

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

**FINANCES OF THE  
TOWN OF WELD, MAINE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

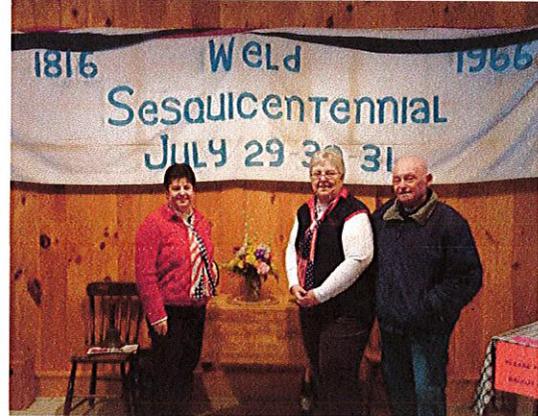
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**The Town of Weld  
Dedicates this  
Annual Town Report to**

**CAROL COCHRAN**

**for 50 Years of  
Public Service to the  
Town of Weld**



## Carol J. Cochran

After five decades, one thing has remained constant in the Town of Weld. That is the dedication, commitment, and love for the job that Carol Cochran has given to the townspeople of Weld.

Carol Jean was born May 26, 1953, the youngest of three children to Earland and Geneva (White) Snowman of Dixfield.

Carol grew up spending summer days at the Family Farm of her grandparents, Roland and Pansy Snowman, overlooking Webb Lake and her grandfathers camp, Hurchial White, on the west shore of Webb Lake.

Carol met and married Henry Cochran on September 9, 1972. She became a mother to Henry's three children, Karen, Kevin, and Keith. A year later they welcomed the final addition to their family, Chris.

Carol was elected as Town Clerk and Tax Collector three years later in 1976. Except for 1977, Carol has held both positions every year since marking her 50<sup>th</sup> year as Tax Collector and 49<sup>th</sup> as Town Clerk. She started working in the corner of her living room and when she outgrew that space she worked in the office on the porch at her house. In 1999, she moved to the new Town Office/ Post Office building on Mill Street across from the fire station. Many have come to vote over the years and saw her there as she is Election Warden for the town as well.

Carol is a Notary Public and her most recent achievement was to become Dedimus Justice. Carol has united scores of couples in marriage over the years. Some were residents of the town and others summered in Weld and desired to be married in the beauty of the town. She has been introduced by some couples to their children as the lady who married Mom and Dad.

Carol served on the Weld Parents Teachers and Friends (PTF) while her children were in the elementary school. She also was on the Weld Recreation Committee, Board of Directors for the Webb Lake Association, Secretary of the Weld Historical Society, Treasurer and Trustee for the Weld Congregational Church, First Secretary of the Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club, a leader for the Weld Country Cougars 4H Club and Secretary for the Weld 2016 Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Whether it be a Town Employee or resident, Carol has always been the person that people could ask for knowledge or help. Carol almost always has the answer. If not, she would find it! If she is not at the office working you can find her working at home while recovering from surgery or just sick. Carol has gained the respect and admiration of those she has worked with and worked for. Carol not only loves her job, but she also loves her town!

Congratulations on 50 years!

With respect, pride, and love,

*Chris Wallace*  
Chris Wallace

**TOWN OF WELD  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS  
2025**

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

**DINA WALKER, CHAIR - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2027**

**LISA MILLER - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2026**

**STEPHEN CONANT - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2028**

**Budget Committee**

**BECKY DURANT-VINING, CHAIR - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2028**

**RUSSELL BANTON - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2026**

**BARBARA CASTONGUAY - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2028**

**LAUREEN PRATT - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2027; Resigned 11/2025**

**REBECCA SCOTT - Elected, 3 year term ending 3/2027**

**Planning Board**

**NAOMI DOUGHTY, CHAIR - Elected, 5 year term ending 3/2027**

**CAROL CONANT, SECRETARY - Elected, 5 year term ending 3/2029**

**BARBARA CASTONGUAY - Elected, 5 year term ending 3/2028**

**ERNESTINE HUTCHINSON - Elected, 5 year term ending 3/2030**

**STANLEY WILCOX - Elected, 5 year term ending 3/2026**

**Appeals Board**

**DANIEL SMITH - Appointed, 4 year term ending 3/2028**

**WILLIAM ST JOHN - Appointed, 5 year term ending 3/2029**

**CHRIS WALLACE - Appointed, 3 year term ending 3/2027**

**HEIDI WILCOX - Appointed, 5 year term ending 3/2026**

**Attorney**

**BERNSTEIN SHUR**

**Holder of the Boston Post Cane**

**ELEANOR FISH**

**Tax Collector/Town Clerk**

**CAROL J COCHRAN - Appointed**

**3 year term ending 12/2026**

**Treasurer**

**COLLEEN STEWART - Appointed**

**3 year term ending 12/2026**

**Fire Chief**

**COREY HUTCHINSON - Appointed**

**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Road Commissioner**

**ROBERT JACKSON JR - Appointed**

**3 year term ending 12/2027**

**Assistant Fire Chief**

**STANLEY WILCOX - Appointed**

**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Animal Control Officer**

**LISE BOFINGER - Appointed**

**1 year term ending 5/2026**

**Public Access Officer**  
**DINA WALKER - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 10/2026**

**Public Health Officer**  
**LISA MILLER - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026; Resigned**  
**(conflict of interest) 02/2026**

**Emergency Management Director**  
**VACANT - Appointed**  
**1 year term**

**Emergency 911 Officer**  
**VACANT - Appointed**  
**1 year term**

**Plumbing Inspector**  
**DAVID ERRINGTON - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Code Enforcement Officer**  
**MICHAEL STEPHENSON - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Transfer Station Attendant**  
**JUDITH MARDEN - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Asst Transfer Station Attendant**  
**JONATHAN LAMSON - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**Building and Grounds Attendant**  
**DAVID JERVIS - Employed**  
**Beginning 3/2025**

**Weld Recreation Chair**  
**JULIE JERVIS - Appointed**  
**1 year term ending 12/2026**

**RSU #9 Director**  
**DEBORAH SMITH - Elected**  
**3 year term ending 6/2026**

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Dina Walker  
Select Board, Chair  
Town of Weld

February 1, 2026

Re: Town of Weld 2025 Year-End-Review

Dear Town Legislature:

2025 has been a very busy year for the Town of Weld as we saw our population continue to grow and develop at a rate faster than it has in the previous five years.

As a municipal officer, I believe it is my duty to provide the public with quality municipal services while ensuring good stewardship of tax dollars. With that in mind, the Select Board has prioritized the following: (1) to draft and adopt comprehensive and fair policies, (2) to draft and propose ordinances that give the Town Legislature a voice in the development of Weld, (3) be more inclusive of municipality elected officials when creating the Town's annual budget, (4) be responsive to the wider public, (5) to keep the public better informed on important Town matters, and (6) to preserve order at public proceedings.

Below is a snapshot of our municipality's achievements in 2025 and on-going projects:

#### **Policies & Ordinances**

- *Personnel Policy* – the Select Board adopted a comprehensive Personnel Policy for all Town employees on June 17, 2025.
- *Commercial Site-Plan Review Ordinance* – a project two years in the making, the Select Board, along with the Ordinance Committee worked diligently in 2025 to complete a draft proposal (full of compromise) for the Town's vote at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting (March 7, 2026). Please see 2026 Town Warrant for details.
- *Comprehensive Plan* – After almost a year's work, the Comprehensive Plan Committee led by Lisa Miller and Lise Bofinger have made important strides in this state-guided, locally developed, long-term blueprint (5-10+ years) that is intended to direct our community's growth, protect Weld's natural resources, and guide our municipal policies. Although not an ordinance, it will serve as the legal foundation for any local zoning, land-use ordinances, and our eligibility for state grants.

#### **Keeping the Public Better Informed**

- *Website Reconstruction/Facebook Account* – the Town's website has been under a revamp since June 2025 making it easier for visitors to the website to locate ordinances, policies, committee's agendas and minutes. Julie Jervis, and others in municipal government, has ensured that dates, times, and locations of meetings/events are now posted regularly and with sufficient notice to the public as required by the Freedom of Access Act. The Town also uses a Facebook Account to reach the public with our announcements.

- *Property Tax Assessment Data* was made available on the Town’s website in October 2026
- *2 Public Information Sessions Held* – The Select Board held two public information sessions this year (August 19, 2025 and January 7, 2026) to keep the public informed on the developments of the (1) draft Commercial Site-Plan Review Ordinance, (2) the Recreational Space Project, and (3) the New Fire Station Project. Presentations made at the sessions can be found on the website.

