

*Town of
Unity, Maine*

2024

Annual Report

Inc. 1804



Unity, Maine
Incorporated June 22, 1804

- Fiscal Year: February 1 to January 31
- Government: Town Meeting and 3 member Board of Selectmen
- Population: 2,292 (2020 Census figure)
- 1,335 Registered Voters
- Unity contains 25,143 acres
- Town Office located at: 74 School Street, Unity, Maine
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Tuesday: 11 a.m.—7 p.m.
- Town Office Telephone: (207) 948-3763 Fax: (207) 948-3767
- Town Office email: unity@unityme.org
- Selectboard meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Trash Pick-up: Monday in the outlying areas; Friday in the down-town area. Trash stickers are \$2.50 each and are available at the Town Office, Mac's True Value, Unity Shop & Save, and The Depot
- Planning Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Town Office
- School District: RSU #3
Superintendent of Schools: Lisa Roux - incoming Superintendent
Central Office: (207) 948-6136
Mt. View High School: (207) 568-3255 / (207) 568-4315
Mt. View Middle School: (207) 568-7561 / (207) 568-7590
Mt. View Elementary School: (207) 568-7561 / (207) 568-7590
- Volunteer Regional Food Pantry—Third Saturday of the month
180 Depot Street, Unity, ME 7 a.m.—8 a.m.
Contact Number (207) 487-1199
- Plumbing Inspector: Dylan Lajoie—(207) 948-3763
- Animal Control Officer: Dennis Morelli—(207) 712-3714
- Code Enforcement Officer: Dylan Lajoie (207) 948-3763
- Dial 911 for emergency

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

FOR THE

TOWN OF
UNITY, MAINE

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

to

JANUARY 31, 2025

Town of Unity Officials

	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Board of Selectmen	Timothy Parker, Jr. <i>Vice Chair</i>	Dec. 24
	Antonio "Tony" Avila <i>Chair</i>	Mar. 26
	David Wakefield	Mar. 27
Board of Appeals 5 Members 3-year term No Selectmen or Spouses	David Aldrich	Mar. 25
	Valerie Derosier	Mar. 25
	Andrew Benson	Mar. 27
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Assessor	Ellery Banes, CMA, RJD Appraisal	
Animal Control Officer	Dennis Morelli	Mar. 25
Health Officer	Linda Hunter	Mar. 25
Cemetery Committee	Andrew Benson	Mar. 25
	Roxanne Curtis	Mar. 25
	Carol Lichtenbaum	Mar. 25
	Matthew Picard	Mar. 25
	Peggy Turner	Mar. 25
	Denise Whitney	Mar. 25
	Beverly Winship	Mar. 25
Budget Committee 7 to 15 Members 3-year term	Larry King	Mar. 25
	Jonathan McIntyre	Mar. 26
	Alic Albright	Mar. 26
	Jonathan Dowdy	Mar. 26
	Emily Newell	Mar. 27
	Daniel McCormick	Mar. 27
	Michael Berry	Mar. 28

Planning Board	Jim Buckle	Feb. 25
7 Members	Mark Nickerson	Mar. 25
3-year term	Jon Carman	Mar. 26
	Lynda Hanshaw	Mar. 26
	Emily Newell	Mar. 26
	Brian Erickson	Mar. 26
	Bob Portner	Mar. 26
	Mary Anderson	Mar. 27
Plumbing Inspector	David Schofield	Mar. 25
Code Enforcement Officer	David Schofield	Feb. 25
EMA Director	Andrew Clark	Mar. 25
UARRC Representative	Diana Hauser	Mar. 25
	Elizabeth Soucie	Mar. 25
UARRC Alternate	Vacant	
Economic Development Committee	Jean Bourg	Aug. 24
7 to 17 Members	Penny Sampson	Dec. 24
2-year term	Tony Avila <i>Selectman Rep</i>	Apr. 25
3 Consecutive terms and then	Scott Montaginio	Apr. 25
Must take 1 year off	Jacob Tauke	Apr. 26
	Jacob Racioppi	Apr. 26
	Christopher Newbury	Apr. 26
	Joseph Saltalamachia	Apr. 26
	Christopher Lucey <i>EDC Director</i>	Apr. 26
Election Clerks	Michael Berry	Apr. 26
	Tara Berry	Apr. 26
	Patricia Clark	Apr. 26
	Chrissy Hunter	Apr. 26
	Linda Hunter	Apr. 26

Election Clerks (continued)	Lucia Picard	Apr. 26
	Matthew Picard	Apr. 26
	Peggy Turner	Apr. 26
	Lynn Warman	Apr. 26
	Denise Whitney	Apr. 26
	Jean Bourg	Apr. 26
	Melissa Bastien	Apr. 26
	Najeane Shedyak	Apr. 26
	Lynda Hanshaw	Apr. 26
Alexander Koch	Apr. 26	
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Administrative Assistant, Registrar of Voters, FOAA Director, 911 Officer	Char-lin Williams	Appointed
Deputy Clerk	Doreen Berry	Apr. 24
	Breanna Goewey	Appointed
RSU #3 Superintendent	Lisa Roux, <i>incoming</i>	
RSU #3 Town of Unity Director	Najeane Shedyak	Mar. 26
Unity Utilities District	Matthew Curtis	Mar. 25
	Patricia Clark	Mar. 26
	Charles Schaefer	Mar. 27
Parks and Recreation Committee	Judith Stoodley, <i>Chair</i>	Mar. 25
	Dash Albright, <i>Treasurer</i>	Mar. 25
	Pam Salokangas, <i>Secretary</i>	Mar. 25
	Eliana Albright	Mar. 25
	Myrna Raven	Mar. 25
	Najeane Shedyak	Mar. 25
	Katrina Tozier	Apr. 25

Fire Department

Fire Chief

Unity Fire Department Officers

Andrew Clark (Appointed)

Emily Newell, Deputy Chief

James Porter, Assistant Chief

Jeffrey Curtis, 1st Lieutenant

Anthony Sargent, 2nd Lieutenant

Thomas Brown, 3rd Lieutenant

Volunteer Regional Food Pantry Rep.

Charles Schaefer

Scholarship Fund Trustees

Donyse Babin

Roxanne Curtis

Alicia McCormick

Patricia Newell

Nan Simpson

Craig Tozier

Waldo County Sheriff

Jason W. Trudy

Chief Deputy Waldo County Sheriff

Matthew Curtis

Waldo County Commissioner District 3

Timothy Parker Jr.

State Senator District 11

Chip Curry

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Benjamin Hymes

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Dedications

We dedicate the 2024 Town of Unity Annual Report to

Penny Picard-Sampson and Charles Porter

for their selfless acts of kindness and service to their community.



Penny Picard Sampson
(November 15, 1966-December 19, 2024)

Penny was a lifetime Unity resident and public servant. Penny attended Unity Elementary, Mount View Schools, and graduated from Unity College. She held many jobs in the area, including working as a collections specialist for MBNA/ Bank of America, sales representative for Johnny's Selected Seeds, scorer at Unity and Wiscasset Raceways, server at the Homestead Restaurant, and proprietor for Mary's Drive In and The Pit Stop. Using her financial knowledge and communication skills, she entered public service to the Town of Unity. She was a reliable and active participant in town affairs and served as the animal control officer. Penny was well versed in town history, policies, and needs when she was elected for several terms as selectperson. She secured grants for Unity, saving thousands for taxpayers. She helped facilitate the designation of the Alton McCormick Memorial Bridge, negotiated the expansion of the Pond Cemetery, and improved the operation of the boat launch. She went above and beyond her job's expectations, providing direct services such as delivering sand buckets to disabled citizens and cleaning up refuse at the beach.

She volunteered countless hours honoring those town citizens who came before, cleaning hundreds of headstones and markers and recruiting student groups to join her while sharing research about those who were placed at rest in Unity cemeteries. This led to her final town role as town sexton. She regularly supported local businesses and non-profits, baking for public suppers, food sales, and town meetings and helping at the Open Door lunches. She distributed food from the local food pantry to those in need. She served several terms on the Waldo County Budget Committee and was humbled to be the recipient of a county service award. Her volunteerism included service as the Unity correspondent for *The Republican Journal* and *The Villager*. Penny will be remembered for her dedication to and love of Unity and its residents, her love of animals, her candor, perseverance, intelligence, expansive memory, command of song lyrics, wry humor, writing talent, devotion to family, and her appreciation of each day.

Charles I. Porter Jr.

1937-2024

Charlie and his family moved to Unity in the fall of 1972. He was first hired as the general manager of the local hardware store, Proctor-Bowie which soon became a hub of activity. He would later be purchasing the business and operating Unity Hardware for over 20 years. Charlie wasted no time in joining the Unity Volunteer Fire Department with his knowledge and experience from previously serving with his hometown (Caldwell, New Jersey) Volunteer Fire Department; he put his training and expertise to good use during his time. In the late 70's and throughout the 80's, he served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Town; which he served under 3 different Chiefs. He also served as the UVFD Association as Secretary and Treasurer.



On numerous occasions when the fire phone would ring, no matter where he was, he would either lock up the store or leave a trusted customer in charge while he responded to the emergency because he knew every second counts. For a time, he drove the ambulance for Franklin Dazel when they were short staffed.

Following his retirement, Charlie took on the duties of Code Enforcement for Unity in 1997, and eventually served several other towns including: Albion, Burnham (3 years), Troy and Thorndike. He worked diligently in the services of the Town of Unity for over 50 years which included many training sessions in various roles of each job and he was very integrated into the Planning Board Meetings as well. He helped teach the next generation and impacted many lives with professionalism and dedication.

Charlie had been an integral part of the Town and everyone valued his experience, knowledge, dedication and service. He was a vital asset to this community and he will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

James Porter

Spirit of America Award

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME in 1990 to honor volunteerism.

Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities – and starting in 2022, the Spirit of America Foundation School Award is presented in the name of Maine schools – to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service. Since Alma Jones received the first Spirit of America award from Augusta Mayor William Burney on Nov. 26, 1991, the tribute has been presented at 500+ ceremonies!



*This year's Nomination for the
Spirit of America Award is
Charles I. Porter Jr!*

*Last year's Spirit of America
nominee was
Penny Picard-Sampson.*

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Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

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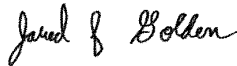
and Postal Services Protection Act, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Glenn "Chip" Curry
Senator, District 11

THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 12, 2025

Dear Friends and Residents of Unity,

Thank you for once again placing your trust in me as your State Senator. With the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature now underway, I'm excited to share updates on our work in Augusta, including my new committee assignments.

I have been appointed to serve as Senate Chair of the newly formed Housing and Economic Development Committee. This committee merges the roles of the previous Joint Select Committee on Housing and the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee — reflecting how closely housing opportunities, affordability, and economic growth are intertwined. Our goal is to address Maine's ongoing housing challenges, expand economic innovation, and ensure that every Mainer has a safe, secure place to call home.

I am also pleased to serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, where I will continue working to keep our communities safe and well-served. Drawing from my experiences on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Emergency Medical Services and the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, I'm eager to support the crucial work of first responders and strengthen our public safety infrastructure across the state.

In the coming months, my colleagues and I will tackle a wide range of issues, including cost-of-living concerns, child care needs, and critical workforce initiatives. Throughout these discussions, I will keep Waldo County's unique needs at the forefront of my priorities.

Please remember that I am here to help. If you need assistance connecting with a state agency, have questions about legislation, or wish to share your thoughts, feel free to reach out at Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a stronger future for our district and all Mainers.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your State Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Curry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chip Curry
State Senator, District 11
Representing the twenty-six rural, coastal, and island communities of Waldo County

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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT MAINE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

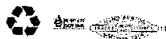
I'm so proud of what we achieved in 2024, and I'm fully committed to building on those accomplishments in the 119th Congress. As ever, my team and I are ready to assist however we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019, or by visiting pingree.house.gov/contact.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

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

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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2024 Municipal Officers Report

Well citizens another year has gone by. We started with David Wakefield being sworn in to the office, replacing Daniel "Dan" McCormick. Dan had served on the Board for a couple of years. Before becoming a Selectboard member, He dedicated his time on the Economic Development Committee and has been promoted to a Budget Committee Member. "Yes, we know Dan being promoted is being stretched!"

As the year went on we had some changes from a new Town Website, new Deputy Clerk, Breanna Goewey, that has been a big asset in the Office. She has been able to keep the office operational while our Clerk, Char-lin has been busy reconciling the town books and reviewing accounts that had been neglected for accountability.

