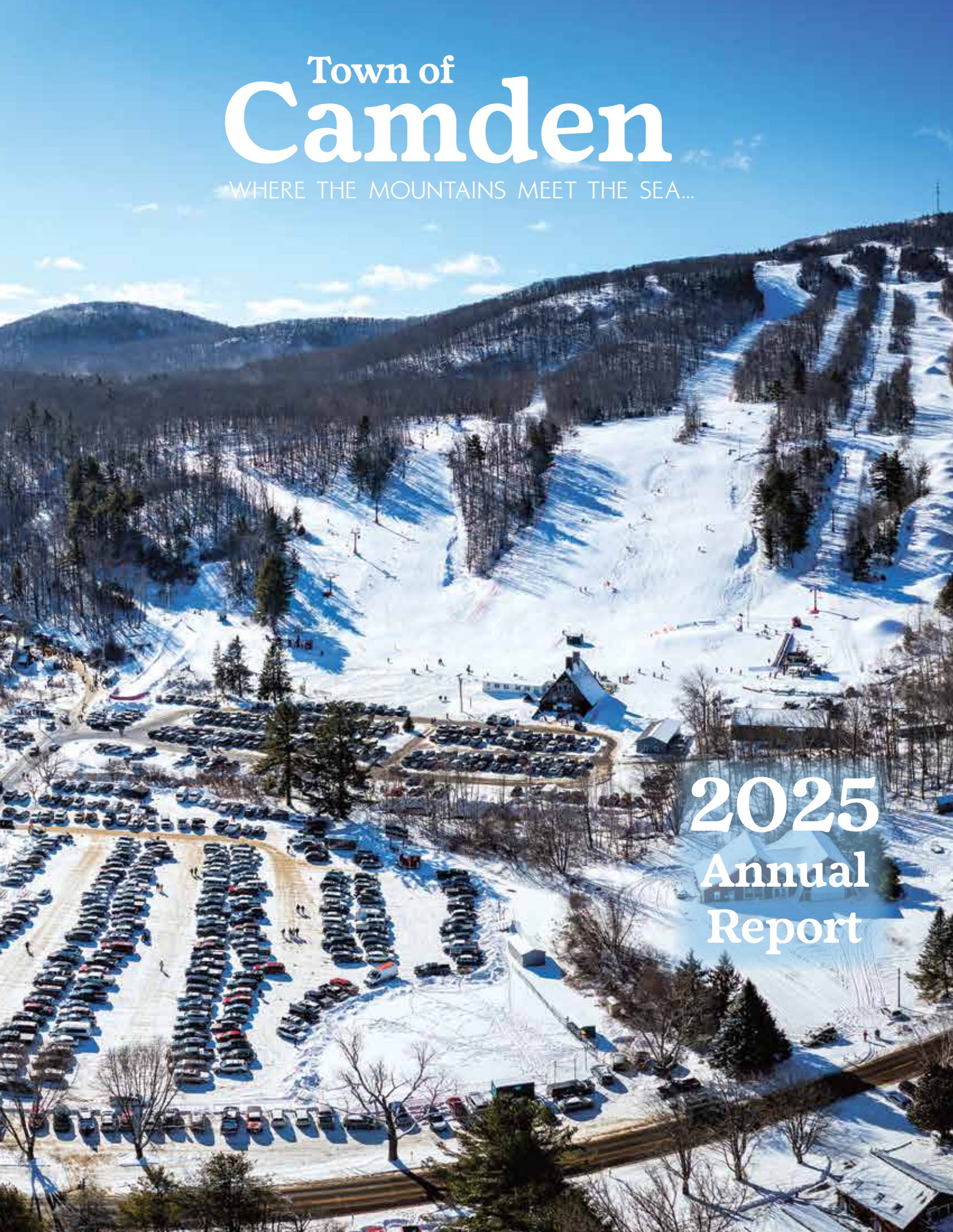

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2025
Annual
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

TOWN OF CAMDEN
29 Elm Street
P.O. Box 1207
Camden, ME 04843

Population – 4,707
(2020 Census)

Fiscal Year Reports: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
June 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Budget



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Around 3:30 p.m. on April 8, 2024, Mainers were treated to a full eclipse of the sun, prompting many to travel as far north as possible to experience the full effect. This photo was taken in Bendicta, 121 miles south of the Canadian border at Frenchville.

TOWN OF CAMDEN
ELECTED OFFICIALS

Select Board, Assessors, Overseers, and Wastewater Commissioners

Susan Dorr, *Chair* ..... June 2027
sdorr@camdenmaine.gov
Kenneth Gross ..... June 2027
kgross@camdenmaine.gov
Christopher Nolan, *Vice Chair* ..... June 2026
cnolan@camdenmaine.gov
Alison McKellar ..... June 2026
amckellar@camdenmaine.gov
Thomas Hedstrom ..... June 2025
thedstrom@camdenmaine.gov

MSAD 28/Five Town CSD Board of Directors

Licia Morelli, *alternate* ..... June 2027
licia.morelli@fivetowns.net
Rick Thackeray ..... June 2026
richard.thackeray@fivetowns.net
Marcus Mrowka ..... June 2026
marcus.mrowka@fivetowns.net
Rebecca Flanagan ..... June 2025
rebecca.flanagan@fivetowns.net
Taylor Pohlman ..... June 2025
taylor.pohlman@fivetowns.net

Knox County Commission (Commissioner District #3)

Marc Ratner ..... Dec. 31, 2028
mratner@knoxcountymaine.gov

Knox County Budget Representative (District #4)

Peter Lindquist ..... Dec. 31, 2026
linklind25@gmail.com

Pascal Fund Trustees

David Dickey ..... June 2027
Elaine Davis ..... June 2026
Parker S. Laite, Jr. ..... June 2025

TOWN OF CAMDEN
APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager
Audra Caler

Animal Control Officer ..... Spencer Tooley
Assessor ..... Kerry Leichtman
Assistant Assessor ..... Caitlin Thompson
Assistant Opera House Manager ..... Karl Krahn
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director ..... Grace McMullan
Assistant Town Manager|Welfare Director ..... Janice Esancy
Cemetery Sexton ..... Bruce Libby
Code Enforcement Officer|Electrical and Plumbing Inspector ..... Clinton Beveridge
Communications and Engagement Coordinator ..... Holly S. Anderson
Dam Control Agent ..... David St. Laurent
Deputy Finance Director ..... Marlene Libby
Deputy Registrar of Voters ..... Elaine Davis
Finance Director ..... Jodi Hanson
Fire Chief|Health Officer|Emergency Preparedness Director ..... Chris Farley
Harbormaster ..... Steve Pixley
Inland Harbormaster ..... Randy Gagne
Office Administrative Assistant|Counter Clerk ..... Jimi Hunt
Opera House Manager ..... Dave Morrison
Parks and Recreation Director ..... Jeff Nathan
Planner ..... Shenley Neely
Planning and Development Director ..... Jeremy Martin
Planning and Development Administrative Assistant ..... Madeleine Hicks
Police Chief|Constable ..... Randy Gagne
Police Lieutenant|Constable ..... Michael Geary
Public Works Director ..... David St. Laurent
Tax Collector|Harbor Clerk ..... Jodi Richards
Town Attorney ..... William Kelly
Town Clerk|Registrar of Voters ..... Katrina Oakes
Tree Warden ..... David St. Laurent
Public Works and Wastewater Administrative Coordinator ..... Kendall Espinosa
Wastewater Engineer ..... Justin Gove
Wastewater Facility Manager ..... Sheldon Main
Wastewater Superintendent ..... David St. Laurent

MANY THANKS TO OUR ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Camden citizens listed below have donated a great deal of time and energy to the town's boards and committees. They have been willing to represent the many aspects of Camden life and in so doing, have made town government reflective of the entire community. We applaud each of them and thank them for their service.

Camden Budget Committee

(Meets Thursdays in March and April, 6-8 p.m.)

Duncan Baskin
Karen Grove
Margaret Jones
Deborah Meehan
Barb Ohland
Peter Orne
Marc Ratner
Geoff Scott
Marina Sideris, *alternate*
Sara Skrivanich, *Chair*
Cortney Sukeforth
Matthew Wolf

Camden Conservation Commission

(Meets first Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.)

Rebecca Jacobs
Brian Lightbody, *Co-Chair*
Samantha Mortlock
Barbara Ohland, *Co-Chair*
Samanth Sharff
Cynthia Stancioff
Stephen Vondell

Camden Cemetery Association

(Meets quarterly, Wednesdays, 4 p.m.)

John French
Karen Grove
Parker (Chip) Laite, Jr., *Chair*
Bob Oxton
Randy Stearns
Jeff Sukeforth
Jeff Weymouth

Camden Harbor Committee

(Meets second Tuesdays, 8 a.m.)

Liz Gioia, *alternate*
Stephen Gold, *alternate*
Ronald Hawkins
Robert Perkins
Mark Siegenthaler
Richard Stetson
Elliott Thompson, *Chair*
Williame Welte, *honorary*

Online Calendar: camdenmaine.gov/calendar.php

Camden Historic Resource Committee

(Meets second Mondays, 4 p.m.)

Roger Akeley, *alternate*
Brian Boyd
Chris Fasoldt
Chris Friden
Jennifer Gromada
Janet Kelsey, *alternate*
Daniel Salomon

Camden Planning Board

(Meets first and third Thursdays, 5 p.m.)

Patt Chen
John Cole
Richard (Sandy) Cox, *alternate*
Lucia deCorde
Mark Murray, *alternate*
Christopher (Chrisso) Rheault
Ethan Shaw, *Chair*

Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee

(Meets third Thursdays, 6 p.m.)

Anita Brosius-Scott
Tom Fowlie, *alternate*
Lindsay Levine, *alternate*
Geoff Scott, *Chair*
Jane Self, alternate
Andrew Stancioff
Richard Stetson
Tom Zumwalt

Camden Zoning Board of Appeals

(Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 5 p.m.)

Tia Anderson
Steve Beveridge
Deborah Chapman, *Chair*
Matthew Dean
John French

Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee

(Meets second Wednesdays, 4 pm.)

Raymond Andresen
Courtney Cease
Deborah Chapman, *Chair*
Lynette (Elphie) Owen
Ellen Reynolds
Tyler Smith
Seth Taylor
Richard Thackeray
Susan Todd

Check the calendar online for meeting agendas, backup documents and changes in regular schedules. All meetings, particularly of the Select Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as most other committee meetings include a hybrid option using Zoom. Meetings are also broadcast live on Spectrum channel 1303 and are streamed online at the Town of Camden's YouTube channel: youtube.com/@TownofCamdenMaine.

DEDICATION



The Town of Camden is pleased to dedicate this year's annual Town Report to Elaine Alley Davis, who for decades has been a steadfast servant to the community and a guardian of our democratic process. For more than 30 years, Elaine has volunteered as an election worker and deputy registrar of voters, ensuring that each vote is cast and counted with integrity and that every local election runs smoothly.

Elaine's volunteer resume is astonishing in its breadth. If you've ever benefited from the Camden Area District Nursing Association, you have Elaine to thank. She has served on the CADNA board for years, many as board president, helping steer the 100+ year-old home nursing service into the future. Elaine has been a steadfast champion for the elderly and vulnerable, ensuring "angels" of care are there for those who need it. That really is how people have talked about the things she's involved with and described Elaine - a guardian angel who shows up when the need is greatest.

For those of you who have enjoyed the inclusion of all our citizens in town life, you've witnessed Elaine's influence as a friend and advocate to neighbors with disabilities through Coastal Opportunities. She's the smiling volunteer at the Cash for Clothes sale (and often the engine behind it), the driver making sure a friend gets to church on Sunday, and the kindly mentor bridging generations.

At First Congregational Church of Camden, Elaine's helping hands have lifted up many. For decades she has led the church's Dove Tree project, quietly delivering Christmas gifts and food to local families in need. In the wider community, Elaine has never hesitated to answer the call. She has been a fundraiser, a shoulder to lean on in times of illness or grief, and an election clerk – a true "go-to" person when something needs doing.

During her tenure with the town, Elaine has worked every election, starting when all the work was done by hand. Back then, she and Sid Lindsley, former Select Board member, entered all the voter registration cards and prepared bulk mailings to Camden's registered voters to update the rolls. She continues pre-election work and is always at the registrar's table for town elections. For 23 years, Elaine has also visited the local nursing homes with Registrar Katrina Oakes, helping residents cast their votes and update their voting party and registration information.

She is readily described as, "literally the most thoughtful person I know." One time during an election, a co-worker mentioned they were hungry and Elaine offered them her lunch, saying that she was going home earlier than them and could get something to eat then. She also once offered her shoes to someone whose feet were sore from standing for hours on the concrete that Elaine herself had been standing on too.

Those who know Elaine speak of her boundless kindness, reliability, and humility. She seeks no fanfare and you might not realize how many lives she's touched because she prefers working behind the scenes. But ask anyone, from a nursing patient she comforted or a child who found a gift on their doorstep, to a colleague or a volunteer board, and the stories pour forth – of Elaine showing up, helping out, and making a difference. She is one of the quiet architects of Camden's strong social fabric, described in a 2022 *Penobscot Bay Pilot* article honoring late historian Barbara Dyer as part of the "network of strong Camden women who keep the town intact… watching out for those in need".

Whether she is power walking around town early in the morning with her daughter, Jennifer, or rearranging medical supplies for Camden Area District Nursing Association in the overflow storage container that she tends to at Chip Laite's property, she is known for always being on the move. Elaine is described by everyone we asked as a worker, not a talker, quietly getting things done wherever she goes, and always doing something good. A fellow volunteer said, "she is impossible to say no to" and we encourage all residents to say yes to Elaine.

Through her quiet, steady service across so many facets of town life, Elaine Davis has touched countless lives and strengthened the very fabric of our community. The Town of Camden extends its deepest gratitude to Elaine for her extraordinary contributions and tireless dedication to our town.



Edward Doudera
April 10, 1949 — Dec. 16, 2024

Edward Doudera arrived in Camden from Boston with his future wife, Vicki, in 1986, when they purchased and renovated what would become the Blackberry Inn. During their time as innkeepers, Ed became renowned for his Apricot French Toast and Brie Souffle. He also started his law practice then, working first from the inn and later in an office downtown. He continued his legal education after the couple sold the inn and in 2005, Ed earned a Master of Law degree in intellectual property and technology. His law practice grew to involve business creation and representation, copyright and trademark issues, and matters involving real estate. From 2009-2011 Ed served on Camden's Budget Committee and he also was a member of the Five Town CSD Board of Directors during the planning for the new Camden Hills Regional High School. Retiring as an attorney in 2019, Ed further turned his attention to the community, though he continued preferring to "do good" behind the scenes. For example, he helped families attain affordable housing by providing pro bono legal services to Midcoast Habitat for Humanity, which has continued to grow thanks in part to his insight and willingness to serve. He also volunteered his expertise on many other nonprofit boards and organizations, including the Pitcher Pond Association, Saltwater Classroom, and Knox Clinic, where he was vice president of the Board of Directors and most recently in the process of helping expand their dental clinic and new primary care practice in Rockland. Ed's strong sense of fairness, justice and honesty, and his ability to make things happen will all be missed in Camden.



Thomas M. Quantrell
March 8, 1952 — Dec. 30, 2024

Born in Presque Isle, Tom Quantrell grew up in Camden and dedicated 40 years to the community as a volunteer with Camden Fire Department. He also volunteered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and spent time in Honduras, Jamaica, Guatemala and Haiti for humanitarian work. An avid athlete, he pitched for the Smiling Cow adult softball team and secured more than 100 wins. Tom was a well-known face around town when police or firefighters were needed, because when you came upon a situation, Tom was one of the fire police most often seen blocking traffic and helping with directions. He began serving with the fire department in 1983 and in December 2023 was recognized by his peers for his service to the community and the department. He was also an EMT and served many years with Camden First Aid Association. Tom was known for his being friendly and conversational, and also fun-loving, kind, and outgoing. He will be deeply missed but his spirit will live on through everyone he knew and all the lives he touched.



Marlene J. Libby
June 6, 1962 — March 4, 2025

Marlene Libby, wife of Camden Cemetery Sexton Bruce D. Libby, worked for the Town of Camden for 35 years, beginning her career as Camden's wastewater/harbor clerk in 1989. She later was appointed as the town's treasurer/accountant, interim finance director, and finally deputy finance director, the position she held until December 2024. Marlene fought a brave battle with breast cancer, continuing to work remotely from home during 18 months of treatments she resolutely endured. Marlene had such a vast knowledge of every function of the municipality, it was affectionately said that she could have managed the town by herself. While we mourn her death, and celebrate her life, we note that Marlene was also committed to the Town of Appleton, where she and Bruce lived. In 2022 the Appleton Select Board dedicated that year's Town Report to Marlene in honor of her commitment to the town, the town office, and her fellow residents. She served on the Appleton Select Board, and in both towns, Marlene happily volunteered her time and assisted with many different endeavors that benefited co-workers and community alike. She was a great listener, a dedicated worker, a faithful friend and everybody's favorite office babysitter. Her warm smile and gentle demeanor are missed, and the depth of her bravery will be remembered by everyone who knew her.

CAMDEN SELECT BOARD REPORT


Susan Dorr

The 2024-2025 Select Board welcomed two new members in June 2024: Susan Dorr, who was named chairperson, and Ken Gross. The new board got off to a busy start with Camden voters approving a $12.5 million infrastructure bond, ongoing work on climate change and resiliency efforts for Camden Harbor and Megunticook River, decisions by both the school district and the town regarding the fate of the former Elm Street School building, and discussions with the Town of Rockport about wastewater treatment. We also decided on expanding paid parking, Snow Bowl master planning and associated capital improvements, and the future service delivery model for Fire Department and EMS services.


Christopher Nolan

As of the writing of this report, we approved a bid for the Molyneaux Road sewer extension to Mountainside Community Cooperative. This project, largely funded by federal grants, will also by funded in part by bonds and is essential for the community's long-term sustainability. Correcting that failing wastewater collection system will help prevent impending environmental and financial issues.

While the Molyneaux Road sewer extension project is the first major infrastructure project supported by the bond, it is far from the last. In the upcoming year, we will continue working with town staff to understand our most urgent infrastructure needs, integrate feedback from the community, and prioritize future projects the bond will fund.


Kenneth Gross

As a result of the January 2024 storms, which dramatically impacted all Maine coastal communities, we have worked with our partners in state government on a harbor resiliency plan. The plan provides guidance and options for both public and private property owners to address changes we can expect from sea level rise and storm surges of increasing frenquency and intensity. This is an important step in informing Camden residents of the significant decisions we will need to make in the coming years about which options we want to pursue, what resources will be required and available, and how we intend to prioritize limited resources for the challenge that will necessitate dramatic change.


Thomas Hedstrom

Work continues on the river restoration project. The major highlight of this effort was the Select Board's acceptance of Megunticook River Citizen's Advisory Committee's report. The was followed by approval of a question to be placed on the June 2025 Town Meeting warrant asking voters to decide the fate of the Montgomery Dam.

In November 2024 the Select Board supported placing a question to voters about a zoning code amendment that would allow the school district to convert the Elm Street School building into apartments. However, school officials this spring determined the project was not financially feasible, and offered building ownership to the Town. As a result, we have also placed questions on the June warrant for voters to approve taking ownership of the building and negotiating a long-term use agreement with the current tenant, Children's House Montessori School.


Alison McKellar

A small group of Camden and Rockport officials met several times over the past few months and crafted a short-term agreement for Camden to continue treating Rockport's wastewater. Much progress was made in understanding each respective town's challenges, which is important for developing an agreement sensitive to the needs and concerns of both.

The Select Board this winter determined that implementing paid parking, in a manner that does not financially impact Camden residents, will provide many benefits to the town. We understand the concern expressed by businesses and residents, and appreciate everyone's willingness to be open minded to this change.

We also appreciate the level of community participation in master planning efforts underway at the Snow Bowl, which will guide future capital investment. Given the condition of the existing buildings, we are at a point of asking the community for financial support to replace the window wall of the lodge and to provide an operational subsidy in order to maintain normal operations. Both will be questions for voters this June.

We support approval from voters for a new firefighter/EMS service delivery model that entails hiring two new firefighters this year for 24/7 shift coverage. The model includes partnering with Northeast Mobile Health Services to station an ambulance, staffed by both NEMHS and Camden personnel, at the Camden Public Safety Buidling.
We want to acknowledge the passing of longtime Camden employee Marlene Libby. Marlene's dedication to the town and her colleagues was truly extraordinary and we all feel her loss.

And finally, we also want to recognize all the hard work by town staff and volunteers. Camden is truly fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated folks who give their all to make this an excellent place to live, work and play.



Curtis Island in the fog.

CAMDEN TOWN MANAGER

Audra Caler



I laughed as I looked back at my Town Report messages over the past five years. Since 2020, I've started each of my annual messages by explaining why it was an extraordinary, unprecedented, atypical year, and then went into detail on how the Town of Camden addressed the challenges or carried on with regular business despite the unusual circumstances. There's no doubt that this past year continued to be surprising.

As of early April, when I am writing this message, we have entered a period of economic uncertainty that is impossible to predict or prepare for. What is clear though, is that the plans we had as a community going into 2025 will need to be adjusted. Looking back on 2024, there are many significant events that I want to highlight.

In June of 2024, Camden voters overwhelmingly approved a $12.5 million infrastructure bond. Work is underway to implement the initial projects, which are partially funded through this bond but primarily through federal and state grants received prior to the bond's passage. This includes the Molyneaux Road sewer extension to Mountainside Park, which will start this year, and the John Street sewer extension, drainage upgrade, and sidewalk installation project that will get underway in 2026. Additionally, we are continuing the slow process of installing flow meters, cameraing sewer mains and laterals, and smoke testing pipes to investigate likely sources of fresh water infiltrating our sewer system. This kind of infiltration reduces the capacity of the system to handle wastewater, leading to overflows and potential contamination. The town also needs to continue this investigative work to refine our comprehensive master plan that guides our investment in upgrades to our collection system. As we discover more issues with the system, we must be flexible in changing priorities so that we replace the infrastructure that is the most degraded and poses the biggest risk of failure in protecting the town's natural resources from pollution. Building flexibility into our planning is increasingly crucial, especially now that many sources of the federal funding we had anticipated being able to leverage are evaporating.

Following two years and 30 meetings, 14 newsletters, 10 expert-led presentations, and two community meetings, the Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee in February recommended to the Select Board that the Montgomery Dam be removed. The Committee's initial work led them to determine that the decision about Montgomery Dam would impact recommendations for the upstream dams and therefore needed to be addressed first. The recommendation to remove the Montgomery Dam, kicking off restoration of the Megunticook River, was found by the Committee to offer the lowest cost solution to the aging artificial barrier. The Committee's recommendation also came about because removal would provide the most resilience to climate change, the greatest habitat connectivity, and the best potential for attracting external funding. I would like to thank the members of MRCAC for their hard work and dedication.

In September 2024, the town welcomed Jeff Nathan as the new Parks and Recreation Department director and general manager of the Camden Snow Bowl. Jeff joined Camden's leadership team following retirement from a 30-year career in the financial services industry. He raised his family in Camden and has been involved with the Snow Bowl for decades, most recently as a ski patrol member. With a personal affinity for many kinds of outdoor recreation, he is enthusiastic about implementing the long-held vision to transition the Snow Bowl to a four-season hub for community activities. We are excited to have Jeff as a member of the team and appreciate the hard work he put into making this past winter season outstanding for residents and visitors alike.