**Infrastructure Improvements**

- *Kennedy Bridge Upgrade* – The construction started in July 2025 and was completed in August 2025.
- *Recreation Space Project* – The Recreation Space Committee has completed its research and submitted a proposal to the Select Board for the replacement of the current tennis court with a multi-recreation space court. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$220,000 (to be funded solely by federal/state grant and private donations), construction projected to begin in 2027.
- *New Fire Station Project* – Lisa Miller is sponsoring Town Warrant articles regarding a new fire station building to begin in 2028. The proposal includes funding options utilizing a potential federal grant to reduce the cost to the Town.

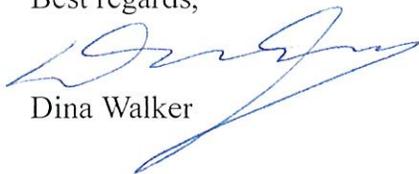
**Upcoming Retirements**

- *Carol Cochran* (Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar) – After almost 50 years of public service, Carol Cochran will be retiring in December 2026.
- *Judy Marden* (Transfer Station Attendant) – After 20 years of public service, Judy Marden will be retiring in December 2026.

Looking forward to another fruitful year of accomplishments for the Town of Weld in 2026!

*Weld: Welcoming to all while keeping traditions alive!*

Best regards,



Dina Walker

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Recordings for the year are as follows:

**Births:** 4

**Marriages:** 4 Non-Residents  
1 Resident

**Deaths:** 13

January 19 Delores Fletcher  
Age 89 Died in Farmington

January 23 Kathleen Serino  
Age 80 Died in Weld

March 17 Lynn Sterry, Jr.  
Age 82 Died in Farmington

March 30 Bernard R. Vining  
Age 100 Died in Livermore Falls

April 9 Gregory John Austin  
Age 69 Died in Auburn

July 19 Michael Louis Messier  
Age 81 Died in Weld

July 27 Rose Marie Drapeau  
Age 77 Died in Auburn

July 27 Bernard David Rackliffe, Sr.  
Age 92 Died at Togus USVA

August 28 Joanne S. Stinneford  
Age 91 Died in Portland

September 18 Age 86	Robert Whittier Tirrell Died in Farmington
October 9 Age 73	Robert W. Berryman Died in Auburn
November 6 Age 86	John Drew Stowell Died in Weld
November 30 Age 69	Joseph E. Knox Died in Weld

### **Dog Licenses**

Neutered Males/Spayed Females	57
Unaltered Males/Females	15
Kennel	1

### **Registrations issued for 2025**

Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, etc. - 782  
 ATVs/UTVs - 35  
 Boats - 149  
 Snowmobiles - 43

## **Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 8th and the Municipal Officer's Election was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

### **We voted:**

- To increase employees' wages per hour Ballot Clerk to \$16.50, Buildings and Ground and Animal Control went to \$16.50, Road Commissioner \$26.45, Heavy Equipment Operator \$21.16, Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$21.79, Treasurer \$18.52, Code Enforcement Officer \$19.07, Firefighter \$17.98, Transfer Station Attendant \$16.50. Stipends for the Fire Chief of \$3,000 & Assistant Fire Chief of \$2,000, Select Board Chair, \$4,358 Select Board \$3,269 and Planning Board \$490.
- The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to establish a non-lapsing account for a town wide re-evaluation to be started in 2027 and completed in 2028 in the amount of \$104,880 for 912 properties.
- The Town voted to allow private events to be held at the Weld Town Hall or the Multi-purpose Room in the Town Office/Post Office Building.

### **Special Town Meeting September 24, 2025**

- The Town voted to accept the in-kind donation from Brent Dougherty in the total value of \$20,570.82 consisting of:
  - Five (5) Kenwood NX5200 Portable radios, VHF 5 Watt with Chargers, Batteries, Antennas and Speaker Mica
  - One (1) Amkus ICT614 Midsize Combi Extrication tool with charger, and Batteries, Price \$9,722.48
  - One (1) Cascade Rescue Professional Series Stainless two-piece Litter with Terra Tamer attachable wheel, Price \$3,644.34

- The Town accepted and appropriated an in-cash donation of \$587.78 from Brent Dougherty to the Town's Fire Department Donation Revenue.
- The Town voted to accept \$566,891.34 grant from the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) of which **approximately \$370,000** will be appropriated toward expenses necessary, including reimbursement of expenses previously incurred, for recovery from the natural disasters experienced in May 2023 and December 2023, and of which \$150,000 will be used to purchase gravel for the grading of Town roads.
- The Town voted to appropriated \$3,202.51 from the 2025 LRAP Kennedy Bridge Repair account to the LRAP Kennedy Bridge Repair Expense Account for a **repayment of \$3,202.51** (interest only) of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank 2025 Series A (due November 1, 2025)

### **361 Registered Voters**

99 Democrats  
134 Republicans  
12 Green Independent  
2 Libertarian  
114 Unenrolled

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol J. Cochran, Town Clerk

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## **2025 Code Enforcement Officer's Annual Report**

The year 2025 has come and gone, where has the time gone? Once again a busy season for the Planning Board members, we had some challenging applications and worked through them. The Planning Board and I will be reviewing the current Land Use Applications. The attempt is to make the application process easier and more informative. We are also reviewing the application and violation fees. This will help with the Planning Board and CEO budgets going forward.

**Land Use Applications Received – 26**

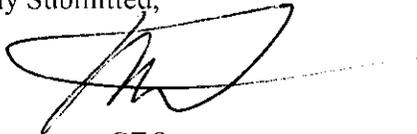
**Hazardous Trees – 15**

**Sub-Divisions – 2**

**Commercial – 0**

**NOV Notice of Violations - 1**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Stephenson – CEO  
Town of Weld

## **Report of the Weld Fire Department for the Year 2025**

Members: 13 (6 Interior FF- SCBA Certified, 7 Exterior FF - Ground Support)

2025 had a call volume of 47 calls. We responded to 8 structure fires, 5 mountain rescues, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 10 EMS medical support/assist calls, 3 woods fires, 1 chimney fire, 2 smoke/fire investigations, 1 fire alarm investigation, 9 calls for trees and wires down, 3 motor vehicle crash notifications and 1 vehicle fire. Each year our call volume can vary and has a tendency to increase.

During the past year, we received donated equipment and created a new designated Landing Zone for Helicopters at the Mt. Blue State Park Headquarters. We were awarded a safety grant, had another successful Chicken BBQ and upgraded necessary equipment.

Recently, we started the much-needed process of assessing the future of our fire station and its outdated size. We feel that the building does not sustain our needs for the space needed to house updated equipment, newer trucks and safety equipment as well.

With inevitable growth in size, and population, now is the time to plan. A Representative from the office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins met with us recently and has informed us that we are wisely moving forward and that we are eligible to apply for certain grants. This is an important decision to consider in the future of our public safety.

I strongly encourage the Town of Weld to support us in moving forward to find financial assistance on this endeavor.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you would be interested in a tour of our station to show you our concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Hutchinson  
Weld Fire Chief

## Animal Control Officer Report 2025

As your Animal Control Officer, I am committed to promoting responsible pet ownership to help keep our community safe and caring. This includes responding to complaints about loose or stray animals, delivering captured or lost animals to the Farmington Animal Shelter, and maintaining all necessary reports and records for incidents involving stray or domestic animals. Each year, as I sit down to write my town report, I reflect on the major issues that demanded my time. 2025 was, unfortunately, a year of dog bites. Fortunately, none were truly severe, but let's face it, no one wants to be bitten by a dog. As a child, I was bitten by a dog that came across the street and bit me completely unprovoked. When I receive the call, I know how that person who was bitten feels. I also know that at times the dog is backed into an untenable position. As animal owners, it is our job to control our dogs and keep them and our neighbors safe. Following a dog bite incident, the first thing I need to do, after making sure the site is secure and everyone is safe, is to ensure the biting dog is up to date with its rabies vaccinations. As pet owners, if you could make sure that information is readily available, it would be helpful.

One of the other items that has been a frustration to me over the years is people picking up wandering or loose dogs, then driving with them to a new location. Please do not pick up a dog, drive to a different location, and then call animal control. Chances are that the dog will find its way home. If you feel it is truly lost, call animal control or Franklin Dispatch, who will then call the appropriate ACO. When you drive that animal to an entirely new town, you complicate the situation. This advice aims to foster community trust and shared responsibility for stray animals.

If you haven't licensed your dogs yet, please do so as soon as possible. All dogs in the State of Maine must be licensed upon reaching the age of six months. The cost of licensing an unaltered dog is \$11, and the cost of licensing an altered dog is \$6.

Lise Bofinger

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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

We have made it through the first year of my position as road commissioner. Starting 2025 with winter and then an early arrival of snow in November and December, we have done our best to keep the roads clear for everyone.

The work began on the FEMA project as soon as Spring arrived. The roads of Byron, Center Hill, Temple and Westbrook have all been completed with extensive repair and material to meet FEMA standards. I need to give thanks to Lisa Miller and Colleen Stewart for all their hard work. The FEMA funds were then used to repair the much needed equipment. A new water pump on the grader, a radiator for the 2016, a clutch & fan assembly for the 2010 and the backhoe got new batteries, a starter, all new cables and a master switch with all the work being done right in house.

