
Total Special Educ Ofc	\$1,942.47	\$861.36	\$2,047.67	S2,115.90	\$68.23
School Committee Services					
45. 1000-0000-2310-51500-900 School Cmte Stipends	2,240.00	1,028.14	2,500.00	2,943.75	443.75
46. 1000-0000-2310-52200-900 School Crite Medi/FICA Stipends	140.04	78.68	191,22	225.16	33.94

47. 1000-0000-2310-52600-900 School Cmte Unemp Stipends	4.24	1.71	3.42	6.84	3.42
48. 1000-0000-2310-53400-900 School Cmte Other Prof Srves	4,300.00	1,476.50	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
Notes: Audit services \$3,500 and legal fees \$800.					
49. 1000-0000-2310-55200-900 School Cmte Liability Insurance	41.40	26.00	41.40	41.40	00.00
50. 1000-0000-2310-55400-900 School Cmte Advertising	350.00	00.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Notes: Includes yearly Schoolspring joint subscription with U76					
51. 1000-0000-2310-58100-900 School Cmte Dues and Fees	300.00	00.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Notes: Includes policy work potential costs.					
52. 1000-0000-2310-58150-900 School Cmte Fingerprinting Fees	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
otal School Committee Srves	87,495.68	\$2,611.03	\$8,006.04	58,487.15	S481.11
Office of the Superintendent					
53. 1000-0000-2320-51040-900 Supt Ofe Admin Salaries	6,365.25	4,941.03	6,588.03	6,785.67	197.64
Notes: Based on I day a month Superintendent.					
54. 1000-0000-2320-51180-900 Supt Ofc Support Salaries	1,910.95	1,484.04	1,978.69	4,328.78	2,350.09
55. 1000-0000-2320-52240-900 Supt Ofc Medi/F1CA Admin	92.30	71.64	95.53	519.10	423.57
56. 1000-0000-2320-52280-900 Supt Ofe Medi/FICA Support	146.19	113.50	151.37	331.15	179.78
57. 1000-0000-2320-52340-900 Supt Ofc MSRS Admin	244.43	147.24	294.48	00.00	(294.48)
58. 1000-0000-2320-52640-900 Supt Ofe Unemp Admin	54.36	30.30	50.73	52.25	1.52
59. 1000-0000-2320-52645-900 PFMLAAdmin	0.00	16.47	0.00	67.86	98.79
60. 1000-0000-2320-52680-900 Supt Ofe Unemp Support	16,04	9.10	15.24	12.99	(2.25)
61. 1000-0000-2320-52685-900 PFMLA Reg Employee	0.00	4.94	0.00	43.28	43.28
62. 1000-0000-2320-53410-900 Asmt for Admin (Supt Ofc Prorate)	650.00	0.00	650.00	800.00	150.00
Notes: Office supplies, rent & communications. All association cost inflationary.	flationary.				

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63. 1000-0000-2320-55800-900 Supt Of: Staff Travel Other 64. 1000-0000-2500-52685-900 PFMLA Reg Employee	1,000.00	148.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Superintendent Ofe	\$10,479.52	\$6,981.10	\$10,824.07	\$13,989.47	\$3,165.40
Central Services					
65. 1000-0000-2500-51180-900 Cntrl Srvcs Support Salaries	6,210.20	4,861.50	6,921.35	4,838.56	(2,082.79)
66. 1000-0000-2500-52280-900 Cntrl Srvcs Medi/FICA Support	475.09	371.95	529.48	370.15	(159.33)
67. 1000-0000-2500-52680-900 Cntrl Srvcs Unemp Support	52.16	30.47	53.30	19.30	(34.00)
68. 1000-0000-2500-53410-900 Asmt for Admin (Cntrl Srves Prorate)	150.00	00:00	150.00	300.00	150.00
Notes: Accounting supplies					
Total Central Services	\$6,887.45	\$5,263.92	\$7,654.13	\$5,528.01	S(2,126.12)
School Administration 69. 1000-0000-2400-55300-010 School Admin Communications Notes: TDS phone bill.	1,500.00	549.13	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total School Administration	81,500.00	\$549.13	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	80.00
Student Transportation 70. 1000-0000-2700-55190-950 Student Transp by Indiv In Distr	5,500.00	00.66	20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)
Total Student Transportation	85,500.00	00.668	\$20,000.00	80.00	\$(20,000.00)

