

***Annual Report***  
***of the***  
***Municipal Officers***  
***Town of***  
***Albion, Maine***

***1824-2024***  
***Celebrating 200 years***

**For Municipal Year**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2023 to JANUARY 31, 2024**

*Please preserve this Town Report  
and bring it to Town Meeting with you  
March 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*



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ALBION TOWN OFFICE  
Tel. 437-2900 ~ Fax 437-2903

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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Emergency 911  
Fire Station 376-9599  
Fire Chief 314-9192

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### BOSTON POST CANE

In 1909 the first Boston Post Gold Headed Cane was presented to the oldest resident then living in the town of Albion. The following list gives the name and length of time each person held the cane:

Amos Tozier .....	1909-1911
Tristram Fall.....	1911-1915
Frank Metcalf .....	March 1915-December 1915
John E. Copeland .....	1915-1927
George Fall.....	1927-1929
Calvin Rollins .....	1929-1930
George B. Pray .....	1931-1937
George Albert Skillin .....	1938-1943
Fred L. Fall.....	1944-1945
Willis E. Lander .....	1946-1949
William F. Sennett.....	1950-1952
Fred Harding .....	1953-1954
John Mayo (Jack) .....	1955-1957
Adelbert Stratton .....	1957-1963

1963-1970 names and dates of the recipients are missing.

Fred Thompson.....	1971-1971
Oscar Bragg .....	1971-1985
Gladys Knowlton.....	1986-1989
Verna Clark.....	1990-1994
Marion Nurse .....	1994-1998
Louise Sylvester.....	1998-1999
Verda Barnes .....	2000-2006
Angie Rowe.....	2006-2011
Norman Getchell.....	2011-2012
Betty Mason.....	2012-2021
Rena Harding .....	2021- Present



## 2023 SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION AWARD

In recognition of Nathan “Drake” Choate, of Albion, recipient of the Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the Foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations, or projects in appreciation of community service.



As a life scout, Nathan “Drake” Choate has logged countless hours of community service with Troop 479 in China. To become an Eagle Scout, 21 merit badges must be completed, along with an Eagle Scout Project. They must plan and present their eagle project to a beneficiary, their scoutmaster, committee members, and the District Council. This Eagle Scout Project required Nathan to demonstrate leadership skills by itemizing, organizing, and choreographing a revitalization of the Elijah Parish Lovejoy monument, off from Pond Road, on land off the western shores of Lovejoy Pond. This memorial site commemorates the birthplace of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, widely referred as America’s first martyr to Freedom of the Press. The land was trusted to Colby College, Lovejoy’s alma mater, and Nathan worked with the college to align goals and develop an estimate of costs that could be presented prior to the end of their fiscal year. He demonstrated leadership directing other Scouts, leaders, contractors, and involved community members to complete the undertaking of cleaning the access road, tearing down the previous monument, preserving the plaque, adding granite pillars, and inseting the plaque into a rock, found near the site. His desire was to make this memorial last another 120 years, requiring minimal preservation and maintenance. Nathan reached out to various organizations, asking them to donate time, supplies, equipment, or money, to subsidize completion of the project. Nathan’s great-grandfather, Freeland Drake, gave more than 50 years to this community as a Selectman and Nathan is proud to follow in his footsteps, celebrating Albion’s history.

<b>TOWN OF ALBION SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARDS</b>	
2008.....	Freeland Drake
2009.....	Sally Ann Lindsay
2010.....	Albion Planning Board
2011.....	Leonard Dow
2012....	Albion Volunteer Fire Department
2013.....	Myrna & Russell Hamm
2014.....	Albion Athletic Association
2015.....	Cynthia Drake
2017.....	Charlene Gould
2018.....	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
2021.....	Andrew Clark
2022.....	Jack & Carleen Nickel
2023.....	Nathan “Drake” Choate

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

**MODERATOR**

Richard Thompson

**SELECTPERSONS, ASSESSORS &  
OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

Scott Cyrway - Term Expires 2024

Paul Flynn - Term Expires 2026

Michael Gardner - Term Expires 2025

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE SELECTBOARD**

Jessica Mitchell

**TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR & TREASURER**

Jeanie Doore - Term Expires 2025

**DEPUTY CLERKS**

Nancy Gamache - Appointed

Brittany Nowell - Appointed

Valerie Higgins - Resigned

Jessica Mitchell - Resigned

Meghan Sica - Resigned

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Jeanie Doore - Term Expires 2025

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Jeanie Doore - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Nancy Gamache - Appointed

Brittany Nowell - Appointed

Valerie Higgins - Resigned

Jessica Mitchell - Resigned

Meghan Sica - Resigned

**ADDRESSING OFFICER**

Jerry Keay- Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**ASSESSORS AGENT**

RJD Appraisal

**SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS S.A.D. #49**

Billie-Jo Brown-Woods - - Term Expires 2024

Katrina Dumont - Term Expires 2026

**FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF**

Andrew Clark - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Andrew Clark - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Brian Kaczmarec- Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**INTERIM ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Waldon Linnell - Resigned

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Johnna Hatt - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

Rachel Weaver - Resigned

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Cynthia Abbott - Appointed - Expires 2024

Jeffrey Cucci - Resigned

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Cynthia Abbott - Appointed - Expires 2024

Jeffrey Cucci - Resigned

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Andrew Clark - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Kevin Morrissey - Term Expires 2028

William Gatti - Term Expires 2024

Benjamin Mcphearson - Term Expires 2026

Matthew Dow Sr - Term Expires 2025

Dennis Mckeen - Term Expires 2027

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Jason Dow - Appointed - Term Expires 2024

Jerry Keay - Appointed - Term Expires 2024



**APPEALS BOARD**

Cindy Spaulding - Appointed - Term Expires 2026  
Dean Sennett - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Andrew Dow - Appointed - Term Expires 2025  
Paul Blaisdell - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Rebecca B Higgins - Appointed - Term Expires 2025

**BALLOT CLERKS**

Beverly Bradstreet    Jean Clark    Valerie Higgins    Kathleen Lord

**ELECTION WARDEN**

Alyssa Corson

**ELECTION CLERKS**

Beverly Bradstreet	Valerie Higgins	Roberta Morin
Nancy Doore	Ervin Lord III	Karen C. Sennet
Nancy Gamache	Kathy Lord	Joey Thompson
Vicki Gordon	Mary McGinnis	

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Beverly Bradstreet - Term Expires 2024  
Steven Clark - Term Expires 2025  
Alyssa Corson - Term Expires 2024  
Joseph Doore - Term Expires 2026  
Matthew Doore Sr. - Term Expires 2026  
Vicki Gordon - Term Expires 2024  
Jeffery Lindsay - Appointed - Term Expires 2026  
Julie Mckenzie - Term Expires 2025  
Sonia Nelson - Term Expires 2025

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ALTERNATES**

William Mckenzie III - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Amber Whitaker - Appointed - Term Expires 2025

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Gail Drake - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Kathryn Sawtelle - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Kathleen Ladd - Appointed - Term Expires 2025  
Terry Hodges Appointed- - Term Expires 2025  
Adam Higgins - Appointed - Term Expires 2024  
Adam Higgins - Sexton - Appointed - Term Expires 2025

**SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE**

Kara Kugelmeyer    Mike Gardner    Billie Jo Brown-Woods  
Scott Corey

**ALBION BICENTENIAL COMMITTEE**

Jeanie Doore- Co-Chair	Jill Frankenfield	Lynnda Sawtelle
Joseph Doore- Co-Chair	Felicia Gaulin	Brad Taylor
Beverly Bradstreet	Nancy Grudda	Pamela Wallace
Donna Dow	David Hammond	Robert Wallace
Leonard Dow	Julie Mckenzie	Amber Whitaker
Cindy Drake	Miranda Perkins	
David Frankenfield	Mary Rowe	

**ALBION TRANSMISSION LINE COMMITTEE**

Thomas Bolen	Charlie Hall	Lance Stewart
Paul Flynn	Eric Rolfson	Tracy Tuttle
	Jonathan Shaw- Resigned	

**VOTING DISTRICTS**

Congressional District 1  
 State Senate District 16  
 State House District 63  
 County Commissioner District 3

**REPRESENTATIVE TO LEGISLATURE DISTRICT # 63**

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## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

We respectfully submit our report for the fiscal year ending on January 31, 2024.

The year was not without its challenges. We continue to devote much time to the MSAD 49 School Consolidation and as you know, Albion was targeted as a proposed pathway for 150 feet wide, 150 foot high HVTL. These projects alone saw Selectpersons Gardner, Cyrway and Flynn devote countless hours in protecting our town while balancing the critical need for renewable energy. We are always looking for ways to provide better services for our residents. We, the Selectboard, are always open to suggestions from our citizens as to how best to spend your tax dollars. Schools, summer and winter road maintenance and solid disposal continue to be our largest expenses.

In addition to the aforementioned, 2023 proved to be a challenging year with all the storms we encountered. We incurred lots of road damage due to the bad weather. Through the diligent efforts of our Fire Chief, Road Commissioner and Selectboard, the town has secured \$10,000 from FEMA to help offset costs resulting from the storms.

We are excited to report we were able to complete three paving projects and a host of other road maintenance items were successfully completed. The plan is to continue keeping our roads a high priority item.

We as the Town of Albion need to be thinking of and be willing to discuss how best to prepare for our future. While things remain volatile on the National and State level, we are committed to service our community and our neighbors, by strengthening the Towns operation structure policies, procedures, and day to day town governance.

A special shout out of appreciation and recognition to all those who serve the Town of Albion. This includes office staff, firemen and rescue personnel, school board members, cemetery committee members, budget committee members, road commissioner, local law enforcement and all the other citizens who spend their time serving.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming Bicentennial event on Saturday, July 27th.

Respectfully Submitted by the Selectmen,

Michael Gardner

Scott Cyrway

Paul Flynn

**THE TOWN**

Land Area - 24,192 Acres

Inland Water Area - 408 Acres

Previously Called Freetown, Fairfax and Lagonia

Incorporated March 9, 1804, the 151st Town

Part set off to China, June 5, 1818

Name changed to Lagonia, March 10, 1821

Name changed to Albion, February 25, 1824

Part of Unity Plantation annexed March 30, 1852

Part set off to Benton, March 14, 1853

Part of Benton annexed May 26, 1989

Population 2020 census - 2006

**OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY ..... 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY ..... 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ..... CLOSED

THURSDAY ..... 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY ..... CLOSED



*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

February 14, 2024

Board of Directors  
Town of Albion, Maine  
22 Maine Street  
Albion, Maine 04910

We were engaged by the Town of Albion, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Albion, Maine as of and for the year ended January 31, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the town office.