The Kennedy Bridge has been replaced and can now hold 60 tons, a huge improvement from 30 tons. A new 24 inch culvert was placed on Center Hill with hopes that this will now allow the water to flow and no more erosion of the surface. The new excavator has been beneficial for loading the trucks while the tractor was in need of repair. It will make ditching much easier, which is a priority once Spring arrives.

New hire David Jervis, as building and grounds keeper has been a great addition. There is much more to his job than one would think. I need to give a huge thank you to Steve, Carol and Colleen for their everyday work, I couldn't do it without them. The Selectboard and Budget Committee have given me the support I have needed to do my best. To all the townspeople, thank you as well.

Robert Jackson  
Road Commissioner

## Weld Transfer Station Report

December 31, 2025

In January we were informed that Archies was under new ownership. We had the first closure due to snow in February, followed by another due to deep muddy ruts and a quagmire at the exit gate.

By the end of March the Transfer Station had dried out, big loads of bulky were coming in and we were getting irregular pickups from Archies. We burned the brush pile three times in April. We attended DEP training in Lewiston.

In May with no notice to the Town, Archies changed our recycling set up from barrels to two dumpsters. We now take plastics #1 - #7, cans, and glass, all in one place, no more sorting. Cardboard and paper still go into the cardboard rolloff. We were also informed that Archies no longer accepts used motor oil, it can be brought to WalMart instead.

The Selectboard approved three free days in June. We took in several TVs, brush, tires, and lots of bulky, including a small camper and an upright piano!

During July and August, the cardboard rolloff filled every two days. We stopped taking brush because it was too dry to burn.

In September Public Works added gravel to the entrance gate. Someone dumped a quantity of used oil in the compactor which ran out onto the ground, made worse with rainfall. We did our best to contain the mess with kitty litter. PLEASE NO OIL IN THE COMPACTOR!

In November Public Works cleaned out and retired the "free area" for the year. We had an unannounced DEP site visit.

We had three tire pickups and four metal pickups during the year. We participated in two Household Hazardous Waste events in June and September where people could dispose of things not accepted at the Transfer Station. There were many wasps but no rats seen.

Thank you to Public Works for crushing the bulky, pushing up the brush pile, and for cleaning up around the metal container and behind the recycle shed, and for cleaning out the free area as needed. Thanks also to the Masons for maintaining the bottle shed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Marden

Jonathan Lamson

Transfer Station Attendants

## Weld Recreation Committee Report 2025

As the Weld Recreation Committee reflects on 2025, we would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the countless people who have supported, volunteered, and contributed to us throughout the year. We have been busy! All of our events are open to the public and any questions, comments, or ideas should be emailed to [weldrecreation@weld-maine.org](mailto:weldrecreation@weld-maine.org).

We are excited to report that this year we got to see our Automated External Defibrillator project, which was started in 2024 in conjunction with the Weld Fire Department and Mystic Tie Lodge, come to fruition: The Town Hall and Town Office now have AEDs hanging on the walls. This year we served refreshments at the Annual Town Meeting, held two Food Drives which helped stock the Free Food Pantry outside of the Weld Public Library, and hosted a Children's Art Contest to provide the cover of this Annual Town Report. The Weld Recreation Committee supports several ongoing classes and groups in town, such as Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Step Aerobics, The Tumbledown Tackers, and Cribbage. The Weld Observer published quarterly editions in 2025 which can also be found on the town website.

Here is a list of events which the Weld Recreation Committee supported in 2025: Two Glass Painting Classes, Knitting and Crocheting Classes, Skate Night, Cupcake Decorating Class, Full Moon Snow Shoe Hike, Game Night, Two Plant Based Cooking Classes, Winter Walk, Tumbledown Tackers Open House, Easter Party, Vernal Pool Walk, Two Seed Swaps, Three Canvas Paint Classes, Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale at Lake Day, Lollipop Loop: Kids' Fun Run at Lake Day, Two Barn Quilt Classes, Pancake Breakfast, Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale at Heritage Day, School Supply Drive and Distribution, Two Barn Quilt Varnish Workshops, Pollinator Awareness Mural Project, Jack-o'-lantern Carving and Display, Trunk or Treat and Halloween Party, Community Harvest Supper, Veterans' Day Event, Gift Wrapping Night for Christmas Party, and Christmas Party.

The Weld Recreation Committee continues to strive to provide fun ways to recreate together while incorporating new ideas with beloved traditions. This year we collaborated with several groups in Weld, and we look forward to continuing this collaborative mindset going forward!

Julie Jervis  
Weld Recreation Committee, Chair

## RSU School Board Director

It has been my pleasure to represent Weld for the last 8 years on the RSU 9 school board. I have truly appreciated the questions and concerns shared with me over the years. In each case, I would research the question and seek responses from the appropriate people. The town of Weld currently has 36 students enrolled in K-12. This is almost 15% more than last year. The district has put a major emphasis on improving school attendance across all grades. I am happy to report that all schools have shown improvement. At the high school level, a cell phone policy went into effect at the beginning of this school year. By all accounts, it has been very successful especially from the students and administration perspective. The district is implementing a district wide unified literacy strategy, including AI (Artificial Intelligence). This has begun at the Kindergarten level. FTCTE (Foster Tech) continues to expand programs and there is a waiting list to get into these courses. The district is in the third year of Strategic Planning. These are long term goals for Community, Culture and Curriculum. If you are interested in seeing the details of the Strategic Plan, you can go to the school website. RSU 9 continues to excel in many areas, but there is always room for improvement. Again, thank you for letting me serve as your representative.

Debbie Smith

To the Citizens of Weld  
From the Budget Committee

The Weld Budget Committee for this year consisted of these elected members: Becky Durant-Vining, Chair, Barbi Castonguay, Secretary, Rebecca Scott and Russell Banton.

This committee met weekly starting in November 5, 2025 thru January 2026 to review the town's 2025 line by line expenses and revenues and considering the 2026 budget requests that were submitted by the department heads. Then the committee had each of the department heads come to a meeting to discuss any questions that the committee had. This is always very important and helpful.

The total amount of debt owed by the town as of January 2026 is \$42,487, this is a Maine Municipal Bond Bank loan for the Kennedy Bridge replacement and will be paid off in November 2030.

As of January 2026, the surplus balance is \$592,744, this is a comfortable number ensuring that the Town of Weld does not have to take out a tax anticipation loan to cover operating expenses until taxes are committed in late July, remembering that this is where the bills get paid out of until the tax commitment.

As of the deadline for this letter, the Budget Committee hasn't had the meeting with the Selectboard to see if the Selectboard approves the Budget Committees recommendations.

As of the date of this letter, there has been no information on the County Tax (in 2024 was \$224,350.30) or the RSU #9 tax (in 2024 was \$700,928.53).

All of our meetings are public, and we invite anyone and everyone that wants to attend our meetings to come. The agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the Town of Weld Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Durant-Vining  
Budget Committee Chair

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
APPROPRIATIONS  
CHAIR  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is truly an honor to represent the communities of western Maine; and I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf.

I was officially sworn in as your State Senator on December 4, 2024. After ending the First Regular Session in March, the First Special Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature adjourned in July. With 415 bills carried over to the next session—including more than 200 still pending in committees—we have a significant workload ahead when we return for the Second Regular Session in January.

Throughout my campaign for office, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others. I promise to continue working to address these issues.

I'm pleased to report the Legislature passed several critical bills aimed at expanding access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also secured key wins to protect our vital forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

I encourage you to continue to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about state government. Your input greatly helps me to represent your interests and those of the community in the best possible way.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Martin  
State Senator



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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has and remains an honor to serve as your State Representative for District 74 in the Maine House of Representatives for these last seven years. As we begin the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent your interests in Augusta.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and we are preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting housing availability, workforce development, and support for working families, including Maine's high property and income tax burden and rising energy costs. These decisions have a direct impact on our region, and your input is essential. Hearing from the people of District 74 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

I encourage you to stay informed and engaged by visiting the legislative website at [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov). There, you can review bill language and summaries, follow committee schedules, track roll call votes, and watch live streams of House and Senate sessions. Public hearings and committee meetings are also accessible via Zoom, making it easier than ever to observe proceedings or offer testimony.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing you. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at 287-1440 or by email at [Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Randall.Hall@legislature.maine.gov) to share your thoughts or concerns. If you would like to receive my regular e-newsletter with updates throughout the year, simply send me your email address and I will be glad to add you to the distribution list.

Serving our community is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall C. Hall".