Four new full-time firefighter/EMTs joined the Camden Fire Department recently, including Noah Carlson, Andrew Skrivanich, Jacob Wilder, and Derek Jay. Three of these positions were approved in the FY25 budget as a step toward a fire department staffed 24/7 and that provides EMS support with our partners, including Northeast Mobile Heath Service and the towns of Lincolnville and Hope. The foursome have been busy thus far, both with training and first responder activities.

In March of 2024 Camden hired Camden native, Justin Gove, to serve as its first town engineer. In this role, Justin provides engineering support to the Public Works and Wastewater departments, among others. We are thrilled to welcome him back to Camden, just in time to assist with the planning and implementation of major infrastructure upgrades and replacements.

In other town staff news, David Moody retired after working at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for 35 years. He kept the plant in immaculate condition and can be credited with taking such good care of the facility that it lasted well beyond its expected lifespan. We thank Dave for his service and dedication.

Finally, on March 4, 2025, Camden lost one of its longest serving and most beloved town employees, Marlene Libby, who fought an intense battle with breast cancer. Marlene worked for the town for 35 years and filled many roles, including wastewater clerk, harbor clerk, accountant, town treasurer, interim finance director, and finally as deputy finance director while also overseeing human resource administration. Everyone who has worked for the town knew, loved and confided in Marlene. Those of us with children knew we could rely on her for some in-office babysitting when we brought our little ones to work. She had a wicked sense of humor, was the go-to person for planning celebrations, and was deeply committed to her family, the town and its employees. I cannot possibly begin to summarize the depth of loss everyone who knew and loved Marlene feels. She was a genuinely kind, dedicated and encouraging person and we all miss her greatly.

Marlene's passing has reminded me of how very grateful I am for all the wonderful employees I work with here. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated public servants across all our departments, who day-in and day-out work to keep the town functioning while also going above and beyond for Camden's residents.

I would also like to thank the Select Board and the volunteers who serve on Camden's various boards, commissions, and committees. They all donate countless hours of their precious time to conduct meetings, hold hearings, and be involved in the sometimes contentious and often thankless work of governing the town. Citizen participation in governance is essential for a town like Camden, and we are truly grateful for their collective willingness to serve our community.

While there is a lot of uncertainty in the year ahead, I am grateful to be working with such dedicated and engaged folks in this town, where its citizens are deeply invested in the health and viability of their local community, and where many town staff call home.



Laite Beach at low tide.

CAMDEN TOWN CLERK

Katrina Oakes, *Town Clerk*

Certified copies of vital records filed in Camden (birth, marriage and death certificates) can be obtained at the Camden Town Office. The fees for certified copies of vital records are $15 for the first copy and $6 for each additional copy of the same record purchased at the same time. Copies of birth and death records may be obtained from either the town of occurrence or the town of residence. Marriage records are filed ONLY in the town where the license was issued. Records of birth, marriage, and death that take place outside of Maine are filed only in the state of occurrence and are not recorded here. Certified copies of those records must be obtained from the state where it occurred.

Marriage licenses are issued by the town of your residence. By state law, residents of Maine intending to be joined in marriage shall record notice of their intentions in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which at least one of them resides. If both parties to a marriage reside outside the state of Maine, they may file notice of their intentions in any municipal office. Once marriage intentions are filed and the license is issued, the parties are free to marry anywhere within the state of Maine. The filing fee is $40. If either applicant has been married before and is divorced or widowed, a certified copy of documentation showing how the last marriage ended is required. Once intentions have been filed, a marriage license may be immediately issued. Both applicants need to appear in person during regular business hours to sign the original marriage license. A marriage license is valid for 90 days from the date of filing. In Maine, both clergy and active Maine notaries public can perform marriage ceremonies.

All dogs six months of age or older are required by Maine law to be licensed annually on or before Jan. 1. A current Maine Certificate of Rabies Vaccination is required to license a dog. If the dog is spayed or neutered, certification from the veterinarian must be shown for initial licensing. Failure to license a dog is subject to a possible summons to court, as well as a state-mandated late fee to obtain a license. If a licensed dog is no longer living, or no longer in a Camden resident's possession, kindly advise the town clerk so that the record can be updated.

Town clerk's Office statistics as of March 1, 2025:

Service	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Dog Licenses	654	740	506
Kennel Licenses	0	0	0
Recorded Births	10	24	9
Recorded Deaths	124	112	73
Recorded Marriages	81	88	62
Hunting\Fishing Licenses	78	115	116

Below are fees collected for services for the following fiscal years:

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023..... $11,960

July 1, 2023 - June 30,2024..... $16,731

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025..... $10,170
(through March 1, 2025)

CAMDEN REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Katrina Oakes, *Registrar*

Voter and Voting Information:
Camden residents may register to vote or change their party enrollment during regular business hours at the Town Office, on election days at the polls, or by mail. Identification and proof of Camden residency is required at the time of registration.

A person may change or withdraw party enrollment only after three months of enrollment in one of the recognized political parties in Maine by filing an enrollment application with the registrar. A person who is an unenrolled registered voter may enroll in a party at any time. A voter must be enrolled in a party for at least 15 days to participate in that party's caucuses or other activities.

In Maine, a registered voter can vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before the election, and voters can apply in person at the Town Office, by mail (Register of Voters, Town of Camden, P.O. Box 1207, Camden, ME 04843) or by phone at 207-236-3353. When available, absentee ballots can be requested electronically at maine.gov/sos/elections-voting .

For more information about elections and voting in Maine, please visit the Maine Secretary of State's website (maine.gov/sos/elections-voting) or call the Camden Town office at 207-236-3353.

Fiscal year statistical information yielded the following party enrollments as of March 1, 2025:

Party	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Democrat	2,678	2,686	2,515
Green Independent	138	139	125
Libertarian	4	8	11
No Labels	0	23	50
Republican	889	858	738
Unenrolled	1,211	1,253	1,168
Total	**4,920**	**4,967**	**4,607**

Camden's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30, and the following elections were held in FY 2025:

Nov. 5, 2024 – State General Election
– Special Town Meeting

Jan. 14, 2025 – Five Town CSD District Referendum

June 10, 2025 – Annual Town Meeting
– MSAD 28 Budget Validation Referendum
– Five Town CSD Budget Validation Referendum

CAMDEN TAX COLLECTOR | HARBOR CLERK

Jodi Richards, *Tax Collector | Harbor Clerk*



The 2024 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax commitment took place on Sept. 6, 2023, and totaled $23,100,661.59.

Tax bills were mailed at the start of September 2023 with the first half due Oct. 17, 2023, and the second half due April 17, 2024. Interest accrues at 8% per annum on the first half beginning Oct. 18, 2023, and the second half beginning April 18, 2024. Payments are accepted in person at the Camden Town Office, 29 Elm St., or a check can be mailed to Town of Camden, Attn: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 1207, Camden, ME 04843. Tax bills can also be paid online by following the link on the Town's website, camdenmaine.gov.

Real estate taxes are assessed to the owner of record as of April 1 of each year, which is prior to the beginning of each tax year. When selling or purchasing property in Camden, please make sure property taxes are pro-rated and included in the closing statements. This ensures the buyer and seller are paying the balance(s) of outstanding taxes, thus avoiding confusion after the sale.

Motor vehicle excise taxes collected in the fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) totaled $1,173,956.74, which was $26,043.26 less than the anticipated $1,200,000. Camden offers several ways to register a motor vehicle, including online renewal (camdenmaine.gov) or in-person Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. For a new registration: bring the previous title and/or completed title application, proof of insurance, current mileage, as well as the yellow registration for the plate to transfer it to the new vehicle. Proof of paid sales tax is also required when registering a new vehicle, and if not previously paid, the fee will be collected at registration along with other applicable fees. The town is also required to see the Monroney Label (window sticker) if it is a brand new vehicle. For all registration renewals, bring proof of insurance, current mileage and either the prior registration or license plate number to complete the process. We are unable to look up a registration by name so please bring the required documentation with you.

Boat excise taxes collected in fiscal year 2024 totaled $31,906.30, which was $1,906.30 more than anticipated. Boat registration stickers are now available for the 2025 season. Renew a boat registration by visiting the Town Office or camdenmaine.gov, where there is a link to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife website to process the transaction. Please bring the previous year's registration when renewing in person as we are unable to search for boats by registrant name. Excise tax is based on the boat's age, length and motor horsepower while the additional state fee is based solely on the motor's horsepower. Milfoil stickers are required for all boats that enter any Maine freshwater ponds, lakes, tributaries, etc. Milfoil stickers are available for purchase at the Town Office.

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12 COLCORD, LLC	845.94
135 MAYO ROAD ASSOCIATES	9,835.79
17 AMES TERRACE ASSOCIATES, LLC	322.92
18 COLCORD, LLC	2,693.07
53 BAYVIEW STREET, LLC	4,244.88
53 BAYVIEW, LLC	7,429.27
75, LLC	8,467.20
91 ELM, LLC	2,850.39
93 BAY VIEW LLC	8,161.32
ACKERMAN, LUCAS	35,838.60
ALABAMA PROPERTY, LLC	11.09
ANDERSON, DEREK R & TIA E	7,641.06
ANDERSON, DEREK R & TIA E	10,027.08
ANNIS, KERYN P	263.58
ANNIS, ROBERT	4,548.89
APRILL, ANDREW D	1.03
ARONEAU, KATHARYN	8,005.80
BAEZA, RAFAEL C &	6,897.24
BAILEY LANE, LLC	2,075.86
BALBOA NORTH, LLC	4,749.51
BAY VIEW LANDING LLC	32,866.08
BEREZ, PAUL D & THEO O	9,980.16
BERKE, PATRICIA & PETER, TRUSTEES	3,097.89
BERRY, CHARLES	1,620.81
BERRY, ELLEN J	2,456.52
BINGER, ALEXANDRA D	449.19
BOOTH, BENJAMIN M	2,604.06
BOTERO-VELEZ, MAURICIO	63.39
BOWER, NIGEL &	4,146.21
BRATZ, TRYGVE	2,820.72
BRATZ, TRYGVE	2,728.26
BRAUGH, JAMES RICHARD, JR	434.01
BRAUGH, JR JAMES RICHARD	2,021.01
BREDA LLC	31,099.68
BREDA, LLC	8,310.36
BRENNAN, RANDOLPH W	2,323.23
BURGESS, JAMES A	505.08
BURNETT, JAMES C & ANGELA M	5,984.71
BUTLER, WILLIAM O	5,179.14
BUTLER, WILLIAM O	8,841.36
CAGUANA-CAGUANA, RENE R	1,015.68
CAGUANA-CAGUANA, RENE R	1,718.10
CAMDEN HEIGHTS LLC	94.83
CAMDEN LIONS CLUB	2,506.08
CAMDEN PLACE LLC	3,295.44
CARLSON, PHILIP A	542.34
CARLSON, PHILIP A	3,361.36
CARTWRIGHT, OWEN B	3,242.31
CHRISTENSEN, CLIFFORD E	2,956.03
CHURCHILL, JR., ETON F., TRUSTEE	189.13
CLARK, MARGUERITE C	2,375.52
CLARK, SHEILA A, TT	32.23
COLANTUONI,V & FIORENTINO, F, TRUSTE	1,664.28
COLCORD AVENUE HOLDINGS, LLC	57.34
CRANS, CHARLES A, JR	29,244.31
CUMMINS, BERNA L	4,739.61
CURIT, SALLY	148.35
DANIELS, CHERYL	268.4
DARDI, LYDIA M K & MATHILDE, CO-TRUST	4,298.01
DAY, ROBERT E	3,347.81
DE ACEVEDO RAMOS, NICOLE & RAMIRO	2,771.38
DE ACEVEDO RAMOS, RAMIRO & NICOLE	2,962.86
DE ACEVEDO RAMOS, RAMIRO & NICOLE	2,268.72
DE LEON, SYLVIA A & COLEMAN, LYNN R	18,946.02
DEARBORN, MARY H	878.37
DEBORAH D GREEN REVOCABLE TRUST	2,027.91
DERBY, THOMAS J	6,998.48
DIAZ, LISA, TRUSTEE	5,600.04
DIRCKS, HENRY G & ELIZABETH S	136.18
DONATO, COURTNEY	517.5
DORR, SUSAN E & GREG N, TTEES	1,743.63
DYER, MICHAEL W	111.78
EATON, DANIEL S & LESLIE J	0.15
EMERSON, AVA S.	0.80
EVANS, KATHERINE M & PETER B	7,087.68
EVANS, VICTORIA S	1.62
FEENEY, JENNIFER M	2,962.86
FINN, CHRISTOPHER	3,147.43
FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL REAL	8,111.64
FORRISTAL, MARY	7,867.20
FOSTER, DONALD G., TRUSTEE	434.01
FRAKES, JONATHAN, TRUSTEE	2.99
FRANK, ADAM & NOVA M C	3,007.71
FRANK, ADAM & NOVA M C	77.97
FRANK, ADAM & NOVA M C	4,259.37
FRESCO, LLC	5,391.66
GAINEY, ELISABETH ANNE, TRUSTEE	3.51
GARRIGAN, BERNARD B & CHRISTINE	3,099.48
GELERMAN, DAVID J.	174.28
GELERMAN, DAVID J.	1.91
GELERMAN, DAVID J.	10.44
GELWIX, CHRISTOPHER C & JACQUELINE R	774.26

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GIOIA, DOMINIC J & ELIZABETH S	0.33
GODWIN, JUDITH A &	1.85
GOTT, CARL H JR LT	636.18
GREET, WILLIAM E JR	1,687.05
GROHS, JUSTIN T, TRUSTEE	7.47
HARRIS, SUSAN	1,649.10
HAVERLY, MAURA N	3,336.84
HHI 48, LLC	8,909.28
HHI 48, LLC	17,142.36
HHI 48, LLC	6,277.62
HODGSON, PAUL G. & JENNIFER L. O.	7,194.63
HOLDEN, IVETA & THURSTON, HANA	3,215.40
HOLMES, ROBERT ET ALS TRUSTEES	1.98
HUGHES, WHITNEY C	3,732.21
IDYL HOUR HOLDINGS, LLC	4,093.08
JCL FAMILY LIVING TRUST (25% INT)	924.60
JENKINS, WINAFRID A	13,343.56
JOHN H. LONGMAID DESIGNS	10,769.52
JOHNSON, MARGARET L	4,883.82
JUREK, MIROSLAW K	340.04
KANDRA-BERGMAN, MONIQUE PR	5,916.06
KAPLAN, ANDREW G &	11,157.99
KIMBALL, DIANE K	3,110.86
KINCADE, JUNE S	2,261.16
LACASSE, MATTHEW P & ELIZABETH A	27.98
LACASSE, MATTHEW P & ELIZABETH A	3.07
LAUER, ELIZABETH T	3,230.88
LAWLER-BAHR, GERALDINE R	1,918.40
LAY, CHARLENE K	2,184.13
LEACH, SYDNEY R & NANCY J, AMANDA J.	593.76
LFME HOLDINGS, LLC	13.11
LIBBY, PATRICIA A	4,010.28
LILHAM, LLC	1,216.47
LIMOGES, LANCE	4,789.98
LOVEJOY, CARMEN S.	1,601.14
LOVELL, ANDREA S	459.55
LOWRY, AMY	633.84
MACDONALD-FOWLES, MARIE A	349.14
MADISON TRUST COMPANY	0.61
MARDEN, EVE GREENE	1,883.35
MCCAFFERTY, MARY ANN	85.93
MCCONNELL, KATHLEEN D.	2,726.19
MCLELLAN, ELIZABETH A, TRUSTEE	2,811.60
MEADE, JONATHAN D	1,860.24
MICHAELS, THOMAS C	3,934.38
MILHERON, DAVID A	935.15
MITCHELL, GRETCHEN L	237.26
MOONAN, DENIS L TRUSTEE	2,212.96
MOSKOWITZ, DEBORAH D & STEVEN	2,092.08
MOUNTAIN ARROW LLC	4,373.22
MOUNTAIN ARROW LLC	4,222.80
MULLINS, JOSEPH R	8,600.16
MULLINS, JOSEPH R	4.88
NAKJAROEN, RAVIN	3,421.71
NATHAN, CHRISTINE P & JEFFREY D	19.45
NIGHTINNGALE CORP.	21,867.48
NORDHAVN	7,427.16
NORTON, SEAN	6,792.36
OHLAND, GEOFFREY E	7,533.24
OLD GARAGE, LLC	20,875.26
OLIVIA HARRIS LLC	9,473.70
OLIVIA HARRIS LLC	950.82
OLSSON, DIANE T	4,065.48
OPIELA, GERALD J, TRUSTEE	7,388.52
OPUS ONE, LLC	792.12
ORNE, PETER K	2,424.68
OXTON, ROBERT M	0.79
PAYNE, DEMING	7.12
PENDLETON, ERIC C.	42.93
PIERECE, DAWN	1,778.13
PINE TREE HOLDINGS LLC	2,991.24
PIOTTI, KATHRYN ANNE	4,115.16
POHLMAN, A TAYLOR	2,194.50
PROCTOR, JAYME ELLEN, PR	1,066.74
QUINN, ROBERT L & AREY, ANTHONY	725.75
RAIA, FILOMENA T.	6.15
RAYMOND, MARY ELLEN & TIMOTHY	3,440.79
REED, HEATHER	2,413.59
RENDON, DANA J	2,058.61
RIBBIT, LLC	2,931.12
RICCI, GEORGE P, TRUSTEE	6,684.72
RICE, JAMES D.	5,159.13
RICHARDS, DUANE C	3,387.12
RICHARDS, DUANE C & DARLENE M	917.7
RICHARDS, DUANE C & DARLENE M	2,906.28
RICHARDS, DUANE C & DARLENE M	171.12
RICHARDSON, KEVIN W.	1,186.80
ROCKNAK, WILLIAM SCOTT	3,724.62
ROCKY POND, LLC	5,602.80
ROLING, RANDALL	814.20
RUNDLE, CRAIG	110.74
RUNGE, CECIL A	11,367.06

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RUSSELL, GREGORY R & JULIE S	823.67
SCHIFFRIN, RICHARD S & BARBARA	25,142.91
SCHIFFRIN, RICHARD S & BARBARA	1,671.87
SCHIFFRIN, RICHARD S & BARBARA	779.01
SCHROM, ARTHUR W.	9.78
SCHWALM, LLC	9,704.83
SCULLEY, LEE A.	21,662.55
SEA STAR INC	6,355.08
SEIDEL, JENNIFER B	4,658.40
SENDERS, MARK J	5,406.84
SERENITY ACRES, LLC	1,081.92
SFT CAMDEN 8, LLC	1,787.79
SHERMAN'S POINT, LLC	18,344.18
SIMONTON, BARBARA, TRUSTEE	2,305.98
SLADE, BEVERLY	16,740.78
SLEEPER, DAVID N	3,220.92
SMITH, CAROL A	7,876.44
SMITH, MARIANNE W	1,032.24
SMITH, MARIANNE W	3,915.75
SMITH, STUART G	599.61
SMITH, STUART G	1,957.53
SMITH, STUART G	17,659.17
SMITH, STUART G & MARIANNE W	568.56
SMITH, STUART G & MARIANNE W	4,017.18
SMITH, STUART G & MARIANNE W	602.37
SOKOLOWICZ, LINDA G	0.08
SPERA, JEFFREY M & SHELBY	969.45
STAATS, SHARON & FRANK	382.76
STONE ROAD CORPORATION	3,779.82
STONE, BEN S	6,732.33
STRONG, KENNETH D	1,636.68
SWEET, NEALE E	698.97
SWEET, NEALE E	6,677.88
TANNERY LANE COMPANY, LLC	18.19
TANSI, THOMAS P & MERIDETH B	6,794.43
TAYLOR, ELIZABETH N & OWEN J	5,186.04
THAIS, PAUL H.	0.94
THOMAS W.C. MACLACHLAN 2017 TRUST	520.26
THREE WILLOWS LLC	1,905.78
TOLMAN, BRUCE; TOLMAN BRIAN	221.72
TOOLEY, EDNA	394.68
V.A.W. ENTERPRISES INC	1,398.63
VEREST, OSCAR	10,587.36
VEREST, OSCAR	9,435.06
VOSE, PAUL	0.05
WAINER, LESTER W	2,954.54
WALKER, CHARLES L, JR	2,000.00
WALKER, SONIA M. R., TRUSTEE	3,741.87
WHITNEY, CORY	734.16
WICKENDEN, JAMES M B	388.63
WICKENDEN, JAMES M B	9,318.01
WICKENDEN, JENNIFER	5,384.95
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS TRUSTEES	9,727.62
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS TRUSTEES	6,610.20
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS TRUSTEES	2,684.10
ZDANOWICZ, JOSEPH K	96.60
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**$993,758.64**

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93 BAY VIEW LLC	32.30
ACKERMAN, LUCAS	172.03
BEREZ, PAUL D. & THEO O	224.94
BERRY, CHARLES	1,132.47
BOWER, NIGEL	2,045.48
DEARBORN, MARY H	398.64
FIRST AMERICAN COMMERCIAL	7,758.96
FRESCO, LLC	4,574.71
JOHNSON, MARGARET L	4,392.27
KANDRA-BERMAN, MONIQUE	5,658.84
KELM ACQUISITION, LLC	3,384.48
KELM ACQUISITION, LLC	3,779.16
MCCONNELL, KATHLEEN D	2,564.76
MOUNTAIN ARROW LLC	4,183.08
MOUNTAIN ARROW LLC	4,039.20
NORTON, SEAN	6,497.04
PROCTOR, JAYME ELLEN, PR	1,020.36
RICHARDS, DUANE C.	3,085.54
RICHARDS, DUANE C. & DARLENE M	2,779.92
ROCKY POND LLC	5,359.20
SIMONTON, BARBARA, TRUSTEE	2,205.72
WALKER, SONIA M. R., TRUSTEE	1,767.91
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS	9,304.68
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS	6,322.80
YATES, FRANCES ELAINE ET ALS	2,597.40
ZDANOWICZ, JOSEPH K.	1,087.14
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**91,532.51**