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RHR Smith & Company  
Certified Public Accountants

## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF ALBION, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JANUARY 31, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 990,754	\$ -	\$ 990,754
Investments	34,108	-	34,108
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	215,077	-	215,077
Liens	32,523	-	32,523
Due from other government	16,041	-	16,041
Due from other funds	-	11,877	11,877
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,288,503</b>	<b>\$ 11,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,300,380</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,385	\$ -	\$ 4,385
Accrued expenses	349	-	349
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>16,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,611</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	3,951	-	3,951
Deferred taxes	172,069	-	172,069
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>176,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,020</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	11,877	11,877
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,095,872	-	1,095,872
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,095,872</b>	<b>11,877</b>	<b>1,107,749</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,288,503</b>	<b>\$ 11,877</b>	<b>\$ 1,300,380</b>

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

## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF ALBION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 2,665,203	\$ -	\$ 2,665,203
Intergovernmental revenue	485,607	-	485,607
Charges for services	25,118	-	25,118
Investment income	16,506	-	16,506
Other revenues	153,964	2,380	156,344
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>3,346,398</u>	<u>2,380</u>	<u>3,348,778</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	443,474	-	443,474
Public safety	194,892	-	194,892
Public works	861,698	-	861,698
Utilities	21,340	-	21,340
Supplies	3,080	-	3,080
Maintenance and repairs	9,268	-	9,268
Health and Sanitation	167,458	-	167,458
Special assessments	81,492	-	81,492
Education	1,629,107	-	1,629,107
Unclassified	4,218	167,937	172,155
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>3,416,027</u>	<u>167,937</u>	<u>3,583,964</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(69,629)	(165,557)	(235,186)
<b>FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<u>1,165,501</u>	<u>177,434</u>	<u>1,342,935</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31</b>	<u>\$ 1,095,872</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>\$ 1,107,749</u>

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## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF ALBION, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANAUARY 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 1. Restated	\$ 1,165,501	\$ 1,165,501	\$ 1,165,501	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes	2,312,103	2,312,103	2,215,054	(97,049)
Excise	459,946	459,946	450,149	(9,797)
Intergovernmental revenue				
Homestead	145,411	145,411	134,183	(11,228)
Road assistance	-	-	61,396	61,396
Revenue sharing	300,000	300,000	282,743	(17,257)
Tree growth	5,606	5,606	5,606	-
Veterans exemption	1,679	1,679	1,679	-
Charges for services	25,118	25,118	25,118	-
Fees/permits	18,076	18,076	18,076	-
Investment income	16,506	16,506	16,506	-
Bicentennial committee	25,074	25,074	25,074	-
Fire department	59,719	59,719	59,719	-
Property equalization	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Other income	26,095	26,095	26,095	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,585,834</u>	<u>4,585,834</u>	<u>4,511,899</u>	<u>(73,935)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	643,308	643,308	443,474	199,834
Public safety	184,900	184,900	194,892	(9,992)
Public works	881,000	881,000	861,698	19,302
Utilities	30,557	30,557	21,340	9,217
Supplies	3,400	3,400	3,080	320
Maintenance and repairs	12,000	12,000	9,268	2,732
Health and Sanitation	170,000	170,000	167,458	2,542
Special assessments	75,231	75,231	81,492	(6,261)
Education	1,629,107	1,629,107	1,629,107	-
Unclassified	2,000	2,000	4,218	(2,218)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,631,503</u>	<u>3,631,503</u>	<u>3,416,027</u>	<u>215,476</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 954,331</u>	<u>\$ 954,331</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,872</u>	<u>\$ 141,541</u>
Use of assigned fund balance	<u>\$ 211,170</u>	<u>\$ 211,170</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (211,170)</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF ALBION, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 JANUARY 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
ASSETS		
Due from other funds	\$ 11,877	\$ 11,877
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	-	-
Restricted	11,877	11,877
Committed	-	-
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>11,877</u>	<u>11,877</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>

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## SCHEDULE D

## TOWN OF ALBION, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES		
Other income	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,380
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,380</u>	<u>2,380</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Other	167,937	167,937
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>167,937</u>	<u>167,937</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(165,557)	(165,557)
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>177,434</u>	<u>177,434</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	<u>\$ 11,877</u>	<u>\$ 11,877</u>

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**2023 VALUATION REPORT FOR ALBION**

Taxable Real Estate	\$ 157,825,916.00
Taxable Personal Property	\$
Total Taxable Valuation	<u>\$ 157,825,916.00</u>
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Value	\$
Total Valuation Base	<u>\$ 157,825,916.00</u>

**APPROPRIATIONS 2023**

Town Officers - Elected/Appointed Officials	\$ 121,580.00
FICA and Medicare	\$ 15,000.00
Property Equalization Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Cemeteries	\$ 24,330.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 60,000.00
Town Highways & Bridges	\$ 127,000.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	\$ 19,000.00
Support of Poor	\$ 1,000.00
Solid Waste	\$ 125,000.00
Fire Department Operations	\$ 76,444.00
Fire Dept. Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Communications Center	\$ 40,000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 26,000.00
Besse Building Maintenance	\$ 16,000.00
Albion Public Library	\$ 6,470.00
Albion Historical Society	\$ 1,250.00
Memorial Day Expenses	\$ 350.00
Animal Control & Humane Society	\$ 3,633.00
KVCOG	\$ 2,760.00
Fairfield PAL	\$ 13,000.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2,030.00
Hospice Volunteers	\$ 1,000.00
Family Violence Project	\$ 3,550.00
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$ 7,000.00
KVCAP	\$ 250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Ctr	\$ 702.00
Delta Ambulance	\$ 30,090.00
Albion Bicentennial Fund	\$ 7,500.00
Albion School Withdrawal Committee	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Appropriation from Taxation	\$ 795,939.00
Municipal Appropriation Other Sources	\$ 798,230.00
Total Municipal Appropriation	\$ 1,594,169.00
Kennebec County Tax	\$ 197,057.00
MSAD # 49	\$ 1,629,107.22
Total Appropriation	\$ 3,420,333.22
Overlay Authorized by Assessors	\$ 82,327.24
Total Assessment	\$ 3,502,660.46
Less Revenue Sharing	\$ 310,000.00
Less Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 145,411.16
Less Other Deductions	\$ 8798,230.00
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 2,249,019.30</u>
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Property Tax</b>	<b>\$ 2,249,019.30</b>

Tax Rate = \$2,249,019.30 divided by \$157,825,916 = .01425

2023 Tax Rate = \$14.25 per \$1,000 of Valuation

*Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Dow, Michael Gardner, Paul Flynn, Board of Assessors*

## APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

### ALBION ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$	121,580.00
Expenditures:		
Richard Thompson, Deputy Moderator	\$	250.00
Beverly Bradstreet, Moderator	\$	75.00
Richard Lawrence, Moderator	\$	100.00
Mike Gardner, Chairman Selectman, Chairman Assessor & Overseer of the Poor	\$	7,920.00
Scott Cyrway, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor	\$	4,070.00
Paul Flynn, Selectman & Overseer of the Poor	\$	4,180.00
Matthew Dow, Assessor	\$	110.00
Jessica Mitchell, Administrative Assistant	\$	8,634.50
Jeanie Doore, Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Treasurer	\$	28,359.84
Jeanie Doore, Registrar of Voters	\$	1,650.00
Jeanie Doore, Addressing Officer	\$	165.00
Jerry Key, Addressing Officer	\$	165.00
Nancy Gamache, Deputy Clerk	\$	10,364.10
Valerie Higgins, Deputy Clerk	\$	2,440.50
Jessica Mitchell, Deputy Clerk	\$	3,365.00
Brittany Nowell, Deputy Clerk	\$	1,075.50
Megan Sica, Deputy Clerk	\$	2,160.00
RJD Appraisal, Assessor Agent	\$	14,291.61
Jeff Cucci, CEO & Plumbing Inspector	\$	2,361.66
Cindy Abbott, CEO & Plumbing Inspector	\$	10,173.28
Rachel Weaver, Animal Control	\$	2,280.00
Johnna Hatt, Animal Control	\$	1,650.00
Andy Clark, Fire Chief	\$	10,000.00
Andy Clark, Health Officer	\$	100.00
Beverly Bradstreet, Election Clerk	\$	217.35
Jean Clark, Election Clerk	\$	75.90
Alyssa Corson, Election Clerk	\$	303.60
Nancy Doore, Election Clerk	\$	117.30
Nancy Gamache, Election Clerk	\$	171.00
Vicki Gordon, Election Clerk	\$	55.20
Valerie Higgins, Election Clerk	\$	276.10
Jessica Mitchell, Election Clerk	\$	170.00
Roberta Morin, Election Clerk	\$	113.85
Ervin Lord, Election Clerk	\$	72.45
Kathy Lord, Election Clerk	\$	148.35
Karen Sennett, Election Clerk	\$	117.30
Meghan Sica, Election Clerk	\$	126.00
Joey Thompson, Election Clerk	\$	72.45
Joseph Doore, Election Warrant Posting	\$	20.00
Kevin Morrissey, Planning Board	\$	340.00
Mathew Dow, Planning Board	\$	165.00

Ben McPherson, Planning Board	\$	165.00
William Gatti, Planning Board	\$	235.00
Dennis McKeen, Planning Board	\$	140.00
Jason Dow, Planning Board	\$	215.00
Jerry Keay, Planning Board	\$	90.00
Jessica Mitchell, Planning Board Secretary	\$	459.00
Expenditures	\$	119,806.84
Appropriation	\$	121,580.00
Balance	\$	1,773.16

**ALBION FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$	76,444.00
AFD Kenwood Grant Rebate	\$	7,350.00
Cost Sharing Grant Refund	\$	627.77
Cost Sharing Grant Refund	\$	803.37
FEMA	\$	18,791.74
Fire Billing	\$	2,783.25
Maine General Medical Center Refund	\$	305.62
MMA Loss Prevention Grant	\$	2,468.65
Total Appropriation	\$	109,574.40
Expenditures:		
American Glass	\$	464.13
Atlantic Partners EMS, Inc.	\$	475.00
Autotronics	\$	842.51
Bergeron Protective Clothing	\$	1,462.80
Carter, Lauren, Stipend	\$	144.00
Caswell, Randy, Stipend	\$	105.00
Central Maine Motors	\$	883.16
Central Maine Power Co.	\$	3,229.61
Chamberlain, Dylan, Stipend	\$	96.00
Chase Toys, Inc.	\$	740.99
Clark, Andy, Conference	\$	314.26
CLIA Laboratory Program	\$	180.00
CMHT, Hose Testing	\$	2,158.40
D. L. Thurrott, Inc.	\$	1,327.77
Dow, Andrew, Stipend	\$	238.00
Dow, Brittany, Stipend	\$	462.00
Dow, Jason, Stipend	\$	238.00
Dow, Leonard, Stipend	\$	560.00
Dow, Matthew K., Stipend	\$	546.00
Dow, Matthew Jr., Stipend	\$	28.00
Dow, Philip, Stipend	\$	460.00
Dow, Timothy, Stipend	\$	1,481.00
Elan, Supplies	\$	4,854.06
Elan, Fire Billing Lenovo	\$	2,566.48
Eldridge, Nolan K. Stipend	\$	598.00
Emergency Medical Products	\$	357.88
Emergency Services Marketing Corp, Inc.	\$	660.00
Energy Wireless of Maine	\$	170.00