Operations and Maintenance 71, 1000-0000-2600-55200-010 Operations Building Insurance	638.00	797.00	638.00	917.00	279.00
Notes: 15% Increase.					
72. 1000-0000-2600-56050-010 Operations Equipment & Furniture	150.00	00.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
73. 1000-0000-2600-56220-010 Operations Electricity	6,000.00	1,931.69	6,000.00	4,500.00	(1,500.00)
74. 1000-0000-2600-56230-010 Operations Bottled Gas	800.00	659.82	800.00	2,300.00	1,500.00
Notes: More propane usage.					
75. 1000-0000-2600-56240-010 Operations Oil	2,000.00	00:00	2,000.00	2,000.00	00.00
Notes: Winterization reducing total heating costs.					
76. 1000-0000-2610-51180-010 Custodial Regular Salaries	10,500.00	2,200.00	10,869.60	11,550.00	680.40
77, 1000-0000-2610-52280-010 Custodial Medi/FICA Regular	803.25	168.34	831.53	883.58	52.05
78, 1000-0000-2610-52680-010 Custodial Unemp Regular	88.20	18.89	83.70	34.65	(49.05)
79. 1000-0000-2610-56000-010 Custodial General Supplies	500.00	318.19	200.00	200.00	00'0
80. 1000-0000-2620-54310-010 Repair & Maint Srvcs	10,500.00	985.16	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Notes: As needed repairs on older building \$9,000.  Maint. consult hours with CSD (50 hours @ \$30.00). Lights/Basement work \$9,500.00 81. 1000-0000-2620-56000-010 Repair & Maint General Supplies	1,000.00	88.42	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Total Operations/Maintenance	\$32,979.45	87,167.51	\$43,872.83	844,835.23	8962,40
Total Expenses	\$220,213.24	\$113,951.37	\$243,691.71	\$241,063.35	\$(2,628.36)
Total Capital Improvements	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00

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TOTAL EPS EXPENSE	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
TOTAL ENPENSE	\$220,213.24	S113,951.37	\$243,691.71	\$241,063.35	\$(2,628.36)

#### **BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT 2024**

The Isle Au Haut Broadband Committee was established in 2018 to evaluate the Island internet environment and to recommend steps to improve service with the goal of reliably getting to the federal and state standards for broadband access. In 2025, world class fiber to the home internet service will be available on Isle au Haut!

Early in the summer of 2024, Axiom completed the in-house installations readying the premises for service. Then on November 10th, after a two day delay due to unfavorable weather, the last major milestone was achieved by laying subsea fiber cable from Isle au Haut to Stonington. Following this installation, connections and testing commenced which are leading to an expected service date by the end of first quarter in 2025.

Per the \$1.2M grant received from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the State of Maine, the Town of Isle au Haut will own both the land and sea based fiber infrastructure and Axiom Technologies of Machias, Maine will be contracted with the Town to provide the internet service.

In order to ensure that the Town is financially prepared to handle repair in the event of storm or other catastrophic damage requiring specialized help to repair, the Broadband Committee recommends continuing to build the Broadband Reserve Fund. Revenue to Axiom generated by Isle au Haut customers will be used to both purchase broadband capacity and to address routine maintenance and customer service needs for customers on the Island.

Next steps for the Broadband Committee are to ensure a successful launch of the system and to put in place response plans to address restoration of service in the event of interruption by damage to either land or sea based infrastructure.

The committee is grateful to the community of Isle au Haut for support of the project since the beginning. A special Thank You to Peggi Stevens who worked alongside the team during her tenure as 1st Selectperson and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted, The Isle au Haut Broadband Committee

# **BROADBAND RESERVE FUND 2024**

2/1/24 Auditor's Adjusted Balance

\$52,633.90

INCOME:
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Appropriation	\$30,000.00
Axiom Reimbursement	\$24,503.76
Grant from Island Institute	\$37,500.00

Total Income +Balance + \$144,637.66

**EXPENSES:** 

Supplies \$2,263.46 Equipment R/M \$57,166.33 Professional Service/Consult. \$0.00

Total Expenses: - \$59,429.79

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$85,207.87

# POWER CO./BROADBAND CABLE FUND RESERVE 2024

### INCOME:

Donations	\$120,000.00	
Total Income		\$120,000,00

#### **EXPENSES:**

Pay to IAH PoCo for cable	\$120,000.00	
Total Expense	_	\$120,000.00

January 31, 2025 Balance \$0.00

#### Island Store Association Report 2024

In 2024, the Island Store added much needed new flooring. We also hired a local contractor to address some of our structural issues on the lower part of the building. We have plans to add an additional produce cooler and another freezer that will help us continue to serve the Isle au Haut community, and are exploring an off island truck or van that would expand our suppliers. Last year's storms have led us to bring in an engineer to study what our long-term future is in our current location. Among the engineer's recommendations was that we get the land surveyed to help with possible grants that would lead to climate change solutions. We also continued to collaborate on Tuesday Table with the church.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Island Store Board

#### Report of the Isle au Haut Community Development Corporation to the Town of Isle au Haut

2024 marked the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICDC. We had a very busy and productive year.