2024 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
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ALICIA LANDI	37.26
ALISON LANGLEY PHOTOGRAPHY	49.68
ASHLI BICKFORD	60.72
BLAZE CAMDEN	799.02
BOOKCLUBS	60.72
BREDA, LLC	4,178.64
BUBBLES & BEAN, INC	19.32
C. EDWARD OBRIEN	23.46
CAMDEN BAGEL, LLC	273.24
CAMDEN HARBOR CRUISES	0.05
CAMDEN LOBSTER COMPANY	0.69
CAMDEN POINT INC	1.96
CAPT. RAY WILLIAMSON	16.56
CASHMERE GOAT, LLC	56.58
CAVALIER CONCEPTS, LLC	192.51
CEDAR CREST HOLDINGS, LLC	409.17
CENTERLINE LLC	160.08
CHELSEA WEINER, LCSW	60.72
COASTER CO, LLC	0.01
CREATIVE CREATIONS 4 U	88.32
CURTIS DESIGN, LLC	13.80
DAN & GERALD GABRIELE	180.03
DAVID NORTON CONSULTING	60.72
DIANE & ERIC LEBSON	60.72
DLTC INC	411.24
DR. ELIZABETH A BOETSCH, PHD	30.36
DWELLING IN MAINE	15.18
EASTGATE MINISTRIES	0.03
ECOLAB	158.70
ELIZA COLLINS-LEAVITT	60.72
ELLEN TIPPER	60.72
ENDLESS SUMMER FLOWER FARM	48.30
ERICS BARBER SHOP	14.49
FAT FACE CLOTHING LTD	362.94
FERRARI PARTSOURCE	0.34
FIRSTLIGHT FIBER, INC	63.48
FIT STUDIO	144.90
FLINT & GAIL DECKER	41.40
GETCHELL BROTHERS	19.32
GLENDARRAGH LAVENDER	4.14
GLOBAL PACKING & SHIPPING	14.08
GREEN GABLES INN	160.08
GREEN WITH ENVY	64.86
HARBOR DOGS	33.12
HARTSTONE ENTERPRISES	517.50
HARTSTONE ENTERPRISES	211.14
HEARTH & HARROW	96.60
HILLSIDE FARM	1.82
HPA, LLC	291.18
HUNDRED ACRES	37.26
ICED COFFEE PLEASE, LLC	60.72
JACK MCKENNEY	60.72
JET-SET OFFSET	60.72
JILLIAN TULLGREN	60.72
JIM NICKELSON	2.03
JON ST. PETER, LCSW	60.72
JONATHAN SPERA	84.18
KATHERINE HEARD	60.72
KATHLEEN DISHNER, INC	6.90
KATHY WILSON	175.26
LAKE CITY FLOATS	33.12
LAUGH LOUD SMILE BIG	60.72
LILY, LUPINE & FERN, LLC	0.17
LONG GRAIN	1,135.74
LULLA SMITH	86.94
MAINE RSA #1, INC	60.72
MAINE WINDJAMMER CRUISES	104.88
MAKING MOVEMENT	60.72
MARGARET KING, LMT	60.72
MARGARET SENK	60.72
MECHANIC STREET BARBERSHOP	103.50
MEGUNTICOOK MARKET	536.82
NANCY LEONARD	77.28
NCR LOCAL	82.80
NIGHTINNGALE CORP	816.96
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	1.38
OMNITIZING	22.08
ONE AND SUPP, LLC	97.98
PAMELA BRODIS	60.72
PLANET MARKET PLACE, INC	0.21
ROBERT E DAY, DDS	187.68
ROSE COTTAGE BAKERY	33.12
RYAN LAWRENCE	328.44
SALON AT 71	11.04
SALT WHARF	1,408.29
SEA STAR INC	767.28
SEAN OCONNOR	1.38
SUGAR TOOLS	62.10
TA ASSOCIATES	0.03
THE HIGH TIDE INN	1,813.32
THE JACK BAR	194.58
THE SALTY DOG	80.04
THOMAS COCHRAN	60.72
THOMAS MICHAEL DESIGNERS INC	70.38

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TIMOTHY JACOBUS	16.56
TOPO GALLERY	66.24
VALERIE CLEMONS, MD, PC	66.24
WAYNE HEAL	124.20
WOODEN ALCHEMY	66.24
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**18,906.21**

2023 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
63 HIGH ST, LLC	353.76
ALICIA LANDI	36.96
BLAZE CAMDEN	798.60
BOWA	66.00
BUBBLES & BEAN, INC	0.26
CASHMERE GOAT, LLC	56.76
CENTERLINE LLC	159.72
CREATIVE CREATIONS 4 U	66.00
DWELLING IN MAINE	14.52
ECOLAB	178.20
ELEV8 ENERGY	66.00
FAT FACE CLOTHING LTD	405.24
FIT STUDIO	2.64
GETCHELL BROTHERS	18.48
GLENDARRAGH LAVENDER	3.96
GREEN GABLES INN	159.72
GREEN WITH ENVY	135.96
JONATHAN SPERA	106.92
KATHLEEN DISHNER, INC	6.60
LAW AND PROPS, LLC	66.00
LIBERATION CHARTERS	66.00
LULLA SMITH	87.12
NCR LOCAL	93.72
NIGHTINNGALE CORP	973.75
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	1.32
RIDGELINE	66.00
ROSE COTTAGE BAKERY	33.00
RYAN LAWRENCE	323.45
SEAN OCONNOR	1.32
SUGAR TOOLS	62.04
THE HIGH TIDE INN	1,812.36
THE JACK BAR	240.24
THE SALTY DOG	80.52
THOMAS MICHAEL DESIGNERS INC	69.96
VALERIE CLEMONS, MD, PC	66.00
WOODEN ALCHEMY	66.00
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**6,708.49**

2022 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	
ALICIA LANDI	39.91
AMY ODONNELL	64.47
BLAZE CAMDEN	844.25
CASHMERE GOAT, LLC	59.86
CENTERLINE, LLC	168.85
EMMA CLARK NAIL TECH	84.43
FATFACE CORPORATION	4.88
GLENDARRAGH LAVENDER	3.07
GREEN GABLES INN	168.85
GREEN WITH ENVY	142.76
HAWTHORN INN	45.28
HIGH MOUNTAIN HALL LLC	64.47
KATHLEEN DISHNER, INC	7.68
LULLA SMITH	92.10
MARKOWITZ COUNSELING PA	4.60
NORHTERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	1.54
ROGER L HURLEY, ESQ	4.60
ROSE COTTAGE BAKERY	33.77
SURROUNDINGS	39.91
THE SALTY DOG	84.43
YACHTING SOLUTIONS	3.15
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**1,961.08**

2021 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
ALICIA LANDI	39.08
GENE L PIKEN & LINDA J VAUGHN	21.04
LUCY, GOULET	22.55
PRANDA, INC.	6.01
ROGER L HURLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW	4.51
ROSALIE JOY	29.07
THE RIGH STUFF	36.07
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**158.33**

2020 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
GENE L PIKEN & LINDA J VAUGHN	17.89
KANGAS & KANGAS	451.77
LUCY GOULET	19.38
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2022	**489.04**

2019 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
GENE L PIKEN & LINDA J VAUGHAN	25.30
KANGAS & KANGAS	410.69
LINDA VAUGHN	32.74
LUCY GOULET, MA LMT	17.86
MATTHEW LAWSON	959.76
SANDRA SLEEPER	141.36
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**1,587.71**

2018 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	
BRANDON KIMBLE	58.96
KNSM CAMDEN LLC	1,000.85
KNSM CAMDEN, LLD	1,087.13
LINDA VAUGHN	31.64
MYSTICAL FOREST PRESS, LLC	12.94
SANDRA SLEEPER	61.83
WINSTON A PENDLETON	700.31
OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	**2,953.66**

2017 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	
BRANDON KIMBLE	48.33
KNSM CAMDEN, LLC	530.80
KORY WHITFIELD	24.94
SETON SCHOOL, INC.	240.09
THE WELLNESS CENTER	53.01
WINSTON A PENDLETON	567.48
OUTSTANDING AS OF 6/30/2024	**1,464.65**

2016 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2026	
HANSEN, KAREN	78.68
SETEN SCHOOL, INC.	1.68
OUTSTANDING AS OFJUNE 30, 2024	**80.36**

CAMDEN FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Jodi Hanson, *Finance Director*



The past 12 months have truly been a rollercoaster of a ride, with some great things happening in the Finance/Clerk's office and some not-so-great things too.

First and foremost, we lost one of our long-standing co-workers, and very dear friend, to a bravely fought battle with breast cancer that has shaken us to the core. Marlene Libby was known to all who came into the town office. It didn't matter what you needed as a visitor, she knew what to do and how to provide that service. She gave more than 35 years of herself to the Town of Camden, something that few people can say about themselves. I was lucky enough to work with her for eight of those 35 years after she called me on a whim one warm May afternoon back in 2017, when Camden was looking for a new finance director.

Little did I know that her phone call that day would reshape not only my professional life but my personal life too, as we eventually became colleagues and close friends. Marlene was there for me every day in my new role, and I never looked back.

This department and its people will never be the same without Marlene, but the Finance Office is lucky to have Jodi Richards as its new Deputy Finance Director. Jodi started her journey here in April of 2023 as the Tax Collector/ Harbor Clerk. While Marlene was in treatment, she trained Jodi to help out with her duties. That was a blessing in disguise and also a great opportunity for Jodi to put her financial background skills to work for the town.

Co-worker Jimi Hunt didn't let much grass grow beneath her feet after Jodi moved full-time into Marlene's office. Jimi was keen to accept the Tax Collector/Harbor Clerk position, and I couldn't be happier with how she's prospered in that role. Her attention to detail makes her the perfect fit for the job. Town Clerk Katrina Oakes continues to hold down the fort as she has for more than 20 years. She again weathered the storm of a contentious presidential election in November and did so with grit and grace. Her Zen personality – clarity of mind, compassion and wisdom – helps keep things calm even in the most chaotic situations.

We recently completed the FY 2024 annual audit for the town, which is required by statute, and a brief report is included for your review. Camden continues to maintain a healthy unassigned fund balance, which in turn allows the town manager flexibility in helping offset the municipal budget using UFB funds. The Town's FY 2024 UFB balance is $4.3 million. And of that amount, the town's policy states that we shall hold aside 16.7% for emergency purposes. The town manager utilized $1.4 million of the remaining UFB to help offset the 2024-2025 town budget.

The UFB can be a valuable tool when faced with a challenging situation such as the FY 2025-2026 budget presents. A formidable driver is proposed capital expenditures, which have been crticially reviewed and weighed against the level of citizen demand for services. But we are not only tasked with keeping spikes in municipal net spending at a minimum. The town needs to keep a close eye on local education and Knox County budgets, which make up 65-70% of property owners' tax bills. Municipal service cuts to address escalating school and county costs are a difficult balancing act.

To help make the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget more palatable, two town positions were eliminated during early budget planning by the town manager and department heads. Consequently, this department will not be hiring a full-time person to fill the assistant clerk position that opened when Jimi changed roles. And this will result in reduced town office business hours for the public. The second position is in the Police Department, which will not fill an open full-time patrol position. The goal is providing levels of service deserving of Camden's citizens, but it certainly comes with challenges that town staff tackle with extremely hard work, concessions, and a lot of creativity.

As always, we appreciate the support of the community and I'm happy to answer questions you may have regarding the financial aspects of town governance.

RHR SMITH & COMPANY
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March 18, 2025

Selectboard
Town of Camden, Maine
Camden, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Camden, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Camden, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 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:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues	Schedule A
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TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	*Moved to Business-type Fund* Sewer Operation	Snow Bowl	Charles Wood Fund	Mountain View Cemetery	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 6,818,762	$ -	$ 117,443	$ 257,185	$ 327	$ 10,048	$ 7,203,765
Investments	-	-	-	3,276,758	1,933,715	3,321,338	8,531,811
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):							
Taxes	1,029,795	-	-	-	-	-	1,029,795
Liens	91,533	-	-	-	-	-	91,533
Other	158,602	-	-	-	-	-	158,602
Prepaid items	47,046	-	-	-	-	-	47,046
Tax acquired property	19,113	-	-	-	-	-	19,113
Due from other funds	2,824,832	-	-	-	-	3,703,285	6,528,117
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 10,989,683	$ -	$ 117,443	$ 3,533,943	$ 1,934,042	$ 7,034,671	$ 23,609,782
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	$ 409,749	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 25,480	$ -	$ 435,229
Accrued payroll	91,923	-	-	-	-	-	91,923
Accrued expenses	26,475	-	-	-	-	-	26,475
Due to other governments	30,297	-	-	-	-	-	30,297
Due to other funds	3,703,285	-	570,889	89,709	389,767	508,343	5,261,993
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,261,729	-	570,889	89,709	415,247	508,343	5,845,917
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Prepaid taxes	73,629	-	-	-	-	-	73,629
Deferred tax revenues	147,143	-	-	-	-	-	147,143
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	220,772	-	-	-	-	-	220,772
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)							
Nonspendable	66,159	-	-	-	-	146,156	212,315
Restricted	-	-	-	3,444,234	1,518,795	3,751,291	8,714,320
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	3,110,894	3,110,894
Assigned	2,141,066	-	-	-	-	8,299	2,149,365
Unassigned	4,299,957	-	(453,446)	-	-	(490,312)	3,356,199
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	6,507,182	-	(453,446)	3,444,234	1,518,795	6,526,328	17,543,093
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	$ 10,989,683	$ -	$ 117,443	$ 3,533,943	$ 1,934,042	$ 7,034,671	$ 23,609,782

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TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	*Moved to Business-type Fund* Sewer Operation	Snow Bowl	Charles Wood Fund	Mountain View Cemetery	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
General tax revenue	$ 24,487,649	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 24,487,649
Intergovernmental revenue	1,245,838	-	-	-	-	1,039,260	2,285,098
License and permits	283,735	-	-	-	-	-	283,735
Charges for services	629,360	-	990,018	-	15,225	311,936	1,946,539
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	342,889	-	-	$ 726,077	379,054	557,232	2,005,252
Other revenue	280,446	-	61,531	-	-	970,495	1,312,472
TOTAL REVENUES	27,269,917	-	1,051,549	726,077	394,279	2,878,923	32,320,745
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	2,355,650	-	-	-	-	-	2,355,650
Public safety	3,044,293	-	-	-	-	-	3,044,293
Public services	1,725,819	-	-	-	-	-	1,725,819
Leisure services	1,487,090	-	-	-	-	-	1,487,090
Cemeteries	84,440	-	-	-	193,261	-	277,701
Education	14,166,708	-	-	-	-	-	14,166,708
County tax	1,741,094	-	-	-	-	-	1,741,094
Debt service:		-					
Principal	586,663	-	7,481	-	-	-	594,144
Interest	127,118	-	-	-	-	-	127,118
Snow Bowl	-	-	1,417,141	-	-	-	1,417,141
Capital outlay	123,700	-	-	-	-	-	123,700
MCSWC assessment	234,797	-	-	-	-	-	234,797
Unclassified	125,093	-	-	252,095	-	2,738,524	3,115,712
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,802,465	-	1,424,622	252,095	193,261	2,738,524	30,410,967
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,467,452	-	(373,073)	473,982	201,018	140,399	1,909,778
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Bond proceeds	77,850	-	-	-	-	-	77,850
Transfers in	651,701	-	-	-	-	1,520,160	2,171,861
Transfers (out)	(1,820,160)	-	-	-	(87,223)	(264,478)	(2,171,861)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,090,609)	-	-	-	(87,223)	1,255,682	77,850
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	376,843	-	(373,073)	473,982	113,795	1,396,081	1,987,628
FUND BALANCE (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	6,024,669	1,497,784	(80,373)	2,970,252	1,405,000	5,119,097	16,936,429
CHANGE WITHIN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY (GOVERNMENTAL TO BUSINESS-TYPE FUND)	-	(1,497,784)	-	-	-	-	(1,497,784)
FUND BALANCE CORRECTION	105,670	-	-	-	-	11,150	116,820
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	6,130,339	-	(80,373)	2,970,252	1,405,000	5,130,247	15,555,465
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30	$ 6,507,182	$ -	$ (453,446)	$ 3,444,234	$ 1,518,795	$ 6,526,328	$ 17,543,093

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	$ 6,130,339	$ 6,130,339	$ 6,130,339	$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
General tax revenue	24,330,662	24,330,662	24,487,649	156,987
Intergovernmental revenue	1,053,275	1,053,275	1,245,838	192,563
License and permits	247,000	247,000	283,735	36,735
Charges for services	512,200	512,200	629,360	117,160
Investment income	120,000	120,000	342,889	222,889
Other revenue	303,951	303,951	280,446	(23,505)
Bond proceeds	190,000	190,000	77,850	(112,150)
Transfers from other funds	535,000	535,000	651,701	116,701
Amounts Available for Appropriation	33,422,427	33,422,427	34,129,807	707,380
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	2,626,596	2,626,596	2,355,650	270,946
Public safety	3,285,447	3,285,447	3,044,293	241,154
Public services	2,012,000	2,012,000	1,725,819	286,181
Leisure services	1,587,899	1,587,899	1,487,090	100,809
Cemeteries	51,100	51,100	84,440	(33,340)
Education	14,166,708	14,166,708	14,166,708	-
County tax	1,741,094	1,741,094	1,741,094	-
Debt service:				
Principal	631,861	631,861	586,663	45,198
Interest	127,839	127,839	127,118	721
Capital improvements	1,041,072	1,041,072	123,700	917,372
MCSWC assessment	234,797	234,797	234,797	-
Unclassified	300,316	300,316	125,093	175,223
Transfers to other funds	1,325,760	1,325,760	1,820,160	(494,400)
Total Charges to Appropriations	29,132,489	29,132,489	27,622,625	1,509,864
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	$ 4,289,938	$ 4,289,938	$ 6,507,182	$ 2,217,244
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	$ 1,840,401	$ 1,840,401	$ -	$ (1,840,401)

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
General tax revenues:				
Property taxes	$ 23,100,662	$ 23,100,662	$ 23,281,786	$ 181,124
Excise taxes	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,205,863	(24,137)
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	670,000	670,000	815,517	145,517
Tree growth reimbursement	11,000	11,000	12,573	1,573
Vet exemption reimbursement	5,000	5,000	7,712	2,712
Homestead reimbursement	270,178	270,178	309,389	39,211
BETE reimbursement	16,797	16,797	16,983	186
Local road assistance	56,000	56,000	64,872	8,872
Snowmobile revenue	300	300	278	(22)
Pumpout boat revenue	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
State park reimbursement	14,000	14,000	15,799	1,799
Stabilization mandate	-	-	2,715	2,715
Licenses and permits				
Animal control fees	2,000	2,000	3,493	1,493
Town clerk fees	11,000	11,000	16,731	5,731
Plumbing fees	10,000	10,000	9,221	(779)
Building permits	100,000	100,000	114,870	14,870
Administrative fees	30,000	30,000	36,537	6,537
Cable/TV franchise	80,000	80,000	75,939	(4,061)
Electrical fees	14,000	14,000	20,344	6,344
Short-term rentals	-	-	6,600	6,600
Charges for services:				
Police revenue	72,600	72,600	77,056	4,456
Parking tickets	18,000	18,000	56,689	38,689
Parks and recreation revenue	19,000	19,000	12,348	(6,652)
Public works	-	-	8,651	8,651
Cemetery maintenance	51,100	51,100	51,100	-
Harbor park mowing	6,500	6,500	6,500	-
MCSW bookkeeping	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Harbor revenue	320,000	320,000	392,016	72,016
Investment income:				
Investment income	120,000	120,000	342,889	222,889
Other income:				
Tax interest	42,000	42,000	43,621	1,621
Lien interest and costs	10,000	10,000	10,027	27
Other income	251,951	251,951	226,798	(25,153)
Bond proceeds	190,000	190,000	77,850	(112,150)
Transfers from other funds:				
Special revenue funds	320,000	320,000	320,000	-
Capital projects funds	165,000	165,000	165,000	-
Permanent funds	50,000	50,000	166,701	116,701
Total revenues	$ 27,292,088	$ 27,292,088	$ 27,999,468	$ 707,380

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Available	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government					
Administration, assessing and finance	$ 972,150	$ -	$ 972,150	$ 972,228	$ (78)
Professional services	102,055	-	102,055	97,808	4,247
Planning and development	819,591	-	819,591	722,662	96,929
Information technology	166,150	-	166,150	203,762	(37,612)
Insurance	243,700	-	243,700	258,444	(14,744)
Opera House/Town offices	91,950	-	91,950	100,528	(8,578)
Opera House/auditorium	231,000	-	231,000	218	230,782
	2,626,596	-	2,626,596	2,355,650	270,946
Public safety					
Police department	1,686,150	-	1,686,150	1,529,243	156,907
County dispatch	190,650	-	190,650	190,650	-
Fire department	747,900	-	747,900	712,343	35,557
Public safety building	48,000	-	48,000	44,925	3,075
Hydrant rental	273,000	-	273,000	278,637	(5,637)
EMS service	294,200	-	294,200	252,200	42,000
Street lights	45,547	-	45,547	36,295	9,252
	3,285,447	-	3,285,447	3,044,293	241,154
Public services					
Public works	1,378,500	-	1,378,500	1,420,173	(41,673)
Street and sidewalks	570,500	-	570,500	256,053	314,447
Parking	10,000	-	10,000	6,200	3,800
Tree program	53,000	-	53,000	43,393	9,607
	2,012,000	-	2,012,000	1,725,819	286,181

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Available	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Leisure services					
Community services	19,500	-	19,500	19,500	-
Camden Public Library	555,000	-	555,000	555,000	-
Harbor and landing	343,900	-	343,900	304,096	39,804
Recreation	194,570	-	194,570	176,221	18,349
Parks	386,150	-	386,150	408,519	(22,369)
Dams	88,779	-	88,779	23,754	65,025
	1,587,899	-	1,587,899	1,487,090	100,809
Cemeteries					
Cemetery maintenance	51,100	-	51,100	84,440	(33,340)
	51,100	-	51,100	84,440	(33,340)
Education	14,166,708	-	14,166,708	14,166,708	-
County tax	1,741,094	-	1,741,094	1,741,094	-
Debt service					
Principal	631,861	-	631,861	586,663	45,198
Interest	127,839	-	127,839	127,118	721
	759,700	-	759,700	713,781	45,919

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Available	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Capital improvements					
General government	35,000	-	35,000	4,482	30,518
Highway/street/bridges	892,572	-	892,572	119,218	773,354
Leisure services	113,500	-	113,500	-	113,500
	1,041,072	-	1,041,072	123,700	917,372
MCSWC assessment	234,797	-	234,797	234,797	-
Unclassified					
Contingency	145,892	-	145,892	74,687	71,205
Overlay	154,424	-	154,424	50,406	104,018
	300,316	-	300,316	125,093	175,223
Transfers to other funds					
Special revenue funds	595,760	-	595,760	826,760	(231,000)
Capital projects funds	730,000	-	730,000	993,400	(263,400)
	1,325,760	-	1,325,760	1,820,160	(494,400)
Total Departmental Operations	$ 29,132,489	$ -	$ 29,132,489	$ 27,622,625	$ 1,509,864

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,048	$ -	$ -	$ 10,048
Investments	724,658	-	2,596,680	3,321,338
Due from other funds	1,027,507	2,474,943	200,835	3,703,285
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,762,213	$ 2,474,943	$ 2,797,515	$ 7,034,671
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	$ 474,677	$ 24,474	$ 9,192	$ 508,343
TOTAL LIABILITIES	474,677	24,474	9,192	508,343
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	146,156	146,156
Restricted	1,102,168	5,747	2,643,376	3,751,291
Committed	641,698	2,469,196	-	3,110,894
Assigned	8,299	-	-	8,299
Unassigned (deficits)	(464,629)	(24,474)	(1,209)	(490,312)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,287,536	2,450,469	2,788,323	6,526,328
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 1,762,213	$ 2,474,943	$ 2,797,515	$ 7,034,671

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 882,260	$ 157,000	$ -	$ 1,039,260
Charges for services	311,936	-	-	311,936
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	70,570	-	486,662	557,232
Other income	502,084	307,625	160,786	970,495
TOTAL REVENUES	1,766,850	464,625	647,448	2,878,923
EXPENDITURES				
Other	1,811,584	897,926	29,014	2,738,524
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,811,584	897,926	29,014	2,738,524
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(44,734)	(433,301)	618,434	140,399
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	570,360	949,800	-	1,520,160
Transfers (out)	(20,000)	(165,000)	(79,478)	(264,478)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	550,360	784,800	(79,478)	1,255,682
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	505,626	351,499	538,956	1,396,081
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	780,598	2,089,132	2,249,367	5,119,097
FUND BALANCE CORRECTION	1,312	9,838	-	11,150
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	781,910	2,098,970	2,249,367	5,130,247
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30	$ 1,287,536	$ 2,450,469	$ 2,788,323	$ 6,526,328

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CAMDEN ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Kerry Leichtman, *Assessor*
Caitlin Thompson, *Deputy Assessor*



What a year this has been. The revaluation is behind us. Caitlin and I thank you for, and appreciate having had, your cooperation.