"Hence the piles of boxes and papers everywhere in the office!"

The Town is in a better place financially and in transparency.

Some other changes were Tim Paker stepping down as a Selectboard Member to take a bigger roll as our county commissioner. We were disappointed that he was leaving but we are happy for him on his new venture. Knowing that he is overseeing our spending at a county level is a great feeling.

David Schofield stepped down from Code Enforcement Officer and plumbing inspector. We hired Dylan Lajoie as his replacement. David will be missed and his trusty four legged side kick, Thunder. We thank him for his service.

As the year continued, we added a new position to the Town, an EDC Coordinator, Christopher Lucey. He came to us with a very impressive resume. We hired him to help redo TIFF and try to bring life to the economic diversity in our community. It is important to invest in our town, especially after the closure of our campus. Unity does not want to go back in time and become a ghost town.

The Town has done some updates and maintenance. At Kanokolus beach, we added new tables and an information booth. We have started on a plan for roads. We have begun cutting shoulders and roadside mulching to improve citizen travels. We also decided to post pone paving on Quaker Hill. Being financially responsible, we looked at all the roads and it made no sense to have one super road while 33 miles of roads would be impassible. So we are spreading the money all through Town roads, and filled the pot holes on Quaker Hill this year. We are working on a 5-year plan.

Things seem to be going great. The Selectboard work and collaborate as a team. Dave came in March and stepped right up to the plate. He was out there mowing the neck downs side by side with the others, checking and researching. "He even got Tony to help him on cemeteries."

As cemeteries go, we were able to save the taxpayers thousands of estimated dollars (maybe 100 K) by accruing free tree removal by collaborating with adjacent property owners, the Benson Family and Logging crew.

But it has not been all happy go lucky in the office or in the Town of Unity this past year. We lost a couple of key people in Unity history. Penny Sampson served the Selectboard. Also for a couple years, and was part of the EDC Committee and had been "Repromoted" to the Budget Committee but did not get a chance to serve her term since she passed in December. She was a great

community volunteer from washing headstones, to the Open Door. The list can go on “But we would run out of ink”.

We also lost Charlie Porter in December, also a volunteer in many ways. Charlie worked for the Town for many years as a Code Enforcement Officer. He served the community as a volunteer Fire Fighter and also was on the Land Use Committee. Charlie wore many hats in his lifetime. He was a Unity business owner, a veteran and the list can go on. Also “But we would run out of ink”.

The Town has been blessed by both of these Unity Heros.

“Working Hard for your money”

The Selectboard and office staff work as a team to ensure that their citizens are getting their monies worth from strategically paying high interest loans off and placing Town money in higher profit accounts to make the Town revenue.

But their hard work is done by all their volunteers on the committees that serve as an extension of the Board. If it was not for those members, the town would not survive. Nevertheless, let’s not forget our Fire Fighters; these members of our community are more arduous then our other committee members. These men and women don’t have a time that they need to attend a meeting like the rest of us. They can be at dinner with their families or just sleeping and they get summoned to attend with no agenda to view. Before a meeting they come running and that is why we all survive!

“We all thank you for your service!”

“Almost out of ink!”

Let’s talk about Judith Stoodley.

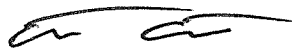
Here is a woman that has stepped up to the plate. From Rec Committee chair to flower watering at the triangle, running pickle ball, puzzlepalooza, to weeding at the Town Office, and planting flowers across town. She is on the go and the Rec Committee is right behind her.

“Thank you and WOW is all we can say!”

We would like to thank everyone that helps to make our Town a better place.

“Individually, we are one drop. Together we are an ocean”.

“No more ink”.



Antonio Avila - Chair



David Wakefield

2024 Economic Development Officer Report

Dear Unity Residents,

In Summer 2024, Christopher Lucey was selected as the new Economic Development Officer and invited to facilitate the formation of a new vision, strategy and effort to prepare a revised Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Unity. The Office of Economic Development has faced some challenges in previous years that have caused it to pause this past Fall in order to regroup to overcome some key obstacles. The first among them was to perform a financial audit and bank reconciliation. Next was the need to create a Comprehensive Plan and strategy that leads to more direct economic growth. This past Fall was an important time to evaluate the needs of business leaders both in Unity as well as our surrounding townships to determine how Unity may be uniquely positioned to enhance the growth of our community and neighboring towns.

In the process the follow efforts were done in the late Summer through January 2025:

- Meetings with local businesses (understanding their challenges to grow)
- Researching State of Maine EDC policies, perspectives and emphasis for the future
- Meeting with Unity EDC members to gauge the previous obstacles & opportunities
- Designed a Draft Presentation on the Town of Unity Economic Development Outlook
- Evaluated the leading economic drivers and conditions that may limit future growth
- Designing an overview of our region's economic indicators & a growth dashboard (this is a new concept and tool that is in the early stages of conceptual design)
- Setting new vision with the support of new EDC Committee to plan out 2025 actions

It is important to keep in mind that there was some remediation and research that was needed before any action could be taken. The information on various projects and proposal was either limited or missing from previous administrations. Therefore, it was difficult to fully begin any effort without recreating an understanding of activity and allocation – which took a lot of time. Our Town Clerk and staff are responsible for doing that heavy lifting to help our office understand the full scope of what had previously been discussed, planned and approved by the previous Economic Development Committee (EDC). Around that same time, late Summer 2024, the Selectman and the Town Clerk saw the need to perform an audit that encompassed the various town committees which included the EDC. The process was extended in part due to special circumstances, such as administrating a Presidential Election in the midst of managing the daily operations of the Town – all while rebuilding and reconciling banking records first – in order to perform an audit with accurate & adequate financial information & balanced accounts.

Our Town Clerk and staff did an excellent job given the time constraints and added challenges. It was only due to their tenacity, dedication and hard work – after hours – and many weekends – where they did the heavy lifting needed to rebuild our systems. They are truly public servants.

While all this activity was happening, the OED hosted a couple meetings to understand the focus and activity of the EDC up through this past Summer 2024. The Selectman Board recognized the need for a “freeze spending” to allow time to assess the state of activity and to perform the internal audit in order to provide an accurate picture of our current records, financial accounts and project allocations. We are pleased to announced that the newly formed EDC has voted to lift the “freeze” as of March 3rd, 2025 and the Selectboard followed through and approved on March 4th, 2025. The EDC has also voted to retroactively approve grants that were paused in 2024 – and the Committee can now review new proposals and grant application moving forward for the remainder of the 2025 Calendar year for EDC.

The EDC will begin hosting monthly meetings again so please check the Town website and calendar for dates, times and agendas (along with prior meeting minutes) to stay informed of current discussions.

In addition, there is the ongoing conversation around Unity College Campus and its future. Fresh conversations have begun between the Town of Unity and Unity College to understand their timelines, priorities and aspirations. At the moment, no specific plan or partnerships have been made officially, but there are active discussions the college is having with potential future campus tenants. As soon as we have more specific details, OED will share an update with the Town and keep everyone up to date.

As we begin 2025, there are numerous opportunities before us to explore and discuss. Everyone is welcome to join an EDC discussion and/ or share your insights and ideas with our new EDC Team who will be made available on our website in the coming weeks. Please encourage each of them as they invest their time and best effort to enhancing the vision and values of our beautiful community and the wonderful friends and families that are - Unity.

Peace to you,

Christopher Lucey

Economic Development Officer

Cemetery Committee Report

We started 2024 off with plans that we would be repairing many of the headstones that were damaged from the December 18th, 2023, windstorm. Unfortunately, we weren't able to make arrangements with the company that the Town has used for multiple years. We researched other companies who do headstone repairs, but we weren't comfortable with these other companies' reputation. We have contacted our first choice again this year and are hoping that they will be able to work us into their 2025 schedule.

In the spring and summer of 2024, members of our committee were able to attend some of the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) workshops. These workshops are for individuals who are interested in restoring and maintaining damaged headstones. MOCA is an organization in Maine that fosters an interest in the discovery, restoration, and maintenance of Maine cemeteries, and to preserve records and historical information which relates to them. Through their workshops we were introduced to Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters out of New York, who explained proper cleaning techniques, instruction on straightening leaning tablet stones, and exposure to the complete repair to damaged headstones.

The Cemetery Committee needs you. We need volunteers. We meet once a month, usually on the second Tuesday of the month. We need volunteers to help make the new cemetery, Fordyce Field, a beautiful reality. Reach out to one of our Select Board members about becoming a member of the Cemetery Committee.

This past year our committee stepped up to assist our Sexton, Penny Sampson. We learned the joy that Penny experienced as our Sexton. Her love of meeting and helping people was a big part of who she was and how she lived her life. This job of being a Sexton is not for the faint of heart. It truly takes a special individual who is able to comfort others and at the same time is able to organize multiple people to ensure that the grieving family and friends are able to say their goodbyes without the disturbance of everyday life. Penny tackled this job with love and pride. We lost Penny this past winter. The void she leaves behind is huge. The best we can do is to remember her for her dedication to our community and love of people. Rest in peace Penny, we've got your back.

Respectfully submitted,

Unity Cemetery Committee

Town of Unity Parks and Recreation Committee Annual Report 2024

Having agreed with the selectmen to try to revitalize the dormant Parks and Recreation Committee, interested townspeople were invited to attend an introductory meeting with a goal of setting the committee membership at seven. We were fortunate that seven people showed up and that they reflected a good diversity of interests and skills. Officers were chosen and we began the task of drafting bylaws (under review by the town attorney as of this writing) and developing programming.

The town had voted to grant us \$1000 from taxation, and we also understood that there were monies raised through fundraising efforts several years earlier. These funds had gone AWOL, but Selectboard Chair Tony Avila and Town Treasurer Char-lin Williams were able to track the missing money down and transfer it to a dedicated account.

Our very first activity of the year took place at town meeting—a cooperative pot luck fundraiser and bake sale done in partnership with the hardworking people at The Open Door, with receipts divided equally between the two groups and leftover bakery items donated for distribution at the next Open Door meal. We appreciated the donation of foods by businesses both in and outside of Unity as well as by local townspeople who are not members of either UPRC or The Open Door. Special mention should go to Shawna Mitchell, whose beautiful pies were again a feature of the “pie auction,” an annual tradition that adds a bit of sparkle to the “half-time” show at town meeting. Since then we have reintroduced the a-one-time annual Rubber Duck Race and associated coloring contest; introduced Pickleball to the community through a series of workshops and bi-monthly sessions in the Unity Elementary gym; created a flower bed at the back of the newly acquired Triangle property; instituted a monthly cribbage tournament at Mammie’s Country Kitchen; offered an interactive disc dog (frisbee) demonstration; held craft nights to learn needle felting and how to paint an Ohio Quilt Square; involved community members in planting crocuses on the Triangle (which, if the skunks didn’t totally destroy them, should be blooming around now); offered a free magic show and bake sale at the Ecology Learning Center’s Performing Arts theater; introduced Saturday morning Zumba classes at the

Unity Elementary School gym; scheduled three (as of this writing) “Puzzlepalooza” timed puzzle-making competitions; offered a Paint Your Own Trick or Treat Tote activity for children; held our second and expanded Holiday Photo Contest; and started a Senior Social hour for area seniors. There is more in the works!

While a few of our activities have attracted little to no participation, others saw solid engagement: Pickleball Workshop (10), Halloween Puzzlepalooza (37), Holiday Photo Contest (19 entries/many likes), Magic Show and Bake Sale (35), Crocuses and Croquet (14), Zumba (5-9 weekly). The Facebook page which was created to replace the previous inactive Facebook group has increased interest from fewer than 50 to more than 350 followers, with new ones weekly.

The Committee established registration procedures and forms, online registration thru a third-party service, and procedures for purchasing supplies and equipment.

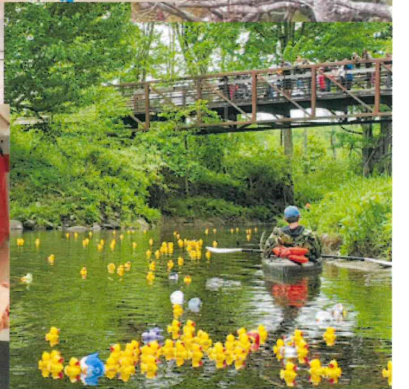
Our goal has been to keep our programs affordable, and in this we have been assisted by the generosity of Unity residents and others in the form of money, baked goods for our fundraisers, time, equipment and supplies (The rubber ducks were a gift from the Unity Area Rotary; the Parkinson’s Support Group donated a nice prize to our puzzle competition; the portable pickleball net was purchased with private donations for that purpose). We also appreciate the support and assistance of the town office staff and the selectmen. And as chair I know all too well the important role the volunteer committee members play in making things happen.