Randall C. Hall  
State Representative



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress



## Franklin County, Maine

January 13, 2026

Dear Franklin County Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this, it has been twelve months since I, along with my fellow Commissioners, were honored to take our oath of office as new Franklin County Commissioners. For the first, and quite likely the last time, in the 187-year history of Franklin County, all five of us were sworn in simultaneously. The voters of Franklin County decided to increase the board from three members to five beginning in 2025. The good citizens of Franklin County determined that this new arrangement would broaden the representation and thereby help address the various concerns throughout the entire county.

Each Commissioner District represents approximately one fifth of the county's 31,000 total population. I have the privilege of representing District #3, which geographically is the largest. District #3 consists of a total of thirty towns and Unorganized Territories (UTs), covering the entire western half and the northern portion of the county. An area where there may be more Moose than people!

So...what roles do County Commissioners play in the grand scheme of things? Well, acting as a Board, we are responsible for the support and administration of the Sheriff, Registry of Deeds, Probate, Superior Court, Treasurer, District Attorney, Emergency Preparedness, Detention Center, Information/Technology, Dispatch Center, Unorganized Territories, Facility Management and Administration. The Commissioners are charged with developing a budget and policies for the entire county operation.

Generally speaking, Commissioner meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00 am. We very often meet at other times when the workload demands it. All meetings are open to observation by the public. In addition to our meetings, Commissioners also spend a great deal of time individually serving on various boards, committees and groups that influence county government.

120 County Way, Suite 4, Farmington, Maine 04938. (207) 778-6614

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Tom Saviello District #1	Fen Fowler District #2	Tom Skolfield District #3	Bob Carlton District #4	Jeff Gilbert District #5
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Amy Bernard  
County Administrator  
abernard@franklincountymaine.gov



## Franklin County, Maine

County government is funded primarily through property taxes. Each municipality is assessed a county tax based on valuation. The towns collect that tax and submit the revenue to the county treasurer. Property in UTs is assessed by the Maine Revenue Service which collects the taxes and submits the revenue to the county treasurer.

I hope you have found this very brief explanation of your county government useful. I encourage you to attend our Commissioner meetings in person or via the Internet. I think you will gain valuable perspective on the complexities, challenges and rewards of governing Franklin County. Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas Skolfield  
Franklin County Commissioner  
District #3

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Tom Skolfield  
District #3

Bob Carlton  
District #4

Jeff Gilbert  
District #5

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**Center Hill Cemetery****December 31, 2025**

Below are contributions received by the Town of Weld to date, where only the interest generated is used for perpetual care of the cemetery.

From	Amount
Barrett, Mary A.	\$92.62
Buker Family	\$400.00
Burke, Harlan	\$100.00
Carleton, Robert A. & Bess I.	\$100.00
Conant, Katherine	\$200.00
Conant, Thermal	\$100.00
Dummer Family	\$400.00
Dummer, Robert G	\$1,000.00
Forster, Charles S.	\$100.00
Hawes, John	\$100.00
Horne, Errol	\$10.75
Houghton & Cushman	\$200.00
Houghton Family	\$100.00
Houghton, Gilbert	\$600.00
Howard, Frank & David	\$100.00
Irish & Russell	\$300.00
Lee, Lawrence & Donna	\$200.00
Lufkin, George W.	\$100.00
Masterman, Stinson	\$125.00
Masterman, Sylvania	\$125.00
Merchant, Orrin C.	\$350.00
Palmer, William	\$100.00
Parker/Myers	\$100.00
Payne, Elmer E.	\$100.00
Pratt, Harriet	\$99.70
Rowell, A. D.	\$100.00
Russell, A. D.	\$100.00
Rymil, G. H.	\$100.00
Sanborn, Charles L.	\$200.00
Sanborn, George D.	\$100.00
Savage, Sumner & Nellie	\$200.00
Scott, Myrle	\$100.00
Soule, Charles	\$200.00
Swett, Dennis & Henry	\$200.00
Winter, Dorothy	\$200.00
<b>Total Principal</b>	<b>\$6,703.07</b>

**Mt View Cemtery**  
**December 31, 2025**

Below are contributions received by the Town of Weld to date, where only the interest generated is sent to the Mt. View Cemetery Association for the perpetual care of the cemetery.

From	Amount
Beedy, Flora	\$50.00
Beedy, Franny E.	\$25.00
Blake, Kenneth P.	\$600.00
Carleton, Robert A. & Bessie I.	\$100.00
Carleton, Thomas	\$200.00
Fish, David	\$50.00
Fulsom, Harry H.	\$25.00
Goding, John	\$400.00
Hutchinson, Vernon T.	\$500.00
Kittredge, Frank C.	\$100.00
Maynard/Gray	\$400.00
Minear, Richard & Meridith Welch	\$500.00
Minear, Sean R.	\$500.00
Morgan, E. R.	\$100.00
Mountain View Cemetery	\$100.00
Phillips, LaForest	\$100.00
Skolfield, Thomas A.	\$100.00
Swett, Charles B.	\$100.00
Thuerig, Bernard	\$100.00
Welch, Harold & Anne	\$150.00
Wilson, Louise	\$250.00
Wright, Edwin & Ladd, Wallace	\$100.00
<b>Total Principal</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>

**Robertson Cemetery****December 31, 2025**

Below are contributions received by the Town of Weld to date, where only the interest generated is used for perpetual care of the cemetery.

From	Amount
Buck, Thomas & Clara M.	\$200.00
Carleton, Robert A. & Bessie I.	\$100.00
Carter, Charles B.	\$100.00
Chase, Dwain & Cathy	\$100.00
Clemens, John	\$50.00
Conant, Atlee	\$100.00
Houghton, Thelma	\$25.00
Hutchinson, James H.	\$100.00
Jackson, Phyllis & Crystal Fitch	\$200.00
Masterman, Newton P.	\$100.00
Masterman, S. N.	\$100.00
Newman, A. G.	\$100.00
Noyes, Phillip	\$100.00
Pettengill, Raymond C.	\$100.00
Phinney, Stanwood	\$200.00
Robertson & Harmon	\$100.00
Sanborn, Paul	\$100.00
Skolfield, Fessenden S.	\$100.00
Skolfield, George	\$100.00
Skolfield, John	\$100.00
Skolfield, L. P.	\$100.00
Skolfield, Stanley	\$100.00
Skolfield, Thomas A.	\$100.00
Snowman, Earland & Genie	\$100.00
Snowman, John & Emma	\$100.00
Snowman, Roland E.	\$100.00
Stypulkowski, Gertrude	\$100.00
Stypulkowski, Walter H.	\$100.00
Tainter, Emily	\$100.00
Toothaker, Lamont	\$50.00
VanAiken, Alice	\$485.21
Witham, Edgar	\$100.00
<b>Total Principal</b>	<b>\$3,710.21</b>

# **Annual Auditor Financial Report**

As of the printing of this report, the 2024 and 2025 annual financial audit has not been received.

### 2022 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Austin, Troy	\$6.84
Flag, Corey	\$9.94
Greco, Adriann	<u>\$49.87</u>
	\$66.65

### 2022 Real Estate Taxes - Liened

Pelletier, Matthew	<u>\$210.66</u>
	\$210.66

### 2022 Tax Acquired

Verreault, Thomas G	<u>\$100.89</u>
	\$100.89

### 2023 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Boyd, Matthew	\$2.34
Carver, Justin	\$153.68
Flag, Corey	\$11.11
Holmes, Tammy	\$5.62
Paskell, Ronald	\$14.05
Searles, Ted	<u>\$42.70</u>
	\$229.50

### 2023 Real Estate Taxes - Liened

Austin, Troy	\$80.06
Choate, Alison	\$172.94
Greco, Adriann	\$54.96
Kaulback, Kevin	\$463.36
Laffin, Timothy	\$65.33
Laplante, Caren	\$173.71
Meehan, Arthur	\$214.55
Paul, Michael	\$270.28
Pelletier, Matthew	\$225.80
Pelletier, Sylvain	\$553.07
Vining, Kenneth	* <u>\$1,055.73</u>
	\$3,329.79

## 2023 Tax Acquired

Verreault, Thomas G	\$112.69
	<u>\$112.69</u>

## 2024 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Adams, Leslie	\$187.10
Austin, Troy	\$109.69
Boyd, Matthew	\$2.67
Carver, Justin	\$170.15
Choate, Alison	\$187.89
Cronkhite, Neil C	\$653.40
Flagg, Tony	\$103.67
Grover, Jyssica	\$15.63
Holmes, Mark	\$137.43
Ladd, Boyd	\$315.17
Ladd, Elayne	\$62.83
Laffin, Timothy	\$80.74
Laplante, Caren	\$190.05
Lee, John	\$2.07
Luce, Frederick	\$125.26
Martin, Janet R	\$0.07
McCluskey, David	\$117.08
Nolet, Verne	\$76.62
Paskell, Ronald	\$16.03
Paul, Michael	\$288.38
Pelletier, Matthew	\$282.29
Petersen, Robert Estate of	\$35.42
Pierson, Gloria	\$63.37
Schofield, Kimberly D	\$21.31
Searles, Ted	\$46.29
Sullivan, Ruth	\$1.12
	<u>\$3,291.73</u>