Unless you're a real estate investor, these have been difficult times. Camden's taxable value grew by 43% from 2023 to 2024. When only single-family homes are considered, the growth was slightly higher, at 44%.

Camden's cumulative real estate growth since the onset of the pandemic was 69%. In dollars, that is a $1,066,622,269 increase in the town's taxable valuation. This was not solely a Camden phenomenon. According to the National Association of Realtors, Maine real estate values grew 73.1% from Jan. 1, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2024. No other state saw more growth than Maine during the same period.



As of this writing, the market has calmed down some and prices paid do not seem to be escalating very much. You might have noticed the qualifiers in that sentence. The local real estate market is still active, and although the volume of sales has decreased and days-on-market have increased, the prices paid are still increasing, albeit at a normal pace. As of April 1, 2024, the revaluation concluded with an overall town ratio of 95%. One year later, the town's ratio on April 1, 2025, was 92%.



Where we go from here is anybody's guess. That Maine is still desirable is no surprise, but the uncertain political winds cloud the view of even the clearest crystal ball.

Before leaving the subject of the revaluation just gone by, a few other notes of appreciation are in order. As I wrote at the opening, we appreciated your cooperation and neighborly attitudes, despite your apprehension. A fact you might not be aware of is that Camden's and all municipal assessors are responsible to the State Tax Assessor for our work, not the town manager or Select Board. This is designed to remove the potential for political pressure, thereby allowing us to do our job objectively and according to the law. Our manager and Select Board were certainly interested in and supportive of our work during the recent revaluation, but never interfered.

We appreciate the job KRT Appraisal did for us. We do a revaluation on occasion, while they do them year in and year out. I cannot imagine it. We also hired Naretiv, a local marketing firm, to help us communicate the revaluation to you. They created eye-catching graphics that helped us explain the complexities of assessing in easily understood text, and provided a generous home team discount. We will soon incorporate much of this work into the Assessing Department portion of the town's website, but for now you can look it up at camdenreval.com.

We wish everyone a summer of good times and even better weather.

See you around town!

CAMDEN GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Janice Esancy, *Administrator*



The Town of Camden administers a General Assistance Program that assists eligible Camden residents in need of food, fuel, shelter, and medical attention for a state-mandated limited time. Eligibility is determined by income levels and other guidelines established by Maine Department of Health and Human Services policy and state statutes.

To learn more about Camden's GA Program and other available assistance, please visit the Welfare and General Assistance page on camdenmaine.gov. There you will also find our Guide to the Applicant's Rights and Responsibilities brochure.

Camden and its residents are extremely fortunate that the town has several trust funds that have been established over the years by generous citizens. Trust fund money can assist those in need and who meet eligibility criteria. The funds also allow the town to fully administer its General Assistance Program 100% with trust fund income.

Over the past year and currently, we have seen an increase in GA applications caused by health issues that affect mobility and employment, housing and homelessness issues, job loss and inadequate-paying jobs. We do our best to effectively assist those who find themselves in these and other dire circumstances. In addition to direct financial help, we can often direct residents to other resources that may improve their situation.

While Camden does not provide case management, it is ideal to have a case manager when applying for aid. A case manager can assist residents with securing other available and potential resources. These resources include agencies that provide a variety of social services, financial assistance, job and life training, education, rehabilitation, and employment opportunities. Case management, in combination with collaborative relationships with the various social service agencies, can help individuals move toward self-sufficiency.

I would like to thank all the town departments, as well as those service organizations and agencies that assist the department and Camden's residents with networking throughout the year.



Megunticook Falls footbridge.

CAMDEN FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Chris Farley, *Fire Chief*

This year has been challenging and rewarding for our department as we strive to serve the visitors and residents of Camden with dedication, professionalism, and commitment. Our team has worked to ensure the safety and well-being of our community by responding to emergencies, providing education, and improving our capabilities through training and equipment upgrades.

As we look back on the year, we celebrate our successes, acknowledge the areas in which we can improve, and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. Our department remains committed to excellence in fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical services.

To start, we acknowledge and appreciate two long-serving individuals. Andrew Lowe served in the department for 30 years. A recent career path change has led him to work as code enforcement officer for the Town of Rockport. In December 2024, Thomas Quantrell succumbed to cancer after enduring several years of treatment. Tom served with the department for 40 years and he was also an EMT with Camden First Aid Association for many years.

As we look at the exciting challenges before us, we appreciate the support we have received from the town manager, Select Board and our community to move forward and enhance first responder services for both fire and medical emergencies. To begin with, we were able to hire three additional full-time firefighter/EMTs this past year. And we were fortunate to hire people who live in Knox County and who have recently completed training through the Knox County Fire Training Academy.

That support bolstered work to expedite the department's future EMS plans, necessitated by the withdrawal of one of the four towns that had shared the costs of EMS transport services. A blueprint built on collaboration of resources — personnel as well as equipment — has been crafted to mitigate the overall cost of EMS to taxpayers. While this allows Camden to achieve its goals the plan also secures a healthy outcome for our neighbors in Hope and Lincolnville. Had we maintained our ambulance service status quo, the cost to Camden taxpayers would have increased dramatically. We are pleased to be supported in the belief that the Department's plan is well-thought-out, deliberate, constructive, and mutually beneficial to the three cooperative towns.

The plan includes establishing a collaborative relationship with North East Mobile Health Services that will not alter the existing emergency response infrastructure of the three-town model. In fact, it ensures continuity and enhances dependability. This plan aligns with Camden Fire/EMS Department's goal to create a strong, responsive 24/7 service staffed by a robust core of well-trained first responders, be they full-time, per-diem, or on-call.



Camden, Hope and Lincolnville have relied on NEMHS since 2013. Over the last five years, Camden Fire/EMS has been training its firefighters as EMTs, advanced EMTs and paramedics to strengthen response capabilities to all medical and trauma emergencies before the arrival of a NEMHS ambulance crew.

Camden's long-term intention has been to station an ambulance at the Washington Street public safety building, as was the practice until the1990s. Having a staffed ambulance closer allows immediate deployment of EMS resources to Camden residents who are in distress. The waiting time for a NEMHS ambulance to arrive from Rockport is shortened by having a unit in town, especially when there is summer traffic along Route 1 or severe winter-weather driving conditions. We believe we have reached a comfortable resolution, which involves working in tandem with NEMHS. This solution achieves community safety goals, while continuing to work together results in fiscal responsibility.

Formation of this public/private agreement results in regional services. The NEMHS ambulance stationed in Camden will be staffed around the clock, every day, by one Camden firefighter/EMT and one NEMHS EMT or paramedic. NEMHS will continue to house fully staffed ambulances at its Rockport base on Route 1, where they have been located for many years.

Of the plan, Tom Judge, former executive director of LifeFlight of Maine, said: "I do think this is an innovative regional approach to maximize cost-effectiveness and efficiency for a readiness model. Finding new models is important as municipal budgets are facing increasing cost pressures, and regionalization of EMS is important."

With this plan in place, Camden will continue its path to staff firefighter/EMTs on a 24-hour schedule, the norm now across the country as the corps of volunteer firefighters has shrunk over the past 20 years. Locally, Rockland, Belfast and Rockport operate under a 24/7 model. In order to reach this staffing level by FY26, two more full-time positions for firefighter/EMS-trained personnel will be needed.

A 24-hour schedule necessitates renovating office spaces and adding overnight facilities for those crews. More importantly, public safety building renovations call for modifying the apparatus bay area to improve employee health and safety conditions now, and into the future. We believe we can accomplish these goals with a fiscally responsible and sustainable solution that entails adding a second floor over a partial section of the existing public safety building. This provides immediate staff access to life-saving firefighting and EMS equipment, while meeting state safety and occupational codes. This plan will not enlarge the existing footprint or add new structures on undeveloped land, ultimately making it a cost-effective approach that solves a problem.

A regionally based approach is needed in the changing landscape of fire/EMS services locally, and statewide. And the challenges in that changing landscape are bigger than NEMHS and undoubtedly bigger than the Camden Fire Department. The changes include challenges related to retaining appropriately educated and skilled personnel and enough of them, while also keeping costs at a fiscally responsible level. Our aim is to be ahead of the curve in facing these challenges, and current and continued support from the community allows us to do this.

The year ahead will be an exciting one for us. There is a new, energetic buzz around the firehouse as our crew looks forward to serving the community at the level it demands and deserves. We're excited to plan for and work through the changes, to form new relationships with our EMS partners, and to improve our service delivery model.

Growth and transition are both invigorating to be part of, and this is all made easier watching the inspiring work of Camden's firefighters and emergency medical technicians. We appreciate their desire to excel while performing with heart. Watching them reminds me of a previously used Kurt Vonnegut quote: "I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine."

Job well done!



CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randy Gagne, *Chief of Police*



For the Camden Police Department and its staff, 2024 was a moderately challenging year. Once again, the department found itself trying to hire officers to replace those who had left for lucrative offers from other law enforcement agencies. The result is that recruitment and retention continue to be a challenge for the CPD.

The large number of job opportunities within the law enforcement field, amd within the local area and statewide, has agencies competing for a limited pool of applicants. To be the agency of choice, offers continue to be made with incredibly high wages, lucrative sign-on bonuses, 40 hours of pay for 36 hours of work, schedules of three days on and four days off, take-home cruisers, and desired positions, among others. Staff members are recruited nonstop by other agencies. The lack of affordable housing within an hour of Camden is also a conundrum for hiring. For example, this past year, the local affordable housing crisis caused a newly-recruited staff member to leave their position and relocate back out of state.

We are hopeful, though, that the recent recruitment of several candidates will fill our current vacancies and provide some relief to the department.

In 2024, Camden Police Department fielded 6,282 calls for service. Those included calls to assist citizens with myriad issues, as well as responses to domestic violence incidents and drug overdoses, traffic offenses and suspected intoxicated vehicle operations, to perform property checks and provide drug takeback services, to handle parking issues and bail violations. Camden officers also handled calls requiring traffic accident and burglary investigations and criminal trespass violations, to name some of the more than 125 complaint heading categories handled by staff.

The Town of Camden completed its second year of utilizing paid-parking kiosks at the public landing. The parking payment kiosks continued to have kinks, which were worked out by Parking Officer Spencer Tooley, and the program's result worked well for the town. The department is currently collaborating with a parking working group of stakeholders and the Select Board to implement an expanded paid parking program throughout the downtown area.

This past year, every officer completed numerous required training protocols, as well as many elective educational and training programs. These programs are derived from the curriculum at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and the Maine State Police CJIS syllabus, as well as ongoing educational opportunities under the DIRIGO program. This training ensures that every officer remains certified to perform their duties.

The department in January again fulfilled its annual training requirements, with all officers receiving and continuing to receive education on job hazard analytics, and first aid and CPR, along with the Town's emergency action plans.

Although short-staffed, the department worked conscientiously to fine tune its schedule to maintain the law enforcement coverage the community has come to expect. Officers worked long hours and adjusted schedules to fill in when needed to staff the department 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year. Additional duties such as lake patrol had to be sidelined last year because of a lack of qualified staff to conduct these details. The staffing shortage caused the department to work more on a reactionary response model than the desired proactive response model. We are again hopeful that full staffing will allow us to shift back to the proactive model of policing, and on a full-time basis. A thank-you goes out to each dedicated Camden Police Department member for all the extra effort they have given to make sure the mission of the department goes forward each day.

No matter the staffing concerns, Camden's officers continue to remain obligated to respond professionally to all aspects of the job.

We continue to work reciprocally with the Rockport Police Department through use of the inter-agency local agreement for shared services. Officers of both departments remain conjointly sworn in order to perform functions in both towns when needed. Both towns share a police chief, however, they maintain two separate and individual town police departments.

As a community service, both departments continue to operate the Good Morning Camden and Rockport calling program. Presently there are 13 citizens utilizing this program, with plenty of room for more interested residents to sign up and receive a friendly morning check-in call. With winter comes requests for sand, which the Sand for Seniors program fulfills. People are encouraged to call the department to seek information on this program as well.

Department achievements during the past year are directly interwoven with the relationship we share with you, our neighbors in Camden. Through our daily exchanges we find ourselves easily completing tasks more efficiently, and with rewarding results.

It is your continued support that emboldens us to keep Camden the place we refer to as "our little slice of paradise." We heartily ask that you continue to be hands-on in the community and call 236-3030 for assistance or immediately dial 911 in an emergency. Call us if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, and most definitely if you have been the victim of a crime. We continue to serve and protect Camden and its townspeople every day.

Police Department office and administrative hours are weekdays, Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Camden Public Safety Building at 31 Washington St. However, if you come into the public safety building and you find the door locked, pick up the phone on the wall for a direct communication link to the Knox County Dispatch Center. Someone will answer it and help you, no matter when or why.

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook at Camden Maine Police Department. There we post items of interest to the public about scams, lost and found property, child safety, and vehicle recall information, as well as occasionally asking for your assistance.

We are here to serve you and with your help, we look forward to another safe and rewarding year.



CAMDEN OPERA HOUSE

Dave Morrison, *Manager*



I'm happy to say that the Camden Opera House has had another strong year. With your support, and the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we have been able to grow and continue our mission to offer the very best arts and entertainment to Camden and the Midcoast.

In the 2024-2025 season we produced shows featuring *A Day in the Life*, Lunasa, Michelle Foster's Carole King tribute, the Mallett Brothers, jazz pianist James Fernando, bluegrass star Jacob Joliff, award-winning duo Barnaby Bright, and many more.

We worked with community partners inlcuding the Camden Conference, Camden International Film Festival, the Camden Public Library, the Apprenticeshop, the Wayfinder Schools, and the Community School. We hosted and supported local theater (Everyman Repertory Theater) and dance (Atlantic Ballet, Camden Ballet Theater, DanceMaineia, KEA Dance Center, and Resurgence Dance).

And, for the first time, we hosted the Banff Film Festival.

This year we brought back the Blue Café, the popular performance space on the third floor where admission is free, and a cash bar is offered. The SoundCheck concert series continued to offer great artists, low ticket prices, and videos posted on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/@camdenoperahouse.) We also brought back the popular Missoula Children's Theater theater week in July.

Jazz in June will be bigger and better than ever, with events taking place over two days and nights across several locations. The Opera House will host Spyro Gyra's 50th anniversary performance and the Julia Keefe Quartet, a rising star indigenous vocalist. The UMaine Jazz Ensemble will perform at the First Congregational Church and several events to-be-announced will happen at the village green, as well as at Zoot, Lucky Betty's, the Vintage Room, the View, and at Lyman Morse.

The free Summer Sounds concerts at the Camden Snow Bowl on Sunday afternoons in August will also return in 2025. Bring a picnic, your lawn chair or a blanket, and relax on the hill listening to some great performers. And when the mood strikes, kick off your sandals and dance barefoot in the grass.

Free and discounted events are supported by the Community Arts Fund. CAF is funded by donations, and SoundCheck ticket sales, and as of Jan. 1, 2025, showed a balance of $14,462.

None of this would be possible without the skill and dedication of our staff: Technical Director Karl Krahn and technicians Seth Whited, Anthony Lopatosky and Luke Fatora. Dagney Ernest is the promotions and box office manager, Beth O'Connor is volunteer coordinator and front-of-house manager, Arla Gray and Ashley Steeves are house managers and Danielle Wurslin is our custodian. Opera House volunteers include Matt Brown (Jazz in June curator), along with Lisa Breheny, Kathleen Brown, Doug Chamberlin, Laurie Frake, Paul Jurutka, Barbara Lehn, Chloe Day Lynch, Ellen Berry, Susan McGovern, Katherine Batson, Carol Miller, Tiernan Reidy, Cyrene Slegona, Mary Jane West, Stephanie Williams, Colin Wright, Kipp Wright, and Linda Zeigler.

Thanks also to our Town of Camden co-workers, whose support we enjoy all year long. And finally, we are grateful to our sponsors and community partners who make it possible to bring great shows to Camden.

I am deeply grateful to have the opportunity of serving the Town of Camden by managing this extraordinary restored Victorian theater.

See you at the show!

CAMDEN PARKS AND RECREATION | SNOW BOWL

Jeff Nathan, *Parks and Recreation Director | Snow Bowl General Manager*

The Camden Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 700 acres of town property and facilities at 28 locations, including parks, trailheads, overlooks, boat launches, and the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area. The department's staff includes a director, assistant director, operations manager and 11 full-time employees. Two people are dedicated to and funded for cemetery maintenance and four people are assigned to chairlift maintenance for a minimum of two months. The remaining staff maintains the other 26 properties, as well as providing weekend town trash removal. The team also assists with events, including fall chairlift rides and Camden Windjammer Festival, and supports RMRA programming throughout the year.

In September 2024, the town hired Jeff Nathan as director of Parks and Recreation and general manager of the Camden Snow Bowl. In November a new assistant director/general manager, Grace McMullan, was hired.

Work to revitalize Barrett's Cove began last summer with the addition of a new walking bridge, and there are plans this year to remove the old bridge and changing building structures. The large deck on the back of the Snow Bowl lodge was also replaced. This summer the remaining temporary trailer will be removed from the property and the failing window wall on the hill side of the lodge will be replaced, with planning for the project underway.

This spring work began at RMRA to improve hiking and biking trails. The crew removed equipment and long-unused and discarded material from the Kuller and other trials, including more than 90 tires. Town employees and volunteers made improvements to bridges, restored water bars and cleared leaves and debris from the trails. We are fortunate to have such an active volunteer community committed to maintaining and improving Camden's popular public parks and trails.

The Camden Snow Bowl was open for 64 days this past season, compared to 50 days the prior season. Opening day was Dec. 14, while access to the summit via the triple chairlift began on Dec. 23. Every trail on the mountain was open Feb. 7, in time for February break. These combined events resulted in many happy skiers and riders. The Snow Bowl saw record level day ticket sales, resulting in 13,000 visits to the mountain this season.

The Snow Bowl has a long history as a community focused ski area. This year 340 local fourth graders from 14 area schools participated in the Learn to Ski Program at no cost to the students. This offered children, who might not have had the chance otherwise, the opportunity to learn skiing and snowboarding while engaging in healthy outdoor activities. The Snow Bowl's "Ski-for-Free Wednesday" subsidy for Camden residents provided 306 free ski days last year, while residents also benefited from unique discounts on season passes and day tickets.

During the 2024-2025 season, 84% of Snow Bowl visitors were from in-state and more than 2,000 visitors came from out of state. Of the 1,100 individual racers at this year's U.S. Toboggan National Championships, approximately 48% were from Maine while 52% traveled to Camden from around the country. These figures do not count the thousands of spectators who kept the shuttle buses packed during Saturday's big race day. Blue skies and cold temperatures contributed to this year's amazing event - the 34th annual - but the real heroes were the community volunteers, committee members and sponsors that managed to pull off what some say was the best toboggan championship ever.

Looking ahead, the Parks and Recreation crew is committed to creating opportunities for healthy four-season activities for members of the local community and visitors alike. Plans for this summer include new swings in some of our parks, a revitalization of the skate park and improvements to the trail network at the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area. We hope to see you outdoors soon enjoying all of the beautiful public spaces Camden has to offer.

CAMDEN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Jeremy P. Martin, *Director and Alternate Code Enforcement Officer*



It has been another busy year in the Planning and Development Department. Building, permit and zoning review continues the upward trend, and there does not appear to be an end in sight.

The department provides proactive, efficient, and responsive service to the community and is responsible for providing code enforcement, planning, and community and economic development services to the town. Responsibilities include not only implementing and drafting codes and regulations that guide and control town growth, but also enforcement of code requirements. The department coordinates the physical development and redevelopment of Camden consistent with the town's Comprehensive Plan, and zoning, subdivision and building codes. We strive to promote orderly growth and development in a manner that is sensitive to the community's values, while enhancing environmental, social, and economic sustainability. The department seeks to ensure that community values and involvement are integrated in all the work we do. We carefully weigh the costs and benefits of ordinances and development, providing reasonable protection of the community's natural resources, while encouraging responsible development that adds value to the built environment and increasing the town's tax base. Ultimately our work seeks to preserve the unique and distinctive character and identity that makes Camden the special place that it is.

Code eforcement is wide in scope, from zoning and land use to building plan reviews, permitting and inspections. The office responds to what seems to be an endless stream of inquiries from property owners, real estate agents, builders, developers, architects, and engineers. In addition, the office conducts inspections as part of the town's business licensing process.

The state has adopted the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, which now applies statewide. The MUBEC code is based on the 2021 International Code Council's suite of codes, and includes the International Residential Building Code, the International Building Code, the international Existing Building Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International Mechanical Code. Certain ASHRAE standards dealing with ventilation and Radon are also codified in MUBEC. The applicable codes and training materials can be found at maine.gov/dps/fmo/building-codes

Permit activity and numbers continue to remain high along with the value of construction. These projects are much more complex than in years past due to new code requirements, technologies and building materials. Permit types include building, electrical, plumbing, floodplain management, shoreland, and sign and use permits. The Planning Department issued 869 permits in 2024, compared to 671 in 2023. As of April 4, 2025, the Department issued 215 permits. Some permitted activities require a single inspection, while building projects typically require an average of 10 inspections. MUBEC requires inspection, and if you do not have all the inspections for your approved project a Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued and the new or remodeled space cannot be used until one is issued. We encourage all property owners and contractors to reach out to us with any questions as they relate to construction or occupancy.

The department also provides planning functions for the town while also providing technical assistance and staff support to the Camden Planning Board. Last year the town overhauled the review and permitting process for structures such as piers and land-attached floats in the outer and coastal harbor. This followed a more than two-year moratorium on such structures. The new voter-approved rules further regulate piers by requiring certain performance-based construction and maintenance standards. They also help protect Camden's harbors and natural resources by requiring the assessment of significant wildlife habitat, waterfowl and wading bird habitat, coastal sand dunes, unstable coastal bluffs, and eelgrass. After nearly two years of planning board-review, voters approved short-term rental regulations, including licensing, zoning, and inspection requirements that ensure compliance with life safety codes and adequate subsurface wastewater disposal systems per state rules.

More recently the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed a zoning amendment for accessory dwelling units to ensure compliance with the state-mandated housing rules. The board also unanimously endorsed a proposed zoning amendment to allow Borden Cottage, which operates as a private residential treatment facility, to increase the number of patients that they can admit and the number of beds per bedroom. Finally, the board approved a proposal by Lyman Morse to extend its float system near the marina's heavy vessel lift. More information on these and other code amendments can be found on the Planning Board page at camdenmaine.gov.

Ongoing department review of the zoning code ensures consistency with Camden's Comprehensive Plan. It also serves to address Select Board priorities while balancing neighborhood preservation ideals and current community and economic development needs. The department also provides technical assistance and staff support to the Zoning Board of Appeals in its review of appeals, variances, special exceptions and expansions in the shoreland zone. Staff have also been assisting the Historic Resources Committee with its efforts to adopt and implement a Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Planning and Community and Economic Development

The department works to promote Camden as a supportive, active, and engaged community and is responsible for all areas related to community and economic development. We strive to provide efficient and sustainable services to residents, businesses, property owners and developers. Department staff support other town committees such as the Historic Preservation, Conservation, and the Harbor committees, when requested and as directed by the town manager and the Select Board.