Looking forward we hope the bylaws which we worked on over a period of months are approved. We would also like to see the town provide us with more adequate storage in terms of safety, space and year-round **accessibility** for the supplies and equipment that are required to be stored on town-owned property. Reaching the community is an ongoing issue. At present we rely on Facebook and posters around town and word of mouth to let people know about the activities we provide, and we know there are more to reach. We always welcome ideas from residents of the town and volunteers who are willing to help, be it for one hour or many.

Submitted by UPRC Chair
Judith Stoodley
2/10/2025



UPRC Sampler 2024



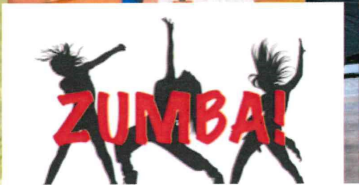
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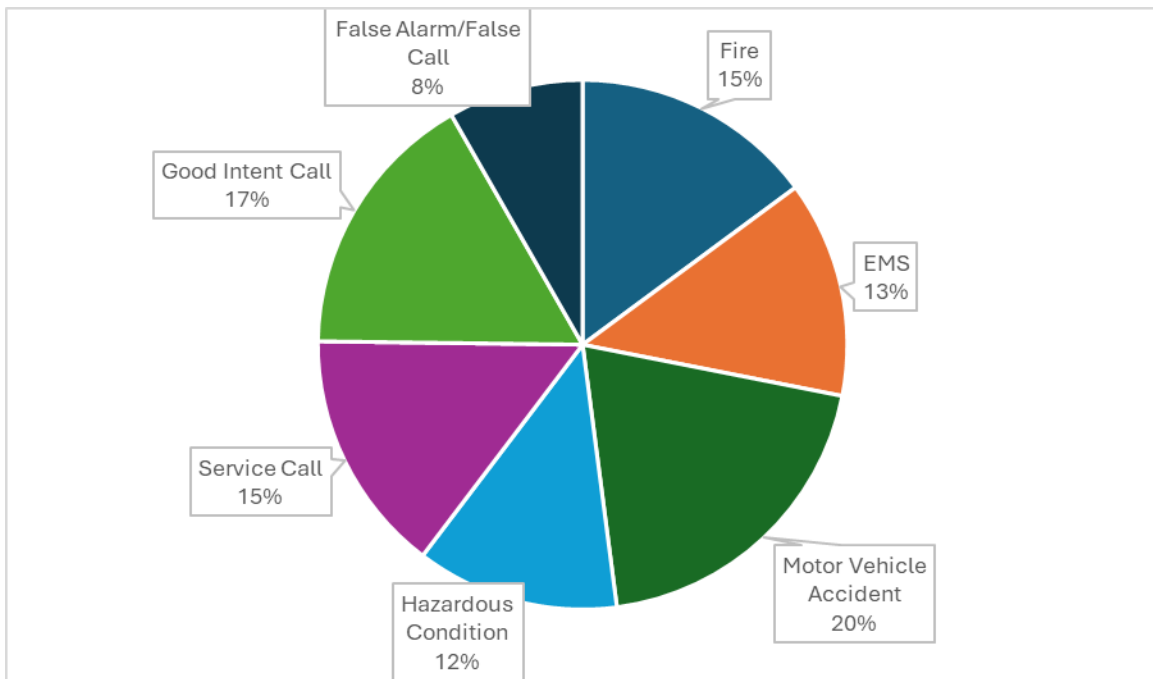
UNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2024 Annual Report

To the Citizens of Unity,

I would like to begin by saying that it has been an honor to serve the citizens of Unity this past year. Our department is committed to improving our response capabilities by continually training, upgrading our equipment, and maintaining readiness for any emergencies that may arise. Last year, our members dedicated over 1,700 hours to the department, which meant time spent away from their families in order to serve the citizens of Unity.

Last year, we responded to a total of 121 service calls. Fortunately, there were no major storms that required assistance from FEMA.



We were awarded a Stephen and Tabitha King grant for the Jaws of Life. This new set of tools replaces our previous set, which is 30 years old and unsuitable for the metals used in newer cars. The new equipment is quicker, stronger, and requires less space. Additionally, the Unity

Fire Association provided funding to help cover the total cost, as the grant did not cover the full cost. We will continue to pursue alternative funding and grants to replace and upgrade our equipment.

Last year, we successfully acquired much-needed equipment for our department. We recognized the necessity to enhance our ability to rescue individuals who have fallen through the ice. To address this, we purchased ice water rescue equipment that enables us to perform these essential operations quickly and safely. Additionally, the department found some used large-diameter hoses, which we bought at a fraction of the cost of new hoses. This purchase saved the town a significant amount of money.

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.

Burning laws and permits can be obtained for free online at www.maineburnpermit.com.

We are currently looking for more members to join our department and serve the community. If responding to emergencies isn't for you, there are plenty of other roles available, such as cleaning the station or assisting with administrative tasks. If you're interested in joining us in any capacity, please reach out to one of our members or contact me directly at 207-314-9192 or aclark@unityfiredepartment.com for more information.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our members and their families. They dedicate many nights away from home to assist their fellow citizens in Unity during times of need. I am immensely proud of this department and its members.

I also want to extend a special thank you to the citizens and businesses of Unity for your ongoing support of our Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Clark
Chief/EMA Director
Unity Fire Department



TOWN OF UNITY

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Animal Control Annual Report 2024

Dear Community Members,

I am pleased to present the annual report for FY2024. As my first year as your Animal Control Officer, I am not able to compare this year's call volume with prior years, but I can certainly say it was an active year. The Board and town staff have been supportive and I thank you for that.

Overview

In total, I answered 84 calls for service. Of those 84 calls, 53 required a scene response within the town and resulted in 32 violations and 17 Notices to Comply (NTC) issued. The remaining 31 calls were for lost animal notifications or general info/assistance and able to be resolved over the phone. I transported 7 cats, 11 dogs, and 1 pigeon to our local shelters and was able to successfully reunite 2 dogs and 3 goats with their owners in the field avoiding a shelter transport. As you can see from the summary below, the majority of complaints were in three areas: dogs at large, cat complaints, and cruelty to animals.

Complaint Type	Complaints Received	Violations/ NTC Issued
Dog At Large	32	17
License Necessary	1	6
Keeping a Dangerous Dog*	0	6
Rabies Vaccinations		
Number of Dog (Unvaccinated) violations	0	7
Number of Cat (Unvaccinated) violations	0	0
Animal Trespass Complaints	0	0
Stray Livestock Complaints	5	1
Owner Institutionalized	1	0
Cruelty to Animals	13	3
Removal of animals from Unattended Motor Vehicle	0	0
Suspect Rabid Animals	2	0
General Cat Complaints	14	0
Wildlife Related Calls	3	0
Municipal Noise Ordinance (excessive barking)	2	2
Other	7	1
Damage by animal / dog bite	4	6
Total number of Complaints for 2024	84	32

Training

To fulfill the required continuing education requirement, and to further my own knowledge and skills, I attended the following in-person/hands-on programs: Maine Animal Control Association's annual training, Large Animal Rescue Training, and Animal Body Language & Equipment Training. I also attended eight webinars hosted by the Maine Animal Welfare Program. In total, I received 32 hours of training for 2024.

Conclusion

After an active 2024, I am looking forward to continuing serving the people and animals of Unity. The challenges I faced with obtaining information on rabies and licensing status after town office hours will hopefully be resolved with the state's new dog licensing system. This will greatly enhance my ability to access information on rabies and license status immediately in the field as well as require additional documentation from pet owners. Because of this I anticipate greater accountability by dog and cat owners in compliance with state laws. Thank you again.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Morelli, Animal Control Officer



RSU 3

Regional School Unit #3

Lisa Roux
Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Residents of RSU 3,

As I step into the role of superintendent, I do so with a deep commitment to the students, staff, and communities that make up our district. Having spent my career in RSU 3, I have seen firsthand the dedication of our educators and the resilience of our students. This transition has been both humbling and inspiring, reinforcing my belief in the strength of our schools and the importance of working together to overcome challenges. It is with both optimism and a sense of responsibility that I share this State of the Schools report, reflecting on where we are, the challenges we face, and the path forward.

Highlights from the Year

This year has been one of growth, progress, and innovation across RSU 3. As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening our district, we have implemented three subcommittees as part of our BEE (Building Educational Excellence) initiative, focusing on Commitment, Communication, and Collaboration. These efforts are aimed at fostering a more connected and engaged school community.

Communication has also been a key focus, including ongoing updates to our district website and the launch of monthly newsletters that keep both staff and community members informed. At the high school level, we introduced a new cell phone policy designed to enhance learning and focus and support the mental health and well-being of our students.

Our students have continued to shine in academics, athletics, and the arts. We have celebrated successful athletic seasons, with notable achievements including wrestling championships, basketball playoff games, and multiple students reaching impressive milestones. Meanwhile, our music program is seeing increased student participation at all levels, providing more opportunities for students to explore and develop their talents.

These are just a few of the many exciting things happening in RSU 3, and they reflect the dedication, hard work, and passion of our students, staff, and community.

Building a Stronger, Safer, and More Supportive District

RSU 3 remains focused on providing high-quality education and fostering a supportive learning environment for all students. Our teachers and staff continue to adapt to evolving academic needs, integrating evidence-based instructional practices and expanding social-emotional learning initiatives.

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Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains one of our top priorities. We continue to assess and enhance our security measures, provide ongoing safety training, and collaborate with local agencies. Maintaining a secure learning environment ensures a focus on academic rigor and excellence.

We recognize that every student's journey to graduation is unique, and we are committed to expanding alternative pathways to earning the necessary credits. Whether through career and technical education, dual enrollment, online coursework, or work-based learning experiences, we aim to provide students with flexible options that align with their strengths and interests.

Additionally, we recognize the growing number of students experiencing trauma and the strain this places on our schools. We are working to expand mental health resources and partnerships to better support students and staff alike.

Challenges and Opportunities

Like many districts, we have faced staffing shortages and turnover, which have impacted consistency in programs and initiatives. These challenges are being addressed in several ways including enhancing our advertising practices, strengthening our mentor program, offering frequent new staff orientation opportunities, and relying on the vast expertise of our experienced staff. We are also invested in professional development to better support our teachers and staff, in addressing students' academic, and social-emotional needs. Our educators continue to go above and beyond to meet the diverse needs of our learners, and we are grateful for their dedication.

One of the most significant developments in our district this year is the school board's difficult decision to close two of our elementary schools at the end of this school year. This decision was made after several years of extensive discussion and careful consideration of enrollment trends, financial sustainability, and the need to provide equitable resources for all students. While we understand that this change is emotional and challenging for many in our community, we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for students, families, and staff. We will be working closely with affected families to ensure adequate support and clear communication throughout the process, including multiple opportunities for families and staff to engage with their new school in the coming months.

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Moving Forward

A strong organization continually reflects on its practices and recognizes areas for improvement in order to continually move forward. I firmly believe that growth comes from honest evaluation and a willingness to adapt. As we navigate these challenges, our focus remains on fostering a thriving district rather than merely surviving. We are developing strategic plans to enhance curriculum, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure fiscal responsibility. Transparency and communication will be key in this process, and I encourage ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders.

We continue to prioritize a collaborative leadership model through our District Leadership Team (DLT), ensuring that decision-making is shared and informed by diverse perspectives. This approach strengthens stability within our schools and allows us to navigate challenges with a unified vision. By fostering leadership at all levels, we are committed to creating a resilient and adaptable district that remains focused on student success.

An essential part of moving forward is rebuilding and strengthening pride in our district. We have so much to be proud of—our dedicated educators, talented students, and supportive communities. By working together, we can continue to build a school system that our students, families, and staff feel proud to be a part of, creating a sense of belonging and shared accomplishment.

I want to express my gratitude to the residents of RSU 3 for your continued support of our schools. Having spent 31 years as an educator in this district, I have had the privilege of educating many of our community members. Additionally, as a parent, I am incredibly proud that all three of my children graduated from our schools and I have seen firsthand the impact of a strong, supportive education on their lives. These many personal connections deepen my commitment to ensuring the best possible future for all students in RSU 3 and I remain dedicated to strengthening the foundation that supports the next generation of students.