Esler, Shawn Officer & Stipend	\$	1,360.00
Esler, Shawn Supplies	\$	44.65
Fairfield Fire Training Facility	\$	350.00
Fortin, Peter, Officer & Stipend	\$	622.00
Heald, Kaleb, Stipend	\$	464.00
Harrison Shrader Enterprises	\$	14,150.28
Higgins	\$	244.23
Higgins, Adam, Mowing	\$	550.00
Hub International New England LLC	\$	1,020.00
Hubbard, Sumner, Officer & Stipend	\$	968.00
Ideal Electric Inc	\$	334.00
Image Trend, Inc.	\$	175.00
Impact Fire	\$	449.50
Industrial Protection Services	\$	2,342.24
ITSP Direct	\$	130.93
Keay, Jerry, Stipend	\$	1,904.00
Keay, Kevin, Stipend	\$	630.00
Keay, Kevin, Reimbursement	\$	82.21
Kibbie, Joseph, Stipend	\$	84.00
Lalancette, Tyler, Officer & Stipend	\$	238.00
Levers, John, Stipend	\$	288.00
Limitless Graphics & Photography	\$	390.48
Lindsay, Jeffrey, Stipend	\$	196.00
Littlefield, Michael, Stipend	\$	952.00
Maine Fire Chiefs Assoc.	\$	285.00
Maine Fire Service Institute	\$	250.00
Maine General Medical Center	\$	429.92
Maritime Energy	\$	2,485.96
Nelson, Elana, Stipend	\$	56.00
Nelson, Joel, Officer & Stipend	\$	1,116.00
New England Kenworth	\$	627.32
Nielsen, Carla, Stipend	\$	126.00
Nielsen, Howard Jr., Stipend	\$	128.00
Nielsen, Matthew, Stipend	\$	28.00
North Pond Road Mechanics, Inspections	\$	420.00
Northeast Emergency Apparatus LLC	\$	3,906.15
Reliance Equipment, Pump Testing	\$	6,775.85
Saturn Business Services, Inc.	\$	79.50
Savery, Ryan, Stipend	\$	732.00
Sawtelle, Tom, Officer & Stipend	\$	1,320.00
Seekins, Joshua, Stipend	\$	32.00
Sinclair, Dan, Stipend	\$	154.00
Sinclair, Kaitlyn, Stipend	\$	126.00
Sinclair, Kevin, Officer & Stipend	\$	224.00
Spaulding Sales & Service	\$	475.27
Spaulding, Chris, Stipend	\$	42.00
Steven Dow Heating	\$	175.00
Stryker Sales Corporation	\$	1,461.15
Technology Solutions of Maine	\$	370.00

Teleflex LLC	\$	567.50
Terminix Processing Center	\$	414.00
The Sheridan Corporation	\$	526.72
T-Mobile USA, Inc.	\$	355.48
Treasurer, State of Maine, Compressed Air	\$	10.00
Winslow Fire Department, Pumps Class	\$	25.00
Witmer Public Safety Group, Uniforms	\$	192.54
Wright Express (WEX Bank), Fuel	\$	3,405.11
Yankee Communications	\$	<u>28,405.40</u>
Expenditures	\$	109,339.44
Appropriation	\$	<u>109,574.40</u>
Balance	\$	<u>234.96</u>

### AMBULANCE BILLING

Medical Billing	\$	26,894.30
Expenditures:		
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$	814.57
Bound Tree Medical	\$	850.45
Caswell, Randy, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	2,585.00
Delta Ambulance	\$	1,080.00
Dow, Timothy, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	3,540.50
Eldridge, Nolan, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	536.50
Easler, Shawn, Transfer Pay	\$	20.00
Emergency Medical Products, Inc.	\$	359.35
Heald, Caleb, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	752.00
Keay, Jerry, Transfer Pay	\$	276.00
Levers, John, Per Diem	\$	144.00
Littlefield, Michael, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	5,831.50
Maine Oxy	\$	67.08
Sawtelle, Thomas, Transfer Pay & Per Diem	\$	392.50
Medical Reimbursement Services Inc	\$	1,815.25
Wright Express (WEX Bank) Fuel	\$	<u>1,172.60</u>
Expenditures	\$	20,237.30
Appropriation	\$	<u>26,894.30</u>
Balance	\$	<u>6,657.00</u>

### ALBION FIRE DEPT. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

Appropriation	\$	<u>25,000.00</u>
Balance	\$	25,000.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Aroostook County Federal Savings - Loan	\$	<u>18,736.01</u>
Expenditures	\$	18,736.01
Appropriation	\$	<u>25,000.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$	<u>6,263.99</u>

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

Appropriation	\$	40,000.00
Balance	\$	40,000.00
Expenditures:		
City of Waterville	\$	16,070.59
Treasurer, State of Maine	\$	<u>19,054.11</u>
Expenditures	\$	35,124.70
Appropriation	\$	<u>40,000.00</u>
Balance	\$	<u>4,875.30</u>

**ALBION HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Appropriation	\$	1,250.00
Albion Historical Society	\$	1,250.00

**ALBION RECREATION**

Appropriation	\$	13,000.00
Fairfield P.A.L.	\$	13,000.00

**ALBION SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE**

Appropriation	\$	10,000.00
Appropriation from General Fund	\$	10,000.00
2022 Unexpended Balance	\$	<u>44,080.44</u>
Balance	\$	<u>64,080.44</u>
Expenditures:		
Brann & Isaacson Attorneys & Counselors at Law	\$	10,552.06
CBG Consulting and Development LLC	\$	763.75
Elan	\$	175.58
Jessica Mitchell	\$	27.00
Jessica Mitchell, Mileage	\$	26.40
Saturn Business Services, Inc, Survey	\$	<u>1,602.36</u>
Expenditures	\$	13,147.15
Appropriation	\$	<u>64,080.44</u>
Balance	\$	<u>50,933.29</u>

**ALBION BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Appropriation	\$	7,500.00
2022 Carryover Balance	\$	6,128.84
Sales of Merchandise & Fund Raisers	\$	<u>17,573.82</u>
Balance	\$	31,202.66
Expenditures:		
Beyond The Kerf, Ornaments	\$	500.00
Dr. Drew & His Animals Too	\$	410.00
Elan, Supplies	\$	1,832.79
Jeanie Doore, Supplies	\$	99.27
Joseph Doore, Supplies	\$	45.65
Miranda Perkins, Supplies	\$	99.34
Nancy Gamache, Mugs	\$	80.00
NLC Ink LLC - T-shirts & Hats	\$	5,377.31



Pam Wallace, Books	\$ 310.23
Robert Wallace, Books	<u>\$ 2,937.41</u>
Expenditures:	\$ 11,692.00
Appropriation	<u>\$ 31,202.66</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 19,510.66</u>

**ALBION SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

Appropriation - Snowmobile Registration Refund	\$ 2,125.02
Expenditures:	
Night Road Runner Snowmobile Club - 2022 Snowmobile Refund	\$ 1,138.64
Night Road Runner Snowmobile Club - 2023 Snowmobile Refund	<u>\$ 986.38</u>
Expenditures:	\$ 2,125.02
Appropriation	<u>\$ 2,125.02</u>
Balance	<u>\$ -</u>

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$ 3,633.00
License Fees from Town Clerk	\$ 552.00
Late Fees	\$ 375.00
Balance	\$ 4,560.00
Expenditures:	
Waterville Area Humane Society	\$ 3,796.37
Elan, supplies	<u>\$ 101.94</u>
Expenditures	\$ 3,898.31
Appropriation	<u>\$ 4,560.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 661.69</u>

**BESSE BUILDING**

Appropriation	\$ 16,000.00
Rental Fees	<u>\$ 3,105.00</u>
Balance	\$ 19,105.00
Expenditures:	
AAA Portable Toilets, Pumping Septic Tank	\$ 425.00
Adam Higgins, Mowing	\$ 1,150.00
Central Maine Power	\$ 2,539.76
Elan, cleaning supplies	\$ 300.49
Fabian Oil, propane	\$ 14.81
Impact Fire	\$ 260.50
Jason Marks Electric	\$ 215.00
Jean Brown, Janitorial Services	\$ 4,420.00
Maritime Energy	\$ 8,220.64
Steven Dow Heating	\$ 539.00
VW Harding Water	<u>\$ 330.00</u>
Expenditures	\$ 18,415.20
Appropriation	<u>\$ 19,105.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 689.80</u>

**BESSE BUILDING REPAIRS**

Appropriation from General Fund	\$ 6,000.00
Expenditures:	
Steven Dow Heating & Plumbing	\$ 1,438.00
Expenditures	\$ 1,438.00
Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00
Balance	\$ 4,562.00

**CEMETERY**

Appropriation	\$ 24,330.00
Carry Over from 2018	\$ 6,558.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Balance	\$ 30,988.00
Expenditures:	
Adam Higgins, Mowing	\$ 20,500.00
Expenditures:	\$ 20,500.00
Appropriation	\$ 30,988.00
Balance	\$ 10,488.00

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Balance January 31, 2022	\$ 38,598.54
Interest	\$
Total Funds	\$ 38,598.54

**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

Appropriation	\$ 14,532.00
Expenditures:	
Family Violence Project	\$ 3,350.00
Good Shepherd Food Bank	\$ 7,000.00
Hospice Volunteers	\$ 1,000.00
KVCAP	\$ 250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Ctr.	\$ 702.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2,030.00
Expenditures	\$ 14,332.00
Appropriation	\$ 14,532.00
Balance	\$ 200.00

**CLERK FEES**

Received from Town Clerk	\$ 13,097.75
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**COUNTY TAX**

Appropriation	\$ 197,057.00
Paid Kennebec County Treasurer	\$ 197,057.00

**DELTA AMBULANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 30,090.00
Delta Ambulance	\$ 22,567.50
Balance	\$ 7,522.50

**EXCISE TAXES**

2023 Boat Excise Tax	\$ 2,177.10
2023 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	<u>\$ 448,564.16</u>
Total	\$ 450,741.26
Expenditures:	
Appropriated to Snowplowing & Sanding	<u>\$ 436,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 436,000.00
Received from Excise Taxes	<u>\$ 450,741.26</u>
Balance of Excise Taxes	<u>\$ 14,741.26</u>

**HIGHWAYS**

Appropriation	\$ 127,000.00
Received from Local Road Assistance	\$ 61,396.00
Appropriation From General Fund	\$ 220,000.00
Appropriation from General Fund at Special Town Meeting	\$ 59,155.59
Received from Town of Benton, Grading	\$ 1,200.00
Received Refund	\$ 592.76
Received Refund Sargent	<u>\$ 2,998.58</u>
Total Highway Funds	\$ 472,342.93
Expenditures:	
3D Equipment, supplies	\$ 655.38
Albion Mini Mart, supplies	\$ 148.43
Carter, Henry, Supplies and Labor	\$ 800.00
D.A.C. Distributors, Inc., Parts & Batteries	\$ 518.30
Dow, Jason, Labor	\$ 388.50
Dyer, Andrew, Storm Pay	\$ 163.00
Elan, Supplies	\$ 2,401.57
Fitch, Loren, Grader Repairs	\$ 1,519.17
Getchell, Michael, Bushhog Dump	\$ 300.00
Howard P. Fairfield, Grader Repairs	\$ 1,185.52
Innovative Land Services, LLC, Mowing & Ditching	\$ 28,256.25
Kaczmarek, Brian, Equipment Rental	\$ 17,363.55
Kaczmarek, Brian, Stipend	\$ 1,210.00
Kaczmarek, Brian, Labor	\$ 31,170.15
KVCOG, signs	\$ 133.00
Lee, Matthew, Gravel & Grader Blades	\$ 1,330.00
Lindsay, Jeffrey, Brush Disposal	\$ 1,700.00
Littlefield's Construction, LLC, Gravel & Excavation	\$ 68,800.90
Lowe & Bassett, LLC, E. Benton Road Work	\$ 19,300.00
Mac's True Value, Supplies	\$ 259.98
Maine-ly Paving	\$ 133,613.27
Merton Richards Inc., Gravel	\$ 5,104.00
Perkins, Henry, Labor	\$ 821.70
Pike Industries	\$ 1,250.74
Plasse, Crystal, Labor	\$ 6,809.55
Pioneer Machine Inc. Labor	\$ 690.00
Raymond, Randy, Labor	\$ 4,159.45
Sargent, Cold Mix	\$ 11,561.44