Housing affordability and availability remains a concern across the state, but particularly in the Midcoast, and we continue to work to try to address this issue with various partners. We have done a lot on the zoning side to facilitate new housing opportunities and are constantly working to facilitate workforce housing projects in Camden.

Department staff have been instrumental in obtaining $1.3 million in Congressionally Directed Spending and $1 million in Community Development Block Grant funding from the state Department of Community and Economic Development for the Molyneaux Road sewer extension project. This project will eliminate a significant pollution threat to the town's water resources should a failure occur with Mountainside Community Cooperative mobile home park's existing sewer system. The project will also provide sewer service to parts of the town's designated growth area on Molyneaux Road, which would also facilitate increased density and housing opportunities in the area. This project is scheduled to start in the spring/summer of 2025.

The department also has the lead in addressing Camden's response to climate change, sea level rise, and storm surge concerns by working with consultants Richardson and Associates and WSP to finalize the grant-funded Harbor Resiliency Planning Project. The project will provide a tool kit for the town and private property owners along the harbor to better plan for and implement resiliency measures.

Over the past year, staff have also been assisting the Parks and Recreation Department with master planning at the Camden Snow Bowl/Ragged Mountain Recreation Area. The department successfully obtained a grant from the Maine Office of Outdoor Recreation for the planning work and have engaged the SE Group to assist with those efforts. The grant also facilitates additional mountain bike and multi-use trail planning work by the Outdoor Sports Institute, which is building off the draft trail master plan slated for public release soon. Camoin Associates has also been contracted to prepare an economic impact study focusing on development of the RMRA into a more robust year-round, four-season public recreation asset.

The Planning and Development Department is staffed with incredibly knowledgeable and thoughtful people committed to serving Camden and its residents. For questions about building, permitting, zoning, planning, or community and economic development activities in town, do not hesitate to contact us.

CAMDEN PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT | MEGUNTICOOK DAMS

David St. Laurent, *Public Works Director and Wastewater Superintendent | Dam Control Agent*

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 38 miles of streets and roads and 13.5 miles of sidewalks, as well as 20 miles of state aid roads for winter maintenance. State aid roads are maintained by the state Department of Transportation in the summer. Seasonal work during the year includes street and sidewalk sweeping, storm water collection system maintenance, line striping, roadside brush cutting, trash removal from the downtown business area and public parks, and tree inspection and maintenance.

Public Works operators and equipment often assist other town departments with collection system maintenance and repair, parks construction projects, float and dock installation and removal, as well as building maintenance and repairs and town infrastructure project management. A regular program of culvert replacement and maintenance, roadside ditching, and shoulder grading and mowing allows for a continuing effort to improve road drainage and help extend the life of paved surfaces. Two mechanics help provide routine maintenance and repair to the town's fleet of automobiles, trucks, and heavy equipment.



Public Works Department — Project Highlights

3.3 miles of Roads Paved: Hoffses Drive, Molyneaux Road-Barnestown to Route 105, Pearl Street, Free Street, Bisbee Street, and Blake Street.

.94 miles of Sidewalks Rebuilt: Free Street

Annual Ditching: More than 16 miles of stormwater ditching was completed, clearing 10,000+ yards of material that ensures ditches work properly to reduce road flooding and damage to driveways.

Shade Tree Effort: Working with the Conservation Commission over the past year, potential shade tree locations continued to be identified, allowing Public Works crews to plant trees as time permits. During 2022-2023, 37 trees were planted, entering each tree's location, type and photo into a GIS database. Camden celebrated its recurring Tree City designation on Arbor Day, April 26.



Megunticook Falls Bridge: Installed the donated footbridge and created a public green space pocket park at the public landing.

Marine Avenue Overlook: Rebuilt and restored beach access at the end of Marine Avenue, where granite stairs were destroyed in a January 2023 storm.

Other Details: 15 snow events, 10 ice events, 731.2 tons of salt used, 871.65 tons of sand used, 58 miles of snow removal that equates to 116 lane miles of road to plow.

Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Camden's sanitary wastewater collection and treatment system. Responsibilities include 17 miles of pipe, seven pump stations and the day-to-day operation of the wastewater treatment plant.



Last year saw the completion of the treatment plant's facility upgrade, and in July 2024, a grand opening was held with dignitaries from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and local officials. Tours of the plant's facilities were offered during the event, followed by time to wander around and peruse the downtown.

In 2024 the combined Public Works and Wastewater departments began evaluating the town's wastewater collection system. A metrix to evaluate all the components in rights-of-way are being evaluated in order to tackle the town's most serious problems related to the collection system, roads and other parts of the infrastructure in rights-of-way. In 2024 Camden residents passed a $12.5 million bond to repair the collection system infrastructure and the department's goal is to ensure that problems with the highest need are prioritized.

CAMDEN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT
PROJECT PRIORITY SEQUENCING AND PROJECT COMPLETION METRICS

Project Priority	Projects Under Review	Sewer Condition	Storm Water Condition	Sidewalk/Multi-Modal Needs	Potable Water	Road Surface	Traffic Calming	Shade Tree Needs	Match Funding	Totals
Projects are under evaluation for the various attributes then will be ranked, then engineered and constructed based on priority	Limerock Street	2	3	4	2	3	4	3	No	5
	Union Street-Town Line to Belmont Avenue	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	Yes	5
	Mountain Street-Route 1 to Gould Street	3	3	4	2	4	4	2	Yes	5
	Mechanic Street	5	3	5	2	2	4	3	No	8
	Park Street	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	No	7
	Washington Street (under review)									
The Project Priority Sequencing Metrics is using a scale of 1 to 5, with the higher number representing the poorest condition. Sequencing priority is based on the aggregate total with the highest number dictating project priority.										
		Project Priority Ranking Totals Above								

Project	Estimated Completion	
John Street	Oct. 30, 2026	Projects Currently Underway
Mountain Side/Molyneaux Road	Aug. 15, 2026	
Park Street	Oct. 30, 2026	
Gould Street	Oct. 30, 2025	
Rawson Avenue Bridge Removal	April 15, 2025	
Rawson Avenue Bridge Installation	June 30, 2025	
Route 1 Sidewalk-Reny's to Free Street	In engineering phase	MDOT has agreed to begin the engineering phase of the Route 1 Sidewalk with a town match

* Note: Project Priority Sequencing will be incrementally completed as sewer and stormwater camera work, DOT planning, Maine Water, and financing work are completed.

Megunticook Dams Report

The Town of Camden is responsible for four dams on Megunticook River between Megunticook Lake and Camden Harbor. Three of the dams are rated high hazard due to the damage that would be caused downstream in the event of a failure. These are the East and West Lake dams, which control the water level on the lake and Norton Pond, as well as the Seabright Dam, which elevates the water level between Mount Battie Street and Molyneaux Road.

The dams are operated according to a policy developed by the towns of Camden and Lincolnville, state officials and private dam owners along the river. The Ordinance Code (camdenmaine.gov) contains the dam operation guideline.



At the time of this report, the water level of Megunticook Lake is 5-6 inches above the spillway at the East Dam, in adherence to the Spring Operation guideline.

In the summer of 2024, the town worked with engineering firm Kelinschmidt to update the Emergency Action Plan for the high hazard dams. The new plan includes updated mechanisms for recognizing hazardous water conditions, as well as an updated community notification plan if/when a hazard exists and how to respond to it. The updates were made given the reality of current extreme weather events that are now common occurrences. Also in 2024, the Montgomery Dam gate was replaced with a fabricated aluminum replacement.

Much of the future of the dams involves how the town approaches dealing with what were traditionally considered 100-year storms that now occur multiple times each year. The design of Camden's dams, originally intended as a water barrier managed as a source of power for different industries, happened at a time in the town's history when climate change was not a consideration.

The CrowdWater app documents water levels and dam adjustments, and allows residents to see how lake and river levels are managed in real time. Camden's dams can be found at spotteron.com/crowdwater/spots/872118.

CAMDEN HARBOR DEPARTMENT

Steve Pixley, *Harbormaster*



Camden's harbor season started earlier than usual in 2024, which was good news for everybody and stemmed from unprecedented, good weather. Nobody complained about that, especially those who enjoy being outdoors, recreating around the harbor.

Camden harbor continues to be a desired location to homeport vessels of all kinds, and there are currently 90 people on the wait list for a mooring, 57 waiting for an inner float and 59 waiting for a finger float spot to become available. Of note for local boaters, 423 mooring site permits were released and reassigned last year, with one additional permit revoked because of misuse. Harbor permits may be terminated for violating any of the Harbor and Waterways Ordinance provisions, which can be viewed by visiting the Harbor Department page at camdenmaine.gov. Thankfully, harbor permit revocations seldom occur.

This season, Public Works Department crews once again helped rebuild another section of the wharf that needed repair. We also installed a granite sitting arena next to the ice cream take out window, and did work around the public landing to showcase the big anchor that had become hidden from view and covered with weeds over several years' time. Special thanks to Stuart Smith for donating toward that effort.

Some extensive landscaping was also accomplished at the very north end of the landing, where Megunticook River flows under Main Street and into the head of the harbor. That work provided the public with more benches and tables to sit around the inner harbor and enjoy the views of Harbor Park and the falls. A footbridge was installed in that area as well, which now provides seasonal access to the Megunticook Falls rock outcropping over which the river waters flow. The footbridge now provides access for landscaping staff and equipment to clean up, prune and maintain the wooded area atop the rocks.

Harbor Services	**Revenue**
Moorings	$ 118,391
Dockage	$ 97,770
Finger Float Permits	$ 43,300
Inner Harbor Float Permits	$ 50,000
Daysailer Permits	$ 23,378
Windjammer Permits	$ 16,750
Fisherman Permits	$ 3,975
Dinghy Permits	$ 20,017
Mooring Wait List	$ 3,170
Finger Float Wait List	$ 1,075
Inner Harbor Float Wait List	$ 1,325
Late Fees	$ 2,865
Total	**$382,016**

Steamboat Landing sustained serious damage in the past two storms and a reconstruction of the public launch ramp and float system is slated to begin at the end of April 2025. Funding for this work is anticipated by FEMA, and the work will be a joint project of Public Works and Harbor departments staff. Last year was the 24th summer when the community made use of the original steamboat landing floats, but new floats were contracted to be built and will be part of the upcoming reconstruction project.

The Harbor Department also assisted with a large cleanup project on Curtis Island last summer. Harbor vessels were utilized and staff removed everything from old mattresses and broken lawnmowers to rotten boards and shingles and even old lobster buoys. Years of accumulated trash had to be carried by hand and cart across the island to waiting boats, which ferried it to the mainland. With no dock or wharf at Curtis Island, the work included rebuilding the public access staircase down to the high tide line.

Harbor staff also gave the public restroom stalls and walls another fresh coat of paint, dividing their time between monitoring the harbor and maintaining the restroom facilities during the busy tourist season.

The current staff includes two assistant harbormasters, Bennet Cohen and Cedar Andrus, along with pumpout boat operator John Allen and receptionist Janet Halsey.

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brian Lightbody, *Co-Chair*
Barbara Ohland, *Co-Chair*
Samantha Mortlock, Steve Vondell
Cynthia Stancioff, Rebecca Jacobs
Samantha Sharff

The following key activities are some that the Camden Conservation Commission helped to lead in 2024-2025:



Street Tree Program
The Camden Conservation Commission worked in collaboration with the Public Works Department to plant trees throughout Camden in town rights-of-way. A community effort like this, which focuses on enhancing public spaces, has been a major part of Camden's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

Camden has been a proud National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA designee for more than 20 years, recognizing the town's dedication to urban forestry. Since launching the free Street Tree Program two years ago, more than 130 shade trees in key public locations have been planted in town, with approximately 37 new trees added in 2024.

Village Ash Tree Survey
The Town of Camden has more than 450 ash trees. Of those, several have specimen ash designation, meaning they are large and significant to the village landscape. CCC members are in the process of surveying these trees in preparation for an invasive emerald ash borer response plan. The EAB is one of the most serious invasive species threatening Maine's ash trees, millions of which been killed by the beetle across the United States since 2002.

Shoreland Zoning Regulations and NRPA
Members of the CCC are working with Camden's planning office to help evaluate the current shoreland zoning ordinances. The goal is to ensure that proposed and/or future shoreland area development is environmentally sustainable, protects wildlife and maintains the community's natural landscape. In addition, the CCC is working with town staff to assist in the review of Natural Resources Protection Act applications.

Stream Identification
There are several legacy streams that flow throughout Camden and the surrounding area that have been disrupted by years of development. These are an important component of the Megunticook Watershed. The CCC is working with the Public Works Department to identify and record the location of these streams. This information will provide guidance for future development and flood control.

Watershed Signs
Street signs were placed at locations of stream and river crossings and entrances to watersheds around town. The purpose is to raise awareness by identifying these areas for residents and visitors alike.

Volunteer Recognition
The Camden Conservation Commission recognizes Beedy Parker for her years of valuable contributions to its work, as well as her tireless efforts in environmental advocacy and public education. Recognition and thanks also goes to volunteers Kathleen Mundell and Molly Harish for their contributions to the Street Tree Program and for building public awareness of the importance of trees in our community.

CAMDEN-ROCKPORT PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Camden Members
Anita Brosius-Scott
Gary Fowlie, *alternate*
Lindsay Levine, *alternate*
Geoffrey Scott, *Chair*
Jane Self, *alternate*
Andrew Stancioff
Richard Stetson
Tom Zumwalt

Rockport Members
Lynda Clancy
Aaron Englander
Leni Gronros
Kristin Johns
Amber Kennedy, *alternate*
Margo Murphy
Kenneth von Felten

Established in 2000 by the Camden and Rockport Select boards, the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee was formed to develop and make recommendations to enhance bicycle/pedestrian transportation and quality-of-life opportunities, reducing motor traffic congestion, and mitigating environmental pollution and parking problems while also strengthening the "vitality of the village centers."

Further, the Pathways Committee's roles and responsibilities include exploring and recommending bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to complement traffic calming, smart growth, highway access management, and land use planning, both locally and regionally.

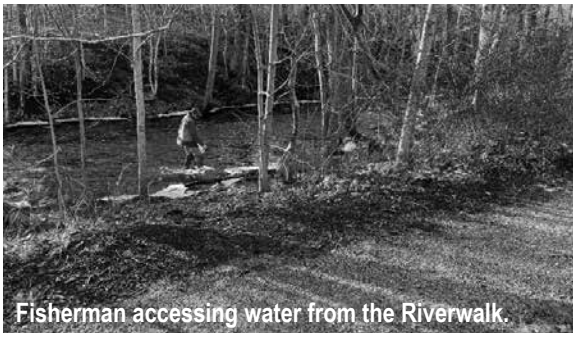
Completion of the long-awaited update of the Pathways Master Plan was a highlight of 2024/25 for the committee. Following the incorporation of public input earlier in the year, the Master Plan was presented to the Camden Select Board. Included were recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements throughout town, as well as suggestions for improving planning processes. When work on the next Comprehensive Plan commences, sections of the Pathways Master Plan will be incorporated.


Public input on Master Plan.

Categorizing recommended projects with high-, medium- and low-priority designations, Camden's plan includes the following high-priority projects:

1. Elm Street: Rebuild and redesign the sidewalk along Elm Street, from the corner at Union Street south to the intersection at Camden Street.
2. John Street: Construct a sidewalk along John Street, from Elm Street/Route 1 to the Pearl Street intersection.
3. Sidewalk Barriers: Resolve the issue of barriers in the middle of existing sidewalks, such as utility poles that impede passage of wheelchairs, strollers and sidewalk snowplows.

Another recommendation was to adopt a Complete Streets Policy to address Camden's approach to designing, building, repairing, retrofitting, maintaining and operating streets, so that they fulfill the needs of users of all ages and active transportation modes. In 2024 the Maine Department of Transportation adopted a Complete Streets Policy, while Rockport is finalizing its Complete Street Policy, mirroring the Committee's goal for Camden.


Fisherman accessing water from the Riverwalk.

Also in 2024, the long-awaited Pearl Street sewer main project was completed along with repairs and extension of the sidewalk. The Pearl Street sidewalk now extends its full length, from Free Street to John Street.

Finally, work has begun on replacing the decommissioned vehicle bridge on Rawson Avenue, which will become a pedestrian bridge open to bicycle and foot traffic only. The state DOT-funded project should be completed by mid-2025.

CAMDEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

John French, Jr.
Karen Grove
Parker Laite, Jr., *Chair*
Bob Oxton
Randy Stearns
Jeff Sukeforth, *Vice-Chair*
Jeff Weymouth

The Cemetery Association continues to serve the Town of Camden and seeks to remain a part of the mystique that makes Camden one-of-a kind. The Association is responsible for Camden's two cemeteries, including Mountain View on Mountain Street and Oak Hill on Hosmer Pond Road. Bruce Libby is Camden's cemetery sexton.

The Association normally meets in January, April, July, and October, or when necessary, and meetings are always open to the public. Please see the town's website, camdenmaine.gov, for dates, times, agendas, meeting minutes and bylaws. Folks with questions or concerns about Camden's cemeteries are encouraged to drop by or call the town office at 236-3353 ext. 7101.

Families and those interested in genealogy are encouraged to visit the website to also access the cemeteries' online database. This database is a helpful tool for anyone who wants to look up information concerning their family's plots at both cemeteries.

When taking a stroll through Mountain View Cemetery, take notice of the extensive stone restoration and cleaning done in the last several years. This project will continue, with work being done in the coming year and as future projects are planned. Work on pruning or removing overgrown shrubs and trees will also continue into 2025. If you do not want your stones to be disturbed, please contact Jodi Richards at the Camden Town Office either by calling 207-236-3353 ext. 7118 or sending email to jrichards@camdenmaine.gov.



We have also made efforts with Knox County Emergency Management Agency to continue the creation of a GIS Database for Mountain View Cemetery. This is still a work-in-progress, and we hope to have the database live by the end of this summer. Once completed, we will do the same for Oak Hill Cemetery.

As always, we look forward to Memorial Day when families and visitors are drawn to Camden's cemeteries. We want to thank those local organizations that place flags on the many graves in memory of fallen comrades, family and friends. Those entities include the Camden Fire Department, War Memorial American Legion Post #30, and Federal Masonic Lodge No. 6. The continued dedication of these organizations, as well as the family members who come into the cemeteries to brighten their loved ones' final resting places, are to be commended. They all help ensure the cemeteries look beautiful and well kept. Please contact any of these groups if you find a grave not properly marked with a flag.

We must also recognize and thank the Camden Parks and Recreation Department staff who faithfully and diligently continue to maintain the cemeteries. These folks take pride in their work, and it is on display every year for all of us to admire.

CAMDEN HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Chris Friden, *Chair*
Chris Fasoldt, Brian Boyd
Jennifer Gromada, Daniel Salomon
Janet Kelsey, *alternate*, Roger Akeley, *alternate*

The Historic Resources Committee would like to thank two longstanding members for their considerable contributions, Rhonda Ryznar and Ann Waigand, as well as our former Select Board liaison Alison McKellar, invaluable volunteers Patricia and Michael Skaling, and other contributing citizens, like Will Addis. We could not serve our mission without the relentless ongoing work of those who give generously of their time.

This year the HRC accomplished significant achievements and progress in our ongoing effort to serve the town of Camden through public education, designation, and preservation of our historic resources.



From left: Chris Fasoldt, Brian Boyd, Michael Skaling, Janet Kelsey, Ken Gross, Patricia Skaling, Chris Friden, Roger Akeley, and Jennifer Gromada

Historic Preservation Ordinance

After decades of effort and conversations, the committee brought the issue of historic preservation to the voters, who overwhelmingly approved the drafting of a Historic Preservation Ordinance by a vote of 2,778 to 643. Obtaining Select Board approval for that article on the November warrant and the ensuing advocacy was the HRC's primary project in 2024, just as the drafting of the ordinance itself in preparation for this year's warrant has been the focus in 2025. The HRC has worked closely with the town's planning and development office and the state in creating an ordinance that meets both the needs of the town and state and federal standards. The draft is now being shared for feedback and revision through a series of public workshops. It is hoped that next year's report will detail the passage of the ordinance, and that Camden joins the ranks of more than 20 other Maine municipalities actively protecting each communities' character and history.

Montgomery Dam

The HRC participated in lively discussions about the Megunticook River Watershed Project and engaged with materials presented by the Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee, Camden Public Library Board of Trustees, Save The Dam Falls citizens group, and the Select Board. The HRC has not taken a public position on the proposed plans, but continues to research, advise, and advocate on the basis of historical preservation ahead of the June 2025 vote.

Curtis Island

The HRC has supported the tremendous effort of Michael Skaling and the Curtis Island Lighthouse Foundation (curtisisland.org) in their fundraising and restoration project. The foundation's newsletter and ongoing public engagement are exemplary citizen-driven efforts toward historic preservation of a vital town asset.

Demolition

Daniel Salomon has led research into other towns' best practices that have informed the HRC's review of demolitions (such as 6 and 42 High streets) and motivated discussions of how to recycle materials and reduce environmental impact through deconstruction and reuse.

Public Outreach

The HRC continues to engage with the public through its guided historic walks (maps available in the town office); residential plaques that signify participation in the Camden Historic Home Marker Program; participation in preservation organizations and attending the Historic New England Summit; and an expanded social media presence orchestrated by Brian Boyd. This October, the HRC will present at the PechaKucha event, at the Strand Theatre in Rockland, on the importance of historic preservation and deconstruction in Camden and at the Curtis Island lighthouse.

CAMDEN PLANNING BOARD

Patt Chen
John Cole
Richard (Sandy) Cox, *alternate*
Lucia deCorde
Mark Murray, *alternate*
Christopher (Chrisso) Rheault
Ethan Shaw, *Chair*

The responsibilities of the Camden Planning Board are to review and process applications for development and redevelopment that typically include projects proposing new subdivisions, site plans and site plan amendments, piers, and other land permitting requirements. When appropriate, the board initiates amendments to the town's existing codes and creates new codes in response to these needs.

The past year was a busy one and the Planning Board continued to ensure that all new development, redevelopment, and changes to existing previously approved development projects complied with the town's Comprehensive Plan, and zoning and subdivision ordinances. In addition to recently wrapping up several significant text amendments to the Camden Ordinance Code, and successfully creating a short-term rental licensing program, the board continued to play a major role in monitoring ongoing development projects still in the works as well as new applications.

The board also held several public hearings and public meetings to review proposed site plans and site plan amendments, and proposed text amendments to the town's existing Zoning Ordinance. This work ensures the town's compliance with all local, state and federal regulations, as it pertains to development and redevelopment projects within the Town of Camden.

Recent voter approval of amendments to the town's existing Zoning Ordinance included changes to the existing accessory dwelling unit regulations, which were amended to provide more details and flexibility in approving the construction of accessory dwelling units on the same lot as a principal structure. The hope is to increase the potential for additional housing opportunities in Camden.