Sincerely,

Lisa Roux
Assistant Superintendent/Incoming Superintendent, RSU 3

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Unity Scholarship Committee

We had no applicants last year. We are still a committee except for the fact that we have no committee chairperson.

The original endowment from John Beote has been augmented by interest accrued from the Stillman Berry Fund, the Agriculture Benevolent Fund, and the Farwell Fund. The bylaws state that the committee is to receive annually the interest accruing on those funds. The Scholarship Committee has not received the accrued interest since the 2020 fiscal year of the town of Unity. The amount that the committee received for that year was \$2,284.74. The bylaws state that the interest accrued will be given to the Unity Scholarship Committee annually. Bylaws also state that any funds received by the committee must be divided equally between "available funds for scholarship grants" and "funds to be held in a bank account or CD.

I hope this is helpful.

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2024 Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club Report

We held one ATV Safety class last year certifying fifteen young riders. All of our ATV safety instructors take great pride in their roles teaching kids to ride safely and respectfully. As with all of our safety classes, we include the Maine Warden service to teach about the laws of ATV riding. We have found that by limiting the number of kids to 15 per class we get better involvement from the kids, and they get more hands-on learning.

The Club participated in three parades: Unity Memorial Day Parade, Thorndike Harvest Days Parade and the Unity Parade of Lights. Several members attended the 8th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Unity. The Club did a scavenger hunt with the local Masons and raised \$1800 for the Thorndike Veterans Memorial. Our annual Glow Ride raised money for small gift cards to say thank you to our landowners. The Club is actively working on adding a couple life flight landing zones to the trail system.

We currently have around 45 miles of trails and access routes combined. We connect to three neighboring clubs: Jackson Wheel & Ski, Central Maine Trail Connectors of Dixmont and Frye Mountain Riders (Knox and Brooks).

As a Club we recognize that there is plenty of “outdoors” for everyone to enjoy and we work with groups who also enjoy the trails whether they are motorized or non-motorized. As a result, I would like to think that we have an excellent relationship with the landowners, select boards and town residents who may not ATV but enjoy walking, riding horses or bicycles on the trail system. Trails are currently closed (March 2025). We close the trails in October after the landowner dinner and prior to the start of deer (rifle) season. Trails will remain closed until after mud season in mid-May depending on what Mother Nature throws at us.

We meet the third Thursday of each month, 6:30pm Unity House of Pizza. To become a member, for more information or to contact us follow us on Facebook- Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club.

Finally, if you have an issue with an ATV please let the club know. We try to be proactive and work hard to resolve issues with ATVs so small problems do not become large problems.

Michele Scribner, President

Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club

UNITY AREA REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER

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January 8, 2025

Dear Member Town,

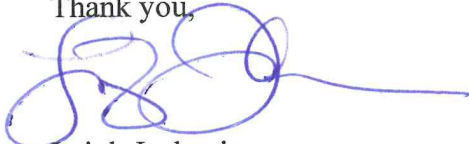
In 2024 we had 8727 customers and were able to divert almost 200 tons of materials from landfills. I call that a huge success! If you're old enough (guilty!), you might remember the dump in Unity. I can remember dump days, dropping off our trash, and the smell of what lingered, moldered or burned at the dump. I'm sure we can all agree recycling our waste is a much better option than burying it. It might seem insignificant to you, but your children and grandchildren will thank you for it.

Let me tell you what's been happening with commodities. With the addition of a new weather-friendly bin, we're accepting textiles and clothing again. We also found a market for plastic bags/films, which are used to create plastic outdoor furniture and Trex decking. The backlog of crushed glass/sand has found a second calling: some on a golf course, and some as fill in landscaping. Freon was collected from 189 refrigerators/freezers/AC units. Lightbulbs, batteries, and a myriad of electronic devices have come and gone, along with 290 bales of cardboard, newspapers, mixed/low-grade paper, and plastics #1-7.

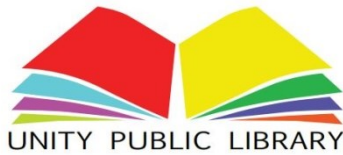
You might be surprised to know we currently have 65 non-resident members. These are people who aren't satisfied with how their towns deal (or don't deal) with recycling. Saving their recycling trips for once every month or 6 months, they come from as far away as MDI, Tremont, and Lee with their cars loaded. Some are neighbors, from Albion, Brooks, and Burnham. Either way, their stories are the same: we want to recycle. They pay out of pocket for this service, and many would happily pay more.

Our community is a great one to live and work in and appreciate the environment that surrounds us. We can only do what we do because of you, our members. Please feel free to contact us for information, whether it be which items are acceptable or anything else about the recycling process. We're here to help. Should you need assistance after hours, please check out our website or Facebook page for our most current information. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you in 2025, 2026 and beyond.

Thank you,



Leigh Juskevice
Manager



Unity Public Library Town Report January 2025

Our full-service public library has been open for three years; we are open Tuesday through Saturday for a total of 24 hours a week. We are part of the Maine Library System and have access to interlibrary loans, Cloud Library, and many digital resources including genealogy databases. With our library card, a patron can take any of thousands of courses offered through Udemy, an online course platform. Our video conference meeting room is used by local committees, podcasters, social workers, and book clubs. This year we sponsored an exercise class for seniors and started an endowment fund with Maine Community Foundation.

Our activities and services in 2024 included:

- Saturday morning Story Time & Craft
- STEAM Presentations (Science Technology Engineering Art Math)
- Saturday coding class and Tech Tuesdays
- Creative craft sessions for all ages
- Adult Reading Discussion Groups
- Author readings by five author-illustrators.
- Nine exhibits by local artists
- Printing, copying, and faxing
- Access to Bangor Public Library digital resources.

We have received several grants and gifts including:

- Bangor Savings Bank Foundation grant for our video conferencing room.
- Efficiency Maine grant to install level 2 car chargers.
- Maine Humanities Council grant for an artist in residence.
- Major gift to start our endowment fund.
- ARPA grant for 2 workstations for remote workers.
- Maine Arts Commission grant for visits by author/illustrators.

The library building is privately owned and pays property tax. Revenue from two AirBnB suites on the second floor covers all building costs. The library is operated by about 35 dedicated volunteers who run the circulation desk, catalog and shelve items, and assist patrons.

Our board of directors meets monthly. Our board members are:

Vicky Burwell, President; Brian Blake, Vice President; Bette Anterra, Treasurer; Amanda Jamison, Secretary; Pat Allen, Melissa Bastien, Alex Koch, Lorri Vaillancourt, Dorothy Royle.
Report submitted by Jean Bourg, Director.

WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF
Jason W. Trundy

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CHIEF DEPUTY
Matthew C. Curtis

Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to provide law enforcement, correctional and civil paperwork services to the citizens of our great county and we want to thank the members of the public for their continued support.

In 2024, our patrol division handled 7,536 calls for service. These calls included all types of incidents from domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. During 2024, to increase traffic safety, the Sheriff's Office shifted greater focus on traffic safety, including the assignment of a deputy sheriff specifically to traffic enforcement. The increased focus on traffic safety resulted in a significant increase in traffic stops from an average of around 1,500 stops annually to 2986 stops in 2024.

Our corrections division finished its fifteenth year in the operation of our 72-hour intake and the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center. The seventy-two-hour holding and booking facility processed 835 people who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County.

In 2024, the participants of the reentry provided 3,375 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated to a savings in labor costs of \$49,443 to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 32,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries and those in need from the County's Garden Project. The residents also paid \$10,566 in room and board to the County and \$5,799 toward their fines and restitution.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,123 sets of legal paperwork all over the county in 2024.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2024. It is my goal as Sheriff to focus the resources of the Sheriff's Office on enhancing traffic safety, addressing substance abuse, and identifying operational efficiencies and cost savings in our correctional services. These issues are critical to the quality of life of everyone in Waldo County. We look forward to providing the citizens of Waldo County with professional law enforcement services based on our core values of Integrity, Teamwork and Compassion. We wish everyone a safe and productive 2025.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Jason W. Trundy



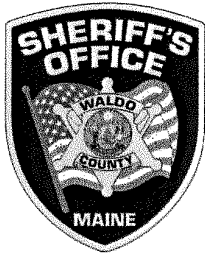
Waldo County Sheriff's Office

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Total Number of Complaints received in 2024 for Unity

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Disconnect	21	3.95%
911 Misdial	14	2.64%
911 Open Line	11	2.07%
ATV Complaint	1	0.19%
Abandoned Vehic	2	0.38%
Agency Assist	29	5.46%
Alarm	33	6.21%
Animal Prob LAW	3	0.56%
Assault	1	0.19%
Attempt-Locate	1	0.19%
BOLO	3	0.56%
Burglary	3	0.56%
Business Check	6	1.13%
Car/Deer PD	9	1.69%
Child Abuse	1	0.19%
Child Custody	3	0.56%
Civil	17	3.20%
Crim Mischief	2	0.38%
Crim Trespass	16	3.01%
Cruiser Accidnt	1	0.19%
Detail Bail Chk	1	0.19%
Detail K-9	3	0.56%
Detail Misc	3	0.56%
Detail Parade	3	0.56%
Detail Radar	1	0.19%
Detail School	1	0.19%
Disorderly	2	0.38%
Disturbance	11	2.07%
Domestic	11	2.07%
Drugs	2	0.38%
Electronic Mon	2	0.38%
Escort	4	0.75%
Fire Alarm	1	0.19%
Found Property	3	0.56%
Fraud	3	0.56%
Harassment	11	2.07%
Identity Theft	1	0.19%
Indecent Expos	2	0.38%
Information	37	6.97%
Intoxication	5	0.94%
Juvenile Prob	5	0.94%
Late 10-55	3	0.56%
Littering	1	0.19%
MV Complaint	20	3.77%
Mental Medical	4	0.75%
MessageDelivery	1	0.19%
Missing Person	1	0.19%
Motor Veh Theft	3	0.56%
Motorist Assist	3	0.56%
Noise Complaint	4	0.75%
PD Accident	20	3.77%
PI Accident	13	2.45%
Paperwork	3	0.56%



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<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Parking Problem	2	0.38%
Probation Viol	1	0.19%
Property Watch	35	6.59%
Public Assist	5	0.94%
Reported Death	1	0.19%
Search Warrant	1	0.19%
Service PO	9	1.69%
Sex Offense	4	0.75%
Speed Complaint	1	0.19%
Suspicious	27	5.08%
Theft	18	3.39%
Threatening	8	1.51%
Traffic Hazard	1	0.19%
Traffic Offense	11	2.07%
Unsecure Premis	1	0.19%
Utility Problem	1	0.19%
VIN Verify	1	0.19%
Veh Off The Rd	5	0.94%
Vehicle Fire	1	0.19%
Viol Cond Rel	1	0.19%
Violation PO	1	0.19%
Wanted Person	10	1.88%
Weapon Offense	1	0.19%
Welfare Check	16	3.01%
Wildlife Prob	4	0.75%

Total Complaints Reported: 531

Total Traffic Stops: 33

Town Clerk's Report 2024

Greetings to the Residents of Unity,

I would like to take a moment and offer my condolences to the families that lost loved ones this year in the Town of Unity. Listed Below is a list of individuals that passed on in 2024.

Bernacki, Walter Henry Jr
Coolen, Pauline Goundry
Currier, Polly A.
Foster, Richard B.
Goldrup, Jesse Jay
Hall, Cecil B
Handlos, Abigail Louise
Knowles, Robert Elwood
Lindsey, Robert James II
Marston, Kenneth Alwyn
McCormick, Barbara Pauline
Myrick, Jean Irene
Picard-Sampson, Penny
Porter, Charles Irving Jr.

Quimby, Edward Stephen Jr.
Robinia, Joseph E.
Shorey, Robert Edwin Jr.
Smart, Dennis Douglas
Sullivan, Colleen Gay
Tarini, Sally A.
Thomas, Donna Ann
Turner, Vivian Yoshico
Ward, Harry Franklin Sr.
Weed, Hanson Gene
Weed, Linda L.J.
Whelan, Cynthia
Williams, Gilbert David
Young, Cindy Ann

This past year, we have had 28 deaths, 20 births and 19 marriages in the town of Unity.

We registered 154 dogs. Don't forget to register your dog annually!

With four elections for the town of Unity in 2024 we have been quite busy with voter registrations.

Registered Voters as of January 31, 2025

Democrats 570
Green Party 144
Libertarians 6
No Labels 14
Republicans 571
Unenrolled 654

Total Numbers of Voters 1959

All I can say is what a year! Looking forward to continuing to foster new relationships with the community we all call Unity!