Thanks to on-going broad support, our annual appeal remains a strong and critical funding source. The money raised enables us to pay down our rental property mortgages, increase our loan fund for island business initiatives, address both short and long-term housing maintenance needs, increase our marketing and recruitment outreach, recover the modest operating deficit we carry annually to keep our rental fees affordable, cover administrative costs, and grow our reserve for future housing development. Our goals for the upcoming year are: to hire a new part-time Executive Director to succeed Ellie Kastanopolous, who is retiring and to engage our board in strategic visioning and long-range planning.

Below is a year-end summary of our on-going work:

- We made a new combination grant and loan to a brand-new island business. 3 other loans were all in good standing.
- Two new families with young children moved into the Blueberry Hill and Moore's Harbor houses.
   Three of those children are attending the Island School. All of our other rental properties were occupied.
- After a lengthy and thoughtful feasibility study, the Board voted in support of the Community Hub
  obtaining its own 501c3 status as a separate entity, recognizing that the project is a positive opportunity
  for the island community.
- ICDC was awarded an Island Initiative Grant to convert the Coombs Mt. property into a duplex. ICDC is very thankful to the Town for gifting the property and providing essential funding to address increased administrative costs. We also extend our gratitude to all the island builders who prepared the site and began construction. The project is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2025.
- ICDC continues to participate in discussions with other un-bridged island communities to more
  effectively address the very real and daunting challenges of growing affordable housing. To that end, Ellie
  prepared and distributed Isle au Haut property and housing data, a summary of ICDC's past 30 years of
  successful affordable housing construction and a strong case argument presented to state legislators to
  continue funding island affordable housing initiatives. In addition, she facilitated two community
  discussions with year-round residents to further identify and address island needs and priorities. ICDC also
  facilitated a conversation among the various island infrastructure organizations to further identify
  challenges and establish lines of communication.
- During our October Annual Meeting, the membership voted to amend ICDC's bylaws to increase its Board membership from a maximum of 12 to 15. Ratification of the Articles of Incorporation is to take place in early 2025.

On behalf of ICDC, I wish to again extend my sincere gratitude to all who have supported our work this past year.

**Bob Olney** 

Rob Olvey ICDC Board Chair

# Isle au Haut Electric Power Company (A not for profit cooperative)

During 2024, the Isle au Haut Electric Coop (PoCo) has continued to provide electric service to its customers via its island grid.

In the spring of 2024 General Manager Bryan Carroll resigned to accept an excellent employment opportunity on another Maine island. David Folce was hired to become the General Manager and moved to the island in the Fall of 2024. David has many years of experience in electric system operations, maintenance, and development in a number of locations throughout the US. David is now working with Tucker Runge, Rob DeWitt, and Dakota Waters operating and maintaining the grid. Patricia Barter serves as office manager maintaining billing and accounting. Landon DeWitt does the monthly meter readings.

PoCo continues to purchase power from renewable sources. This year PoCo signed a two year purchase agreement with CN Brown after taking bids from a number Maine PUC approved suppliers.

Operation and maintenance of the island grid constitutes 70% of the PoCo budget. Purchase of power accounts for 30% of the annual budget. As operating costs (labor, equipment and maintenance, supplies) continue to rise, at the August, 2024 Annual Meeting the Membership voted to approve raising the monthly meter fee from \$35 to \$40 in 2025. Usage rates were reduced by \$0.01/kWh. The new rates will go into effect in April, 2025 after approval from the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Two new customers were added to the grid during 2024.

In late November after a lengthy environmental approval process, PoCo received its Notice to Proceed from the Northern Border Regional Commission. That has allowed the Coop to order its new cable. At this writing we anticipate laying the cable on the sea floor in November, 2025. The cable will be laid in the same area where the fiber optic cable was laid in November, 2024. Trenching and conduits for the electric cable were put into place when the fiber optic cable was laid.

Respectfully submitted.