Voters last year also approved amending the requirements for the B-1 (Downtown Business District) zoning district to allow for increased opportunities for residential development at street level in the town's historic districts, providing specific criteria are met. Another text amendment was the proposal to allow existing private residential treatment facilities within the CR (Coastal Residential) zoning district to have a maximum of 18 beds in either single-occupancy or double-occupancy bedrooms.

Finally, the Camden Planning Board reviewed proposed changes to previously approved development plans. One proposed site plan amendment, submitted by Lyman-Morse, was a request to expand its existing floats by adding four floats to extend out into the harbor from the travel lift at the marina. The board's review process included several public meetings and a site visit to the marina, as well as additional review by the Harbor Committee, the harbormaster, and the Select Board to ultimately approve the proposed site plan amendment. A proposed realignment of an existing interior roadway within the NordHavn open space subdivision was also reviewed. This project continues to be under construction, and any proposed changes to the previously approved site plan must be reviewed by town staff and, under certain circumstances, must be reviewed at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Board.

The Camden Planning Board generally meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 5 p.m. in the French Conference Room.

CAMDEN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Tia Anderson
Steve Beveridge
Deb Chapman, *Chair*
Matthew Dean
John French

The Camden Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Article VII of the Camden Zoning Ordinance and the board's duties and powers are detailed in Section 3. The board's primary responsibilities are to hear administrative and variance appeals, and to review Special Exception Permit applications, certain proposed changes in nonconformities in the shoreland zone, and home occupation requests that exceed specific standards stipulated in the Camden Ordinance Code.

This past year, the ZBA reviewed and approved an application requesting to reconstruct and/or replace an existing nonconforming single-family structure located within the shoreland zone, on Phillips Drive, directly on the Megunticook River. The ordinance requires strict adherence to several development standards for all proposed construction activities within the zone, which must be addressed by an applicant at a public hearing before the ZBA.

These standards are required per the state's Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act, 38 M.R.S.A. sections 435 – 449, and all municipalities are required to adopt, administer, and enforce local ordinances that regulate land use activities within 250- feet of great ponds, rivers, and freshwater and coastal wetlands, including all tidal waters; and within 75 feet of streams as defined by the state.

The ZBA is instrumental in reviewing development activities proposed within the town's fragile and sensitive shoreland zone area to protect Camden's vital natural resources.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is in need of members, and if you would like to serve on the board or would like more information, please contact Jeremy Martin, planning and development director, at jmartin@camdenmaine.gov or reach out to Janice Esancy in the town manager's office at jesancy@camdenmaine.gov.



Schooners in the harbor during Camden Windjammer Festival.

MEGUNTICOOK RIVER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ray Andresen
Courtney Cease
Deb Chapman, *Chair*
Lynette (Elphie) Owen
Ellen Reynolds
Tyler Smith
Seth Taylor
Rick Thackeray
Susan Todd

Formed in September 2022, the Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee was established with the purpose of providing recommendations to the Select Board for preserving and improving sustainability and resiliency of the Megunticook River and its watershed. These recommendations are supported through engagement with community, stakeholders, grant funding agencies, and a due diligence process to advance viable options.

MRCAC considers sustainability and resiliency as they pertain to ecosystem connectivity and health, fish passage accessibility, flood control and risk reduction, climate change, cost burdens and economic impact, aesthetics, and historical context.



Over the past year, MRCAC held monthly meetings, hosted an informational speaker series, gathered data, spoke with community members, published public newsletters, managed a comprehensive informational website, met with engineers and landscape architects, and engaged stakeholders. Both monthly meetings and guest speaker presentations were recorded and included time for community feedback and questions.

In 2024, MRCAC held two major community engagement events. The first was a River Restoration Roundtable, which included representatives from four nearby communities who provided insight into their river restoration journeys. Waterbodies represented included the Bagaduce River, Long Pond, Somes Pond and Walton's Mill Pond, all in Maine, and the Exeter River in New Hampshire. This roundtable event was open to the public and provided a method to better understand how river restoration projects have gone, the challenges faced, and the resulting benefits.

The second was a two-night community forum designed to synthesize and present the committee's work in a comprehensive and digestible format. These forums included a presentation portion that outlined watershed considerations and potential courses of action for Montgomery dam, a speaker panel to engage questions and answers, and an interactive informational open house. Feedback from these events was utilized to understand the community stance and frame MRCAC's work around those perspectives.

In late 2024 and early 2025, after two years of information-gathering, MRCAC members made individual personal recommendations to the committee regarding the best course of action for Montgomery Dam. Following three meetings of committee member presentations and discussions, the committee voted 8 to 1 in favor of full removal of Montgomery Dam and returning the Megunticook River to a natural free-flowing river.

On Feb. 18, 2025, the committee's recommendation was presented and accepted by the Select Board in a 4-1 vote. The committee then worked with the town attorney and helped draft the warrant article, which was finalized by the Select Board for Camden citizens to vote on at the 2025 Town Meeting in June.

CAMDEN AREA DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Judith Lydon, RN, *Executive Director*

Camden Area District Nursing Association was established in 1920 and continues to serve the community today. CADNA is a small nonprofit agency that relies on donations, bequests, and grants to provide nursing visits to residents without federal or state funding.

A visit costs $30 but can be adjusted on a case-by-case basis to be more manageable. CADNA's mission is to provide nursing services to residents in the community, regardless of ability to pay.

Services include medication management and injections, wound care, laboratory blood draws, personal care, and foot care, all of which assists residents to "age in place" in their own homes. All CADNA staff are registered nurses and qualified to provide all patient services as directed by personal physicians.

We are pleased to announce that we are settled at the new CADNA office space at 87 Elm St., Suite 215, in Camden. Members of the community are invited to drop in and visit, bringing health questions or concerns, or for blood pressure checks. Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m.

CADNA also offers an extensive array of gently used and new durable medical equipment and supplies available for loan, free of charge. The Lending Closet is open by prior arrangement, so please call ahead to schedule an appointment. Donations of new and gently used medical equipment are welcome.

I would like to commend my staff for their dedication and hard work to meet the community's nursing needs. I also extend my gratitude to the members of our Board of Directors who volunteer their time and energy into preserving this valuable 105-year-old community service.





MISSION

Organized in 1920 by local citizens, the mission of the Camden Area District Nursing Association is to serve the towns of Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville, and Hope by offering nursing services to patients in their homes, allowing them to "age in place" in their own homes.

camdendistrictnursing.org

ANNUAL REPORT

CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Open 7 days a week, 56 hours | 16 staff members, equal to 10.5 full-time employees
11,600 items checked out monthly, on average | 130,208 library visits
25,382 in-person program attendance | 228,485 virtual program attendance

WEEK AT A GLANCE



SUNDAY

- Open 1 to 5 p.m., it's one of our busiest days per hour with heavy use by families
- 152 individuals served on average
- Occasional afternoon programs

MONDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday Morning Book Club
- WordCraft Initiative Writing Group
- Tai Chi outdoors
- 331 people served on average with about 191 items checked out

TUESDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*
- Seaside Village Preschool remote school visits
- Yoga in the Amphitheatre (seasonal)
- Book sale donation day
- History Center weekly Zoom hour
- Spanish club meets
- PAWSitive Reading with Angus the Golden Retriever
- Philosophical Society meets
- Evening program (afternoon in winter)
- 433 people served on average

*2025: Winter Tuesdays to 6 p.m. All Saturdays to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Book Time for Babies – average 40 attend
- Giving Tree Learning Center remote school visits
- Art and Journaling group meets
- Camden Nursing Circle meets
- Camden Climate Conversation group meets**
- 385 people served on average

THURSDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Story Time for preschoolers
- Tai Chi in the Amphitheatre
- Yoga Nidra in the Amphitheatre (seasonal)
- Camden Climate Conversation group meets**
- Creative Art Afternoons
- Songwriter Sessions
- Evening program
- 417 people served on average

FRIDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Yoga in the Amphitheatre (seasonal)
- Story Time for preschoolers
- Explorations Read Aloud on YouTube
- Chess Club
- Walking Tours of Camden, June-Sept.
- 417 people served on average

SATURDAY

- Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*
- Saturday Morning Story Time with Stef
- Picker Room Art Gallery reception, monthly
- Occasional afternoon programs
- 444 people served on average

**Program structure changed in 2025.

COASTAL MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST

Ian Stewart, *Executive Director*

Coastal Mountains Land Trust is a conservation organization that has worked in the western Penobscot Bay region, including the town of Camden, since 1986 to conserve wildlife habitats, scenic landscapes, public access to natural lands, water resources, and productive forest and farmland. Thanks to community and member support, the Land Trust has protected more than 13,000 acres throughout its service region, from Rockport to Prospect. The Land Trust also continues its active and expanding trails program, inviting the public, through its Trail Guide, social media, and partnerships with other organizations, to use and enjoy more than 50 miles of trails.

To date, CMLT has conserved a total of 39 properties in Camden. It has protected 248 acres using conservation easements, a permanent agreement that keeps land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the properties. The land trust also owns properties that have extraordinary conservation value, totaling 1,202 acres in Camden. These properties are part of the network of preserves being established throughout the region.

COASTAL MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST

Protecting land for the community, *forever*.

CMLT preserves are open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other activities that do not degrade the natural and scenic features of the properties. Dogs on leashes and hunting in season are both allowed on most land trust properties, unless otherwise posted.

Family events this year will include story hours at Beech Hill, a pollinators walking tour, a learn-to-rake-blueberries farm tour, a full week of community “free picks” on our organic blueberry fields, the Arts on the Hill music series, and the annual fall Kites and Ice Cream event. All CMLT events are free and open to the public.

On Ragged Mountain, 6.5 miles of the planned 8.5-mile Round the Mountain Trail that originates from the Camden Snow Bowl are now open. Improvements to existing trails in the Goose River Trail network will continue.

CMLT is grateful to the Town of Camden and its employees, the Select Board, and Camden’s citizens for being such strong partners for trails and conservation.

The office is located at 101 Mt. Battie St. in Camden. For questions and more information, please call 207-236-7091. Check out the website, coastalmountains.org, for a list of public preserves and trails, maps and information on how to volunteer and conserve land, and to sign up to get Coastal Mountains Land Trust news in your email inbox.



Photo courtesy CMLT

MEGUNTICOOK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Abby Kidder, *Director*

The mission of the Megunticook Watershed Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the resiliency of the natural resources of the watershed to ensure a healthy ecosystem for the benefit and safe enjoyment of all.

Last year we employed two primary staff members, Abby Kidder, executive director, and Justin Twitchell, lake patrol. In addition, MWA employed high school students and retired people during the summer to carry out courtesy boat inspections, checking for invasive plants at the Route 52 and Bog Bridge boat launches.

Abby coordinated the environmental and membership activities of MWA, while Justin helped ensure safe boating and respectful use of the watershed resource. Staff also worked in conjunction with other nonprofit organizations such as Maine Lakes, Lake Stewards of Maine, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Coastal Mountains Land Trust, along with the towns of Camden and Lincolnville.

Association volunteers monitored water quality in Megunticook Lake and Megunticook River, conducted Lake Smart visits to waterfront properties to advise on ways to maintain the health of the watershed, and participated in the annual statewide loon count.

This past year MWA carried out the following specific activities in the Camden portion of the watershed:

210+ Hours of Water Quality Testing: Conducted weekly tests for bacteria levels at Hodson Park, Shirttail Point Park, Hosmer Pond, and Barrett's Cove Beach, as well as phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity testing.

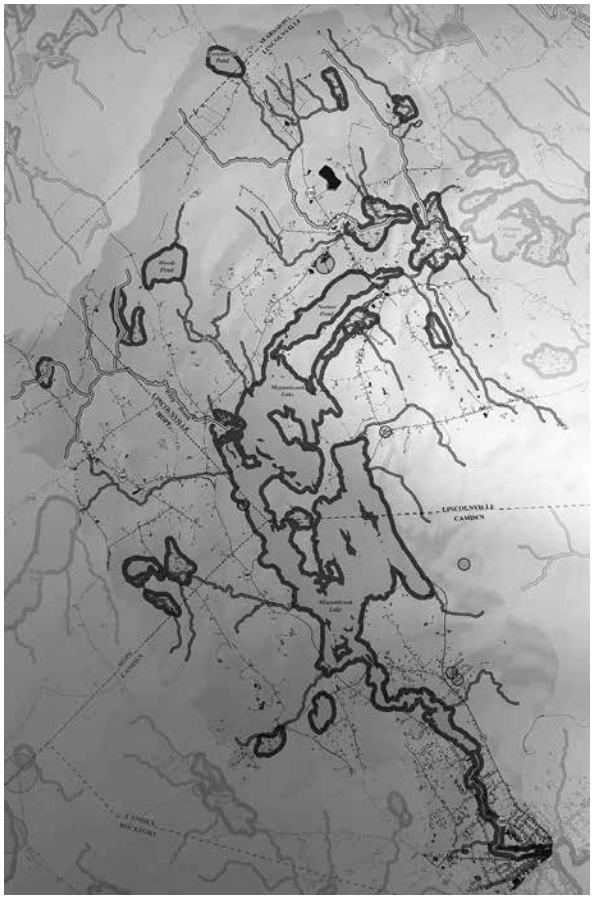
300 Hours of Lake Patrol: Performed active lake patrol on Megunticook Lake, from May to November.

Navigational Markers: Maintained and placed all navigational lake buoys.

Lake Smart: Surveyed waterfront homes looking for run-off and erosion issues and suggested mitigation options.

350 Hours of Invasive Plant Protection: Hired and managed 1,139 courtesy boat inspectors at the Route 52 and Bog Bridge boat launches, from May to September, to check for invasive aquatic plants on boat undersides, motors and trailers, among other places.

Rapid Response Fund: Maintained access to immediate funds in case of an environmental incident, such as a hazardous material spill, invasive plant discovery, etc., in the watershed.



We appreciate the support of the Town of Camden in helping us carry out our work to maintain the quality of this precious watershed resource

Megunticook Watershed Association membership is open to all who live, work, and play on these waters, not just those who own property along their shores. It is truly a shared resource, and we hope to continue to expand engagement for all community members.

MID-COAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION

David St. Laurent, *Facility Manager*

Mid-Coast Solid Waste is a solid waste facility, which is a fancy word for what most people know as "The Dump." Did you ever think about where that term comes from? When referring to a place where waste is discarded, the term is derived from the verb, dump, which means to drop or unload something in a hasty or careless manner. In the context of waste disposal, it implies that trash is thrown away or discarded quickly, and without much care. The word dump also carries a connotation of disorder or mess, which fits the way many people perceive waste disposal sites, especially older or more informal ones.

Over time, the term evolved to refer to the actual location where waste is thrown away — hence, "The Dump." So, calling MCSW "The Dump" reflects both the action of discarding and the often unkempt nature of such places.

So what exactly is a solid waste facility? A solid waste facility is a place where various types of waste materials, such as trash, recycling and compostable items, are collected, processed, and disposed of. These facilities are designed to manage and dispose of solid waste in an environmentally responsible way. There are different types and/or parts of a solid waste facility, such as a landfill. This is where waste is deposited and stored, usually in a controlled area to minimize environmental impact. Another is a recycling center, which is a place where recyclable materials like paper, glass, plastic, and metal are sorted and processed for reuse. Transfer stations are locations where waste is temporarily stored before being transported to landfills or recycling centers. Finally, a composting facility takes in organic waste, like food scraps and yard waste, and breaks it down into compost to be used as fertilizer.

Waste, Recycling, Diversion and Treatment
2024-2025 Statistics

Items You Help Recycle (tons)	
#1 Plastic	26.6
#2 Colored	14.68
#2 Natural	8.71
Newsprint	72.93
Mixed Paper	204.1
3-7 Plastic	13.66
OCC (Cardboard)	377.78
Steel Cans/Tin	24.19
Metal	333

Fluorescent Bulbs	
Bulbs Recycled (LF)	11,920
CF Bulbs Recycled	1,131

White Goods w/Refrigerant Evacuated	
Freon (units)	833

Swap Shop (est. tons)	
Items reused	25

Food Waste Composted (tons)	
Scrap Dogs	35

Refurbished/Repurposed Items	
Bikes	79
Mowers and Trimmers	76
Sales Income	$6,295

Batteries (rechargeable/single use)	
Call 2 Recycle	554

Diverted Disposed Waste (tons)	
Sheetrock	317.9
Mattresses	120.93

Waste disposed of in Quarry Landfill (tons)	
Demo/Clean building debris	1,496.76

Household Trash into MCSW hopper (tons)	
Municipal Solid Waste	5,381

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	
Units of Waste	351

Universal Waste Recycled	
TVs, Computers, Printers (lbs.)	38.67
Miscellaneous Electronics (lbs.)	136
Non-PCB Ballasts (lbs. of units)	0
PCB Ballasts (lbs. of units)	14
Mercury Devices (lbs.)	36

Clothing Recycled (tons)	
Apparel Impact	16.29

Tires Recycled (lbs.)	
BDS Tire Recycling	1,001

Water/Leachate from Quarry to Camden WWT	
Pumped for Treatment (gal.)	21,071,303

Chipped Brush (tons)	
Maine Custom Woodlands	614.16

In addition, some solid waste facilities also handle hazardous waste and e-waste, or provide services like hazardous waste collection days when community members can safely dispose of dangerous materials. These facilities help ensure that this kind of waste is managed in a way that minimizes harm to the environment and public health.

So, instead of the dump, a solid waste facility is the more accurate, respectful term to describe a place where waste is managed with an eye toward positive environmental impact. A solid waste facility reflects modern waste management practices, like those in use at Mid-Coast Solid Waste. And the towns of Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport are now the proud owners of a solid waste facility — that once was a dump.

For up-to-date information about Mid-Coast Solid Waste, including hours of operation, fees and how to use the facility, please visit midcoastsolidwaste.org or call 207-236-2467.



MSAD 28/FIVE TOWN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Maria Libby, *Superintendent*

Camden-Rockport Elementary School, Camden-Rockport Middle School, and Camden Hills Regional High School are truly remarkable public schools in that they each offer an exceptional education to our local students. That education rivals the best private schools in the nation; our community should be proud of what we have created together. Together, the schools serve as a vital economic engine in our community by attracting people to our community, as a major employer, and graduating students who contribute back in many ways over the years.



Our schools are filled with seasoned and skilled teachers who are accessible and available, and we have students who engage deeply in all aspects of our school, from the Ambassadors Program at CRES and the community-based projects at CRMS to the vast breadth of programming at the high school. Student participation rates in sports, arts, and other extracurriculars are extraordinary. We also have parents who are involved with their children's education and care deeply about its quality. We have a community that partners and supports us. Together, we work hard to raise good, decent people. We never stop trying to make students' educational experience, and the world at large, a better place.



Academic achievement (as measured by state testing) continues to be strong in many areas and has not been as strong as we would like in some. We will look closely at our data to determine if there are steps we can take to make sure student learning stays as strong as it has typically been. We have never believed in using standardized test data to define our success, however. At the end of the day, it is not grades or scores that determine one's success in life. Tom Brady said it best, "To be successful at anything, you don't have to be special. You just have to be what most people aren't: consistent, determined and willing to work for it."

Hopefully, on this journey through the community's K-12 system, students will develop character attributes that will enable them to succeed. Along the way we hope they enjoy the ride, feel supported, and develop deep roots for this wonderful community.



There is no doubt that the cost of public education is increasing. Much of that has to do with the rising costs of special education and facilities, two cost centers that are increasing far faster than the rate of inflation. In adjusted dollars, those cost centers have risen more than 30% in the past eight years. Increasing numbers of students are entering school with more needs than ever before, straining our special education departments and support services.

On top of that, the cost of materials, labor, and contracted services to maintain our buildings has risen precipitously in the past five years with no end in sight. Fortunately, our K-8 buildings have fewer needs than the high school, given they are newer. The exception is the original stick-built structure (the former home of the Montessori school) that is currently a wing of the elementary school. The high school is 25 years old and has a few significant maintenance needs. In addition to addressing immediate needs, we also need to continue building our capital reserve funds to help cover future costs.



The MSAD 28/Five Town CSD has a deep appreciation for the support the community has always shown. We reflect that consideration back in the form of offering a top-notch education to area students while painstakingly going over expenses line by line to make sure we are spending every local tax dollar prudently and wisely. Unfortunately, our budgets will come in higher than average this year, but they will be in line with what is happening around the state.

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January 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

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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.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
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Dear Camden Neighbors:

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

As of this writing, the first session of the 132nd Legislature is now well underway and we have a lot of work ahead of us in the coming months. This year, some of my policy priorities will include doing more to lower costs for Maine families, building an economy that works for everyone, increasing access to housing and health care, and more. Among the bills I have sponsored this session is one to increase penalties for those who use pesticides improperly, in response to what happened at Camden Harbor in 2022.

Our most significant priority will be crafting a two-year state budget, which will shape the direction of our state in the near future. I'll be fighting to ensure that the budget includes policies that will provide relief and make it easier for more Maine families to build their lives here and make ends meet.

This session, I have been appointed to serve as House chair of the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee. We are already working hard on legislation to support climate resiliency, protect against pollution and toxic substances, implement recycling, manage solid waste and help our communities to be more sustainable.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help. My email is Vicki.Doudera@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 207-542-1990. I also send out monthly e-newsletters that provide updates on our work at the State House and offer helpful information and resources. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am grateful to represent Camden and be entrusted with this great responsibility. I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

Sincerely,

Victoria W Doudera

Vicki Doudera
State Representative

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RESULTS
TOWN OF CAMDEN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 11, 2024

ARTICLE 1
To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

DAVID MORRISON WAS ELECTED

ARTICLE 2
Two Select Board members for a three-year term (Select Board member shall serve as the Board of Overseers, and Wastewater Commissioner); Votes

SUSAN DORR	**1,001**	**(Elected)**
STEPHANIE FRENCH	814	
KENNETH GROSS	**1,051**	**(Elected)**
SOPHIE ROMANA	798	

One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three-year terms

LICIA MORELLI	**1,360**	**(Elected)**

ARTICLE 3
Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Zoning, Article III Terminology, § 290-3.2 Definitions by amending the definition of Accessory Apartment, to clarify the existing definition and to ensure consistency with the State-Mandated Housing Opportunity Rules?

NOTE: *This amendment is needed to implement the last of the State-Mandated requirements of P.L. 2021, Chapter 672 (LD 2003), An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions. This State-mandated law is focused on removing regulatory barriers to increase housing production in Maine, while attempting to preserve municipal ability to create land use plans and protect natural resources. This new law mandates that municipalities amend local codes to accommodate Accessory Apartments/Dwelling units. The proposed amended definition ensures conformance with State Law. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

YES – 1,214 NO - 553

ARTICLE 4
Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Zoning Article X Performance Standards Generally, §290-10A.5 (B)1(b) Off-street parking and loading standard, by eliminating the off-street parking requirement for accessory apartments, to ensure consistency with the State-Mandated Housing Opportunity Rules?

NOTE: *This amendment is needed to implement the last of the State-Mandated requirements of P.L. 2021, Chapter 672 (LD 2003), An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions. This State-mandated law is focused on removing regulatory barriers to increase housing production in Maine, while attempting to preserve municipal ability to create land use plans and protect natural resources. This new law mandates that municipalities amend local codes to remove off-street parking requirements for Accessory Apartments. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

YES – 1,157 NO - 619

ARTICLE 5
Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290 Zoning, Article III, Terminology § 290-3.2 Definitions by amending a definition and adding other terminology to define Short-Term Rentals uses.

NOTE: *These amendments add new terms to the definition section of Chapter 290, Zoning to define Short-*Term

Rental uses and amends the definition of dwelling unit. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.