Shores Farm, Hay	\$ 475.00
Spaulding Sales & Service	\$ 667.56
Two Spruce, Culverts	\$ 9,273.26
United Construction & Forestry, repairs	\$ 1,120.58
White Sign, Road Signs	\$ 1,347.63
Wright Express, Wex Bank, Fuel	\$ 6,466.84
Expenses	\$ 360,964.72
Appropriation	\$ 472,342.93
Balance	\$ 111,378.21

### HIGHWAY GRADER FUND

TD Bank CD - Grader Fund	\$ 34,174.77
Appropriation	\$ 26,000.00
Balance	\$ 60,174.77

### HIGHWAYS - SNOWPLOWING & SANDING

Appropriation	\$ 19,000.00
Appropriation from Excise Tax	\$ 436,000.00
Reimbursement for Electricity from Nitram	\$ 2,366.69
Balance	\$ 457,366.69
Expenditures:	
Central Maine Power	\$ 2,580.62
Clint Spaulding	\$ 13,661.50
Morton Salt	\$ 21,505.24
New England Salt Company, LLC	\$ 11,635.81
Nitram, Contract	\$ 414,750.00
Expenditures	\$ 464,133.17
Appropriation	\$ 457,366.69
Balance	\$ (6,766.48)

### INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$ 26,000.00
MMA Workman's Comp Refund	\$ 1,323.00
Balance	\$ 27,323.00
Expenditures:	
Maine Municipal Association, Workman's Comp	\$ 3,934.02
MMA, Town Officials, Besse Building, Fire Dept., Liability	\$ 23,909.60
Expenditures	\$ 27,843.62
Appropriation	\$ 27,323.60
Balance	\$ (520.02)

### INTEREST

Interest on Taxes	\$ 7,977.82
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### KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Appropriation	\$ 2,760.00
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$ 2,760.00

**LIBRARY**

Appropriation	\$	6,470.00
Expenditures:		
Albion Library, Computer & Supplies	\$	3,480.00
Central Maine Power Company	\$	1,953.99
Impact Fire	\$	200.50
MMG Insurance Company	\$	<u>1,552.00</u>
Expenditures	\$	7,186.49
Appropriation	\$	<u>6,470.00</u>
Balance	\$	<u>(716.49)</u>

**LOCAL RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Appropriation - Balance	\$	175,381.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Dons Plumbing & Heating, Besse Heat Pump	\$	5,300.00
Aerus, Air Purifier	\$	2,300.00
Jason Dow, Truck Usage & Chainsaw	\$	680.70
Jason Marks, Labor	\$	2,100.00
Kennebec Roofing, Snow Stops	\$	6,400.00
Maine-ly Paving, E. Benton Rd, Quaker Hill Rd., Town Office	\$	143,821.25
Maine Commercial Tire	\$	2,349.50
Technology Solutions of Maine, Computer	\$	1,263.96
White Sign, Road Signs	\$	<u>1,341.34</u>
Expenditures	\$	165,556.75
Appropriation	\$	<u>175,381.00</u>
Balance	\$	<u>9,824.25</u>

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$	60,000.00
Albion Associates	\$	4,523.52
Cable Franchise Fees	\$	12,493.08
Checking Account Interest	\$	3,794.44
Copies	\$	176.75
Junk Yard Permit	\$	69.68
Land Use Permits	\$	2,865.00
Lien Costs	\$	4,518.64
Miscellaneous Refund	\$	305.62
Notary Fees	\$	270.00
Overlay	\$	82,327.24
Postage	\$	20.38
Renewable Energy, Solar Panels	\$	575.00
Sale of Liquor License	\$	572.06
Stabil Tax App Processing Fee	\$	805.00
Tax Bill Postage Refund	\$	99.49
Telephone/Fax	\$	136.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$	5,605.65
Veterans Reimbursement	\$	<u>1,679.00</u>
Balance	\$	180,836.55

Expenditures:	
A2Z Computing Services, Web Page	\$ 1,276.25
Aerial Survey & Photo Inc., Property Tax Maps	\$ 3,000.00
Bomar Printing, Town Reports	\$ 1,602.00
Creative Digital Imaging, Tax Bill Mailing	\$ 700.00
Direct Communications	\$ 2,518.04
Elan	\$ 5,050.81
Elan, Office Chairs	\$ 2,872.73
Harris Computer Systems, Trio	\$ 13,540.69
Hygrade Business	\$ 709.32
Jeanie Doore, Office Supplies & Mileage	\$ 489.41
Jessica Mitchell, Training Mileage	\$ 128.98
Keel J. Hood, CPA	\$ 5,300.00
Kennebec County Registry of Deeds	\$ 2,253.57
Kyocera, Motor Vehicles Printer Maintenance	\$ 399.00
Maine Dept. of Labor	\$ 25.02
Maine Municipal Association	\$ 3,143.00
Maine Municipal Tax Collectors Assn.	\$ 85.00
Maine Today Media, Ads	\$ 328.80
Maine Town & City Clerk Assn.	\$ 30.00
Michael Gardner, mileage	\$ 256.20
Nancy Gamache, Training & Office Supplies	\$ 19.87
O'Donnell & Lee, LLC, Legal Fees	\$ 6,326.10
Richo USA, Inc., copier maintenance	\$ 287.72
Schwaab, Inc., Business Cards	\$ 119.45
Seacoast Security, Security System	\$ 360.00
TD Bank, Service Charge	\$ 69.52
Technology Solutions of Maine, Computers	\$ 5,683.93
The Town Line, Inc., Ad	\$ 190.00
Unemployment Compensation Div	\$ 100.00
Expenditures	\$ 56,865.41
Appropriation	\$ 180,836.55
Balance	\$ 123,971.14

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Received from Plumbing Fees	\$ 2,647.50
Expenditures:	
Treasurer, State of Maine, Plumbing Permits	\$ 105.00
Treasurer, State of Maine, Plumbing Permits	\$ 585.00
Expenditures	\$ 690.00
Fees Received	\$ 2,647.50
Balance	\$ 1,957.50

### PROPERTY EQUALIZATION

Balance January 31, 2022	\$ 46,128.37
Appropriation 2022	\$ 5,000.00
Appropriation 2023	\$ 25,000.00
Interest	\$
Total Funds	\$ 76,128.37

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DIST. #49**

Appropriation	\$ 1,629,107.22
Paid SAD # 49	\$ 1,629,107.22

**SOCIAL SECURITY - FICA**

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00
Paid TD Banknorth	\$ 14,007.54
Balance	\$ 992.46

**STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING**

2021 Balance	\$ 77,376.67
2022 Balance	\$ 36,916.93
Received 2023, Treasurer State of Maine	\$ 282,783.05
Total Funds	\$ 397,076.65
Amount used to reduce 2023 Commitment	\$ 310,000.00
Balance	\$ 87,076.65

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Expenditures:	
Central Maine Power Company	\$ 3,795.74
Balance	\$ 1,204.26

**TAX ABATEMENTS**

Health Reach Comm. Health Center	\$ 1,307.13
Troy Reynolds	\$ 279.28
Total Abatements	\$ 1,586.41

**2022 TAXES - SUPPLEMENTAL**

Linda Notzelman	\$ 33.20
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**2023 TAXES - SUPPLEMENTAL**

Richard Shores	\$ 1,404.34
Total Supplemental for 2022 & 2023	\$ 1,437.54

**TOWN RELIEF**

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Received Donation from VFW	\$ 10,000.00
Balance	\$ 11,000.00

**TOWN RELIEF - LIBBY FUND**

Carryover from 2022	\$	15,786.22
Expenditures:		
Housing	\$	2,284.00
Electricity	\$	2,021.35
Motor Vehicle Registration	\$	217.50
Oil / Fuel	\$	132.50
Taxes	\$	842.00
Expenditures	\$	5,497.35
Received from Libby Fund	\$	15,786.22
Balance	\$	10,288.87

**WASHBURN-BRANN-WARD POST #195**

Appropriation Memorial Day Expenses		
Paid American Legion Post #195	\$	350.00
	\$	350.00

**WASTE DISPOSAL**

Appropriation	\$	125,000.00
Appropriation from General Fund	\$	45,000.00
Municipal Review Committee	\$	346.20
Balance	\$	170,346.20
Expenditures:		
KVCOG, HHW, Collection Event	\$	500.00
Municipal Waste Solutions MWS	\$	69,503.14
Lee, Matthew, Cleanup Day	\$	400.00
Gregorys Disposal	\$	21,000.00
Saturn Business Services, Inc., Supplies	\$	275.86
Sullivan House Pickup & Recycling	\$	66,722.39
Sullivan, Spring Cleanup Day	\$	8,557.00
Town of China	\$	500.00
Expenditures	\$	167,458.39
Appropriation	\$	170,346.20
Balance	\$	2,887.81

**FINANCIAL STANDING**

Fire Department Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$	92,357.47
Trust Account	\$	136,420.56
Highway Equipment Account	\$	60,174.77
2022 Outstanding Tax Liens	\$	35,061.82
2023 Outstanding Real Estate Taxes	\$	163,202.30
Cash Balance February 1, 2024	\$	807,136.26
Total Resources	\$	1,294,353.18

Selectpersons of Albion,  
MICHAEL GARDINER, CHAIRMAN  
SCOTT CYRWAY  
PAUL FLYNN



**TREASURER'S RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand February 1, 2023	\$1,081,141.92
Albannah Libby Fund	\$0.00
Albion Associates	\$4,523.52
Albion Bicentennial Committee	\$25,073.82
Animal Control Payable	\$1,303.00
Animal Control Receivable	\$552.00
Animal control Late Fees	\$375.00
Besse Building rental	\$2,675.00
Cemetery, Donation	\$100.00
Cemetery, Sale of Lots	\$0.00
Clerk fees	\$13,090.75
Excise tax, boat	\$2,177.10
Excise tax, motor vehicles	\$447,972.41
Federal Tax Refund- Overpayment	\$874.40
Fire Dept Medical Billing	\$26,894.30
Fire Dept Grants	\$22,691.53
Fire Dept Kenwood Rebate	\$7,350.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$12,493.08
Highway, DOT State local road assistance	\$61,396.00
Highway	\$4,791.34
Homestead	\$134,183.00
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Payables	\$21,566.56
Interest, Taxes	\$7,977.82
Junkyard Permit	\$69.68
Land Use permits	\$2,865.00
Lien costs	\$2,379.90
MISC Refund- overpayment to Maine General	\$305.62
MMA Loss Prevention Grant	\$4,507.51
Motor Vehicle Payable	\$183,856.38
Notary	\$270.00
Photocopies	\$176.75
Plumbing Inspections	\$2,647.50
Postage	\$20.38
Refund - Postage tax bills	\$99.49
Renewable Energy	\$575.00
Sale of Liquor License	\$572.06

Salt Shed Electric Bill	\$2,366.69
Snowmobile Registration Rebate 22/23	\$2,125.02
Solid Waste- MRC	\$346.20
Stablization Application Processing Fee	\$805.00
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$282,783.05
Telephone/Fax	\$136.00
Tree Growth	\$5,605.65
Veterans Reimbursement	\$1,679.00
VFW Donation	\$10,000.00
Workers Comp Dividend	\$1,323.00
Tax Liens, 2020	\$2,862.41
Tax Liens, 2021	\$32,727.83
Tax Liens, 2022	\$32,523.04
Taxes, 2023 Real Estate	\$2,025,821.41
Taxes, 2024 Prepaid Real Estate	\$3,951.16
Vital Records	\$136.00
Supplimentals 2023	\$1,437.54
 Total Income 2024	 \$3,403,034.90
 Abatements RE 2023	 -\$1,586.41
Total AP Warrants 2023	\$3,384,484.20
Total Payroll Warrants 2023	\$173,685.86
 Cash Balance, February 1, 2024	 \$807,136.26
TD Bank CD Balance	\$34,174.77
TD Bank Trust Accounts Balance	\$136,420.56
TD Bank AFD Balance	\$92,357.47