David Folce – General Manager
Bill Chamberlin - Board of Directors





#### Update on the Tick-Control Project on Isle au Haut, January 2025

#### Dear island community,

MaineHealth's Vector-Borne Disease Lab would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation as they completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 5-year tick control project on Isle au Haut targeting blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*)! Since our last report, we have received pathogen testing results from ticks collected on the island in 2023, continued establishing baseline data on blacklegged ticks and their associated diseases on the island, and have begun targeting mice with a tick-control treatment.

#### Results from 2023

A total of 343 nymphs and 207 female adult blacklegged ticks were tested for causative agents of Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*), anaplasmosis (*Anaplasma phagocytophilum*), babesiosis (*Babesia microti*), and hard tick relapsing fever (*Borrelia miyamotoi*) (Table 1). Nymphs and female ticks were preferentially submitted for testing, as these are the stages that people are most likely to encounter. While these percentages may seem high, they are consistent with many regions of Midcoast and Downeast Maine. Mirroring island results, Lyme disease is still the most common vector-borne infection reported in the state of Maine, followed by anaplasmosis.

Pathogen	Nymphs (%)	♀ Adults (%)
Borrelia burgdorferi s.l.	68/343 (19.8)	74/207 (35.8)
Anaplasma phagocytophilum	7/343 (2.0)	9/207 (4.4)
Babesia microti	5/343 (1.5)	0/207 (0.0)
Borrelia miyamotoi	1/343 (0.3)	2/207 (1.0)
Borrelia + Anaplasma	2/343 (0.6)	4/207 (1.9)
Borrelia + Babesia	4/343 (1.2)	0/207 (0.0)
Anaplasma + Babesia	0/343 (0.0)	0/207 (0.0)
Borrelia b. + Borrelia m.	0/343 (0.0)	1/207 (0.5)

Table 1. Infection prevalence in blacklegged ticks (female adults & nymphs) flagged across Isle au Haut, 2023

#### Continuing to 2024

Beginning in the first week of June, you may have seen Sam Holmes collecting ticks using a corduroy cloth attached to a wooden dowel using a method we call "tick-flagging". We continued flagging on participating properties weekly through July, targeting nymphal blacklegged ticks, which are most active during summer months. Additionally, we flagged twice in the fall to collect adult blacklegged ticks, which are typically most active March through May, and then again in October through November. Blacklegged larvae tend to parasitize small mammals such as mice and don't commonly feed on humans. Larvae are typically present in the leaf litter, not on emergent vegetation, so are not typically collected from traditional flagging methods. In 2024 we also began using a rodent-targeted treatment on certain areas of the island. These treatments contain the active ingredient fipronil, commonly used to treat pets for parasites, and similarly is intended to reduce tick burdens on mice.

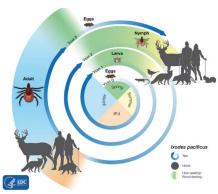


Figure 1. Life cycle of the blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*). Image courtesy of CDC

This is a targeted strategy to control blacklegged ticks, as mice are a primary host for juvenile stages as well as a reservoir for many tick-borne pathogens, including the agent of Lyme disease. In the first week of June, MHIR staff placed black plastic boxes containing fipronil-laced bait blocks on select participating properties. These boxes are designed to allow small mammals such as rodents to enter and feed on the tick-control bait while creating barriers for larger animals such as dogs and raccoons. The boxes were maintained biweekly through September, checking for damage and replenishing bait as needed. Properties that are participating in the study but did not receive the boxes are either used in different treatments or are serving as a control-area for the study. Beginning in the first week of August, lab staff Molly Meagher and Maggie Denison began setting live-capture mouse traps on participating properties to best estimate the abundance of ticks feeding on mice on a property scale, as well as to take samples to assess the concentration fipronil consumed by the mice. We continued capturing mice ticks on the properties weekly into the first week of September.

#### 2025 is here!

Looking ahead, we are already in the process of planning our 2025 season on the island. In coordination with White Buffalo Inc., we are planning to start treatment of white-tailed deer on the island, using bait stations containing treated corn deploying in late winter/early spring. This will be followed by capturing and fixing GPS collars to the deer, as well as collecting samples to assess the efficacy of the tick-control treatment. We plan to again flag for ticks and continue mouse treatments beginning in June. We plan to hold a town meeting this spring, dates to be determined, but the notice will be posted to the community Facebook page once it can be put on the calendar.