Respectfully submitted,

Char-lin Williams
Town Clerk



Treasurer's Report

To my friends and neighbors of the Town of Unity,

In 2024, as the Town of Unity's Tax Collector and Treasurer, I had set goals to create transparency and order to the Town's financial accounts and investments, complete the outstanding 2023 and 2024 comprehensive audits, create a fiscally responsible plan for facilitation of the Town budget, look for ways to reduce debt service, help facilitate the internal financial Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) audit in preparation for the upcoming Economic Development audit and renewal, and to evaluate ways to keep the municipal budget down to off-set taxation.

This all the while the office continued to move forward with speed of a freight train with a Presidential Election and all. With the addition of deputy clerk in June of 2024, we began to make progress with updating the office filing systems creating organization to all areas of town business. This became an essential step in creating the order and transparency of the town government. We have updated the town operating system to create clarity in reporting department expenses as well as clarifying the amount of incoming revenues available to budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

It is important to know where the funds reside, what their purpose is and how much is available for allocation in a town budget. With this knowledge, you can determine where you can use reserves to offset taxation for the upcoming year but also ensure as to not exceed what is intended for those specific allocations. After many long hours, including nights and weekends, we have been able to achieve accurate account balances for the financial and investment accounts, with the exception of the value of the First Energy Stock. Going forward, these will be updated monthly with interest, revenue, and expenditures by account and presented to the selectboard and budget committee as part of the monthly treasurer's report.

These will also be available to the public upon request. We have been able to work with our auditing team to complete the FY23/24 audit and have included it in this report. The full audit will be available in our office as soon as it is finalized for printing and will be available on the town website. We have started the FY24/25 audit and will make that available as soon as it is completed.

As part of the budgeting process for the upcoming year, we identified the unused funds from FY24/25 to reduce or offset taxation for FY25/26. Creating this balance can be difficult with the cost of everything going up including two unknowns of taxation from Waldo County and RSU#3. We have included the worksheet the budget committee and selectboard worked with to build this year's budget. You will also find the allocation spreadsheet for FY24/25 and FY25/26 to see how the funds were allocated for your municipal budget.

I have included the town Treasurer's report with the unaudited balances of all accounts as of January 31, 2025. Finally, we have completed an internal audit of the TIF account and have a better understanding and clarity of the balances in the appropriate accounts for the full TIF account. This will help the EDC Committee facilitate forward with allocations and facilitation of current allocations. Going into the next year we intend to continue with continuity and transparency for all departments of the town.

Respectfully,

Char-lin Williams

Tax Collector and Treasurer

Unaudited Treasurer's Report
February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

	Budget
Snowmobile Grooming Grant/Registration Refund	
Received from State of Maine	\$8,889.88
Paid to Snowdusters Snowmobile Club	-\$8,889.88
Balance	\$0.00
Abatements, Interests, and Discounts	
	\$39,292.69
From taxation	-\$4,500.00
From overlay	-\$34,792.69
Balance	\$0.00
Unanticipated Expenses : undesignated funds	
	\$10,000.00
overage on steet lights	-\$65.77
	\$9,934.23
Donations	
Spectrum	\$557.50
	-\$557.50
Balance	\$0.00
WCAP Waldo Community Action Partners	
	\$8,800.00
	-\$8,800.00
Balance	\$0.00
Unity Public Library	
	\$2,458.00
	-\$2,458.00
Balance	\$0.00
New Hope Midcoast	
	\$600.00
	-\$600.00
Balance	\$0.00
Park and Recreation Committee	
	\$1,000.00
	-\$1,000.00
Balance	\$0.00
Summer Roads Maintenance	
	\$248,589.20
Maintenance	-\$88,895.26
Road Side mowing	-\$6,400.00
Supplies	-\$21,141.29
Balance to Carry	\$132,152.65

Winter Roads	\$340,000.00
salt	-\$16,757.40
Plowing and sand services	-\$275,750.00
Fuel surcharge	\$0.00
Balance to Carry	\$47,492.60
Extra Plowing Payment	\$46,622.02
not needed	\$0.00
Balance to Undesignated	\$46,622.02
Second Road Loan	\$84,360.80
	-\$84,360.80
Balance	\$0.00
Sand and Salt Shed Maintenance	\$2,200.00
	-\$1,344.51
Balance to Undesignated	\$855.49
Solid Waste	
Unity Area Regional Recycling	\$39,922.06
Sullivans	\$91,000.00
PERC/MRC	\$55,600.00
	\$186,522.06
Unity Area Regional Recycling	-\$39,922.06
Gregory's	-\$91,000.00
PERC/MRC	-\$25,367.18
Supplies	\$694.00
Balance to Carry	-\$26,687.25
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$4,239.57
Landfill Maintenance and Monitoring	\$4,600.00
	-\$620.00
Balance to Carry	\$3,980.00
Maintenance	
Kanokulus Beach	\$9,900.00
maintenance	-\$4,304.95
Balance to Carry	\$5,595.05
Fire Department Maintenance and Operations and Salaries	\$122,464.46
	-\$115,861.10
Balance to FD Capital Improvements Reserve	\$6,603.36
Fire Truck Fund	\$23,000.00
	-\$23,000.00

Balance	\$0.00
Firehouse Loan	\$40,116.00
	-\$40,115.51
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$0.49
2018 International 4400 Tanker Fire Truck	\$30,929.82
payment	-\$30,922.48
Balance to Undesignated	\$7.34
E-911, Road Signs and Maintenance	\$500.00
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$500.00
SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)	\$13,699.16
SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)	-\$10,009.00
Balance to FD Capital Improvements Reserve	\$3,690.16
Town Official's Salaries	\$149,896.20
	-\$147,560.36
Balance to Carry	\$2,335.84
Unpaid Salaries	\$916.00
	-\$916.00
	\$0.00
Administration	
Administration	\$74,500.00
Administration	-\$63,125.28
ACO/ CEO/ LPI/ EMA Incidental Account	\$1,000.00
ACO/ CEO/ LPI/ EMA Incidental Account	-\$874.04
legal	\$10,000.00
	-\$3,720.27
Assessing Services	\$14,400.00
Assessing Services	-\$25,125.00
Balance to Carry	\$7,055.41
Electricity costs: Street Lights	\$8,800.00
	-\$8,865.77
From Emergency Account	\$65.77
Balance	\$0.00

Cemeteries	
Maintenance	\$19,500.00
	-\$21,837.35
FEMA Reim cleanup	\$3,456.00
	\$1,118.65
Tree Removal	\$3,500.00
Tree Removal	-\$4,285.00
FEMA REIM TREES	\$3,856.50
Balance to Carry	\$3,071.50
Cemetery Expansion	\$4,338.00
Balance Carried	\$4,338.00
Maintenance	
Septic Disposal Contract	\$1,050.00
	\$0.00
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$1,050.00
Contracts	
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$2,910.00
	-\$2,910.00
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$0.00
Humane Society of Waterville Area	\$4,492.36
	-\$4,492.36
Balance to Undesignated Funds	\$0.00
General Assistance	
	\$3,000.00
Payments	-\$685.34
State of Maine Reimbursement (anticipated)	\$479.74
Balance to Carry	\$2,794.40
Videographer/Web Design Coordinator and Equipment	\$4,500.00
Balance	\$4,500.00
Historical Document Preservation	
	\$10,000.00
Bank Accounts	
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	
TIF Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$231,707.82
Beginning balance adjustments from 2023	\$25,467.03
Interest	\$5,429.11
2023 TIF Commitment	\$73,364.00

2024 TIF Commitment	\$80,019.00
Fire Truck Reserve 2023	-\$10,000.00
Fire Truck Reserve 2024	-\$10,000.00
TIF Expenditures and Payroll 2023	-\$12,723.22
KVCOG 2023	-\$2,853.00
KVCOG 2024	-\$2,910.00
Kanokolus 2023	-\$3,000.00
Kanokolus 2024	-\$2,575.95
Summer Roads 2024	-\$6,400.00
Administrative Professional Services	-\$4,938.30
Unity Public Library	-\$2,756.25
Community Grants	-\$7,500.00
Streetscape	-\$2,420.99
Unity Reach Me Grant with Unitel	-\$40,000.00
traffic calming	-\$280.70
Marketing Grants	-\$1,370.00
Due to TIF (duplicate transfer)	-\$2,910.00
Ending Balance TIF Account	\$303,348.55
ARPA	
ARPA Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$34,860.68
Interest	\$1,267.16
2022-2023 missed transfers	-\$18,682.19
AED	-\$332.35
TRIO WEB UPDATE	-\$5,995.00
CRACK SEALING	\$21,964.54
CRACK SEALING	-\$21,964.54
OPEN DOOR	-\$1,000.00
UNITY VOLUNTEER FOOD PANTRY	-\$3,000.00
WINSLOW COMMUNITY CUPBOARD	-\$1,000.00
BOAT DOCK	-\$777.39
Ending Account Balance FY24/25	\$5,340.91
Parks and Recreation Account	
Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$0.00
Account Opening Deposit	\$6,907.95
Recreation Income	\$5,082.46
Recreation Expensed	-\$4,749.47
Ending Balance	\$7,240.94
Online Purchase Account	
Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$2,376.72
Beginning Balance Adjustments from 2023	-\$2,238.50
Transferred from General Fund	\$8,677.85

Expensed for online Purchases	-\$8,594.86
Account Closing Transfer to General Fund	-\$221.21
Ending Closing Balance	\$0.00
Fire Depart Reserves and CD's	
FD Truck Reserve	
Beginning Balance FD Truck Reserve FY24/25	\$28,468.03
Interest	\$563.54
MOFGA AND KENNEBEC CONTRACT TRANSFER	\$13,000.00
2023 TRUCK TRANSFER TIF	\$10,000.00
2024 TRUCK TRANSFER TIF	\$10,000.00
TRUCK PAYMENT TRANSFER	-\$30,922.48
Ending Balance FD Truck Reserve	\$31,109.09
FD Truck CD	
Beginning Balance FD Truck CD FY24/25	\$66,464.55
Interest	\$1,512.90
Ending Balance FD Truck CD	\$67,977.45
FD Maintance and Operations Reserve	
Beginning Balance FD M&O Reserve FY24/25	\$15,137.36
Beginning Balance Adjustments from 2023	\$197.92
2023 Town Meeting Transfer	\$23,436.25
2024 Town Meeting Transfer	\$6,045.13
Interest	\$416.38
Ending Balance FD M&O Reserve	\$45,233.04
Total FD Reserve Balance	\$144,319.58
Cemetery Perpetual Care CD and Investments	
Cemetery Perpetual Care CD Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$7,824.34
Interest	\$117.72
Cemetery Perpetual Care CD Ending Balance	\$7,942.06
Cemetery PC Ivestment Wealth Management FY24/25	
Beginning Balance	\$146,954.10
Fees	-\$1,173.69
Net Cash Saless/Purchases	-\$6,976.52
Change in Market Value	\$17,330.24
Ending Balance FY24/25	\$164,294.34
Cemetery Stock First Energy FY24/25	

Value Unknown at time of Publication	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance FY24/25	\$1,821,092.35
Prior Year Adjustments	\$14,434.32
Net Revenues/Expenses	\$256,263.52
Ending Balance FY24/25	\$2,091,790.19
Less Due To/From	
Due to Wealth Management	-\$1,500.00
Due From Wealth Management	\$11,445.00
Due to RSU#3 through June 2025	-\$572,020.00
Due to Road Reserve	-\$280,009.12
Undesignated Fund Balance as of January 31, 2025	\$1,249,706.07



Proven Expertise & Integrity

March 10, 2025

Selectboard
Town of Unity
Unity, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Unity and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Unity as of and for the year ended January 31, 2024. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and 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 upon completion of the audit.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF UNITY