**2022 TAX LIENS**

ASHLEY, TYLER M	899.50
BLAISDELL (ESTATE), LARRY A	796.97
BRAGG, RICKEY J	676.72
CARL, SANDRA S	1,624.13
CROUSE, GRACE E	148.53
CUSHMAN, SHILO E	235.49
DOW, ANDREW C	581.80
DOW'S GENERAL PROPERTIES, LLC	5,088.08
FOREST-LANCASTER BETSY JANE	900.09
GILBERT, DOREEN M	0.49
LEE, DIANA J	1,391.92
LEE, RONALD H	890.52
LEE, RONALD H	1,269.83
LEWIS, DARRELL, ESTATE OF	695.76
LEWIS, STEVE M	1,025.07
MARTINO, GIUSEPPE F	84.19
MURRAY, RICHARD J	2,639.94
MURRAY, RICHARD J	2,332.92
NEWELL, THOMAS T JR	254.36
NEWELL, THOMAS T JR	1,494.53
POOLER, KEVIN	910.03
ST PETER, LEON S	1,637.38
STEWART, SABRINA	407.45
SUKEFORTH, RICHARD M JR	1,025.72
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	3,076.34
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	538.42
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	332.61
TOMASZEK, JOSEPH II	649.83
VIGUE, DENNIS J	1,381.24
VIGUE, JAMES C	1,166.07
YOUNG, JEFFREY J	905.89
TOTAL FOR 31 ACCOUNTS	35,061.82

**2023 UNPAID TAXES**

ABBOTT, KASTLE JEFFREY	143.93
ADAMS, DANA J	954.75
ADAMS, DAVID A	749.25
AKERS JR, DAVID J	988.79
ALEXANDER INVESTMENTS, LLC	1,899.53
ALLEY, JEFFREY J	186.68
AMES, DEBORAH A	2,097.60
AMES, DEBORAH A	1,728.53
ASHLEY, TYLER M	998.93
ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO	370.50
BARNES, BASIL B SR (ESTATE)	3,991.43

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BARTLETT, RICHARD	186.01
BHATTACHARYYA, ABHIJIT	16.17
BLAISDELL (ESTATE), LARRY A	796.58
BOLDUC, HECTOR W JR	74.10
BRADSTREET, SETH D	2,198.78
BRAGG, RICKEY J	842.18
BURGESS, RYAN S	1,480.58
CARL, SANDRA S	1,987.88
CHAMBERLAIN, DYLAN S	189.53
COGLEY, JAMES A	40.63
COOKSON, JEFFERY A SR	1,159.95
COREY, TIMOTHY R	1,093.11
COREY, TIMOTHY R	339.15
CROUSE, GRACE E	79.80
CUMMINGS, THOMAS J III	1,308.15
CUSHMAN, SHILO E	437.48
DAVIS, JOHN	1,519.05
DOW, ANDREW C	248.90
DOW, ANDREW C	659.78
DOW, BRENT C	245.61
DOW, SARAH L	393.30
DOW'S GENERAL PROPERTIES, LLC	5,506.20
DUFOUR, JOHN A	255.49
DUSOE, ROBERT A	3,142.13
DUSOE, ROBERT A	497.33
DYER, GARY C. & PAULA A.	2,283.21
FERLAND, ROGER R	1,135.73
FERLAND, ROGER R	1,564.65
FITCH, LOREN E	564.30
FOREST-LANCASTER BETSY JANE	1,558.95
FORTIER, MICHAEL	1,496.25
FOURNIER, MACKENZIE R	2,311.35
FREEDOM'S EDGE, LLC	1,305.30
FULLER, DEAN E	1,953.68
FULLER, RODNEY F*	186.68
GAUTHIER, MICHAEL J	1,719.98
GILBERT, DOREEN M	595.65
GIVEN, JAMES M	854.07
GOULETTE, JULIE A	1,383.68
GRAHAM, CHRISTIAN M	397.58
GRAHAM-RAMIREZ, JESSICA L	2,219.09
GUBER, JAY	54.15
HAMILTON, MATTHEW	186.68
HAMMOND, DAVID A	930.53
HARWELL, HUGH J	1,706.60
HATHAWAY, GARY	505.88
HERSEY, JOYCE M	754.37
HIGGINS SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUST	25.67
HIGGINS, BRIAN R	294.98

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HIGGINS, ELWIN R*	228.00
HIGGINS, ELWIN R*	638.74
HOLMES, JACQUELINE DOROTHY	732.43
HOTHAM, JED M	1,244.03
HOTHAM, NICHOLAS D	2,741.70
JOHNSON, KENNETH E	1,446.38
KELLEY, BEVERLY L	1,443.37
KELLEY, BEVERLY L	1,588.88
KELLEY, HEATHER T	371.93
LAVALLE-RIVERA, JUAN L	665.48
LAWRENCE, DAVID AQUILA	27.08
LEARY, BRIAN N	204.94
LEARY, BRIAN N	669.75
LEE, DIANA J	1,185.60
LEE, DIANA J	1,444.95
LEE, RONALD H	904.88
LEE, RONALD H	1,319.55
LEE, RONALD H	1,925.09
LEIGHTON, LESLIE, ESTATE OF	1,065.90
LEWIS, KAIA L	1,105.80
LEWIS, STEVE M	1,169.93
LOVEJOY HOSPITALITY, LLC	431.78
MARION, PASHA A**	2,052.17
MARTINO, GIUSEPPE F	1,675.80
MCGAREY, JAMES T	1,332.38
MCKENNEY, DALE A	213.75
MCKENNEY, DALE A	212.33
MCKENZIE (ESTATE OF), WILLIAM H JR	3,189.15
MCKENZIE, KELLY L	2,690.40
MCKENZIE, WILLIAM H III	399.00
MCQUILKIN, WILLIAM E JR	1,446.38
MORENCY HOMES, LLC	1,938.00
MORENCY PROPERTIES, LLC	1,362.30
MORENCY, PAUL	3,370.13
MURRAY, RICHARD J	2,921.25
MURRAY, RICHARD J	2,488.05
NADEAU, JESSE	424.65
NEWELL, THOMAS T JR	205.20
NEWELL, THOMAS T JR	1,684.35
NICKERSON, MICHAEL	257.93
NOYES, ANDREW J*	924.83
NOYES, ANDREW J*	55.58
OGDEN, AUSTIN G. & LYNDIA & JOSHUA	3,646.58
OKOLITA, STEVE JR	113.74
PALMER, JASON F	976.56
PETRIE, ERIC D	994.65
PETRIE, ERIC D	1,778.40
POOLER, KEVIN	921.98
RANDAZZA, MEGAN L	7.95

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RICHARDS, MERTON D JR	171.00
RICHARDS, MERTON D JR	461.70
RICHARDS, MERTON D JR	679.73
RICHARDS, RODNEY H	963.30
RICHARDS, RODNEY H	1,065.90
RODERICK, CHARLES M	2,888.48
ROSITER, SUSAN	1,045.95
ROY, LATRICIA M (ESTATE)	2,520.83
RUBIN, GABRIEL	289.28
S&K PROPERTIES, LLC	2,477.14
S.T. LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC	215.18
S.T. LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC	210.90
SAVOY, SHIRLEY A	192.38
SCHOLZ, MICHAEL A	678.30
SHOREY-PETERSON, STACY	220.88
SMITH, LINDA	1,326.68
SPAULDING 3, LLC	1,848.23
ST PETER, LEON S	1,732.80
ST PETER, RICHARD	1,633.05
STEWART, MICHAEL P	748.13
STEWART, SABRINA	373.35
STEWART, SHAUN P	327.75
SUKEFORTH, RICHARD M JR	1,151.40
SWEATT, GEORGE A III (Heirs)	2,875.65
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	3,525.45
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	511.58
SWEATT, PENELOPE L	285.00
THIBODEAU, RICHARD F	688.28
THOMPSON, EDWINA	711.08
TOMASZEK, JOSEPH II	736.73
VIGUE, DENNIS J	1,537.58
VIGUE, JAMES C	1,204.13
WAKEFIELD, ROGER	585.13
WAUGH, DANA & SITNIK, JODY & WAUGH, RODNEY	265.55
WAUGH, MATTHEW	1,046.63
WAUGH, MATTHEW	659.78
YOUNG, JEFFREY J	1,138.58
<b>TOTALS FOR 149 BILLS</b>	<b>163,629.97</b>

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**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**  
**Vital Statistics**

Number of Marriages ..... 16  
Number of Births..... 16  
Number of Deaths ..... 24

**DEATHS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bartsch, Susan Elizabeth	81	Augusta	08/30/2023
Bouchard, Darren Anthony	54	Albion	07/18/2023
Bragg, Liza Marie	46	Portland	05/06/2023
Cahill, Evelyn B	86	Albion	09/21/2023
Chadbourne, Bruce	67	Albion	05/21/2023
Clark, Virginia Ruth	87	Albion	05/07/2023
Costello, John James III	68	Albion	01/11/2024
Cronkite, Franklin Linwood	84	Albion	04/19/2023
Crosby, James Harold	88	Albion	06/02/2023
Donnell, Alvah	45	Portland	02/25/2023
Doore, Martha Marie	91	Waterville	10/11/2023
Esler, Barry T.	87	Albion	01/30/2024
Gauthier, Michael Joseph	68	Albion	04/28/2023
Goodhue, David Martin Sr	102	Togus USVA	12/14/2023
Hall, Kenneth W. Jr.	70	Albion	06/29/2023
Higgins, Allen Robert	89	Albion	11/07/2023
Higgins, Carroll Harvey	67	Waterville	12/27/2023
Lerette, Lorraine Marie	83	Waterville	07/11/2023
Reynolds, Keith Douglas	67	Albion	12/04/2023
Robinson, Horace Elmer	82	Bangor	11/25/202
Rowe, James	78	Albion	07/25/2023
Rowlette, Kathleen Frances	81	Augusta	08/29/2023
Thomas, Marie Nellie	70	Albion	04/07/2023
Weeks, Jacqueline Foster	73	Albion	02/27/2023

**FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT**

Licenses Sold 125

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REPORT**

	<b>Boats</b>	<b>Snowmobiles</b>	<b>ATV</b>	<b>ATV NR</b>
Registrations	87	78	89	1

Amount collected for Inland Fisheries & Wildlife including sales tax \$23,464.01

**MOTOR VEHICLE REPORT**

Registrations

<b>Passenger</b>	1266
<b>Antiques</b>	42
<b>Motorcycles</b>	85
<b>Moped</b>	2
<b>Motorhome</b>	5
<b>Transfers</b>	107
<b>Trucks, Commercial</b>	174
<b>Trucks, Farm</b>	65
<b>Trailers</b>	281
<b>Vanity</b>	83

Amount collected for Treasurer, State of Maine including sales tax & titles \$183,856.38

**DOG LICENSES**

Male/Female	55
Spayed/Neutered	253
Kennels	0

Amount collected for State Animal Control \$1,309.00



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**Office of the Sheriff  
Kennebec County, Maine**



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**Alfred G. Morin, Chief Deputy**

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January 31, 2024

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2023. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Administrative and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49 and RSU#38.