We look forward to continuing to work with the community in 2025 and beyond.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to

Chuck Lubelczyk, Vector Ecologist Molly Meagher, Field Biologist

#### Maine Seacoast Mission/Sunbeam V Report: 2024-2025

Greetings from Maine Seacoast Mission and Sunbeam V.

Sunbeam Crew:

Captain: Mike Johnson Engineer: Storey King

Director of Island Services: Douglas Cornman

Sunbeam Nurse: Simone Babineaux Sunbeam Steward: Siobhan Harrity

Island Services Program Coordinator: Margaret Snell

The *Sunbeam* traveled to Isle au Haut thirteen times between April 2024 and January 2025. Because we tend to spend the night at the town dock when we visit, we spent approximately 26 days on island during that ten-month period. The crew communicated with various islanders by Zoom meetings, phone calls, emails, texts, and Facebook when the boat was not on island.

#### **Program Highlights**

- The crew assisted the Isle au Haut School clean-up several beaches on May 30, 2024.
- The Great Cranberry and Frenchboro Historical Societies visited on Sunday, August 25, 2024. They attended church, had a lovely potluck lunch, and were given a tour of the island before returning home.
- Simone collaborated with Northern Lights Heath to bring COVID 19 and Influenza vaccinations in November 2024
- June 2024: The Union Church received a grant through the Island Church Fund to assist with repairs to the church and parsonage.
- June 24 & 25, 2024: Ann Bachus, Director of Outreach at Harvard's T. H. Chan School of Public Health, spoke to fisherman and community members about public health trends related to fisheries and boats.
- June 24 & 25, 2024: Patricia McLean, CEO of Finding Our Voices, spoke to islanders about the impact of domestic violence and the importance of advocacy.
- Siobhan hosted a trivia night contest on January 14, 2025
- Morgan Karns, an Island Fellow working with MDI BioLab visited multiple times to assist islanders with well water testing.
- Douglas offered Second Sunday with the Seacoast Mission gatherings via Zoom in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Maine Seacoast Mission and the *Sunbeam's* crew are filled with gratitude for your support of our work. We look forward to continued collaboration with you as the Mission begins its 120 year serving island communities.

Submitted with profound appreciation,

Douglas Cornman Director of Island Services Sunbeam V / Maine Seacoast Mission

#### OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

#### ISLE AU HAUT, MAINE

#### FEBRUARY 1, 2024, TO JANUARY 31, 2025

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Births	0
Deaths	0
Marriage Licenses	1
Certified Copies	3
Total Copies	3

Paid Vital Statistics for Copies of Vital Records: \$12.40

#### DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

Spayed/Neutered	8
Not Spayed/Neutered	3
Late Fees	0
Total Licenses	11

#### FEES COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED WITH TREASURER

Vital Statistics	\$ 61.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 81.00
TOTAL	\$ 142.00

Submitted by,

Kendra P. Chubbuck, Town Clerk and Registrar

### TOWN CLERK LICENSES & FEES 2024

2/	1/24	Auditor's	s Adiusted (	(Vital Records)	\$ <b>92.00</b>

INCOME:

Dog License & Fees \$81.00 Vital Records \$61.00

Total Income + Balance: + \$234.00

**EXPENSES:** 

Treas, Secretary of State-Dog License \$54.00 Treas, Secretary of State-Vital Record \$12.40

Total Expenses: - \$66.40

January 31, 2025 Balance

\$167.60

# TREASURER'S REPORT 2024-2025

## **INCOME**

Beginning Balance February 1, 2024	\$623,184.38
TAXES AND FEES	
2023 Property Taxes	\$20,718.24
2024 Property Taxes	\$671,628.18
Interest on Taxes	\$1,231.34
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$8,328.02
Boat Excise Tax	\$1,341.60
Agent Fees	\$255.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Maine Coast Heritage Trust United States Treasury United States Dept. of the Interior Total received  Plumbing Permits  Parking Fees  Filing fees  STATE OF MAINE PROGRAMS	\$1,875.00 \$8,989.00 \$328.00 \$11,192.00 \$982.50 \$2,920.00 \$46.92
DOT Local Road Assistance (LRAP)	\$11,496.00
DOT Transportation	\$20,000.00
Common Schools Isle au Haut Elementary REAP State of Maine – E.P.S. Subsidy	\$5,185.50 \$1,564.50
Comprehensive Plan Grant	\$50,000.00
Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$10,453.67
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$5,749.22