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 1, Restated	\$ 1,617,968	\$ 1,617,968	\$ 1,617,968	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,389,240	2,389,240	2,366,354	(22,886)
Excise Taxes	-	-	329,496	329,496
Interest on Taxes	-	-	13,747	13,747
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	341,570	341,570	398,973	57,403
Homestead Exemption	106,736	106,736	115,453	8,717
BETE Reimbursement	7,751	7,751	7,765	14
GA Reimbursement	-	-	4,454	4,454
Local Road Assistance	-	-	40,472	40,472
Veteran Reimbursement	-	-	1,183	1,183
Tree Growth Reimbursement	-	-	12,754	12,754
Other	-	-	9,660	9,660
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	24,983	24,983
Charges for Services:				
Transfer Station	-	-	71,214	71,214
Cemeteries	-	-	2,600	2,600
Recreation	-	-	3,287	3,287
Public Safety	-	-	10,927	10,927
Investment Income	-	-	23,402	23,402
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable Fees	-	-	4,712	4,712
Misc Revenues	12,300	-	21,940	21,940
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,475,565</u>	<u>4,463,265</u>	<u>5,081,344</u>	<u>48,385</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	167,395	167,395	167,536	(141)
Culture and Recreation	31,178	31,178	28,440	2,738
Public Safety	190,010	190,010	197,046	(7,036)
General Assistance	3,000	3,000	5,791	(2,791)
Public Works	768,461	768,461	692,362	76,099
Health and Sanitation	139,302	139,302	133,381	5,921
Education	1,521,780	1,521,780	1,521,780	-
County Tax	269,769	269,769	269,769	-
Unclassified	77,220	77,220	19,411	57,809
Special Appropriations	51,084	51,084	51,084	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,219,199</u>	<u>3,219,199</u>	<u>3,086,600</u>	<u>132,599</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 31	<u>\$ 1,256,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,244,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,744</u>	<u>\$ 180,984</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 361,602</u>	<u>\$ 361,602</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (361,602)</u>

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF UNITY

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JANUARY 31, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,879,555	\$ 292,602	\$ 2,172,157
Investments	66,335	-	66,335
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	276,590	-	276,590
Liens	53,145	-	53,145
Other	12,854	-	12,854
Prepaid items	25,590	-	25,590
Tax acquired property	278	-	278
Due from other funds	16,301	125,880	142,181
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,330,648	\$ 418,482	\$ 2,749,130
LIABILITIES			
Due to other governments	\$ 11,031	\$ -	\$ 11,031
Due to other funds	125,880	16,301	142,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES	136,911	16,301	153,212
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	5,993	-	5,993
Deferred revenues	-	143,199	143,199
Deferred tax revenues	193,000	-	193,000
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	198,993	143,199	342,192
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	25,868	-	25,868
Restricted	-	-	-
Committed	-	258,982	258,982
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,968,876	-	1,968,876
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,994,744	258,982	2,253,726
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,330,648	\$ 418,482	\$ 2,749,130

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

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF UNITY

COMBINING 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
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,380,101	\$ -	\$ 2,380,101
Excise taxes	329,496	-	329,496
Intergovernmental revenues	590,714	31,791	622,505
Charges for services	113,011	-	113,011
Miscellaneous revenues	50,054	-	50,054
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,463,376</u>	<u>31,791</u>	<u>3,495,167</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	167,536	-	167,536
Culture and recreation	28,440	-	28,440
Public safety	197,046	-	197,046
General assistance	5,791	-	5,791
Public works	692,362	-	692,362
Health and sanitation	133,381	-	133,381
Education	1,521,780	-	1,521,780
County tax	269,769	-	269,769
Unclassified	19,411	4,517	23,928
Special appropriations	51,084	-	51,084
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,086,600</u>	<u>4,517</u>	<u>3,091,117</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	376,776	27,274	404,050
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>1,617,968</u>	<u>231,708</u>	<u>1,849,676</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	<u>\$ 1,994,744</u>	<u>\$ 258,982</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,726</u>

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TOWN OF UNITY

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JANUARY 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 292,602	\$ 292,602
Due from other funds	125,880	125,880
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 418,482</u>	<u>\$ 418,482</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds	<u>\$ 16,301</u>	<u>\$ 16,301</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>16,301</u>	<u>16,301</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred revenues	<u>143,199</u>	<u>143,199</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>143,199</u>	<u>143,199</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	-	-
Restricted	-	-
Committed	258,982	258,982
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>258,982</u>	<u>258,982</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 418,482</u>	<u>\$ 418,482</u>

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TOWN OF UNITY

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
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
REVENUES		
Intergovernmental	\$ 31,791	\$ 31,791
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>31,791</u>	<u>31,791</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Program expenditures	<u>4,517</u>	<u>4,517</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>4,517</u>	<u>4,517</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	27,274	27,274
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>231,708</u>	<u>231,708</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	<u><u>\$ 258,982</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 258,982</u></u>

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TOWN OF UNITY
SCHEDULE C

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JANUARY 31, 2024

	ARPA	FEMA	Housing Assistance Plan	TIF	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,427	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,175	\$ 292,602
Due from other funds	107,772	8,108	10,000	-	125,880
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 143,199</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 257,175</u>	<u>\$ 418,482</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,301	\$ 16,301
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,301</u>	<u>\$ 16,301</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenue	143,199	-	-	-	143,199
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>143,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,199</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	8,108	10,000	240,874	258,982
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>8,108</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>240,874</u>	<u>258,982</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 143,199</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 257,175</u>	<u>\$ 418,482</u>

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TOWN OF UNITY

SCHEDULE D

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

	ARPA	FEMA	Housing Assistance Plan	TIF	Total
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental	\$ 4,432	\$ 8,108	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,251	\$ 31,791
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,432</u>	<u>8,108</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,251</u>	<u>31,791</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Program expenses	4,432	-	-	85	4,517
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>4,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>4,517</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	8,108	10,000	9,166	27,274
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,708</u>	<u>231,708</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 240,874</u>	<u>\$ 258,982</u>

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

RHR Company, CPA's audit report for fiscal year 2024—2025 was not completed at time of printing. The report will be available after completion upon request and will be published in next year's Town Report.

RHR Smith & Company, CPA's
3 Old Orchard Road
Buxton, Maine 04093

2024 Real Estate Taxes Due

AVILA, ANTONIO DE	\$2,287.65
BAGLEY, FRANK	\$2,066.46
BAGLEY, VERNON JR	\$10.61
BARRETT, WILLIAM E	\$1,936.17
BEAULIEU, SUSAN	\$3,205.74
BENNETT, EMILY ROSE	\$686.30
BENNETT, JORDAN C	\$1,146.86
BIRKBECK, KIMBERLY J	\$245.38
BISHOP, ROBERT DALE	\$16.67
BOIVIN, RAYMOND M	\$1,075.65
BOIVIN, RAYNO M	\$284.82
BOWERMAN-SHEDYAK LLC.	\$2,584.59
BUCKTAIL, LLC.	\$19.36
CARTER, JOSEPH E	\$421.17
CARVER, MARK S	\$1,296.84
CHASE(HEIRS OF), JOANNE M	\$1,721.04
CHASE, ERIKA A	\$4,178.37
CHMIELEWSKI, WAYNE D	\$1,033.23
CLOUTIER, JEAN	\$1,671.05
CONNELL, COLEEN G	\$454.40
CONSTABLE, CATHERINE I	\$616.53
COOLEN, ROGER R	\$4,011.62
CORSON, MICHAEL J	\$416.63
COTE, CHRISTINE	\$199.98
CP4 PROPERTIES LLC	\$5,134.26
CURTIS, JEFFERY W	\$700.87
CYR, JEFFREY	\$272.70
CZARNY, STEVEN	\$36.36
DAVIDSON(LIFE ESTATE), GERALD	\$2,063.43
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	\$2,033.13
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS S	\$326.95
DAVIDSON, STARR M	\$318.15
DELUCIA, ELIZABETH A	\$2,923.95
DEROSIER, VALERIE A	\$2,184.63
DODGE, KATE I	\$280.27
DODGE, LAWRENCE	\$240.89
DODGE, LESLIE JR	\$506.01
DODGE, TERRI L	\$492.38
FISHER, CARLOS	\$907.81
FISHER, CARLOS	\$681.21
FOSTER, DAVID A	\$5,126.76
FRENCH, MICHAEL C	\$1,266.54
FRIEDRICH, DANIEL J	\$357.09
GERRY, CHRISTINE L	\$1,142.31
GETCHELL, REED	\$5,097.98
Gideon Stoll	\$4,638.93

GIGGEY, NICOLE	\$1,678.62
GIGGEY, NICOLE K	\$751.44
GIGGEY, STEPHEN M	\$1,269.57
GRAY, SHERRY L	\$643.88
GRAY, SHERRY LYNN	\$666.60
GUERTIN, TAMMY	\$380.27
HATCH, TRON	\$1,316.54
HENRY, JEFF	\$2,190.69
HIGGINS, CHRISTOPHER	\$2,905.77
HIGGINS, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,392.29
HINCKS, JOANNE	\$645.05
HOBBS, JOE D	\$2,816.39
HUBBARD(HEIRS OF), RONALD A	\$719.63
HUBBARD, DANIEL L	\$1,655.90
HUBBARD, DANIEL M	\$86.36
HUBBARD, DAVID S 111	\$1,208.97
HUBBARD, DAVID S 111	\$22.73
HUBBARD, DAVID S III	\$3,197.31
HUBBARD, JAMES	\$1,037.78
HUBBARD, JOAN	\$115.13
HUBBARD, RAY SR	\$662.06
HUBBARD, ROLAND E	\$354.51
HUBBARD, ROLAND E. &	\$1,005.96
HUBBARD, ROSEMARIE	\$922.64
HULVA, KARI T	\$1,431.68
HUNTER, THOMAS	\$446.92
IRVING, HEATHER-HARRY	\$781.49
JACOB, ALEXANDRA K	\$2,589.14
JOHNSTON, KAYLA M	\$236.34
KNOWLTON, STEVEN	\$586.31
LANCASTER, CRAIG A	\$977.18
LEAR, PHILLIP A	\$225.74
LEBOVITZ, TROY	\$116.66
LEE, STEPHEN	\$1,119.59
LEIGHTON, ROBERT	\$3,601.16
LITTLEFIELD, TABITHA	\$1,837.70
LUCEY, CHRISTOPHER D	\$22.80
LUDDEN, DARWIN L	\$1,995.26
MACARY, PETER A (HEIRS)	\$818.10
MADORE, HELEN M	\$640.96
MANIATAKOS, ROULA	\$3,243.62
MANLEY, MARY L	\$407.52
MARGOLIES, ALICE	\$710.54
MARTIN, GARY M	\$427.23
MCCORMICK, KAREN	\$616.61
MCCUE, DAVID	\$378.75
MCCUE, KENNETH R	\$589.34

2024 Real Estate Taxes Due

MCMURROUGH, LYNN B	\$1,149.89
MEJIA, RAUL	\$430.26
MESARIC, MARK A II	\$1,886.18
MINER, THOMAS	\$2,975.46
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	\$1,620.32
MITCHELL, MICHAEL R	\$340.19
MOULTON, ALAN	\$558.19
MOULTON, REESE T	\$407.54
MOULTON, REESE T	\$531.77
NEAL, GALEN	\$592.37
O'BRIEN, ELIZABETH J	\$554.49
O'BRIEN, GEORGE	\$493.89
O'SHAUGHNESSY, DAVID	\$149.99
PAGLIAROLI, BARRY	\$475.71
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	\$1,690.74
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	\$313.61
PAGLIAROLI, RALPH	\$1,113.53
PANAMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$324.21
PANAMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$333.30
PANAMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$333.30
PANAMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$333.30
PARSONS, RYAN N	\$1,234.72
PARSONS, RYAN N	\$3,570.07
PARSONS, RYAN N	\$2,908.81
PARSONS, RYAN NEIL	\$377.96
PEASLEE, ROBERT L	\$2,427.03
PELLETIER, JOHN	\$549.55
PORTER, CHARLES I JR	\$1,345.27
PORTER, DIANNE S	\$2,133.12
PORTER, FLORENCE	\$498.44
PUNDT, RALPH	\$727.20
QUINTANA, MARIA	\$2,583.08
RANDALL, DIANA M	\$1,421.07
RC PROPERTIES, LLC	\$1,384.01
RC PROPERTIES,LLC	\$972.12
RC PROPERTIES,LLC	\$3,027.38
REEDER, SUSAN W (TRUSTEE)	\$2,098.28
REYNOLDS JR, MAURICE & JOYCE	\$48.44
REYNOLDS, ANNETTE	\$1,664.99
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	\$1,319.57
REYNOLDS, GERALD	\$360.57
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY	\$1,816.49
REYNOLDS, JUANITA	\$51.18