In 2023, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of illicit substances continue to plague our county. My staff responded to 18 overdoses in 2023, we were able to save 11 of those lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

The patrol division welcomes Scott Dumas, Riley Boivin and Simon Yorks to our patrol team. This is the only law enforcement agency Deputy Boivin has ever worked for and is doing an excellent job. He will be attending the full-time academy in the spring of 2024. Deputies Dumas and Yorks came to us from other agencies and they both have many years of experience. Great additions to our team of professionals.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout our county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities. In 2023 the deputies seized over 6 pounds of fentanyl in several different contacts with individuals distributing this poison. There we also seizures of methamphetamines as well as cocaine.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2023, the three civil deputies received over 5,111 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is a

decrease from 2022 of documents received. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 2206 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Our staffing at the correctional facility is robust and we are doing well. I will add that the staff have enormous responsibilities and work hard every day.

Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated. Medical Assisted Treatment for Opiate dependencies continues in our facility, as it is now required by law.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. During the winter months, the outside trustees shovel several driveways in the Augusta area for those who are aging and unable to do it themselves. One may think that this only benefits the county, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well. It allows them to be productive in our communities.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment, and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

In May of 2023 we moved into our new office located at 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. What a breath of fresh air for the staff. Please feel free to stop in and see our new Sheriff's Office.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2024, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families, and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



## ALBION FIRE-RESCUE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has passed, and our department continues to improve to meet the needs of the citizens of the Town of Albion. Last year, as personnel were available, we continued to staff our station every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm so we could check out equipment, provide needed maintenance to our station, and respond to calls. Most of the cost of the staffing is from our ambulance revenue account. We will continue the same hours this year as staffing allows. Our members have also continued to be dedicated throughout the year by taking part in multiple training courses, meetings, and emergency calls. Last year our members worked a combined total of over 1600 hours to attend training, meetings, and calls.

In 2023 we had a total of 276 calls for service.

Fire in a Building .....	8	Chimney Fire .....	2
Equipment/Vehicle Fires.....	2	Grass/Woods Fire.....	5
Emergency Medical .....	194	Vehicle Accidents .....	16
Fire/CO Alarm .....	3	Public Service.....	7
Station Coverage/Standby..	10	Power Line/Tree Down .....	18
Other Type of Incidents .....	6	Cancelled En Route.....	8

We recently received a regional grant for fire gear. With this grant, we can replace most of our fire gear at a savings of over \$90,000 to the town. We are currently working on grant funding to replace our air packs that are in dire need of replacement. Please reach out to any of our members if you would like a tour of our equipment and station.

The members of the Albion Fire Association held several fundraising activities in 2023 to support the Fire Department, including our yearly raffle and our fill-the-boot roadblock. Monies raised from the association’s fundraising efforts help to offset our operating budget and have also been used to support local charities. Support of these Association functions has undoubtedly reduced our financial need from the town. Thank you for participating in these events.

Burn permits must be obtained for most outside open burning. New rules for burning are in effect this year that include the following:

- Any campfire larger than three feet in height and three feet in diameter needs a permit.
- It is unlawful to burn on red flag warning days.

Permits can be obtained after 9 a.m. for free online at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com) or at Dow's General Store.

Updated information about the department can be found on our Facebook page or at [www.albionfd.org](http://www.albionfd.org). These websites describe our current equipment and list current news and activities. We encourage everyone to visit our web page or Facebook page periodically to stay informed. Do not hesitate to call me at 314-9192 or email me at [aclark@albionfd.org](mailto:aclark@albionfd.org) with any questions or concerns.

We currently have 32 members who provide fire and emergency medical services for our community, but we are always in need of more. If going to emergencies is not for you volunteers are always needed for other jobs such as cleaning the station or providing food and coffee on calls. We also need members that are EMTs or are willing to take an EMT course. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact one of our members for more information.

Year after year we continue to have the support of area businesses by providing food for training or repairs to equipment at reduced or no cost. These donations keep our budget reasonable for the taxpayers. Their support and kindness are very much appreciated.

I want to thank all our volunteers and their families. They spend many nights away from their families helping their fellow citizens of Albion in their time of need. I am immensely proud of this department and its members.

I would especially like to thank you, the citizens of Albion, for your continued support of our Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Clark  
Chief  
Albion Fire-Rescue

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**ALBION PLANNING BOARD  
YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2023**

The Albion Planning Board continued its work of administering the Albion Land Use Ordinance and the Albion Shoreland Zone Ordinance. In addition to reviewing applications for shoreland zone development and new businesses in Albion, the Board worked in conjunction with the Albion Power Line Committee to develop an Electrical Transmission Facilities and Corridors Ordinance.

**ALBION CEO/LPI  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER &  
LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Dear Albion Taxpayers,

I started with the Town of Albion as CEO/LPI in summer of 2023, it has been a busy year in Albion with 28 building permits & 21 subsurface wastewater applications, plumbing applications, along with phone calls, emails, text messages, etc.

All new structures are required to be permitted. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the town's website. When in doubt about any aspect of your project do not hesitate to call me for the particulars of the Land Use Ordinance. Also, any project within 250' of the water you are required to go before the Planning Board.

The important things to remember are: minimum lot size for rural area (1 acre) per principal structure, setback from the edge of right-of-way (50 feet) and setback from side & rear property lines (20 feet) & road frontage (200 feet). There is a after the fact fine-penalty if you start your project without your permits. Albion has one of the best website - <https://townofalbionmaine.com/> to find most answers to your project.

I have a lot of calls on outhouses – Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Plan is required from a soil evaluator. Under Maine law, outhouses are considered alternative toilets and must follow the same health and construction regulations as a modern indoor bathrooms. These regulations cover depth of the hole, setback from waterways and residential buildings, elevation and maintenance. All these factors must be evaluated by licensed professionals before you can start building your outhouse.

I also have a lot of questions on compost toilets - In homes or cabins in Maine without running water, it is fairly easy to get approval for an off-grid sewage system. You are allowed to have a "primitive system," which, under the law, is defined as an alternative toilet (such as a pit privy or compost toilet) and a small area for dumping greywater. Again, a licensed professional can answer your questions.

As I said before, please call me questions or concerns my cell is 207-505-0743.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Abbott  
(207)505-0743  
[cindyabbottceo@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyabbottceo@yahoo.com)

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Board of Assessors of the town of Albion hereby submits our annual report to the citizens and taxpayers of the town for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2024.

In 2023 we were required by the State of Maine to bring our property valuations to the 90% valuation threshold because we had dropped below the acceptable minimum. We were below 70% valuation and our assessor agent, RJD Appraisal of Pittsfield, completed a valuation to bring us to the mandatory 90%. This caused our total valuation to increase 32% to \$157,825,916.

We were able to present a substation drop in the mil rate from 16.60 to 14.25, yet with the new evaluation most people still paid more, approximately 12% across the board, but not as similar a percentage of valuation increase.

In 2023, Albion residents who qualify for the \$25,000 Homestead Exemption only received \$22,500 because State of Maine Property Tax Division rated Albion at 90% of valuation. This also effected the \$6,000 Veterans Exemption, so eligible Veterans only received an exemption of \$5,400.

**2024 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

If you didn't file for the Homestead Exemption in 2023 or prior years, you must apply prior to April 1, 2023 to be eligible in 2024. If you have been receiving the Homestead Exemption in the past, you DO NOT need to reapply unless your home ownership status has changed.

**VETERAN EXEMPTION FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES**

If you are aged 62 or older, or an un-remarried spouse of a deceased veteran who would have been 62 by April 1, 2023; you or your deceased spouse served during a federally recognized war period; or if you are a veteran who receives primary residence in Albion, you may be eligible for the veterans exemption.

Respectfully Submitted by the Assessors,

Michael Gardner  
Matthew Dow, SR  
Paul Flynn

## 2023 TRANSMISSION LINE

To: Town of Albion Selectman

From: Tom Bolen, Chair of Albion Transmission Line Committee,  
Committee members; Paul Flynn, Lance Stewart, Charlie Hall,  
Eric Rolfson, Tracy Tuttle

Supporting Members; Holly Noyes, Lincoln Sennett

### **SUBJECT: GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Esteemed Selectman,

The past several months since the inception of our committee and appointment as a standing committee of the Town have been very busy, rewarding and insightful. As you will recall, impacted Albion residents and approximately 3,500 other individuals received letters in late June of 2023 from LS Power of Missouri regarding a proposed 146 mile, 350Kv AC, High-impact transmission line that was to run from Aroostook County to Coopers Mills, directly through Albion. I, and three other town residents approached the Selectman on July 10, 2023, at a regular meeting to discuss the issue. After listening to the group's concerns, the Board was proactive and appointed a committee to investigate what could be done to help mitigate the impact to the town. The committee held weekly meetings over the next several months and took a deep dive into the many issues surrounding this incursion. As we were the first town to organize, given our quick response and leadership surrounding towns looked to Albion/our efforts to start their own committees; thus organization up and down the proposed corridor began. We explored and addressed the transmission issue from several fronts; public awareness, legal, political, environmental and technological.

**Public Awareness:** Members of our team had on-air discussions with local radio stations such as VOM (Voice of Maine) and news outlets such as the Maine Wire, Portland Press Herald, Town Line, and the Maine Monitor. Additionally op-ed pieces were written and submitted for publication in local and statewide news outlets. We held two very successful rallies; One with Farmers within the town of Albion and a few neighboring towns who gathered and held a press conference sharing concerns and generating awareness that the proposed transmission lines would have on their agricultural land used to grow food and support the many agricultural businesses here in Albion. The concerns for lack of planning, direct impacts to the land, and EMFs were also raised at the press conference in July.



Additionally, the TL Committee hosted a rally in Augusta in conjunction with several towns. Many residents attended the rally to raise awareness around the 10 legislative bills that were proposed in response to the proposed transmission line corridor.

Collaborating corridor teams set up a Facebook page and a non-profit group entitled, “Protect Rural Maine” to aid propagation of awareness and concerns.

**Legal:** Legally we worked with the town and town lawyer to construct and put in place a moratorium to prevent any work on a proposed line for up to a year and a half to allow the committee and Planning Commission to put in place an ordinance to address the town’s requirements of any such line in the future. The final ordinance has been written and remains to be voted on and enacted for the town.

**Political:** We worked in a bi-partisan manner with our local, regional and state wide legislators in concert with other corridor communities to address potential impacts to the socio-economic infrastructure of the proposed transmission line through rural Maine with little or no economic gain for either the State or impacted communities. One legislator in particular, Representative Cyrway was both instrumental and very impactful with pushing meaningful legislation. He spearheaded setting up a meeting at the State House with Senator Troy Jackson, the sponsor of the transmission legislation for the proposed corridor and representatives from LS Power in addition to several folks from the affected towns. Others such as Senator LaFountain, whom originally voted for the original legislation, LD924, agreed it was a poor choice and openly supported our efforts. Since that meeting, we also have attended and offered testimony at subsequent sessions of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Legislative Committee.

Much work has been done yet more work is required to safeguard Albion’s rural community. With the current push for “clean energy” throughout Maine, New England and Nationwide our need to stay abreast of the ever changing political landscape which could enable the taking of private property through the use of eminent domain to erect aerial transmission lines and implement other forms of energy infrastructure harmful to Albion’s rural setting is paramount. The threat of taking private property for these types of projects using eminent domain especially unfair to affected landowners and abutters.

**Environmental:** Much work was done to investigate the environmental concerns of proposed HVAC Transmission and its potential impact to local farming communities. Specifically, well documented impacts to dairy herds and pollinators through exposure to harmful EMF’s generated by this approach were reviewed and discussed broadly. The discoveries were and are eye-opening.