### 2024 Real Estate Taxes - Liened

Adams, Leslie W	\$279.57
Adams, Leslie W	\$2,011.92
Hill, Joan C	\$110.46
Hutchinson, Estate of Rodney A	\$429.90
Meehan, Arthur H	\$511.10
Pelletier, Sylvain A	\$697.38
Storer Jr, Granville H	* \$831.13
Vining, Kenneth H	\$1,204.97
White, Donna M	\$1,173.58
	<u>\$7,250.01</u>

### 2024 Tax Acquired

Verreault, Thomas G	<u>\$128.62</u>
	\$128.62

### 2025 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Adams, Leonard	\$207.94
Adams, Linda D	\$2,013.23
Adams, Linda D	\$279.57
Adams, Linda D	\$177.98
Alexander, Jody	\$187.33
Alwyn, Beth	\$102.73
Amburg, Gary	\$105.02
Arsenault, Francis	\$182.87
Austin, Troy	\$104.30
Beaudry, Rene	* \$142.86
Beaulieu, Kelly	* \$250.70
Beaulieu, Kelly	* \$259.69
Beaulieu, Kelly	* \$234.84
Beaulieu, Kelly	* \$264.92
Belanger, Christen	\$627.80
Belanger, Rhonda	\$132.91
Blodgett, Ronald E	* \$1,388.01
Blouin, John	\$139.93
Boyd, Matthew	\$6.01
Bronish, Jr. Edward	\$136.17
Burhoe, Kelly	\$747.47
Casal, Christopher	\$8.53

**2025 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Cont'd**

Choate, Alison		\$178.88
Churchill, Dana		\$30.61
Conant, Heather		\$1,239.62
Coolidge, Marvin K		\$1,657.43
Coolidge, Marvin K		\$76.74
Crandall, Chad		\$422.55
Diamond Towers IV LLC		\$1,090.00
Duval, Deborah	*	\$169.22
Egan, Sharon		\$411.09
Ellis, Scott	*	\$244.24
Elmendorf, William T		\$858.55
Eudy Jr, Enoch H Rev Trust		\$3,085.77
Fish, Jerald C		\$543.87
Fish, Jerald E		\$745.94
Fish, Larry		\$1,264.02
Fogg, Shawn		\$73.29
Friedman, David L Trustee	**	\$37.67
Friedman, David Trustee	*	\$165.34
Gallant, Greg		\$168.45
Gaudet, Keith		\$125.91
Gaudreau, Jason	*	\$166.01
Goodwin, Kevin		\$847.56
Gossett, Michelle		\$93.55
Griffin, Melissa		\$41.29
Grover, Jyssica		\$8.72
Harris, Andrew		\$7.81
Hill, Joan C		\$512.39
Hilton, Henry Trustee	*	\$14.28
Holmes, Mark		\$187.34
Hoover, Melody A		\$202.60
Horne, Donald O	**	\$1,424.99
Hutchinson, Estate of Rodney A		\$429.90
Hutchinson, Glen	*	\$82.84
Hutchinson, Glenn N	*	\$69.76
Jacques, Shawn		\$202.62
Kane, Thomas F III	*	\$418.46
Knauer, Melissa		\$180.00
Kuvaja, Nancy		\$0.86
Ladd, Elayne		\$284.66
Laffin, Timothy		\$64.31

### 2025 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Cont'd

Laplante, Caren		\$182.24
Latham, Jonathan		\$839.18
Lee, John		\$320.46
Lee, Steven A	*	\$1,213.37
Lee, Steven A	*	\$84.58
Libby, Jason		\$576.41
Lowell, George		\$164.97
Lowell, Kathleen		\$112.53
Lutick, Donald P		\$2,127.85
Lutick, Donald P		\$566.80
Martha Winter-Vining Life Estate	**	\$405.82
Martin, Janet R		\$517.42
Masterman, Linda	**	\$2.64
Masterman, Linda	**	\$31.22
Mayhew, Tammy		\$85.51
Meehan, Arthur H		\$511.10
Merrill, David	*	\$11.35
Moore, Pamela		\$0.42
Mulkern, Martin		\$146.66
Nolet, Verne		\$73.31
North Light Construction Inc	*	\$232.55
Oldham, Scott		\$277.29
Paskell, Ronald		\$16.03
Payne, Robert D		\$1,179.93
Pelletier, Matthew		\$263.21
Pelletier, Sylvain A		\$702.83
Petersen, Robert Estate of		\$35.42
Pierson, Gloria		\$60.80
Potter, Wendy		\$2,217.62
Raymond, Jamie		\$117.58
Reichenbach, Joshua	*	\$20.00
Renehan, Terry		\$250.70
Richards, Derek		\$10.90
Rocap, Richard T	*	\$751.37
Schofield, Kimberly D		\$933.79
Sherrer, James R		\$2,361.63
Sherwin, Jacqueline	*	\$13.28
Smith, Belinda		\$121.15
Smith, Joshua		\$1.00

**2025 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes Cont'd**

Sorel, Tim	\$54.37
Starbird, Dylan	\$77.82
Stevens, Brenda	\$362.52
Stevens, Melissa	\$273.06
Storer Jr, Granville H	* \$831.13
Stowell, Preston M	\$1,552.54
Sullivan, Ruth A	\$228.90
Thibodeau, Brenda	\$3.27
Tompkins, Tom	\$75.56
Toothaker, Jodi	\$204.75
Vining, Kenneth H	\$1,204.97
Vining, Stephen D	\$1,856.48
Walker, Michael	* \$772.54
Webb, Robert	\$200.33
Webster, Andrew	\$871.91
Webster, Mary F	\$427.83
Whipple, Michael D	\$840.99
White, Donna M	\$1,173.58
White, John S	\$695.33
White, John S	\$103.55
White, Kristy	\$87.33
William Green Poole Verry Trustee	\$0.30
Wrinn, Nichole	\$114.58
Zur Muhlen, Darcy M	\$2.68
	<u>\$55,087.19</u>

**2025 Tax Acquired**

Verreault, Thomas G	<u>\$128.62</u>
	\$128.62

\*\* Partial Paid after 12/31/2025

\* Paid after 12/31/2025

**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2025 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM**

*Municipality: Weld*

**BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT**

1. Total taxable valuation of real estate	1	120,199,183	(must match MVR Page 1, line 6)
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	49,267	(must match MVR Page 1, line 10)
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	120,248,450	(must match MVR Page 1, line 11)
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	2,873,000	(must match MVR Page 1, line 14f)
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	2,183,480	(Line 4(a) multiplied by 0.76)
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	0	(must match MVR Page 2, line 15c)
(b) BETE exemption reimbursement value	5(b)	0	(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)
Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Contact MRS for the Enhanced Tax Rate Calculator form.			
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	122,431,930	

**Assessments**

7. County tax	7	254,008.50	
8. Municipal appropriation	8	909,665.00	
9. TIF Financing plan amount	9	0.00	(must match MVR Page 2, line 16c +16d)
10. Local education appropriation (local share/contribution)	10	695,693.60	(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)
11. Total Appropriation (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	1,859,367.10	

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12	29,000.00	
13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do Not Include any homestead or BETE Reimbursement))	13	525,500.00	
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	554,500.00	
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15	1,304,867.10	

16.	1,304,867.10	X	1.05	=	1,370,110.46	Maximum Allowable Tax
	(Amount from line 15)					
17.	1,304,867.10	/	122,431,930	=	0.010658	Minimum Tax Rate
	(Amount from line 15)		(Amount from line 6)			
18.	1,370,110.46	/	122,431,930	=	0.011190	Maximum Tax Rate
	(Amount from line 16)		(Amount from line 6)			
19.	120,248,450	X	0.0109	=	1,310,708.11	Tax for Commitment
	(Amount from line 3)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)	
20.	1,304,867.10	X	0.05	=	65,243.36	Maximum Overlay
	(Amount from line 15)					
21.	2,183,480	X	0.0109	=	23,799.93	Homestead Reimbursement
	(Amount from line 4b)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)	
22.	0	X	0.0109	=	0.00	BETE Reimbursement
	(Amount from line 5b)		(Selected Rate)		(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)	
23.	1,334,508.04	-	1,304,867.10	=	29,640.94	Overlay
	(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)		(Amount from line 15)		(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)	