RICH, LORRAINE M	\$1,784.67
ROE, SARAH MEREDITH	\$83.33
ROE, SARAH MEREDITH	\$1,124.13
ROGERS, CAITLIN	\$233.31
ROSE, DONALD F	\$1,571.06
ROSSI, DANIEL J	\$301.49
RYAN'S LLC.	\$2,260.89
SABALL, DOUGLAS	\$118.21
SANFILLIPPO, PETER C	\$2,408.85
SAVZ CORPORATION	\$2,516.42
SCAIFE, RICHARD P	\$334.82
SHAW, HUBERT S, JR	\$48.48
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	\$2,133.12
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	\$1,205.94
SHIBLES, BRIAN A	\$787.80
SIGOVIN, DESIREE	\$151.50
SMITH, BILL	\$842.34
STANICKI, ROBYN C	\$3,337.48
STARBIRD(LIFE ESTATE), DAVID L	\$1,357.44
STARBIRD, AMY M	\$3.19
STARBIRD, AMY M	\$87.70
STARBIRD, AMY M	\$1.91
STARBIRD, AMY M	\$2.09
STARBIRD, AMY M	\$1.20
STEVENS, DAVID F	\$107.57
STROUT, BRIAN	\$2,239.17
SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY H (HEIRS)	\$1,693.12
TARINI, SALLY A	\$474.20
TARINI, SALLY A	\$1,658.93
THONGDENG, ALEXIS W	\$1,516.52
TRENTON REAL ESTATE, LLC.	\$2,656.69
TRULL, TODD A	\$760.53
TWEEDIE, BRUCE	\$3,016.37
UNITY RENTALS,LLC	\$8,020.41
UNITY RENTALS,LLC	\$2,184.63
VANDEETS, PETER	\$1,255.94
VANDEVENTER, DAVID J	\$1,319.57
VANDEVENTER, DAVID J	\$3,908.70
VANDEVENTER, DAVID J	\$3,026.97
VAYO, TYLER J	\$549.95
VON OESEN, JEREMY W	\$846.89
VON OESEN, JOHN J	\$1,115.04
VR REALTY, LLC.	\$1.39
WARMAN, ERIC NELSON	\$3,086.06
WEBBER, ARCHIE L JR	\$48.48

2024 Real Estate Taxes Due

WHELAN, CYNTHIA A	\$2,311.89
WHITCOMB-BROWN, AMY L	\$1,592.83
WHITCOMB-BROWN, AMY LYNN	\$471.75
WOHL, PETER	\$1,174.13
WREN, DARREN P	\$1,360.47
WUCIK, DALE A	\$959.00
WUCIK, DALE A	\$524.19
WULF, HOWARD	\$802.95
Total Outstanding 2024	\$240,275.76

2023 Real Estate Taxes Due

BAGLEY, VERNON JR	\$90.14
BIRKBECK, GARY W JR	\$217.32
BOIVIN, RAYMOND M	\$1,132.35
BOIVIN, RAYNO M	\$344.15
BOWERMAN-SHEDYAK LLC.	\$2,655.56
CARTER, JOSEPH E	\$480.05
CLOUTIER, JEAN	\$1,745.05
DELUCIA, ELIZABETH A	\$2,974.51
DODGE, LAWRENCE	\$300.37
DODGE, LESLIE JR	\$564.61
DODGE, TERRI L	\$566.12
GERRY, CHRISTINE L	\$1,198.79
GETCHELL, REED	\$5,050.25
Gideon Stoll	\$74.62
GIGGEY, NICOLE	\$1,716.71
GIGGEY, NICOLE K	\$825.48
GUERTIN, TAMMY	\$439.05
HATCH, TRON	\$2,202.21
HENRY, JEFF	\$601.50
HOBBS, JOE D	\$2,063.46
HUBBARD(HEIRS OF), RONALD A	\$110.84
HUBBARD, ROSEMARIE	\$979.85
HULVA, KARI T	\$1,487.20
LEAR, PHILLIP A	\$285.27
LEE, STEPHEN	\$861.23
LUDDEN, DARWIN L	\$2,068.19
MACARY, PETER A (HEIRS)	\$875.66
MARGOLIES, ALICE	\$768.46
MASON, KATHRYN L	\$2,356.64
MCCUE, KENNETH R	\$647.66
MEJIA, RAUL	\$112.78
MINER, THOMAS	\$112.01
O'BRIEN, GEORGE	\$552.53
PAGLIAROLI, BARRY	\$534.41
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	\$1,745.40
PAGLIAROLI, DEAN	\$372.85
PEASLEE, ROBERT L	\$1,289.60
PORTER, FLORENCE	\$154.90
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	\$1,389.05
REYNOLDS, GERALD	\$279.62
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY	\$1,862.17
RICH, LORRAINE M	\$1,845.06
ROGERS, CAITLIN	\$312.09
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	\$2,205.59
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	\$1,281.49
SIGOVIN, DESIREE	\$211.28

SMITH, BILL	\$899.06
STEVENS, DAVID F	\$165.98
VANDEETS, PETER	\$1,114.31
VAYO, TYLER J	\$631.05
VON OESEN, JEREMY W	\$643.15
VON OESEN, JOHN J	\$416.96
Total Outstanding 2023	\$53,814.64

2022 Real Estate Taxes Due

BOIVIN, RAYNO M	245.62
CARTER, JOSEPH E	52.51
COLEMAN, MICHAEL	213.81
CROSS, BRIDGETTE	545.96
DELUCIA, ELIZABETH A	2,215.90
GERRY(HEIRS OF), MARYANN	1,074.95
GIGGEY, NICOLE	1,426.46
GIGGEY, NICOLE K	742.23
HULVA, KARI T	1,225.84
MACARY, PETER A (HEIRS)	145.63
MCCUE, KENNETH R	569.37
O'BRIEN, GEORGE	487.82
REYNOLDS, FAYLENE	1,141.03
SHEDYAK, CHRISTOPHER M	1,898.62
SHEDYAK, NAJEAN M	1,138.58
SIGOVIN, DESIREE	192.61
STEVENS, DAVID F	171.41
Total Outstanding 2022	13,488.35

Personal Property Delinquent Taxes

Tax Years 2013 - 2024

Acct Year	Balance Due
16 CUSTOM CEDAR LOG HOMES 2013-1	247.51
16 CUSTOM CEDAR LOG HOMES 2014-1	262.56
16 CUSTOM CEDAR LOG HOMES 2015-1	263.64
112 CROSSTRAX 2015-1	255.97
137 CALEB STOLL 2016-1	-97.85
112 CROSSTRAX 2016-1	266.27
44 HODGES, RICHARD INC 2016-1	-18.99
56 MESARIC II MARK A 2016-1	-63.30
44 HODGES, RICHARD INC 2017-1	-15.22
112 CROSSTRAX 2017-1	251.29
133 EAST COAST CBD, LLC 2018-1	1,553.18
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS 2018-1	30.17
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS 2019-1	30.83
131 DOW, CHAD & KERRY 2019-1	-36.51
133 EAST COAST CBD, LLC 2019-1	2,569.08
156 93 MAIN 2020-1	-7.31
133 EAST COAST CBD, LLC 2020-1	2,335.59
131 DOW, CHAD & KERRY 2020-1	-18.26
82 DARRELL C THOMAS 2020-1	350.34
100 MUDDY PAWS GROOMING 2020-1	-0.55
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS 2020-1	28.03
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS 2021-1	23.12
82 DARRELL C THOMAS 2021-1	287.07
133 EAST COAST CBD, LLC 2021-1	1,637.57
166 HOLLER SOAP, CO 2022-1	84.77
82 DARRELL C THOMAS 2022-1	252.59
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS	

2022-1	20.76
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS	
2023-1	18.59
78 SCIENTIFIC GAMES INT'L IN	
2023-1	1.26
98 XACT TELESOLUTIONS	
2023-1	737.67
82 DARRELL C THOMAS	
2023-1	232.44
139 MATHEW SECICH	
2023-1	2.15
166 HOLLER SOAP, CO	
2023-1	77.48
177 UNITY FLOWER SHOP	
2023-1	77.48
178 BLAZED & INFUSED	
2023-1	154.96
179 STONE TREE FARM & CIDERY	
2023-1	30.99
181 ADT COMMERCIAL LLC.	
2023-1	12.40
182 RACIOPPI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	
2023-1	317.67
109 VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA, LLC	
2023-1	-6.98
165 DATA SALES CO.	
2023-1	-0.17
182 RACIOPPI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	
2024-1	274.14
185 NUCO2 SUPPLY LLC	
2024-1	26.04
186 MAINE RSA #1, INC.	
2024-1	453.31
181 ADT COMMERCIAL LLC.	
2024-1	10.73
179 STONE TREE FARM & CIDERY	
2024-1	27.57
178 BLAZED & INFUSED	
2024-1	153.15
175 VERIZON	
2024-1	56.67
184 VERIZON	
2024-1	203.69
177 UNITY FLOWER SHOP	
2024-1	76.57
176 HALLMARK MARKETING COMPANY,LLC	
2024-1	7.66
170 AT&T MOBILITY LLC	
2024-1	251.16
161 MOONSHINE GARDENS	
2024-1	153.15
164 WABASHA LEASING, LLC.	
2024-1	12.25
159 HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC	
2024-1	9.19
113 COMMUNITY MARKET	
2024-1	179.19
146 FREEDOM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	

2024-1	30.63
116 SMK DONUTS INC	
2024-1	1,038.33
114 REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC	
2024-1	47.48
140 IGT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS CORP.	
2024-1	21.44
145 CSC SERVICEWORKS, INC.	
2024-1	30.63
139 MATHEW SECICH	
2024-1	98.01
21 DIRECTV LLC	
2024-1	10.73
22 DISH NETWORK, LLC	
2024-1	26.04
23 TRENTON REAL ESTATE, LLC.	
2024-1	3,533.07
60 RALPH NASON	
2024-1	206.75
8 GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	
2024-1	249.63
10 CATALINA MARKETING CORP	
2024-1	13.79
11 CHASE TOYS HOLDINGS,LLC	
2024-1	229.72
12 CHINA JADE RESTAURANT	
2024-1	75.05
67 GARY PRATT	
2024-1	35.23
81 LAWRENCE SWANSON	
2024-1	79.64
82 DARRELL C THOMAS	
2024-1	229.72
3 ANTONIO AVILA	
2024-1	85.76
30 UNITY POND POTTERY	
2024-1	29.10
155 NORTHERN SOLSTICE ALPACA FARM	
2024-1	117.93
33 FERREIRA TRUCKING LLC	
2024-1	245.03
99 BELL LAW OFFICE, LLC	
2024-1	27.57
98 XACT TELESOLUTIONS	
2024-1	724.38
90 UNITY PHARMACY	
2024-1	90.36
88 DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS \ UNITEL INC	
2024-1	2,707.61
84 TOMRA MAINE	
2024-1	333.86
85 TODD TRULL	
2024-1	45.45
63 RYAN NEIL PARSONS	
2024-1	18.38
77 SAVZ CORPORATION	
2024-1	381.34
83 SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLC	

2024-1	4,465.72
76 RWN, INC	
2024-1	209.81
152 CENTRAL MAINE POWER	
2025-1	-1.94
Total for 87 Bills:	29,479.01

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE
TOWN OF UNITY
Friday, March 21, 2025
and
*Saturday, March 22, 2025***

To: Denise Whitney, a resident of the Town of Unity, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Office of said Town on Friday, the 21st day of March, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. Please see supporting documents of budget breakdowns and expenditures in the last pages of the Town Report.

And to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Unity School Gymnasium in said town on Saturday, the 22nd day of March 2025, at 9:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 52 as set out below, to wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Article 2. To elect one Municipal Officer for Selectboard for a three (3) year term.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Maine Moderator's Manual 7th Edition as the rules of procedure for the meeting.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to appoint all necessary Town Officials.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Snowmobile Registration Refund from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used for grooming trails, with matching funds, under the supervision of the Selectboard and the Project Director.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 2% discount on all 2025 property taxes if paid in full within 60 days of commitment.

(Expended 2024 \$37,045.32)

- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to charge the state's recommended interest at the rate of 7.50% per annum on all 2025 taxes which remain unpaid within 90 days of Commitment.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute a quit claim on such property. With the exemption, Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell to anyone other than the former owner(s). If the Select Board chooses to place property up for bid, they shall have the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budget amount in each category of the annual budget during the period from February 1, 2026, to the Annual Town Meeting 2026.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. SS 2953.
- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.
- Article 13. Shall the Town accept all gifts raised through various fund-raising activities and donations and appropriate them for their intended purposes, as recommended by the municipal officers.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to allow private organizations to use municipal property for private use with a Municipal Officer authorization.

Special Appropriations

- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$607.00 for Spectrum Generations for FY 25/26.