**Technological:** As a result of collective collaboration of towns up and down the corridor many good people regardless of their political stripe have aided in better understanding viable alternatives to support transmitting clean energy in the State to the New England power grid. A number of professional engineers dug in and identified the potential use of buried HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) as a viable alternative to the proposed aerial HVAC (High Voltage Alternate Current). This technology is being deployed by numerous other states throughout the US and worldwide. This technology has changed dramatically over the past decades and is well known to provide numerous benefits to help rural Maine and the broader State of Maine. We, as a committee, understand well that there are alternative technologies and methods which can be used to mitigate environmental and socio-economic impacts to the future build out of clean energy sources and transmission methods. This is being done in states such as Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and others.

We would like to sincerely thank our Selectman for their continued support of our endeavors. Without their strong support our efforts would be non-existent. Additionally, sincere thanks for the hard work of the Planning board in helping construct the Transmission Line ordinance.

Our goal and intent as a committee is to continue to monitor and work with our Selectman, Planning Board and Political leader's state wide, in a bi-partisan way to protect the town through implementation of required ordinances, state wide legislation and public awareness.

## **ALBION CEMETERY COMMITTEE 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

We respectfully dedicate this annual report to the memory of Horace Robinson who was a valuable member of the Albion Cemetery Committee since 2011.

2023 was, as usual, spent dealing with a variety of current issues while planning for and anticipating the future needs of Albion's nine cemeteries.

One of the issues we continue to encounter is that people are improperly disposing of old grave decorations by discarding them outside the cemetery boundaries on land belonging to other citizens of Albion. We respectfully request that people carry these items home with them and dispose of them properly.

An inventory of the grave markers found in all of our cemeteries is available. Number Four, Maple Grove and Whitaker cemeteries have also been mapped and indexed. These records can be viewed online at the town website (<http://townofalbionmaine.com>) as well as at the town office and library.

Please remember that all winter decorations are expected to be removed from graves, by May 1st, to help facilitate spring clean-up of our cemeteries.

Please contact the Sexton if you wish to acquire a lot in one of our cemeteries. All lots must be assigned and approved by the Sexton and all burials must be done with the Sexton's knowledge and approval.

We welcome any suggestions and volunteers to help with upcoming projects, including mapping, brush cutting, trash pick-up and fence painting. Please contact any of the cemetery committee members to see how you could help.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Albion Cemetery Committee

Gail Drake	Terry Hodges
Kathy Ladd, Secretary	Adam Higgins, Sexton
Kay Sawtelle, Chair	

## **ALBION BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Since we were created, the Albion Bicentennial Committee has been busy. We have been fundraising and having community events. We have worked with the Lions club and for the last two years had Christmas Tree Lighting. This year we were lucky enough to have Santa come by to see the kids, which made it a very special event. Last summer we had an event where Mr. Drew brought a bunch of his animals for the kids to learn about. We had a nice picnic on the lawn beside the Fire Station. Last Fall we sponsored a Vender/Crafter sale at the Besse Building during the Common Ground Fair. Our latest event was a Birthday Celebration for Albion on February 25th at the Bessey Building.

From the beginning our main goal was to increase community involvement and interaction. We feel like we have started down that road. It seems like every event we have more and more people are attending. We are excited for this year's celebrations and expect a great turnout. These are some of the events we have planned for the rest of this year.

May 4th Gary Crocker (comedian) and bean supper at the Albion School

May 18th Clean-up Day, adopt a road for roadside trash clean-up.

June 21st Down East Brass Concert and Bicentennial Video Presentation

July 21st Special Church service at 3PM, all are welcome.

July 22nd Community softball game

July 23rd Cribbage Tournament

July 24th Scavenger hunt, Historical Society presentation, Softball Game

July 25th Old Grey Goose concert

July 26th Decorate your wheels (for the kids)

July 27th OUR BIG DAY Parade, Fireworks and so many other events

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Doore, Cochair  
Jeanie Doore, Cochair

## ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: 437-2220 Email: [albion@albion.lib.me.us](mailto:albion@albion.lib.me.us)

**Open:** Mon. & Thurs. 2-8 P.M. and Wed. and Sat. 9-11 a.m.

The Albion Public Library had a successful year with generous support from the Town, and from Friends and Patrons. We welcome visitors year-round and urge you to visit and rest here during the hot and humid summer days when the Library is cool and dry. We have many new novels, and many books that help make sense of the problems and possibilities of modern living.

Look for us on the Web. Simply enter <https://albionme.booksys.net/> in your browser, then click the black button called "Display" where you may access your account, browse our collections, reserve books or access e-books free to patrons.

Ask us for your user name and pass-code so you may choose from thousands of **e-books** to read at home or anywhere on your personal electronic device. We also provide inter-library loans for rare or obscure items from libraries all over the United States.

The Library collection contains over 11,650 volumes, 524 new titles, with e-book access to 20,000 more books. We now have a large collection of recorded books and DVDs. In 2022 we had over 1,466 patrons visit, circulating more than 960 books,

We have programs for adults, the summer program for kids and the Thursday evening "Knit Nites" to knit and chat. A monthly Quilting Group, Albion Lions' committees and the Historical Society and 4H also enjoy access for meetings in year-round comfort. The Albion Bicentennial Committee met here to plan for this year's commemoration where they produced an extensive illustrated history of the Town. We are delighted to host our community.

Book donations are always welcome, added to the collection where needed, or used in the summer book sale supporting the purchase of juvenile books and programs.

Thank you for your faithful support. The Library staff is all volunteer. **Volunteers this year contributed more than 1,400 hours of service to the Town.** Faithfully serving patrons and many other vital needs in 2023 were Barbara Kennedy, Cathie Clark, Roberta Morin, Becky Rolfson, Elaine Staples, Miranda Perkins, Mary Rowe, Lynnda Sawtelle, Savannah and Sabrinnah Dube, Martha Lavalley-Rivera, Judy Inman and Abigail Bickford.

**CURRENT ALBION LIBRARY TRUSTEES:**

Roberta Morin, Chairperson  
[open], Librarian  
Barbara Kennedy, Secretary  
Rick Lawrence, Treasurer  
Marta Hall  
Elaine Staples  
Patty and Joe Dube  
Tom and Amber Whittaker  
Sally Tuttle

Please come often and visit YOUR Library!

*In memoriam*

MARTHA M. DOORE, Librarian  
1932-2023      2001-2023

## THE ALBION HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023-2024

The Albion Historical Society has had another very fruitful and interesting year. The Albion Public Library has again graciously opened its doors to allow us to meet in the warmth or coolness of the building. Each month we had a short business meeting followed by a speaker, demonstrating or “show and tell” program. Due to the many rain showers that occurred throughout the summer of 2023 very little work was accomplished at the Rail-road Station Museum grounds.

On June 15,2023, the AHS hosted, the Besse Building, a slide presentation showing of some of the events that happened from 1895 to 1933 on the Wisacasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway. Engine #8 left Albion station on June 15,1933 and derailed in Whitefield. No attempt was ever made to right the engine and putting it back in service thus the END of the W.W and F.RY. This wreck was remembered here 90 years later, June 15,2023. The following Saturday, June 17, 2023 the AHS hosted an open house at the train station. Many folk came and packed the building full to get out of the rain. Refreshments were served.

Later in the summer Albion Historical Society entertained over 5000 folk, young and old, by providing a 3 day mini-museum book showing W.W and F.Ry items at Winsdor fair. This was Labor Day weekend. We have been asked to provide this display again in 2024.

Plans are also being made to participate in the 2024 Bicentennial events this year celebrating Albions 200th Birthday.

Happy Birthday Albion!

Find us on Facebook- [AlbionMaineHistoricalSociety](#)

Email us at [AlbionMaineHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AlbionMaineHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)

Albion Maine Historical society mailing address- P.O Box 68 – Albion ME, 04910

Our meetings are held at 7PM every 3rd Monday from January to October, on the 2nd Monday in November and there is no meeting in December. Welcome.

Phil Dow,  
Albion Historical Society President

## ALBION WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

On March 18th, 2021 the majority of MSAD 49 School Board Directors voted that if funding was approved by district voters for new elementary school to be built in Benton, that Fairfield Primary, Albion, and Clinton Elementary Schools would be closed and the district would bus these students to the new school in Benton (the Albion School Board Directors voted against the motion).

In response to the planned closure of our school, concerned Albion residents petitioned to hold a special town referendum (vote) to fund and start the prescribed 22 step withdrawal process for towns in Maine who are exploring leaving their current school district (<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/structure/withdrawal>).

On June 10th, 2022 Albion residents overwhelmingly voted in favor of the ballot question to start the withdrawal process, authorize the creation of a “Withdrawal Committee” and approve funds, not to exceed \$45,000, to be used to pay for legal counsel, educational consultation, and other resources.

The purpose of the Albion Withdrawal Committee (AWC) is to explore withdrawal options and all impacts, as well as create a withdrawal agreement with MSAD 49 (Title 20-A, Statute 1466 entitled “Withdrawal of a Municipality from a Regional School Unit”). *Please note the withdrawal process concludes when Albion residents vote to accept or reject any agreement between the town and district, or there is a vote by the AWC to stop the withdrawal process.*

In July 2022 Albion Selectmen appointed the members of the AWC: Billie-Jo Brown Woods, Kara Kugelmeyer, Mike Gardner, and Scott Corey. Since July of 2022 the AWC committee has been working with the law firm *Brann & Isaacson* and the educational consulting firm *CBG Consulting*, to craft a legal withdrawal agreement with MSAD49, and gather enough information to fully understand all options open to us if we leave MSAD49, and what these options will mean financially and socially to the students, residents, and taxpayers of Albion.

As of February 2024 the AWC has spent \$34, 066.71. The bulk of the expenditure was on legal fees (withdrawal agreement drafts and negotiations) and a small amount on educational consulting fees. The withdrawal process requires the town to contract with an attorney to draft and oversee the creation and negotiation of agreements, etc.



Over the last fiscal year the AWC focused on:

- Creating financial models to fully understand what the financial impact of running our own school would mean to taxpayers.
- Working on a withdrawal agreement with MSAD49:
  - We had several draft proposals that went back and forth, the district's tactic is to keep Albion from leaving by refusing to:
    - Agree to be the district of guaranteed acceptance for any Albion student in grades 7-12. They refused under any circumstances to accept any current or future Albion students at MSAD 49 if we left the district. (What this meant is that we had to find a district to take Albion students for grades 7-12.)
    - Give us any buses, even though Albion as part of the district over the last 55+ years has paid for buses many times over.
- Meeting with surrounding school districts to see if we could craft an agreement to secure a school of guaranteed acceptance (term is 10 years required by the state) for students grades 7-12.
- Survey to and meetings with town residents to see if they wanted to continue the process given what would most likely be a large tax increase as well as the fact that students would not be able to attend MSAD49.

While we had many districts that would take Albion students (7th-12th grade), we could not find a suitable local district that would agree to the 10 year required agreement. Without a guaranteed school of acceptance, we AWC and the town are unable to move forward to complete the next steps of the state mandated withdrawal process.

At the time of writing this the plan is that at the end of February 2024, the AWC will vote to suspend/stop the withdrawal process. What this means is:

- Any unspent monies will go back to the town.
- The Albion Elementary school will close and elementary students will be bused to the new school that will be built in Benton.

While the above outcome is not what most citizens wanted, we have no means to make MSAD 49 or any other districts agree to take our students for 10 years. We understand that the closure of our elementary school will have huge impacts on the future of our town, however at this point we have exhausted all accepted avenues that would allow the school to remain open.