YES – 1,056 NO - 857

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Article VIII, District Regulations, §290 - 8.2, 8.3 & 8.5 through 8.13, 8.15 & 8.16. by adding Short-Term Rental (STR) uses as permitted uses in all of the Town's zoning districts that allow residential uses.

NOTE: *These amendments would allow the defined Short-Term Rental uses (Commercial STRs, Residential STRs, and Seasonal STRs) to be allowed as permitted uses (residential or commercial) in all of the zoning districts that allow residential uses. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

YES – 1,014 NO - 903

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 215 Rentals, Short-Term to further regulate Short Term Rentals by requiring annual licensing to operate any Short-Term Rental, and the adherence to various standards, including but not limited to a life safety inspection and compliance with the State's subsurface wastewater rules?

NOTE: *These amendments will require all Short-Term Rentals (STR) to be licensed annually by the Town and would require STR operators to adhere to standards that address the life safety of their transient guests, adequate septic system/drain field capacity, and "good neighbor" policies. STRs will also require life safety inspections ensuring compliance with applicable Life Safety Codes. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

YES – 1,054 NO - 877

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Zoning, Article X Performance Standards, § 290-10.2 Shoreland Areas, I. (1) General Standards and J. Piers to further regulate piers?

NOTE: *These amendments would further regulate piers in the Town's Outer and Coastal Harbors by adding new performance standards for piers and adds new construction and maintenance standards for piers. The new performance standards would only allow for new piers if there were no other feasible or practicable alternative. In addition, applicants would also have to demonstrate that the new piers are not within 200' of Camden Hills State Park, or any public right-of-way or public access. In addition, new piers would not be permitted in or near Significant Wildlife Habitat, Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat, areas containing or near areas containing eelgrass, or areas that have a been historically mapped with eelgrass, in, on or near areas containing unstable or highly unstable coastal bluffs, in, on or near coastal sand dunes, or in an area designated as a Velocity VE zone on the most recent FEMA flood maps. The amendments do contain a provision to waive these requirements based on specific criteria and expert and third-party review. The amendments also contain new construction and maintenance standards for new and existing piers and require the submittal of a maintenance plan that includes an annual inspection of new and existing piers and their components. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.*gov.

YES - 1,427 NO - 534

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town amend Chapter 290, Article XII, Site Plan Review, § 290-12.6 Approval Criteria J. Special criteria for piers, wharves, land-attached floats, breakwaters, municipal boat ramps, municipal piers, consolidated piers, causeways, marinas, bridges over 20 feet in length and other uses projecting into water bodies (1)-(7), by amending the existing approval criteria and adding new approval criteria.

NOTE*: These amendments would amend the existing approval criteria and would add additional approval*

criteria for projects that require Site Plan approval by the Planning Board. The new criteria would include ensuring that projects don't unduly interfere with established public trust rights for fishing, fowling, and navigating and unreasonably impact the viewshed and scenic and aesthetic resources of Camden's harbors and Penobscot Bay, in addition to other environmental approval criteria. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.

YES - 1,432 NO - 519

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town amend Chapter 108, Harbor and Waterways , Article VI, to amend the maximum height of piers and to require that repairs to and the replacement of existing piers comply with the construction and maintenance standards proposed in the proposed amendments for piers in Chapter 290, Zoning.

NOTE: *These amendments ensure that the regulations on piers in Chapter 108, Harbors and Waterways are consistent with the proposed amendments further regulating piers in Chapter 290. Minor changes are needed to address proposed changes in the maximum height of piers and to require that any repairs to and replacement of existing piers are done in conformance with the construction and maintenance standards in Chapter 290, Zoning. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

YES - 1,471 NO - 490

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the Town retaining the ownership of the property currently known as "Tannery Park," on Washington Street, for community purposes?

NOTE: *Such purposes may include but are not limited to areas of green space; playground spaces; community gathering space; and any other uses deemed to be for the benefit of the citizens of Camden.*

YES - 1,521 NO - 418

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to set October 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, and April 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 8% per year; subject to suspension of interest for a period not to exceed six months, as the Select Board deems appropriate, to the extent allowed by law?

YES - 1,647 NO - 248

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, with no interest to be paid on same?

YES - 1,744 NO - 148

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?

YES - 1,707 NO - 208

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s); excluding the Apollo Tannery Property as described in Book 3148 Page 278 and 280 and as depicted on Tax Map 114 Lot 18 ("Premises"), excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4083 Page 81.

YES - 1,267 NO - 580

ARTICLE 16
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which has a market value of less than three thousand dollars?

YES - 1,521 NO - 361

ARTICLE 17
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this ARTICLE, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount which exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting?

YES - 1,495 NO - 402

ARTICLE 18
Shall the Town of Camden be authorized to issue bonds or notes of approximately $12,500,000 to finance the cost of sewer extensions, rehabilitation, replacement, and capacity improvements, in addition to road, stormwater, and sidewalk reconstruction throughout the Town and such other ancillary and related costs with respect thereto, plus an amount not to exceed 2% to pay the cost of issuance of any bonds or notes with respect thereto?

NOTE: *The proposed improvements intend to repair aging and failing infrastructure and mitigate the discharge of sewer into water resources (harbor, river, streams, lakes, and ponds) during storm events (also known as Sanitary Sewer Overflows) to improve resiliency to climate change, improve water quality and bring the Town in compliance with the Town's administrative consent agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection.*

A **YES** vote will allow the borrowing A **NO** vote will not allow the borrowing

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE
TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness as of June 30, 2023	
Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid:	$23,120,451
Municipal	$2,490,332
County	$402,520
Schools	$20,227,599
Bonds Authorized and Unissued:	$0
Bonds to be Issued if this Article is Approved:	$12,500,000
Total Indebtedness:	**$35,620,451**

Cost of the Bond
At an estimated interest rate of a range between 3.11% to 4.72% for a term of thirty (30) years, the estimated costs of issuing the bond will be:

Principal	$12,500,000
Estimated Interest	$8,229,628
Total Debt	**$20,729,628**

Jodi R. Hanson
Jodi R. Hanson, Deputy Treasurer

YES – 1,554 NO - 369

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to appropriate $5,527,361 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following Article for the 2024-2025 fiscal year?

NOTE: *The Budget Committee recommended 6-0-0 $5,741,361 and the Select Board recommended 4-0-0 $5,527,361.*

YES – 1,710 NO - 207

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the Select Board's recommendation of $12,075,115, with some but not all of that to be raised by taxation, as follows:

NOTE: *The Budget Committee recommends an amount of $12,915,115 by a vote of 5-1, while the Select Board recommended an amount of $12,075,115 by a vote of 4-0-0. The Select Board's recommendation represents a net increase in expenditures of 0.81 % from the prior financial year. A copy of the proposed budget in full is available for review in the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

	Budget Committee Recommends	**Select Board Recommends**
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$2,631,952	$2,655,952
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	$3,768,336	$3,768,336
C. PUBLIC WORKS STREETS SIDEWALKS DAMS	$2,001,200	$2,001,200
D. COMMUNITY SERVICES	$74,500	$74,500
E. CULTURE & RECREATION	$2,130,950	$1,980,950
F. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	$2,308,177	$1,594,177
Total Proposed Expenditures A through F:	**$12,915,115**	**$12,075,115**

YES – 1,371 NO - 500

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town of Camden be authorized to issue bonds or notes of approximately $320,000 to finance the purchase of a Snow Groomer for the Camden Snow Bowl?

NOTE: *The purchase of a Snow Groomer will replace an existing Groomer at the Camden Snow Bowl that is at the end of its useable life.*

A **YES** vote will allow the borrowing. A **NO** vote will not allow the borrowing

TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE - TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness as of June 30, 2023	
Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid:	$23,120,45.00
Municipal	$2,490,332.00
County	$402,520.00
Schools	$20,227,599.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued:	$0
Bonds to be Issued if this Article is Approved:	$320,000.00
Total Indebtedness:	**$23,440,451.00**

Cost of the Bond

At an estimated interest rate of approximately 6% for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated costs of issuing the bond will be:

Principal	$320,000.00
Estimated Interest	$106,318.73
Total Debt	**$426,318.73**

Jodi R. Hanson

Jodi R. Hanson, Deputy Treasurer

YES - 1,170 NO - 728

ARTICLE 22
Shall the Town of Camden appropriate funds from the Town's undesignated Fund Balance to fund the operating budget losses incurred by the Camden Snow Bowl in FY 23 in the amount of $80,000, and in FY 24 in the amount of $340,000.

YES - 1,272 *NO - 631*

Certified:

Katrina Oakes
Katrina Oakes, Town Clerk

RESULTS
MSAD 28
BUDGET REFERENDUM
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Article 1: Do you favor approving the MSAD #28 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District budget meeting?

YES - 1,510 NO - 434

RESULTS
FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTIRCT
BUDGET REFERENDUM
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Article 1: Do you favor approving the Five Town Community School District budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District budget meeting?

YES - 1,516 NO - 420

Article 2: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of the Five Town Communty School District to construct and equip a new 1,800 square foot special education classroom building on the CHRHS campus and expend up to $750,000 from the District's capital reserve fund for this purpose?

YES - 1,561 NO - 386

Certified:

Katrina Oakes
Katrina Oakes, Town Clerk

RESULTS
TOWN OF CAMDEN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REFERENDUM
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 3,683

Article 1: Dave Morrison was elected Moderator to preside said meeting.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290 of Camden Code, Article VIII, § 290-8.8, Downtown Business District – to allow residential use on the street level for multi-family dwellings in structures owned by a school administrative district?

NOTE: *This amendment will remove the restriction of residential uses on the street level for multi-family dwellings in structures that are owned by a school administrative district. This amendment will only apply to 58 Elm Street, the former Elm Street School Building. The full text of the proposed ordinance amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours.*

YES - 2,713 NO - 792

Article 3: Shall the Town of Camden amend the Camden Code by adding Chapter 194, Pesticides?

NOTE: *The proposed Chapter would require notification and reporting on the application of pesticides in Camden by State-licensed pesticide applicators. The full text of the proposed ordinance amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours.*

YES - 2,913 NO - 626

Article 4: Shall the Town of Camden be authorized to transfer the balance of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Wastewater Special Revenue Fund to fund improvements to Camden's wastewater collection system?

NOTE: *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were allocated to every municipality and county in the United States in 2020. These funds must be committed by 2024 and spent by 2026. Upgrades to wastewater systems are an allowable use of these funds and will allow Camden to reduce the cost burden of these improvements on ratepayers.*

YES - 3,292 NO - 255

Article 5: Shall the Town of Camden be authorized to transfer the balance of the Financial Year 2024-2025 Tax Increment Financing District to the Wastewater Special Revenue Fund and the Stormwater Reserve Fund to fund improvements to Camden's wastewater and stormwater collection systems?

NOTE: *Improvements to both the wastewater and stormwater collection systems are identified in Camden's Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development Plan. Utilizing TIF funds to fix this infrastructure will allow Camden to reduce the cost burden of these improvements on ratepayers and taxpayers.*

YES - 3,216 NO - 319

Article 6: To see if the Tow:n of Camden will vote to change its retirement plan for its firefighters and police officers effective July 1, 2024, for future service only.

The Town agrees to:

a. Provide Special Plan 3C to its firefighters and police officers who regularly work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary for service rendered after June 30, 2024. Service accrued by police officers during the period from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2024, remains under Special Plan 2C and service accrued by police officers before January 1, 2017, remains under Regular Plan AC. Service accrued by firefighters during the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, remains under Special Plan 2C and service accrued by firefighters before July 1, 2020, remains under Regular AC; and
b. Continue to provide Regular Plan AC to all other employees who regularly work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary; and
c. Continue to exclude employees who work 20 hours or less per week, seasonal employees, temporary employees, and elected/appointed officials from participating in the Plan; and
d. Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

NOTE: *The purpose of offering this plan to Camden's public safety employees is to enable the Town to retain and continue to attract qualified staff. The majority of municipalities in Maine with public safety departments (72 in total) offer the 3C retirement plan to their employees. Summaries of the Plans AC, 2C and 3C is in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours.*

YES - 2,980 NO - 408

Article 7 – NON-BINDING-ADVISORY ONLY: Are you in favor of the Historic Resources Committee drafting a Historic Preservation Code that would apply to properties that lie within the Town's registered Historic Districts and / or are Historic Landmarks for voter approval on a 2025 ballot? Current Historic Districts and Landmarks include the following: the High Street, Great Fire, and Chestnut Street Historic Districts, Curtis Island Lighthouse, the Camden Opera House, the Camden Yacht Club, the Village Green, the Camden Public Library, and the Camden Post Office.

NOTE: *This non-binding advisory vote will enable the Historic Resources Committee to continue the development of a Historic Preservation Code that draws on the best practices of comparable towns and the recommendations of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Historic Preservation Ordinances and Codes are in place in over 20 other Maine municipalities.*

YES - 2,778 NO - 643

Article 8 – CITIZEN'S PETITION; Shall the Town of Camden vote to encourage its elected federal lawmakers to enact strong national climate policy in the form of "cashback" carbon pricing, which would change fossil fuel producers a carbon fee for every ton of CO2 pollution to be emitted by the burning of their products; such fees to be collected into a national "carbon trust fund" and disbursed regularly to American households with equal per-capital "dividend" checks with a record of the passage of this article to be sent by the Town of Camden's members of Congress, the President of the United States, and the Governor of Maine, within 30 days of the vote?

NOTE: *Article 8 was drafted through the Citizen's Initiative Petition process and was placed on the Ballot after the Town Clerk certified that the number of signers of the Petitioner was at least equal to 10 % of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. The language is exactly as stated in the Certified Petition.*

YES - 2,259 NO - 1,112

Certified by David Morrison, Town Meeting Moderator

RESULTS
TOWN OF CAMDEN
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
Nov. 5, 2024

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 3,687

President of the United States:

Harris, Kamala D.	**2,834**
Oliver, Chase	13
Stein, Jill	49
Trump, Donald J.	725
West, Cornel	10
Ayyadurai, Shiva	0
Del La Cruz, Claudia	2
Dyer, Robert R.	0
Sonski, Peter A.	0
BLANK	54

Certified by Peter Gross, Election Warden

RESULTS
TOWN OF CAMDEN
FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET REFERENDUM
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025

Article 1: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Five Town Community School District (the "District") to issue bonds or notes in the name of the District for minor capital project purposes in an amount not to exceed $7,300,000 to construct and equip the following projects at Camden Hills Regional High School:

1. Replacing the Don Palmer Field with artificial turf;
2. HVAC system improvements to replace failed geothermal system;
3. Replacement siding and windows; and
4. Strom Auditorium repairs and upgrades.

YES - 262 **NO - 620**

Certified:

Katrina Oakes
Katrina Oakes, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CAMDEN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 10, 2025

County of Knox
To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Camden, Maine

GREETINGS:
In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Camden, required by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Camden Public Safety Building, 31 Washington Street on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the forenoon to 8:00 p.m. in the afternoon to vote on Articles 1 through 22 at which time the meeting will adjourn. All said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1
To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2
— One Select Board Member for a three-year term (Select Board member shall serve as the Board of Overseers, and Wastewater Commissioner).
— Two Directors of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three-year terms.

ARTICLE 3
Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Zoning, Article VIII District Regulations, § 290-8.5 Coastal Residential District (CR), (5) (c) Private residential treatment facility, by increasing the number of beds allowed from twelve (12) to eighteen (18), and by allowing either single or double occupancy rooms?

NOTE: *This amendment increases in the number of beds allowed and clarifies that they can be located in either single or double occupancy rooms. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

ARTICLE 4
Shall the Town of Camden amend Chapter 290, Zoning, Article III, Terminology § 290-3.2 Definitions by amending the definition of Accessory Apartment, to clarify that an Accessory Apartment must meet a minimum size of one-hundred and ninety (190) square feet or as determined by the Maine Technical Building Codes and Standards Board?

NOTE: *This amendment is needed to ensure compliance with the State-mandated requirements of P.L. 2021 Chapter 672 (LD 2003), which is an act that mandates certain housing opportunities in Maine. The proposed amended definition ensures conformance with State Law. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.*

ARTICLE 5
Shall the Town amend Chapter 194, Pesticides, by amending the notice requirements and exempting certain applications?

NOTE: *This amendment would exempt the notice, reporting and posting requirements for the application of section 25(b) pesticides which are exempt from USEPA FIFRA regulations for minimal risk pesticides, which pose little to no risk to human health and the environment (such as organic/natural tick treatments.) The amendment also exempts the application of pesticides via any root flare or trunk injection application via macro or micro injection, the application of rodenticides used in bait stations and the emergency application of pesticides needed to address such pests as stinging insects and also exempts the treatment of wood decaying insects. To be consistent*

with the Maine Right to Farm Law, licensed agricultural applications would also be exempt. Additionally, "pesticide" is amended to exclude Phosphorus (P2O5) free fertilization applications that meet or exceed ANSI, which permit organic applications. The notice provisions amend who gets notified and how, depending upon the type of application. The amendments allow for "approximate or anticipated" dates of application to provide flexibility due to the manufacturers' labeling requirements as well as State of Federal requirements for applications under certain weather conditions such as precipitation and wind speeds. Signage / posting requirements would also be amended. The amendments also make the maintenance of signs the responsibility of the property owner after placement by the licensed applicator. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the voters approve acceptance of a deed from the "Pleasant Ridge Homeowners Association for Lots 68 Through 79," a Maine non-profit subdivision homeowners' association, for a 2.76 acre lot located on Goodwin Lane as described in a deed recorded in Book 5737 Page 180 of the Knox County Registry of Deeds and depicted as "Reserved for Open Area," which includes a "Detention Pond," on the subdivision plan for Pleasant Ridge lots 68 through 79, as recorded in Cabinet 12 Page 37 of the Knox County Registry of Deeds, for the purpose of establishing Town ownership, access, control and maintenance rights of an existing storm water drainage retention pond that receives drainage from multiple municipally owned roads?

NOTE: *The proposed draft description in the deed into the Town states "The premises herein conveyed shall not be assessed any fees, charges, shared expenses or any other financial obligations by the Grantor or the "Lot" owners of the Pleasant Ridge Subdivision." Thus, the Town's acquisition of the 2.76 acres lot will not create any financial liability to the homeowner's association. The Town will be obligated to maintain the drainage system and Detention Pond only to the extent actually located on the 2.76-acre lot. Prior to placing this Article on the Warrant, the Pleasant Ridge Homeowners Association for Lots 68 Through 79 hired an engineer and contractors to bring the existing drainage and Detention Pond into good working conditions, which is presently acceptable to the Town Department Heads responsible for future maintenance. The Town enjoys an existing 30-foot-wide sewer easement over the 2.76-acre parcel, and the Town will have better access to the underground sewer facilities upon acceptance of this deed.*

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town vote to authorize the removal of the Montgomery Dam and spillway (Tax Map 120 Lots 278 and 283) to return the river to a free-flowing river in a manner generally consistent with Scenario C of the Findings and Recommendation of the Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee; with the following conditions: 1) The Town is authorized to fund the work only from non-property tax revenue sources e.g. grants and private donations; and, 2) Any portion of the project impacting Harbor Park shall be subject to the approval of the Library Board of Trustees as stipulated in the deed of gift from Mary Louise Curtis Bok to the inhabitants of the Town of Camden?

NOTE: *The full Report of the Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee (MRCAC) is available at the Town office and on the Town website. Detailed information of all the MRCAC work and documents may be found at www.megunticookrivercac.com, which includes recordings of approximately 30 MRCAC meetings, 14 newsletters, more than 250 online survey responses, meetings with many standing Camden committees and Camden Library Trustees, 10 expert-led online presentations, engineering reports, and 2019 and 2021 River Feasibility Reports prepared by the nation-wide consulting firm InterFluve. Design review by the Library Board of Trustees shall be done in accordance with the design principles of Olmsted Brothers and expressed wishes of Mary Louise Curtis Bok, as identified in the Library Board of Trustees' April 2024 statement on Harbor Park, which can be found on the Camden Public Library website.*

ARTICLE 8
Shall the Town vote to approve authorizing the purchase of a replacement fire truck (Engine 5), appropriating one million one hundred forty thousand dollars ($1,140,000.00) for the purchase and to authorize the capital lease financing?

NOTE: *As proposed, there will be no net tax impact in FY26 as the first lease payment will be FY28.*
The Select Board recommended: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 9
Shall the Town vote to appropriate $350,000 to replace the gable end wall (window wall) of the Camden Snow Bowl Lodge, to be raised by taxation?

NOTE: *The window wall on the Snow Bowl Lodge is at the end of its useable life and must be replaced in order for the public to continue using the Lodge.*

ARTICLE 10
Shall the voters approve acceptance of a quitclaim deed, at no cost to the Town of Camden, to obtain fee ownership of the real property consisting of land, building, and improvements located at 58 Elm Street, Camden Maine, Tax Map 119 Lot 143 and Book 613 Page 245 of the Knox County Registry of Deeds, from the Maine School Administrative District No. 28?

NOTE: *MSAD 28 has offered to convey the real property ("Property") in its "as is where is" condition, with no restrictions, and at no cost to the Town. In a letter dated March 20, 2025, Superintendent Maria Libby advised the Town that the School Board has determined that "it has no anticipated use of the Property as a school building." Upon acceptance of the Property, the Town will have the authority to use or dispose of the Property as the Town Meeting determines at any time. At present, the following Warrant Article seeks voter approval to maintain the current use of leasing the Property to the Children's House Montessori School. A copy of the March 20, 2025, letter, with the attached source deed into MSAD 28, is on the Town Website and available to view in the Clerk's office.*

ARTICLE 11
In the event that voters approve acceptance of the quitclaim deed for 58 Elm Street from MSAD 28 in the preceding Warrant Article, the Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a Lease agreement with the Maine non-profit corporation doing business as the Children's House Montessori School to lease the premises as a Montessori school, consistent with the Property's current and past use, on such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, provided however, the Town shall retain the right to terminate the Lease upon no less than five (5) years' notice to the Children's House Montessori School?

NOTE: *As referenced in the preceding Warrant Article, the voters will determine if the Town should accept the deed for the 58 Elm Street Property. This Article seeks to obtain voter approval for the Select Board to negotiate such lease terms as it believes are in the best interests of the Town. The five-year termination notice serves as both a right of the Town to change use or disposition of property and it is the minimum reasonable period that is necessary for the Children's House Montessori School to plan for and relocate to another property if the Town decides to terminate the lease.*

ARTICLE 12
Shall the voters approve acceptance of a permanent easement from the Mountainside Community Cooperative, a Maine non-profit cooperative residential park located at 53 Mountainside Park, for the Town to have access to and install public sewer infrastructure including a pump station building with a wet well and a generator, on a portion of real property described in a deed recorded in Book 5497 Page 131 of the Knox County Registry of Deeds, and as depicted on Tax Map 111 Lot 80?

NOTE: *This project has been funded by a Congressional Directed Spending Grant as well as a Community Development Block Grant from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development with a small*

match from the Town of Camden. The scope of the project will include an extension of existing public sewer lines under the Molyneaux Road to the intersection with Mountain Street and then continuing into the Mountainside Community Cooperative residential park. A copy of the engineering plans depicting the location of the easement area and facilities to be described in the easement are available for inspection from the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE 13
Shall voters approve the acceptance of a quitclaim deed for 21 Cobb Hill Road (Book 3612 Page 0043, as depicted on Tax Map 115 Lot 45) and a connecting parcel on Ames Terrace (Book 3612 Page 0043, as depicted on Tax Map 115 Lot 102), at a cost of $30,000.