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

**Taxable Valuation For the Past Ten Years**

Year	Taxable Real Estate	Taxable Personal Property	Homestead & BETE	Total Valuation Base	Assessments	Allowable Deductions	Net to be Raised	Tax Rate
2015	\$114,333,366	\$26,389	\$749,088	\$115,108,843	\$903,710.50	(\$28,271.74)	\$875,438.76	0.00787
2016	\$115,950,214	\$31,792	\$1,117,500	\$117,099,506	\$919,637.78	(\$21,036.46)	\$898,601.32	0.00795
2017	\$116,124,391	\$40,364	\$1,490,000	\$117,654,755	\$1,020,927.05	(\$26,392.49)	\$994,534.56	0.00875
2018	\$116,973,989	\$40,324	\$1,875,000	\$118,889,313	\$995,957.98	\$0.00	\$995,957.98	0.00840
2019	\$116,903,893	\$61,331	\$1,875,000	\$118,840,224	\$975,105.26	(\$39,310.00)	\$935,795.26	0.00825
2020	\$116,144,002	\$31,342	\$2,626,035	\$118,801,379	\$1,015,877.72	(\$44,280.00)	\$971,597.72	0.00840
2021	\$116,717,554	\$19,280	\$2,743,438	\$119,480,272	\$1,014,609.41	(\$45,300.00)	\$969,309.41	0.00840
2022	\$117,693,641	\$16,047	\$2,723,136	\$120,432,824	\$1,331,861.68	(\$333,600.00)	\$998,261.68	0.00855
2023	\$118,207,693	\$71,305	\$2,758,642	\$121,037,640	\$1,556,950.94	(\$427,430.00)	\$1,129,520.94	0.00955
2024	\$119,304,755	\$55,449	\$2,236,926	\$121,597,130	\$1,974,890.83	(\$678,084.00)	\$1,296,806.83	0.01090
2025	\$120,199,183	\$49,267	\$2,183,480	\$122,431,930	\$1,859,367.10	(\$554,500.00)	\$1,304,867.10	0.01090

**Town Meeting Appropriations For the Past Ten Years**

Year	Raised	Appropriated	Education	County	Overlay	Total	Tax Rate
2015	\$322,060.52	\$287,239.00	\$457,526.48	\$124,123.50	\$30,467.84	\$1,221,417.34	0.00795
2016	\$315,366.00	\$225,492.00	\$478,811.28	\$129,460.50	\$32,339.76	\$1,181,469.54	0.00795
2017	\$422,534.00	\$23,334.21	\$465,772.83	\$132,620.25	\$34,944.52	\$1,079,205.81	0.00875
2018	\$322,407.00	\$284,844.00	\$493,199.70	\$140,351.28	\$42,712.25	\$1,283,514.23	0.00840
2019	\$314,770.00	\$295,724.00	\$509,931.01	\$150,404.25	\$44,636.59	\$1,315,465.85	0.00825
2020	\$374,892.00	\$303,508.00	\$483,348.47	\$157,637.25	\$26,333.86	\$1,345,719.58	0.00840
2021	\$372,889.00	\$348,485.00	\$480,676.74	\$161,044.00	\$34,324.88	\$1,397,419.62	0.00840
2022	\$306,918.00	\$333,600.00	\$521,411.68	\$169,932.00	\$31,438.96	\$1,363,300.64	0.00855
2023	\$310,485.00	\$427,430.00	\$611,372.64	\$207,663.30	\$26,388.52	\$1,583,339.46	0.00955
2024	\$331,528.00	\$698,084.00	\$700,928.53	\$244,350.30	\$28,601.88	\$2,003,492.71	0.10900
2025	\$330,165.00	\$579,500.00	\$695,693.60	\$254,008.50	\$29,640.94	\$1,889,008.04	0.10900

**Town of Weld 2025 Payroll/Pay Rates and 2026 Pay Rates**

Employee	Position	2025 Gross Pay	2025 Hourly Rate/Stipend	2026 Hourly Rate/Stipend
Lise Bofinger	Animal Control Officer	\$429.00	\$16.50/hr	\$16.97/hr
Barbara Castonguay	Planning Board Member	\$490.00	\$490 (Stipend)	\$504 (Stipend)
Carol Cochran	Town Clerk; Tax Collector	\$43,632.56	\$21.79/hr	\$22.42/hr
Carol Conant	Planning Board Member	\$490.00	\$490 (Stipend)	\$504 (Stipend)
Michael Conant III	Fire Fighter	\$1,024.87	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Stephen Conant	Select Board Member	\$3,269.00	\$3,269 (Stipend)	\$3,363 (Stipend)
Richard Davol	Fire Fighter	\$1,765.44	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Sharon Davol	Fire Fighter, Fire Department Administrative Assistant (2026)	\$3,451.08	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr, \$18.50/hr
Naomi Doughty	Planning Board, Chair	\$490.00	\$490 (Stipend)	\$504 (Stipend)
David Errington	Plumbing Inspector	\$3,148.75	75.00%	75.00%
Patrick Flynn	Fire Fighter	\$1,357.50	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Corey Hutchinson	Fire Chief, Fire Fighter	\$4,263.11	\$3,000 (Stipend); \$17.98/hr	\$4,000 (Stipend); \$18.50/hr
Ernestine Hutchinson	Planning Board Member	\$490.00	\$490 (Stipend)	\$504 (Stipend)
Robert Jackson Jr	Public Works Road Commissioner	\$69,779.04	\$26.45/hr	\$27.21/hr
David Jarvis	Public Works Building & Grounds	\$6,039.00	\$16.50/hr	\$16.97/hr
Jonathan Lamson	Transfer Station Attendant	\$2,090.66	\$16.50/hr	\$16.97/hr
Patrick Lowe	Fire Fighter	\$845.07	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Judith Marden	Transfer Station Attendant	\$13,974.20	\$16.50/hr	\$16.97/hr
Matthew McGuire	Fire Fighter	\$94.40	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Miles Merwin	Fire Fighter	\$912.50	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Ethan Miller	Fire Fighter	\$1,317.04	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Lisa Miller	Selectboard; Fire Fighter; Public Health Officer	\$3,687.04	\$3,269 (Stipend); \$17.98/hr, 0	\$3,363 (Stipend); \$18.50/hr, 0
Steven O'Brien Jr	Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator	\$50,290.93	\$21.16/hr	\$21.77/hr
Richard Profenno	Fire Fighter	\$4,306.22	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Christopher Smith	Fire Fighter	\$404.55	\$17.98/hr	\$18.50/hr
Michael Stephenson	Code Enforcement Officer	\$4,076.21	\$19.07/hr	\$19.62/hr
Colleen Stewart	Treasurer	\$28,876.25	\$18.52/hr	\$19.05/hr
Dina Walker	Selectboard, Chair; Public Access Officer	\$4,358.00	\$4,358 (Stipend); 0	\$4,483 (Stipend); 0
Stanley Wilcox	Planning Board; Assistant Fire Chief; Fire Fighter	\$3,440.31	\$490 (Stipend); \$2,000 (Stipend); \$17.98/hr	\$504 (Stipend); \$3,000 (Stipend); \$18.50/hr
<b>Total Wages</b>		<b>\$258,792.73</b>		

**Town of Weld General Ledger & Fund Balances  
December 31, 2025**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Androscoggin Checking	\$1,037,123.18
Petty Cash Tax Collector	\$200.00
Petty Cash Transfer Station	\$40.00
Petty Cash Treasurer	\$130.00
Petty Cash Weld Recreation	\$100.00
Kennedy Bridge	\$531.03
Center Hill Cemetery	\$7,075.89
Mt View Cemetery	\$4,803.07
Penelope Stowell Trust	\$10,543.42
Robertson Cemetery	\$3,916.57
Soldiers Cemetery	\$57.00
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b>	
Fund Balance/Surplus	\$592,744.21
Weld Recreation	\$1,729.59
Cemetery Stone Repair	\$6,795.00
Veteran Memorial	\$1,897.00
Property Re-Evaluation	\$5,000.00
Center Hill Cemetery Plots	\$4,815.67
Tennis Court	\$1,391.70
Sesquicentennial Expense	\$902.28
George & Raymond Frank Foundation	\$485.00
Animal Control	\$990.32
LRAP Kennedy Bridge Repair	\$2,222.58
LRAP	\$67,069.92
LRAP Maxwell Rd Future Paving	\$62,000.00
PS Equipment Reserve	\$48,200.00
GG Building Capital Improvements	\$60,559.90
PW Building Capital Improvements	\$23,948.52
PW Equipment Reserve	\$0.00
PS Donations	\$6,666.24
TS Building Capital Improvements	\$44,135.95