Sincerely yours,

Billie-Jo Brown Woods, Kara Kugelmeyer, Mike Gardner, and Scott Corey



David LaFountain  
Senator, District 16

THE MAINE SENATE  
131st Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Friends and Residents of Albion,

In the first session of the 131st Legislature, my colleagues and I made transformative investments in the people of Maine. Seniors, students, families, and workers will all benefit from our work, including the bipartisan budget that was passed last July. We strengthened our child care industry by increasing access and affordability, bolstered two property tax relief programs so older Mainers can age at home, and ensured the uninterrupted continuation of vital Emergency Medical Services.

With the second session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature underway, we are already closely reading and considering bills proposed and working hard to continue delivering for our communities. I still serve as Senate Chair of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, where we hear bill proposals on topics like hunting & fishing, wildlife research, watercraft and boater safety, and oversees relevant agencies. As the Senate Chair, my priorities include protecting our cherished lands and natural resources and ensuring the smooth operation of state agencies.

I also still serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. I'm particularly proud of the Legislature's acknowledgement that we need to support our vital, often life-saving Emergency Medical Services and its dedicated providers. I am committed to ensuring appropriated funds reach departments, ensuring the uninterrupted continuation of these services.

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help finding resources, connecting with a state agency, or just want to talk something through, I'm here to help. You can email me at [David.LaFountain@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:David.LaFountain@legislature.maine.gov) or call my Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

Together, we have accomplished a lot. A large number of the bills passed in the Legislature are bipartisan, because we know working together regardless of political party, is best for our constituents. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. Representing the northern Kennebec Valley region and serving as your voice in Augusta remains an honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David LaFountain".

**David LaFountain**

State Senator, District 16

*Proudly representing Albion, Fairfield, Oakland, Waterville and Winslow*

**Scott Wynn Cyrway**

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January 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It is my hope that you and your family enjoy a healthy and prosperous New Year! With lawmakers gathering once again in Augusta for their Second Regular Session on January 3, I am continually grateful for the opportunity to serve my constituents. If you are ever in need of assistance with respect to State Government, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition to the hundreds of bills carried over for further consideration from the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, more than 100 new measures have been accepted by the Legislative Council for deliberation over the coming months leading up to the statutory adjournment date of April 17. Amongst these various bill titles are “*An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax*,” “*An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce*,” “*Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services*,” and “*An Act to Require a Feasibility Study to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway*.” After-deadline bill requests to be further assessed by legislative leaders are sure to ensue. Some of these will no doubt relate to the tragic events that unfolded in Lewiston last October.

State finances will, of course, be a major topic of discussion, as well. A \$265 million surplus will prompt debate on whether to spend more on additional programs, or return this excess to its source – you the taxpayers. Rest assured, with goods and services still costing extensively more, I am committed to providing meaningful tax relief to help fellow Mainers make ends meet.

Once more, I wish to thank you for allowing me to be your voice at the State House. Be sure to follow legislative proceedings as they unfold online via the Legislature’s Web site, <https://legislature.maine.gov/>. By staying informed, you will be empowered with the ability to make good decisions and respond effectively.

Best regards,

Scott Wynn Cyrway  
State Representative

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Joseph Doore, resident of the Town of Albion, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town of Albion, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Besse Building in said Town, on Friday, the 15th day of March A.D., 2024 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM Local Time to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, using the Australian system. The balance of the articles in the warrant are to be acted upon Saturday, March 16, 2024, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Albion Elementary School.
- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy not to exceed the rate established for the Town of Albion by State Law LD1, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. **(By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)**
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Assessor Agent to the Board of Assessors and Selectmen and to see what compensation shall be authorized for the ensuing year.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$15,000)

**Article 5.** To see what wages the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor shall receive for their services for the ensuing year. Wages will be distributed evenly on a 12-month basis. An unexcused absence of a meeting will result in the pay being suspended until the next meeting attended.

(Budget Committee recommends:

Selectmen: \$7,700 for chairman  
3,960 each for other two

Assessors: \$115 for chairman  
\$115 each for other two

Overseers of the Poor: \$115 each

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and to see what wages shall be authorized for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends pay up to \$28.84 per hour with a ceiling of \$30,000)

**Article 7.** To establish compensation for the Town Clerk for the ensuing year, with an additional day open during the week.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$22,230)

**Article 8.** To establish compensation for the Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$16,500)

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to appoint a deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer and/or an assistant office clerk and establish compensation for the same.

(Budget Committee recommends pay up to \$19.00 per hour with ceiling of \$26,520)

**Article 10.** To establish compensation for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$1350.00 Stipend for Road Commissioner; and use current State of Maine Labor Reimbursement & Private Equipment Rates as a guideline for the type of work being performed. All work to be approved by the Selectmen.)

- Article 11.** To choose one member of the Planning Board for a term of five years, one member for a term of 4 years and two associate members of the Planning Board each for a term of one year.
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to pay members of the Planning Board and establish compensation.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2700; \$35.00 for Chairman, \$18.00 per hour for Secretary and \$25.00 for all other members, which shall be for each meeting attended.)
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers for the ensuing year and negotiate compensation.
- Article 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers including Registrar, Addressing Officer, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, Planning Board, Assessor Agent, and Election Clerks.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$161,025.00)
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount necessary to be used for FICA/Medicare.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$16,000)
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of those tax titles held by the town which they deem advisable thirty (30) days after advertised notice and receiving sealed bids and to execute quit claim deeds on such property. Except that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow former owners of foreclosed properties to redeem those properties no later than six months after the lien expiration, upon payment of all outstanding taxes, interest, and fees.
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 taxes that are not yet due or assessed.

- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest per annum on taxes unpaid after September 30, interest to be computed daily.  
(Budget Committee recommends: 8.5 %)
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest per annum on tax liens, interest to be computed daily.  
(Budget Committee recommends: 8.5 %)
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$25,000 to set aside in the existing property equalization fund.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$25,000)
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into contracts for goods and services on behalf of the Town of Albion.
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 24.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$24,300 which includes a \$330 stipend for the Sexton. \$24,300 to be raised from taxation plus unexpended balance from 2023 of \$10,488 for a total of \$34,458 plus proceeds from donations and sale of lots.)
- Article 25.** To elect four members to the Budget Committee for a term of three years and to elect two alternates, each for a term of one year.
- Article 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for professional services and miscellaneous expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.  
(Budget Committee recommends: Miscellaneous expenditures not to exceed miscellaneous income, maximum \$60,000)
- Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Highways and Bridges.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$107,226 from taxation, \$220,000 from General Fund, plus unexpended balance from 2023 of \$111,378 and the funds from the Local Road Assistance Program money estimated at \$61,396)

- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate monies to be added to a fund for any necessary highway equipment.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$10,000 from General Fund to be set aside toward the purchase of necessary highway equipment at a future date)
- Article 29.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for snow removal and sanding.  
(Budget Committee recommends: Raise \$19,000 from Taxation and take \$436,000 from Excise Tax receipts)
- Article 30.** To see if the town will vote to accept and appropriate any grants, refunds, donations, and reimbursements for the designated departments.
- Article 31.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of the Poor.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,000 plus the Libby Fund income estimated at \$8620)
- Article 32.** To see what action the Town will vote with respect to recycling, one cleanup day, and to cover the cost of house-to-house pick-up, disposal fees and any other related costs.  
(Budget Committee recommends: raise and appropriate \$131,880 from taxation, appropriate the Municipal Review Committee credit est. \$1,000, and take \$50,000 from General Fund to pay balance.)
- Article 33.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Albion Fire and Rescue Department.  
(Budget Committee and Fire Chief recommend: Raise \$81,505 from taxation.)
- Article 34.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and to appropriate an amount to be added to the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund, and to see if the Town will approve year-end balances in the Fire and Rescue Department budget be transferred to this fund.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$30,000, including year-end balance from past year.)



**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount to cover the costs of contracted services for rural patrol law enforcement, public safety answering point service and fire and rescue dispatch.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$42,000)

**Article 36.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the street lighting service furnished to the Town for the current fiscal year.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$5,000)

**Article 37.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance for Town buildings and employees.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$28,580)

**Article 38.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Besse Building.

(Budget Committee recommends: Raise \$16,000, plus rental fees.)

**Article 39.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs to the Besse Building.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$25,000 from General Fund, plus unexpended balance from 2023 of \$4562)

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,880 for the Albion Public Library.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$6,880)

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the Albion Historical Society.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,500)

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$350 for Memorial Day expenses to be awarded to Washburn-Brann-Ward Post #195 for conducting ceremonies.

(Budget Committee recommends: \$350)

- Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to assign the full sum of money received from the Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Night Roadrunners Snowmobile Club.  
(Budget Committee recommends: Full sum of money received, estimated at \$1,000)
- Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount to pay the required fee to the Waterville Humane Society and any other animal control expenses.  
(Budget Committee recommends raising \$3,932 plus use monies generated from fees and penalties.)
- Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,815 and continue membership and pay dues to the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2,815)
- Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Albion annual budget during the period from February 1, 2025, to the Albion Annual Town Meeting date.
- Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 5%, by department, of the prior fiscal year's municipal appropriation to cover budget shortfall.
- Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to support recreation for the children in Albion through participation in the Fairfield Police Athletic League.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$13,000)
- Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$2,131 to support Spectrum Generations.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$2,131)
- Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$1,000 for Hospice Volunteers in the Waterville area.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$1,000)

- Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$3,550 for the Family Violence Project.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$3,550)
- Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$8,000 for the support of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry through the Good Shepard Food Bank.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$8,000)
- Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$502 to support Lifeflight Foundation.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$502)
- Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the requested sum of \$702 for the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center to help cover costs for providing 24-hour coverage, 365 days a year to the citizens of Albion.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$702)
- Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$11,600 from the General Fund for legal expenses during the fiscal year.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$11,600)
- Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,627, for Delta Ambulance Services.  
(Budget Committee recommends \$42,627 to be raised from taxation plus unexpended balance from 2023 of \$7523 for a total of \$50,150)
- Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,500 to the Albion Bicentennial Fund for the expenditures related to the 2024 Albion bicentennial celebration, which shall remain a non-lapsing account until rescinded by the Town, and to further authorize the Selectboard to make expenditures from the account thereafter for this purpose without further vote of the town.  
(Budget Committee recommends: \$7,500 to be raised from taxation plus unexpended balance from 2023 of \$19,511 for a total of \$27,011)

**Article 58.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 from the General Fund for Albion School withdrawal from M.S.A.D #49.  
Budget Committee recommends: \$2,000

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to enact the ordinance “TOWN OF ALBION ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES AND CORRIDORS ORDINANCE.” Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available in the Albion Town Office during regular office hours and on the Town’s website [www.townofalbionmaine.com](http://www.townofalbionmaine.com)

**Article 60.** To see what sum of money the voters will vote to pay the Moderator and Deputy Moderator for their services at the meeting.  
(Selectmen recommend \$75.00 for the Moderator and \$250.00 for the Deputy Moderator)

Hereof fail not to have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Albion, Maine, Monday, February 12, 2024.

Scott Cyrway \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Flynn \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Gardner \_\_\_\_\_

A true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk

**ALBION CLEAN-UP DAY**

**JUNE 1, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Lee Brothers Lot  
93 Unity Road  
Unity Road**

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**NO gasoline, propane, oils,  
flammables, or hazardous waste**

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**LIMIT 5 tires and 2 TV's  
per household**

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**NOTES**



# ***NOTICE***

***The New England Town Meeting  
is probably the purest form of  
democracy in existence today.***

***Please help to preserve it by  
attending the Town Meeting.***

***Democracy is NOT the will of the  
majority..... It is the will of the  
majority present and voting!***