NOTE: *These parcels currently contain sewer, drainage, and pedestrian easements.*
Select Board recommended: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 14
Shall the Town vote to set October 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, and April 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 7.5% per year; subject to suspension of interest for a period not to exceed six months, as the Select Board deems appropriate, to the extent allowed by law?

ARTICLE 15
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, with no interest to be paid on same?

ARTICLE 16
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?

ARTICLE 17
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s); excluding the Apollo Tannery Property as described in Book 3148 Page 278 and 280 and as depicted on Tax Map 114 Lot 18 ("Premises"), excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4083 Page 81?

ARTICLE 18
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which have a market value of less than five thousand dollars?

ARTICLE 19
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this ARTICLE, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount that exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting?

ARTICLE 20
Shall the Town vote to appropriate $236,000 to subsidize the operations of the Camden Snow Bowl, to be raised by taxation?

NOTE: *This annual operational subsidy for the Snow Bowl offsets the cost of programming and enables under market rate ticket prices for Camden residents and area families.*
The Select Board recommended: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 21
Shall the Town vote to appropriate $8,523,733 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following Article for the 2025-2026 fiscal year?

ARTICLE 22
Shall the Town vote to appropriate the Select Board's recommendation of $15,272,620, with some but not all of that to be raised by taxation, as follows:

		Budget Committee Recommended	Select Board Recommended
A.	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$2,721,282	$2,721,282
B.	PUBLIC SAFETY	$4,421,167	$4,421,167
C.	PUBLIC WORKS STREETS SIDEWALKS DAMS	$2,228,800	$2,228,800
D.	COMMUNITY SERVICES	$24,000	$24,000
E.	CULTURE & RECREATION	$2,764,438	$2,249,050
F.	DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	$3,628,321	$3,628,321
	Total Proposed Expenditures A through F:	**$15,788,008**	**$15,272,620**

NOTE: *The Budget Committee recommended an amount of $15,788,008 by a vote of 8-0-0 while the Select Board recommended an amount of $15,272,620 by a vote of 5-0-0. The Select Board's recommendation represents a net increase in expenditures of 3.07% from the prior financial year.*

A copy of the proposed budget in full is available for review in the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden website at www.camdenmaine.gov.

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The Select Board gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Camden Town Office for the purpose of accepting and correcting the voting list during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., and at the polls Tuesday, June 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. You must be a Camden registered voter to vote in any election.

Given under our hands this 15th day of April, 2025.

CAMDEN SELECT BOARD
Susan Dorr, *Chair*
Christopher A. Nolan, *Vice Chair*
Thomas Hedstrom
Alison McKellar
Kenneth Gross
Katrina Oakes, *Town Clerk*

TOWN OF CAMDEN
FY 2026 Expenditures Summary

	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Actuals	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 YTDs	FY 26 Town Manager	FY 26 Budget Committee	FY 26 Select Board
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Administration & Finance	883,925	971,810	1,126,025	782,190	1,074,400	1,074,400	1,074,400
Professional Services	101,828	97,808	148,632	87,990	140,347	140,347	140,347
Planning, Development, Assessing	685,792	720,107	785,320	513,008	811,960	811,960	811,960
Information Technology	139,017	203,762	219,575	187,336	270,575	270,575	270,575
Insurances	272,770	258,444	274,400	190,255	313,400	313,400	313,400
Town Office Building	103,128	99,678	102,000	67,511	110,600	110,600	110,600
Opera House Auditorium	327,450	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - General Government	**2,513,910**	**2,351,609**	**2,655,952**	**1,828,290**	**2,721,282**	**2,721,282**	**2,721,282**
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Police Department	1,334,746	1,525,505	1,660,350	1,039,417	1,803,300	1,803,300	1,803,300
County Dispatch	163,813	190,650	219,036	219,036	183,267	183,267	183,267
Fire & Rescue Department	821,104	964,323	1,508,450	894,444	2,048,700	2,048,700	2,048,700
Public Safety Building	50,879	44,925	62,500	28,152	68,500	68,500	68,500
Hydrant Assessment	256,310	278,637	277,000	152,357	289,400	289,400	289,400
Emergency Medical Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Operations Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Street Lights	26,470	36,295	41,000	17,933	28,000	28,000	28,000
Total - Public Safety	**2,653,322**	**3,040,335**	**3,768,336**	**2,351,339**	**4,421,167**	**4,421,167**	**4,421,167**
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT/STREETS/SIDEWALKS, DAMS							
Public Works	1,616,191	1,749,004	2,001,200	1,502,185	2,228,800	2,228,800	2,228,800
Total - Public Works Dept Streets/Sidewalks, Dams	**1,616,191**	**1,749,004**	**2,001,200**	**1,502,185**	**2,228,800**	**2,228,800**	**2,228,800**
COMMUNITY SERVICES							
Community Service Agencies	18,500	19,500	74,500	42,389	24,000	24,000	24,000
Total - Community Services	**18,500**	**19,500**	**74,500**	**42,389**	**24,000**	**24,000**	**24,000**
CULTURE & RECREATION							
Camden Public Library	523,000	555,000	585,000	390,000	739,000	1,018,388	739,000
Harbor & Landing	216,695	302,140	359,200	211,614	395,200	395,200	395,200
Parks & Recreation	543,069	584,833	703,700	444,141	747,500	1,036,000	800,000
Camden Opera House		231,000	268,350	268,350	222,850	222,850	222,850
Cemetery Maintenance	49,327	83,424	64,700	50,437	92,000	92,000	92,000
Total - Culture & Recreation	**1,332,091**	**1,756,397**	**1,980,950**	**1,364,542**	**2,196,550**	**2,764,438**	**2,249,050**

TOWN OF CAMDEN
FY 2026 Expenditures Summary cont.

	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Actuals	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 YTDs	FY 26 Town Manager	FY 26 Budget Committee	FY 26 Select Board
DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY							
Debt Service Principal	661,129	633,773	565,487	517,403	565,761	565,761	565,7
Debt Service Interest	138,213	127,118	118,690	92,971	265,560	265,560	265,5
Capital Reserves	850,000	730,000	244,000	244,000	140,000	140,000	140,0
Capital Improvement Program	155,474	512,709	1,366,000	502,769	2,617,000	2,617,000	2,617,0
Contingency	89,817	25,594	40,000	11,413	40,000	40,000	40,0
Total Debt/Capital/Contingency	**1,894,633**	**2,029,194**	**2,334,177**	**1,368,556**	**3,628,321**	**3,628,321**	**3,628,3**
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	**10,028,647**	**10,946,039**	**12,815,115**	**8,457,301**	**15,220,120**	**15,788,008**	**15,272,6**
					18.77%	**23.20%**	**19.1**
					Change over FY 25		
TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	**4,351,159**	**4,228,566**	**6,267,361**	**3,030,915**	**8,308,733**	**8,915,033**	**8,523,7**
					32.57%	**42.25%**	**36.0**
					Change over FY 25		
NET GENERAL FUND BUDGET	**5,677,488**	**6,717,473**	**6,547,754**	**5,426,386**	**6,911,387**	**6,872,975**	**6,748,8**
					5.55%	**4.97%**	**3.0**
					Change over FY 25		

TOWN OF CAMDEN
FY 2026 Budget Revenues

	REVENUE SOURCE	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Actuals	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 YTDs	FY 26 Town Manager	FY 26 Budget Committee	FY 26 Select Board
TAXES								
90-02-01	Tax Interest	33,764	43,621	40,000	39,436	45,000	45,000	45,000
90-02-02	Lien Interest	4,027	6,305	6,000	9,459	8,000	8,000	8,000
90-02-03	Lien Costs	3,591	3,722	5,000	6,572	6,500	6,500	6,500
Total - Misc Taxes		**41,382**	**53,648**	**51,000**	**55,467**	**59,500**	**59,500**	**59,500**
STATE REVENUES								
90-05-01	State Revenue Sharing	745,931	815,517	710,000	484,382	800,000	800,000	800,000
90-05-02	Tree Growth Reimb.	11,516	12,573	11,000	13,287	14,000	14,000	14,000
90-05-03	Veterans Exemp Reimb.	5,078	7,712	5,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
90-05-04	Local Road Assistance	56,264	64,872	65,000	65,700	65,700	65,700	65,700
90-05-05	Snowmobile Revenue	291	278	300	179	300	300	300
90-05-06	Pumpout Boat Reimb.	10,381	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
90-05-08	State Park Reimb.	19,323	15,799	15,000	15,592	15,000	15,000	15,000
90-05-10	EMA/FEMA Reimburseme	-		-	-	-	-	-
Total - State Revenues		**848,784**	**916,751**	**816,300**	**579,140**	**911,000**	**911,000**	**911,000**
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES								
90-10-01	Vehicle Excise Tax	1,143,459	1,173,957	1,300,000	744,097	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
90-10-03	Boat Excise Tax	30,357	31,906	30,000	13,796	30,000	30,000	30,000
90-10-04	Animal Control Fees	4,444	3,493	3,000	1,386	3,000	3,000	3,000
90-10-05	Town Clerk Fees	11,958	16,731	25,000	9,769	16,000	16,000	16,000
90-10-12	Plumbing Fees	7,615	9,221	10,000	5,443	10,000	10,000	10,000
90-10-13	Building Permit Fees	74,464	114,870	100,000	80,465	110,000	110,000	110,000
90-10-08	Administrative Fees	27,177	36,537	30,000	15,927	35,000	35,000	35,000
90-10-09	Cable TV Franchise	80,058	75,939	80,000	-	80,000	80,000	80,000
90-10-14	Electrical Fees	17,074	20,344	14,000	14,858	18,000	18,000	18,000
90-10-15	STR Income	500	6,600	500	1,208	175,000	175,000	175,000
Total - Lic, Permits & Fees		**1,397,106**	**1,489,598**	**1,592,500**	**886,949**	**1,877,000**	**1,877,000**	**1,877,000**
CHARGES FOR SERVICES - INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS								
90-15-02	Police Revenue	1,373	872	1,000	1,249	1,500	1,500	1,500
90-15-03	Parking Tickets	20,135	56,689	55,000	24,513	50,000	50,000	50,000
90-15-04	Parks & Rec Revenue	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
90-15-05	Parks & Rec - Mowing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90-15-06	Summer Recreation Rev	13,127	12,348	13,000	-	-	-	-
90-15-07	Cemetery Maintenance	51,100	51,100	64,700	64,700	92,000	92,000	92,000
90-15-09	Harbor Park Mowing	6,500	6,500	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	6,500
90-15-10	MCSW Bookkeeping	25,000	25,000	25,000	12,500	25,000	25,000	25,000
90-15-11	MCSW EE 75% Share	-	-	-	5,033	62,700	62,700	62,700
90-16-01	Opera House Rentals	27,999	-	-	-	-	-	-
90-15-08	SB WC Reimbursement	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
90-20-10	Rkpt Assessor Reimb.	174,355	110,267	89,300	52,082	93,588	93,588	93,588
90-20-15	WW Legal Pro Rate	4,000	4,000	25,095	25,095	25,095	25,095	25,095
90-20-17	S.B. Legal Pro Rate	-	-	4,183	4,183	4,200	4,200	4,200
90-20-18	WW TM/FD Wage Pro Ra	-	-	33,892	33,892	35,000	35,000	35,000
90-20-19	S.B. TM/FD Wage Pro Ra	-	-	33,892	33,892	35,000	35,000	35,000
90-17-19	SB Terrain Pk Pro Rate	10,000	10,000	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
90-17-01	Harbor Permits	85,302	118,391	122,500	37,006	120,000	120,000	120,000
90-17-02	Wait List Fees	2,875	3,170	4,000	2,425	4,800	4,800	4,800
90-17-03	Wait/Late Fees	600	705	-	300	600	600	600
90-17-04	Harbor Dockage/Misc	68,145	97,770	95,000	74,592	95,000	95,000	95,000
90-17-05	Permits/Inner Harbor	50,600	50,000	53,200	22,000	53,200	53,200	53,200
90-17-06	Permits/Finger Floats	29,000	43,300	82,300	15,100	83,000	83,000	83,000
90-17-07	Permits/Late Fees	2,360	2,160	-	-	-	-	-
90-17-08	Permits/Dinghy	21,816	20,017	22,000	6,128	22,000	22,000	22,000
90-17-09	Permits/Daysailer	24,128	23,378	20,300	13,350	24,000	24,000	24,000
90-17-10	Permits/Windjammer	21,020	16,750	22,500	11,250	21,000	21,000	21,000
90-17-11	Permits/Fisherman & Pa	3,225	3,975	4,900	1,100	4,000	4,000	4,000
90-17-12	Inner Hbr Wait List	-	1,325	1,000	1,275	1,000	1,000	1,000
90-17-13	Finger Floats Wait List	-	1,075	1,000	925	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total - Income from Departments		**652,688**	**668,792**	**820,262**	**452,590**	**895,183**	**895,183**	**895,183**

TOWN OF CAMDEN
FY 2026 Budget Revenues cont.

	REVENUE SOURCE	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Actuals	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 YTDs	FY 26 Town Manager	FY 26 Budget Committee	FY 26 Select Board
90-18-02	Miscellaneous Police Rev	-	150					
90-18-10	Rkpt Police Chief Reimb	65,993	70,944	73,500	44,578	79,100	79,100	79,100
Total - Chgs for Services		**65,993**	**71,094**	**73,500**	**44,578**	**79,100**	**79,100**	**79,100**
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES								
90-20-01	Interest Earned-Checkin	321,188	342,889	200,000	154,640	300,000	300,000	300,000
90-20-02	Yacht Club Lease	26,944	27,779	27,000	-	28,000	28,000	28,000
90-20-03	Public Landing Leases	5,255	5,381	2,500	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
90-20-04	Other Revenue/Misc.	3,655	7,976	6,000	6,443	6,000	6,000	6,000
90-20-05	Sale of Surplus Equip/pr	-	996	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
90-20-06	Town of Rockport WW B	5,403	5,351	5,299	6,773	5,100	5,100	5,100
90-20-08	Insurance Dividends	17,511	25,461	16,000	19,335	18,000	18,000	18,000
Total - Misc		**379,956**	**415,833**	**257,799**	**187,191**	**363,100**	**363,100**	**363,100**
OPERATING TRANSFERS								
90-30-01	Trust Fund Income	-	50,000	55,000	55,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
90-30-02	Reserve Withdrawals	500,000	165,000	175,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total - Transfers		**500,000**	**215,000**	**230,000**	**205,000**	**156,000**	**156,000**	**156,000**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
90-40-01	Bond/Note Proceeds	200,250	77,850	706,000	320,000	1,756,000	2,206,000	1,756,000
NEW	WW BAN Debt Share	-	-	-	-	64,000	64,000	64,000
NEW	Paid Parking Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	156,300	65,000
90-40-02	Surplus	-	-	1,420,000	-	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,300,000
90-40-05	Use of TIF Revenue	265,000	320,000	300,000	300,000	997,850	997,850	997,850
Subtotal - Other		**465,250**	**397,850**	**2,426,000**	**620,000**	**3,967,850**	**4,574,150**	**4,182,850**
TOTAL -MISC. TOWN REVENUES		**4,351,159**	**4,228,566**	**6,267,361**	**3,030,915**	**8,308,733**	**8,915,033**	**8,523,733**
						32.57%	42.25%	36.00%
							Change Over FY 25	

90-30-01 **Trust Fund Income**
$6,000 Health & Safety Officer

90-30-02 **Reserve Withdrawals**
$150,000 Short Term Rental Revenue

90-40-01 **Bond/Note Proceeds**
$1,200,000 Public Safety Building Renovations
$316,000 PW Trucks
$240,000 HVAC Replacement

90-40-02 **Surplus**
$1,300,000 Unassigned Fund Balance

90-40-05 **Use of TIF Revenue**
$600,000 Public Landing Restrooms/Chamber Building
$222,850 Opera House Support
$45,000 OH Stage Lighting
$80,000 OH Stage Rigging
$50,000 Planning & Development Director

TOWN OF CAMDEN
DIRECTORY
Information and Services

Town Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Telephone: 207-236-3353
Fax: 207-236-7956
Closed all legal holidays and weekends.
Website: camdenmaine.gov

Administration
- Town Manager Audra Caler ..... ext. 7113
- Assistant Town Manager Janice Esancy ..... ext. 7101
- Communications and Engagement Coordinator Holly S. Anderson ..... ext. 7100

Assessing
- Assessor Kerry Leichtman ..... ext. 7106
- Assistant Assessor Caitlin Thompson ..... ext. 7110

Building, Plumbing and Electric Permits, Zoning Code
- Code Enforcement Officer Clinton Beveridge ..... ext. 7114
- Administrative Assistant Madeleine Hicks ..... ext. 7112

Planning and Development
- Planning and Development Director Jeremy Martin ..... ext. 7103
- Planner Shenley Neely ..... ext. 7121
- Administrative Assistant Madeleine Hicks ..... ext. 7112

Public Works and Wastewater | Megunticook Dams
- Director and Superintendent, Dam Agent David St. Laurent ..... ext. 7901

Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters (voting and vital records-marriage, birth, and death)
- Town Clerk Katrina Oakes ..... ext. 7116

Tax Collector/Harbor Clerk (property tax, motor vehicle, ATV, snowmobile, boat, and harbor fees)
- Tax Collector Jimi Hunt ..... ext. 7118

Finance Office
- Finance Director Jodi Hanson ..... ext. 7117
- Deputy Finance Director Jodi Richards ..... ext. 7111

General Assistance (welfare)
- Janice Esancy - Tuesday-Friday (closed Monday) ..... ext. 7101

Other Town Departments and Affiliations
- Police Department 236-7967
- Dispatch (or dial 911) 236-3030
- Fire Department 236-7950
- Harbor Department 236-7969
- Parks and Recreation Department | Camden Snow Bowl 236-3438
- Public Works Department 236-7954
- Wastewater Department 236-7955
- Transfer Station | Recycling Center (Mid-Coast Solid Waste) 236-7958
- Camden Public Library 236-3440
- Superintendent of Schools (MSAD 28 and Five Town CSD) 236-3358

TOWN OF CAMDEN
GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Dates to Remember:

Assessing

- Tax payments are due semi-annually: Oct. 15 and April 15.
- Deadline to file Homestead and Veterans' Exemption applications in the Assessing office: April 1.
- Personal Property packets are mailed to business owners by the Assessing Department in February with a deadline to file: May 1.
- All dog licenses expire on Dec. 31; a state mandated $25 late fee applies on Jan. 1.

Harbor Fees

- Commercial Fisherman Float Applications: due Nov. 15.
- Daysailer and Windjammer permits: first half due April 1 and second half due Aug. 1
- Harbor Wait List fee: due Jan. 31
- Mooring and Float permits: due April 1

Select Board Meeting Schedule:

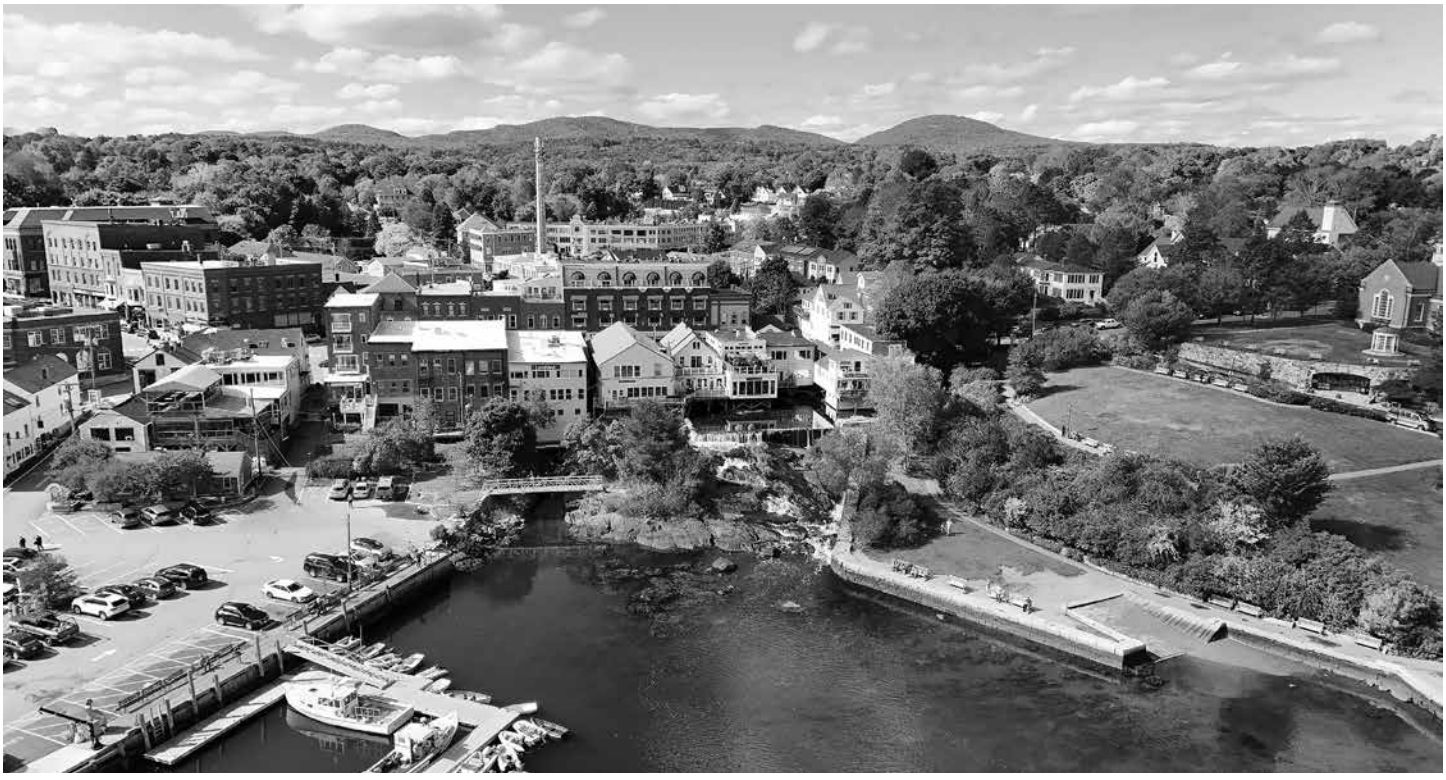
Camden Select Board meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Special Select Board meetings are held throughout the year on as-needed basis and announced on the town website. All Select Board and Town committee/board meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum, Government Access channel 1303. Meetings are also streamed on the Town of Camden YouTube channel: youtube.com/@TownofCamdenMaine.

2025 Town Office Holiday Closures

Holiday	Day and Date Observed
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 20
Presidents' Day	Monday, Feb. 19
Patriots' Day	Monday, April 17
Memorial Day	Monday, May 21
Juneteenth Day	Thursday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 1
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, Oct. 13
Veterans' Day	Tuesday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 27
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 28
Christmas Eve (half day)	Wednesday, Dec. 24 (noon)
Christmas Day	Thursday, Dec. 25

Holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on the preceding Friday; holidays that fall on a Sunday are observed on the following Monday.

NOTES



Drone shot of downtown Camden and Megunticook River falls from the head of the harbor.


PHOTOGRAPHY