Request by Agency:	\$606.38
<u>Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend: Raise:</u>	<u>\$607.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$557.50)</i>

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,082.00 for Waldo Community Action Partners for FY 25/26.

Request by Agency:	\$20,082.00
<u>Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:</u>	<u>Raise: \$5,000.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024 \$8,800)</i>	

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$3,000 for the Unity Public Library for the FY 25/26.

Request by the Agency:	\$3,000.00
Selectboard Recommends:	Raise: \$1,800.00
<u>Budget Committee recommend:</u>	<u>Raise: \$3,000.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024 \$2,458.00)</i>	

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$600 for New Hope for Woman for FY 25/26.

Request by the Agency:	\$600.00
Selectboard Recommends:	Raise: \$700.00
<u>Budget Committee recommend:</u>	<u>Raise: \$720.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024 \$600.00)</i>	

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$1,000 for Open Door for FY25/26.

Request by the Agency:	\$500.00
Selectboard Recommends:	Raise: \$500.00
<u>Recommendation Budget Committee:</u>	<u>Raise: \$1,000.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024 from AARPA \$1,000.00)</i>	

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$3,000 for the Volunteer Food Pantry for FY25/26.

Request by Agency:	\$3,000.00
<u>Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:</u>	<u>Raise: \$5,000.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024 from AARPA \$3,000.00)</i>	

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$195,999 for the Unity Ambulance for FY25/26.

Request by Agency:	\$195,998.24
Selectboard Recommends:	\$0.00
<u>Budget Committee recommend:</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

Parks and Recreation

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Parks and Recreation Committee for FY 25/26.

Selectboard Recommend and Budget Committee:

Undesignated Funds: \$1,000.00(Expended 2024 \$1,000.00)

Public Works

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$294,350.00 for **Summer Road Repair and Maintenance** for the FY 25/26.

Note: Sand/Salt Shed Maintenance, E911 Signage. And Streetlights has been added to this article.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Carry	\$132,152.65
	PW Reserve	\$108,187.35
	Road Assistance	\$46,460.00
	<u>TIF:</u>	<u>\$7,550.00</u>
	Total:	\$294,350.00
(Expended 2024	\$116,436.55)	
(Unexpended 2024	\$132,152.65)	

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$360,000.00 for **Winter Road Repair and Maintenance** (Plowing, Salt, and Sand) for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Carry	\$42,617.60
	Undesignated	\$46,622.02
	<u>Excise</u>	<u>\$270,760.38</u>
	Total:	\$360,000.00
(Expended 2024	\$297,382.40)	
(Unexpended 2024	\$42,617.60)	

Waste Removal

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41,000 for the Town's share of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

		<u>Raise \$41,000.00</u>
(Expended 2024	\$39,922.06)	

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$31,600 to pay the Rubbish Disposal Tip Fee and Municipal Review Committee for the FY25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Carry	\$29,538.82
	<u>Raise</u>	<u>\$2,061.18</u>
	Total:	\$31,600.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$25,367.18)</i>	
<i>(Unexpended 2024</i>	<i>\$29,538.82)</i>	

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for Solid Waste Pickup for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Raise	\$26,678.25
	<u>Sticker sales:</u>	<u>\$58,321.75</u>
	Total:	\$85,000.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$91,000.00)</i>	

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$4,600 for Landfill Maintenance and Monitoring for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Carry	\$3,980.00
	<u>Raise</u>	<u>\$620.00</u>
	Total:	\$4,600.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$620)</i>	
<i>(Unexpended 2024</i>	<i>\$3,980.00)</i>	

Kanokolus Beach

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,292 for Kanokolus Beach for the FY25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

	Boat Excise	\$2,139.20
	Carry	\$5,595.05
	TIF	\$3,000.00
	<u>Raise</u>	<u>\$1,527.75</u>
	Total	12,292.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$4304.95)</i>	
<i>(Unexpended 2024</i>	<i>\$5,595.05)</i>	

Fire Department and Public Safety

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$118,789 for Fire Department Operations, Maintenance, Salaries, and Payroll expense for the FY25/26.

Budget Committee and Selectboard recommend:

	Raise:	\$112,149.00
	<u>MOFGA contract:</u>	<u>\$6,640.00</u>
	Total:	\$118,789.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$115,861.10)</i>	
<i>(Unexpended 2024</i>	<i>\$6,603.36)</i>	

Article 31: To see if the town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$10,500 for one set of SCBA for FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

		<u>Raise: \$10,500.00</u>
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$10,900)</i>	
<i>(Unexpended 2024</i>	<i>\$3,690.16)</i>	

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to change the name of the Fire Department Equipment, Truck, and Property Maintenance Capital Reserve to Fire Department Capital Improvements Account to be dispersed at the discretion of the Selectboard upon request of the Fire Department and to be continuing to be funded by the unexpended Maintenance and Operations Budget.

Article 33. To see if the town will transfer remaining unused budget funds from the Fire Department Operation, Maintenance and Salary Budget in the amount of \$10,293.52 to the Fire Department Capital Improvements Account.

Selectboard & Budget Committee recommend:

Undesignated Funds: \$10,293.52

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$23,000.00 for the Fire Truck Fund for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard & Budget Committee recommendation:

		TIF: \$10,000.00
		<u>MOFGA & Kennebec County Fire Contract Income: \$13,000.00</u>
		Total: \$23,000.00
<i>(Expended 2024</i>	<i>\$23,000)</i>	

Debt Service

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$126,542.00 for the Second Road Loan payoff for the FY 25/26, paying off the loan a year early.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend:

(Expended 2024 \$84,360.80)
(Loan Matures 2026)

Raise: \$126,542.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,116.00 for the Firehouse Loan Payment for the ensuing year FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend:

(Expended 2024 \$40,115.50)
(Loan Matures 2032)

Raise: \$40,116.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$113,600 for the 2018 International 4400 Tanker Fire Truck for the FY 25/26 and pay of the loan early.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend:

Fire Truck Replacement Reserves: \$113,600.00
(Expended 2024 \$30,922.48)
(Loan Matures in 2028)

Administration

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to use up to \$10,000 from undesignated funds as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the FY25/26.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$190,840 for Town Official's Salaries for the FY 25/26. *(Includes: Selectboard, Administrative Assistant, Deputy Clerk, Health Officer, Registrar of Voters, CEO, ACO, EMA, Sexton, Custodian, Ballot Clerks, Benefits, and Payroll Expenses)*

Selectboard and Budget committee recommend:

Carry:	\$2,335.84
Administration Fees:	\$19,363.00
Cable Franchise Fees:	\$9,380.88
Building Permits:	\$2,200.00
TIF administration:	\$4431.00
Excise:	\$77,800.00
<u>Raise:</u>	<u>\$75,329.28</u>
Total:	\$190,840.00

(Expended 2024 \$147,560.36)

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$118,705.00 for Administration (now including Assessing, Contracts, ACO/CEO/LPI/EMA Incidental Account, Animal Shelter Contracts, KVCOG, Training, Legal, Audit etc. for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget committee recommend:

Carry:	\$7,055.41
Lien Fees:	\$4,842.00
HAP Grant:	\$5,016.22
TIF (KVCOG:)	\$2,970.00
<u>Raise:</u>	<u>\$98,821.37</u>
Total:	\$118,705.00

(Expended 2024 \$85,071.85)

Insurance

Article 41 To see if the town with raise, and appropriate \$29,200 for the cost of Property and Casualty, Workers Compensations and Unemployment Insurance for all Town Departments for the FY25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Raise: \$29,200.00

Cemeteries

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,500.00 for Cemeteries for the FY 25/26.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Carry:	\$1,118.65
Raise	\$22,881.85
Perpetual Care Interest:	\$5,000.00
<u>Undesignated Fund:</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total:	\$29,500.00

(Expended 2024 \$21,837.85 less FEMA reimbursement \$3,456.00 = 18,381.85)
(Unexpended \$1,118.65)

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,338.00 to continue the cemetery Expansion for Fordyce Field.

Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommend:

Carry: \$4,338.00
Total: \$4,338.00

(Expended 2024 \$0)

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for tree removal at Farwell Cemetery.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Carry: \$3,071.50
Raise: \$6,928.50
Total \$10,000.00

(Expended 2024 \$4,285.00 Less FEMA reimbursement of \$3,856.50 = 428.50)
(Unexpended 3,071.50)

General Assistance

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$3,000.00 for General Assistance for the FY 25/26. The State reimburses 70% annually.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Undesignated: \$685.34
Carry: \$2,314.66
Total: \$3,000

(Expended 2024 \$685.34)
(Expected Reimbursement \$479.74)

Town Pump

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate \$2,738 to cover maintenance for the town pump for FY25/26. With the actual cost passed on to the users of the town pump.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Carry: \$2,738.00

TIF

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 into the TIF Trails Account from TIF to cover the costs of the Friends of Lake Winnicook Matching Grant to update Konokolus Beach and Road.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

TIF: \$40,000.00

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$64,100 into the TIF Trails Account from TIF to cover the costs to enhance to the Trail System in and around the Cemetery on Konokolus Rd.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

Article 49. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$900 into the TIF Traffic Calming Account from TIF.

Selectboard and Budget Committee recommend:

TIF: \$900

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to approve the updates presented for the Land Use Ordinance.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to set the Secret Ballot Election on March 20, 2026, and Annual Town Business Meeting on March 21, 2026.


Article 52. Adjournment

Given under our hand this 7th day of March 2025

Unity Municipal Officers



Antonio Avila



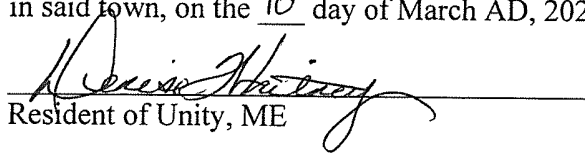
David Wakefield

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Unity, ME

Date: March 10, 2025

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Unity Town Office, The Depot Store, USPS, Mac's Hardware Edwards Shop'n'Save in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 10 day of March AD, 2025 being at least seven days before the meeting.


Resident of Unity, ME

Town of Unity

Town Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tue: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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clerk@unityme.org

deputyclerk@unityme.org

Website: unityme.org

Selectmen

Antonio "Tony" Avila (207) 649-3566

David Wakefield (207) 692-4086

Assessor

Ellery Bane (207) 948-3763

Code Enforcement Officer

Dylan Lajoie (207) 948-3763

Plumbing Inspector

Dylan Lajoie (207) 948-3763

Animal Control Officer

Dennis Morelli (207) 712-3714

Fire Chief

Andrew Clark (207) 680-0138

Fire Permits

Blaine Persons, II (207) 660-3526

Jeff Curtis (207) 465-6343

Sexton

Vacant

Unity Utility District

(207) 716-7576

Emergency

911

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF UNITY

MARCH 21, 2025

Char-lin Williams
Town Clerk

TOWN OF UNITY

Important Instructions:

- Be sure to mark the box next to the candidate of your choice.
- To vote for a candidate not listed on the ballot, mark the box to the left of the write-in space and write the person's name and municipality of residence, if indicated.
- Do not erase names or cross out your choice. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Select Board (3 Year Term), vote for one

Shedyak, Christopher M

Write-In Candidate: _____

End of Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Unity Utility District

March 21, 2025

Unity Utility District

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Vote for 1 Unity Utility District Trustee, 3 year term

Curtis, Matthew C

Write-In

End of Ballot

Holiday Observed

The Town Office follows
State of Maine 2025 Holiday Schedule
and will be closed on the following days:

Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 17, 2025
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 21, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Juneteenth Day	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Independence Day	Friday, July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday, September 1, 2025
Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27, 2025
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday, November 28, 2025
Christmas	Thursday, December 25, 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 19, 2026

MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL

Rules of Procedure Table (2021)

TYPE / MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECONSIDER- ABLE	RANK / NOTES
PRIVILEGED						
Adjourn (<i>sine die</i>)	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
SUBSIDIARY						
Previous Question	Y	N	N	2/3	N	3
Limit Debate	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y	4
Postpone to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	5
Amend	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	6
INCIDENTAL						
Appeal	Y	Y	N	M	Y	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	Y	N	N	M	N	B
Withdraw a Motion	N	N	N	M	See Notes	B, C, D
MAIN						
Main Motion	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	
Reconsider	Y	See Notes	N	M	N	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	Y	Y	N	2/3	N	

Y – Yes, this action is required or permitted.
N – No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M – Majority vote required.

A – This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.
B – Same rank as motion out of which it arises.
C – Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.
D – This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.
E – Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the *Maine Moderator's Manual*.