Homestead Exemption	\$3,480.63
Veteran Exemption Reimbursement	\$28.00
TOWN LAND	
Miss Lizzie House Rent	\$6,350.00
Head Harbor School House Rent	\$3,125.00
Sale of Town Owned Land Mael Faial Drew-Morin Charlie Sisk John Carnes	\$5,625.00 \$2,019.52 \$1,125.00 \$8.796.52
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	
Camden National Bank Interest Earned – Now Account Interest Earned – Sweep Repo Account Interest Earned – Town CDs Total Received	\$6.86 \$276.79 <u>\$1,080.63</u> \$1,364.82
Insurance MEMIC - Insurance Dividend	\$301.34
Arthur J. H. Barter Trust Fund "Given to 8th Grade Graduates"	\$228.41
<u>DONATIONS</u>	
Electric Power Co./Broadband Cable Donation	\$3,750.00
Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Revere Memorial Library	\$5,783.55
Town Hall	\$80.00
<u>Lighthouse</u>	\$65,224.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS WARRANTS DRAWN	\$902,303.62 \$1,015,243.66
Balance February 1, 2025 Respectfully submitted, Ellen Fedosh, Treasurer	\$510,244.34

2024 Tax Collector's Report 2024 Tax Commitment to Tax Collector \$ 706,397.00 Amount Collected as of January 31, 2025 \$ 705,261.30

Itemized Monies:		
2024 Property Tax		\$671,628.18
2023 Property Tax		20,718.25
2024 Property Tax Interest		410.25
2023 Property Tax Interest		821.09
2024 Vehicle Registrations		1,712.00
2024 Agent Fees 2024 Vehicle Excise Tax		255.00
2024 Boat Excise Tax		8,328.02 1,341.60
Filing Fees		46.92
i iiiig i ees	Total	\$705,261.31
Unpaid 2024 Property Taxes		
Kyle & Lara Angeley-Devereux		\$1,175.51
Arcadian Holdings LLC		3,853.06
Dianne Barter		2,976.71
Wayne Barter		1,506.74
Valerie Carr		652.50
Theresa Cousins		1,154.57
Core Logic		2,738.90
Donna DeWitt		1,239.40
*Landon DeWitt		2,825.18
Andrew Flynn		5,219.28
lan McBean		3,340.01
Mael Morin-Drew		932.09
*Heirs of Ava & Walter Rich		858.84
Darci Smith (Kimball)		2,589.47
Ian Tully	Total	3,706.30 \$34,768.56
Unpaid 2023 Property Taxes	Total	φ34,700.50
*Landon DeWitt		2,630.34
Ian Tully		3,450.69
Smith Family (Kimbal)		2,410.89
	Total	\$ 8,491.92
Unpaid 2022 Property Taxes		
*Landon DeWitt		2,666.06
lan Tully		1,897.55
	Total	\$ 4,563.61

Unpaid 2021 Property Taxes *Landon DeWitt		2,558.90
lan Tully		3,356.97
Theresa Cousins		1,045.75
	Total	\$ 6,961.62
Unpaid 2020 Property Taxes Theresa Cousins		200.00
	Total	\$ 200.00
Unpaid 2019 Property Taxes		3,943.75
	Total	\$ 3,943.75
Unpaid 2017 Property Taxes lan Tully		3,467.67
Theresa Cousins		1,003.65
	Total	\$ 4,471.32
Unpaid 2016 Property Taxes		0.014.65
lan Tully Theresa Cousins		3,214.65 1,039.39
Thorosa doublino	Total	\$ 4,254.04
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Unpaid 2014 Property Taxes		400.00
Island Telephone Theresa Cousins		182.03 895.07
Theresa Cousins	Total	\$1,077.10
		<b>*</b> 1,511115
Unpaid 2008 Property Taxes		
Theresa Cousins	Total	<u>933.44</u> \$933.44
	Total	φ933.44
Taxes Committed to Previous Tax Collector		
Unpaid 2006 Property Taxes John & Theresa Cousins		<u>690.15</u>
	Total	\$690.15
* taxes collected after January 31, 2025		

Respectively Submitted Lisa Louise Turner

### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$85,205.00**

AMERICAN RED CROSS \$250.00

DOWNEAST TRANSPORTATION, INC. \$55.00

HANCOCK COUNTY HOMECARE & HOSPICE \$1,000.00

HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE (DOWNEAST AIDS NET.) \$100.00