**Town of Weld Revenue Summary  
December 31, 2025**

<b>10 - General Government</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
1000 - Excise Tax	\$100,000.00	\$109,384.50
1050 - Boat Excise Tax	\$2,000.00	\$2,196.30
2000 - Agent Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,618.00
2100 - Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$287.40
3000 - Tax Commitment	\$1,310,708.11	\$1,311,673.48
3050 - Interest on Taxes	\$0.00	\$2,817.14
3060 - Interest on Liens	\$0.00	\$632.24
3075 - Lien Costs	\$0.00	\$1,820.66
3500 - Copies/Fax	\$0.00	\$13.00
4500 - Building Permit	\$1,500.00	\$3,075.00
4550 - Violation Fees	\$0.00	\$250.00
4600 - Hazardous Tree Permit	\$0.00	\$400.00
4700 - Subdivision Permit	\$0.00	\$300.00
5000 - Interest Income	\$3,000.00	\$4,978.91
6000 - TO PO Lease Revenue	\$32,500.00	\$32,499.96
6110 - Town Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$600.00
6113 - Weld Recreation	\$0.00	\$5,910.83
6115 - Donations Town Hall	\$0.00	\$0.00
6300 - PO Snow Removal Reimbursement	\$700.00	\$0.00
6400 - Workers Comp Audit Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00
6500 - MMA Dividend	\$0.00	\$1,079.00
7000 - State Park	\$35,000.00	\$37,432.09
7100 - Homestead Reimbursement	\$23,799.93	\$25,759.96
7200 - Veterans Reimbursement	\$300.00	\$290.00
7300 - Tree Growth	\$50,000.00	\$76,892.80
7350 - Tree Growth Penalties	\$0.00	\$7,722.92
7400 - State Revenue Sharing	\$29,000.00	\$31,353.38
7600 - RSU 9 Electric Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$280.00
7700 - Masons Fuel Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00
8000 - General Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00
8500 - Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$964.92
8600 - BETE	\$0.00	\$6.00
8700 - FEMA	\$190,000.00	\$368,654.25
9000 - Use of Fund Balance	\$62,000.00	\$0.00
<b>20 - Public Safety</b>		
1100 - Franklin County	\$6,000.00	\$6,191.70
1101 - Public Safety Donations	\$0.00	\$6,989.78
<b>36 - LRAP Projects</b>		
1000 - LRAP Projects	\$30,000.00	\$18,846.79
<b>50 - Transfer Station</b>		
1000 - Transfer Station Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$6,616.50
1100 - Franklin County	\$5,000.00	\$5,217.36
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,889,008.04</b>	<b>\$2,074,754.87</b>

## 2026 Annual Town Meeting Appropriation Planning Worksheet

Total	2025 Town Meeting Appropriated (03/08/2025)	2025 Revenues	2026 Select Board Proposed Appropriations	Town Meeting Approve to Appropriate (03/07/2026)
	(\$1,889,008.04)	(\$2,067,765.09)	(\$393,099.00)	
<b>Revenue Accounts</b>	(\$1,797,008.04)	(\$2,048,918.30)	(\$343,099.00)	
	*****	*****	*****	*****
1000 - Excise Tax	(\$100,000.00)	(\$109,384.50)	(\$105,000.00)	
*1050 - Boat Excise Tax	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,196.30)	(\$2,100.00)	
2000 - Agent Fees	(\$3,500.00)	(\$3,618.00)	(\$3,500.00)	
2100 - Clerk Fees		(\$287.40)		
3000 - Tax Commitment	(\$1,310,708.11)	(\$1,311,673.48)		
3050 - Interest on Taxes		(\$2,817.14)		
3060 - Interest on Liens		(\$632.24)		
3075 - Lien Costs		(\$1,820.66)		
3500 - Copies/Fax		(\$13.00)		
4500 - Bldg Permits	(\$1,500.00)	(\$3,075.00)	(\$3,000.00)	
4550 - Violation Fees		(\$250.00)		
4600 - Haz Tree Permit		(\$400.00)		
4700 - Subdivision Permit		(\$300.00)		
5000 - Interest Income	(\$3,000.00)	(\$4,978.91)	(\$3,000.00)	
6000 - TO/PO Lease Revenue	(\$32,500.00)	(\$32,499.96)	(\$32,500.00)	
6110 - Town Hall Rental		(\$600.00)		
6113 - Weld Recreation		(\$5,910.83)		
6115 - TH Donations		\$0.00		
6300 - PO Snow Removal	(\$700.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	
6400 - Workers Comp Audit		\$0.00		
6500 - MMA Dividend		(\$1,079.00)		
*7000 - State Park Fee	(\$35,000.00)	(\$37,432.09)	(\$40,000.00)	
*7100 - Homestead	(\$23,799.93)	(\$25,759.96)	(\$25,000.00)	
*7200 - Veterans	(\$300.00)	(\$290.00)	(\$290.00)	
7300 - Tree Growth	(\$50,000.00)	(\$76,892.80)	(\$75,000.00)	
7350 - TG Penalties		(\$7,722.92)		
*7400 - State Rev Share	(\$29,000.00)	(\$31,353.38)	(\$33,000.00)	
7600 - RSU 9 Electric Reimb		(\$280.00)		
8000 - General Reimb				
8500 - Misc Revenue		(\$964.92)		
8600 - BETE		(\$6.00)		
8700 - FEMA	(\$190,000.00)	(\$368,654.25)		
1100 - PS Franklin Cty	(\$6,000.00)	(\$6,191.70)	(\$7,595.00)	
1000 - TS Revenue	(\$4,000.00)	(\$6,616.50)	(\$6,000.00)	
1100 - TS Franklin Cty	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,217.36)	(\$6,114.00)	
	*****	*****	*****	*****
<b>Fund Accounts</b>	(\$92,000.00)	(\$18,846.79)	(\$50,000.00)	
	*****	*****	*****	*****
300-00 Surplus	(\$62,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)	
700-00 LRAP	(\$30,000.00)	(\$18,846.79)	(\$40,000.00)	
	*****	*****	*****	*****

\* Amounts Used in Tax Commitment

## 2026 Annual Town Meeting Planning Workbook

2026	Total	2025 Town Meeting Approved Budget (03/08/2025)	2025 Expenses	2026 Select Board Budget Recommend	2026 Town Meeting Approve to Raise (03/07/2026)	2026 Town Meeting Budget Approve (03/07/2026)
10 General Government		\$1,859,367.10	(\$1,652,473.08)	\$930,646.00		
100 - Operations		\$264,910.00	(\$254,539.85)	\$318,738.00		
		\$150,114.00	(\$139,379.12)	\$203,001.00		
20 - Abatements		\$1,000.00	(\$2,560.32)	\$2,000.00		
21 - Re-Evaluation		\$5,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$35,000.00		
22 - Assessments		\$17,000.00	(\$17,000.00)	\$24,000.00		
23 - Annual Audit		\$6,000.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$6,000.00		
25 - AVCOG		\$2,263.00	(\$2,263.00)	\$2,315.00		
28 - MMA Dues		\$2,100.00	(\$2,194.00)	\$2,236.00		
30 - Computer/Copier		\$17,000.00	(\$16,484.19)	\$16,400.00		
31 - Town Report Printing				\$1,100.00		
32 - Town Website				\$750.00		
50 - Insurances		\$25,000.00	(\$26,511.50)	\$27,000.00		
55 - Insurance-Health		\$33,200.00	(\$33,239.24)	\$39,000.00		
57 - Social Security		\$14,900.00	(\$14,402.60)	\$15,350.00		
58 - Medicare		\$3,500.00	(\$3,368.44)	\$3,600.00		
59 - Employer PFML		\$1,251.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
60 - Office Expense		\$3,000.00	(\$3,010.77)	\$3,000.00		
62 - Legal Expense		\$13,000.00	(\$3,647.00)	\$20,000.00		
70 - Mileage Reimb		\$400.00	(\$186.00)	\$250.00		
71 - Misc Expense		\$100.00	(\$2.40)	\$100.00		
72 - Current Exp		\$1,400.00	(\$1,724.77)	\$1,400.00		
74 - Overpayments		\$0.00	\$2,169.50	\$0.00		
80 - Supplies		\$3,000.00	(\$3,144.39)	\$2,500.00		
90 - Training		\$1,000.00	(\$810.00)	\$1,000.00		