ISLAND FAMILY MEDICINE (ISLAND MED. CENTER) \$1,000.00

ISLAND STORE ASSOCIATION \$20,000.00

ISLE AU HAUT BOAT SERVICES \$50,000.00

ISLE AU HAUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION \$10,000.00

LIFEFLIGHT OF MAINE \$500.00

MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING \$150.00

MAINE SEACOAST MISSION \$1,000.00

MEMORIAL AMBULANCE CORPS \$1,000.00

#### WARRANT COUNTY OF KNOX STATE OF MAINE

To Christine Hill: A citizen in the Town of Isle au Haut: GREETINGS:

In the Name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of said Town of Isle au Haut, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Revere Memorial Hall in said Town on Monday, April 28, 2025 at nine (9:00) a.m. in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1.	To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 2.	To elect a Town Clerk until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 3.	To elect a First Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 4.	To elect a Second Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 5.	To elect a Third Selectperson until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 6.	To elect a Treasurer until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 7.	To elect a Collector of Taxes and Excise Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 8.	To elect an Assessor of Taxes (Chairperson position) until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 9.	To elect an Assessor of Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 10.	To elect an Assessor of Taxes until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.

Article 11.	To elect a Road Commissioner until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 12.	To elect a Fire Chief until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 13.	To elect a Harbormaster until the next annual town meeting and vote their compensation.
Article 14.	To elect a Planning Board member for a three-year term. (Expired Term: Michael Fedosh)
Article 15.	To elect a School Board member for a three-year term. (Expired Term: Kathie Fiveashe)
Article 16.	To elect a School Board member for a three-year term. (Expired Term: Michael Delchamp)
Article 17.	To elect a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board from the Selectboard for a one-year term.
Article 18.	To elect a member of the Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Board for a two-year term (Expired Term: Charlie Sisk).
Article 19.	To see if the Town will vote to maintain and operate the Isle au Haut Elementary School for the 2025 – 2026 school year.
Article 20.	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$152,507.59 for Pre-K-12 Regular Instruction. (School Committee Recommends: \$152,507.59) This article includes elementary education and secondary education accounts. Prior year \$141,786.97
Article 21.	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$14,215.90 for Special Education.  (School Committee Recommends: \$14,215.90) This article includes special education instruction and special education administration accounts. Prior year

\$10,047.67

- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$28,004.63 for System Administration.

  (School Committee Recommends: \$28,004.63) This article includes the school committee, superintendent's office, and central office services accounts. Prior year \$26,484.24
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,500 for School Administration.

  (School Committee Recommends: \$1,500) This article includes office account phone services. Prior year \$1,500.00
- Article 24. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$0.00 for Transportation and Buses.

  (School Committee Recommends: \$0.00) This article includes school bus contract and bus fuel accounts. Prior year \$20,000.00
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend \$44,835.23 for Facilities Maintenance.

  (School Committee Recommends: \$44,835.23) This article includes building maintenance and operation accounts. Prior year \$43,872.83
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$46,525.74 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see if the town will vote to raise \$45,008.56 as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, § 15688.

  (School Committee Recommends: \$45,008.56) Prior year \$48,032.16.

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount (\$45,008.56) that the town must raise in order to receive the estimated amount (\$1,714.58) of state dollars.

Article 27. (Written Ballot Required) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$174,340.21 in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee (School Committee Recommends \$174,340.21) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$174,340.21.

Prior year EPS exceeded by \$143,701.55.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model.

<u>Reasons:</u> The additional local fund request exceeds the EPS funding model because the school spends more per pupil on regular education, special education, transportation, student and staff support, administration, and facilities maintenance than the EPS formula recognizes.

<u>Explanation:</u> The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the school's budget for educational programs.

- Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend \$241,063.35 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 A,§15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy, school lunch revenues and other receipts for the support of schools. (School Committee Recommends: \$241,063.35) Prior year \$243,691.71.
- Article 29. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds estimated below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

Category	Anticipated Amount
State Minimum Subsidy	\$1,714.58
Other Unanticipated Funding	Unknown

- Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend grant monies in addition to expenditures approved in the regular school budget.
- Article 31. Shall the IAH School Board be authorized to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers, not to exceed the total spending allocation for the 2025-2026 school year, to balance accounts.

Reasons: Under Maine Law only the voters can give authority for the School Committee to transfer an excess of 5% between cost centers. By granting this authority now, it would eliminate the calling of a special town meeting, if necessary, to balance accounts.

- Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate from taxation for General Government Administration.

  (Selectboard Recommends: \$135,000)
- Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate from taxation for Town Roads and Bridges, and transfer from Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees for Town Roads and Bridges. (Selectboard Recommends: \$45,000) (Transfer: \$8,328.02)
- Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department. (Selectboard Recommends: \$5,000)

- Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate from taxation for the Town Landing and transfer from Boat Excise Tax for Town Landing.

  (Selectboard Recommends: \$5,000) (Transfer: \$1,341.60)
- Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Town Landing Parking Lot.
  (Selectboard Recommends: No Monies)
- Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the DOT Infrastructure Bank loan. (This loan funded the Easement purchased from Isle au Haut Boat Services to assure the Town shore access in Stonington.) Principal: \$9,083.06, Interest: \$2,000 = \$11,083.06
- Article 38. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Revere Memorial Hall.
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$20,000)
- Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Revere Memorial Library.

  (Library Committee Recommends: \$10,000)
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,750 from the Revere Memorial Library fund balance account to "The Brenda Clark Reserve Book Fund" created to be used exclusively for the purchase of books for Revere Memorial Library, per the donors' wishes.
- Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$35,000)
- Article 42. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Trucks and Plows.
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$5,000)
- Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Truck Reserve account. (Selectboard Recommends: \$10,000)

- Article 44. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Snow Removal.

  (Selectboard Recommends: \$15,000)
- Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Broadband fund for ongoing maintenance and repair of the town owned Broadband infrastructure.

  (Broadband Committee Recommends: \$30,000)
- Article 46. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Colwell Ramp Waterfront Access Property.
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$3,000)
- Article 47. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Maine Islands Coalition fund.
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$1,000)
- Article 48. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Emergency Medical Services.
  (Selectboard Recommends: No monies)
- Article 49. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Bond and Interest on the Bond to Fund the Purchase of the Coombs' Mountain house and property.

  (Selectboard Recommends: \$13,000) \* Bond amount remaining: \$88,443.36.
- Article 50. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and/or appropriate for Town Owned Buildings (this includes the Miss Lizzie House and the Head Harbor Schoolhouse)
  (Selectboard Recommends: \$25,000)
- Article 51. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and /or appropriate for the Town Landing Building.
  (Selectboard Recommends: No monies)
- Article 52. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and / or appropriate for the Town Owned Lands fund. (Selectboard Recommends: \$10,000)

- Article 53. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and / or appropriate for the Salt and Shed Reserve account.

  (Selectboard Recommends: \$5,000)
- Article 54. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for Isle au Haut Boat Services' operations for the year 2025. (Isle au Haut Boat Services Request: \$50,000)
- Article 55. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for the Island Store Association operations for the year 2025. (Island Store Association request: \$20,000)
- Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,205.00 for the following Service Agencies.

#### Organization Selectboard Rec. American Red Cross \$ 250.00 \$ 55.00 Downeast Transportation Hancock County Homecare and Hospice \$1,000.00 Health Equity Alliance \$ 100.00 Island Medical Center \$1,000.00 Life-Flight of Maine \$ 500.00 Maine Public Broadcasting \$ 150.00 Maine Seacoast Mission-Sunbeam \$1,000.00 Memorial Ambulance Corps \$1,000.00 WERU \$ 150.00 \$5,205.00

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward all unexpended balances with the exception of Interest, In Lieu of Taxes, Tree Growth, Veteran's Reimbursement, Homestead Tax Exemption, and Supplemental Taxes, all of which will go to the Undesignated Fund Balance.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to accept the funding of the categories listed below as provided by the Federal Legislatures and the Maine Legislatures:

ANP Payment in Lieu of Taxes State Tree Growth Reimbursement State Municipal Revenue Sharing Veteran's Tax Benefit

State Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

DOT Local Road Assistance

DOT Transporting Highway Construction and Maintenance

Materials

Public Library Per Capita Funds

General Assistance Reimbursement Funds

State Aid to Education

State Grants and other Funds

- Article 59 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to issue notes for temporary loans and what rate of interest to pay.
- Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell taxacquired property, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S § 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner, as defined in § 943-C. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
- Article 61 To see if the Town will bond the Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector and the Lighthouse Committee Treasurer and to pay all Town Officials job related expenses.
- Article 62 To see if the Town will set a date on which all local taxes shall be paid and decide a rate of interest for all taxes unpaid after that date. (Chair Assessor Recommends: October 1st and 7.5%)
- Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Town of Isle au Haut by State law because the municipal budget approved for 2025–2026 articles resulted in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

ATTESTED:

Kendra Chubbuck, Town Clerk, Town of Isle au Haut

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