## 2026 Annual Town Meeting Planning Workbook

2026	Total	2025 Town Meeting Approved Budget (03/08/2025)	2025 Expenses	2026 Select Board Budget Recommend	2026 Town Meeting Approve to Raise (03/07/2026)	2026 Town Meeting Budget Approve (03/07/2026)
<b>150 - Utilities</b>		<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>(\$15,660.32)</b>	<b>\$15,700.00</b>		
20 - Electric		\$2,500.00	(\$2,850.15)	\$2,900.00		
25 - Street Light		\$3,600.00	(\$3,547.14)	\$3,600.00		
40 - Htg Fuel		\$3,400.00	(\$3,708.73)	\$3,500.00		
50 - Propane		\$2,000.00	(\$2,076.19)	\$2,200.00		
60 - Phone		\$3,500.00	(\$3,478.11)	\$3,500.00		
<b>200 - Payroll</b>		<b>\$93,820.00</b>	<b>(\$88,783.64)</b>	<b>\$92,772.00</b>		
05 - Tax Collector		\$22,664.00	(\$20,899.53)	\$22,000.00		
10 - Town Clerk		\$22,664.00	(\$20,513.15)	\$22,000.00		
15 - Treasurer		\$28,878.00	(\$28,876.25)	\$29,745.00		
20 - Selectboard		\$10,896.00	(\$10,896.00)	\$11,202.00		
22 - Elections		\$2,454.00	(\$1,072.50)	\$1,200.00		
25 - Planning Bd		\$2,450.00	(\$2,450.00)	\$2,525.00		
30 - CEO		\$3,814.00	(\$4,076.21)	\$4,100.00		
40 - Plumbing Insp		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>250 - General Assistance</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		
10 - Gen Assist		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		
<b>600 - Town Bldg Maint</b>		<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>(\$2,329.94)</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>		
10 - TO/PO Maint		\$1,500.00	(\$1,559.94)	\$1,600.00		
20 - Town Hall Maint		\$1,000.00	(\$770.00)	\$1,000.00		
30 - Mill St Garage		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00		
99 - Building Cap Imprvmt		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>850 - Social/Recreational Services</b>		<b>\$2,476.00</b>	<b>(\$8,386.83)</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>		
10 - Life Flight		\$376.00	(\$376.00)	\$415.00		
20 - Safe Voices		\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00		
26 - Weld Recreation		\$0.00	(\$5,910.83)	\$0.00		
28 - Weld Observer				\$1,500.00		
30 - Weld Free Public Library		\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$2,000.00		

## 2026 Annual Town Meeting Planning Workbook

2026	Total	2025 Town Meeting Approved Budget (03/08/2025)	2025 Expenses	2026 Select Board Budget Recommendation	2026 Town Meeting Approve to Raise (03/07/2026)	2026 Town Meeting Budget Approve (03/07/2026)
	12 - County Tax	\$254,008.50	<b>(\$254,008.50)</b>	\$0.00		
	00 - County Tax	\$254,008.50	<b>(\$254,008.50)</b>	\$0.00		
	14 - RSU 9	\$695,693.60	<b>(\$695,693.60)</b>	\$0.00		
	00 - RSU 9	\$695,693.60	<b>(\$695,693.60)</b>	\$0.00		

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<b>20 - Public Safety</b>		<b>\$109,746.00</b>	<b>(\$107,047.23)</b>	<b>\$125,241.00</b>		
<b>100 - Operations</b>		<b>\$37,100.00</b>	<b>(\$36,741.43)</b>	<b>\$30,200.00</b>		
70 - Mileage Reim		\$100.00	(\$221.00)	\$200.00		
72 - Current Exp		\$4,000.00	(\$3,568.66)	\$4,000.00		
75 - Protective Gear		\$6,000.00	(\$6,705.51)	\$5,000.00		
77 - Small Equip Maint		\$1,000.00	(\$871.88)	\$1,000.00		
78 - Small Equip Replcmt		\$16,000.00	(\$14,960.32)	\$10,000.00		
80 - Supplies		\$2,000.00	(\$2,304.38)	\$2,000.00		
90 - Training		\$8,000.00	(\$8,109.68)	\$8,000.00		
<b>125 - Animal Control</b>		<b>\$1,428.00</b>	<b>(\$1,221.00)</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>		
05 - Franklin County		\$1,128.00	(\$1,128.00)	\$1,200.00		
10 - Equipment		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
20 - Mileage		\$100.00	(\$18.00)	\$100.00		
30 - Training		\$100.00	(\$75.00)	\$300.00		
<b>150 - Utilities</b>		<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>(\$4,820.85)</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>		
20 - Electric		\$850.00	(\$1,095.67)	\$1,000.00		
50 - Propane		\$2,000.00	(\$2,007.55)	\$2,000.00		
60 - Phone		\$1,200.00	(\$1,172.69)	\$1,200.00		
65 - Cell Phone		\$700.00	(\$544.94)	\$600.00		
<b>200 - Payroll</b>		<b>\$15,759.00</b>	<b>(\$16,042.80)</b>	<b>\$24,500.00</b>		
35 - ACO		\$510.00	(\$429.00)	\$500.00		
50 - Fire Chief		\$3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$4,000.00		
51 - Asst Fire Chief		\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$3,000.00		
55 - Firefighter		\$10,249.00	(\$10,613.80)	\$12,000.00		
56 - E911 Officer				\$1,000.00		
57 - Fire Admin Asst				\$4,000.00		

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<b>500 - Veh &amp; Equip Maint</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>(\$19,764.31)</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>		
00 - Veh & Equip Maint		\$20,000.00		\$10,000.00		
50 - PS 99 Ford		\$0.00	(\$3,630.34)			
55 - PS 84 GMC		\$0.00	(\$3,584.00)			
58 - PS 17 Ford		\$0.00	(\$11,522.97)			
59 - PS 09 Yamaha Snowmobile		\$0.00	(\$1,027.00)			
60 - PS 22 Snowmobile Trailer		\$0.00	\$0.00			
99 - PS Equip Reserve		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		
<b>550 - Fuel</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>(\$540.34)</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>		
05 - Diesel		\$700.00	(\$540.34)	\$550.00		
06 - Gasoline		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		
<b>600 - Town Bldg Maint</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>(\$508.00)</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>		
60 - Fire Hall Maint		\$2,500.00	(\$508.00)	\$1,500.00		
99 - Building Cap Imprvmt				\$10,000.00		
<b>900 - Contracted Services</b>		<b>\$27,409.00</b>	<b>(\$27,408.50)</b>	<b>\$32,041.00</b>		
10 - Ambulance		\$27,409.00	(\$27,408.50)	\$32,041.00		

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<b>31 - Public Works</b>		\$436,529.00	<b>(\$248,177.40)</b>	\$400,161.00		
<b>100 - Operations</b>		\$98,050.00	<b>(\$96,583.95)</b>	\$114,500.00		
55 - Insur-Health		\$46,400.00	(\$46,348.64)	\$51,000.00		
70 - Mileage		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		
72 - Current Exp		\$500.00	(\$1,011.75)	\$500.00		
76 - Small Tools		\$1,200.00	(\$1,550.57)	\$1,500.00		
77 - Small Equip Maint & Rpr		\$500.00	(\$130.14)	\$250.00		
78 - Small Equip Replcmt		\$5,000.00	(\$9,143.87)	\$5,000.00		
79 - Equip Rental		\$1,000.00	(\$300.00)	\$300.00		
80 - Supplies		\$2,000.00	(\$2,019.66)	\$2,000.00		
82 - Salt		\$24,000.00	(\$22,038.24)	\$28,000.00		
83 - Sand		\$15,000.00	(\$12,480.00)	\$20,000.00		
84 - Flake Calcium		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00		
86 - Gravel		\$2,000.00	(\$1,204.00)	\$4,000.00		
90 - Training		\$300.00	(\$357.08)	\$400.00		
<b>150 - Utilities</b>		\$7,800.00	<b>(\$9,568.09)</b>	\$8,800.00		
20 - Electric		\$2,500.00	(\$2,924.62)	\$3,000.00		
40 - Htg Fuel		\$3,500.00	(\$4,845.20)	\$4,000.00		
60 - Phone		\$1,200.00	(\$1,253.33)	\$1,200.00		
65 - Cell Phone		\$600.00	(\$544.94)	\$600.00		
<b>200 - Payroll</b>		\$117,081.00	<b>(\$89,094.21)</b>	\$123,526.00		
58 - Bldg & Grnds Attendant		\$11,757.00	(\$6,039.00)	\$9,500.00		
70 - Road Commissioner		\$61,523.00	(\$50,613.78)	\$63,348.00		
71 - Heavy Equip Operator		\$43,801.00	(\$32,441.43)	\$50,678.00		
<b>400 - Lease Payments</b>		\$13,098.00	<b>(\$13,097.90)</b>	\$55,585.00		
15 - Ford F550 Lease		\$13,098.00	(\$13,097.90)	\$13,098.00		
19 - MMA BB Kennedy Brdg		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,487.00		
<b>450 - FEMA Road Repair</b>		\$150,000.00	<b>(\$150,028.00)</b>	\$0.00		
23 - 2023 Storm Damage		\$150,000.00	(\$150,028.00)	\$0.00		

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<b>500 - Veh &amp; Equip Maint</b>		<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$131,172.39</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>		
00 - Veh & Equip Maint		\$30,000.00	\$5,250.00	\$27,000.00		
06 - PW 90 Jdeere			\$48,771.28			
07 - PW 78 Rock Rake			\$97.75			
08 - PW 18 CAT			\$33,780.76			
09 - PW 23 Excavator			\$2,085.34			
11 - PW 08 Ford			<b>(\$1,388.76)</b>			
14 - PW 10 Intl			<b>(\$562.75)</b>			
15 - PW 15 Ford			\$4,307.22			
16 - PW 16 Intl			\$42,262.28			
22 - PW 16 CubCadet Rdg Mwr			\$0.00			
23 - PW 21 Kubota Mower			\$0.00			
24 - PW 13 Stihl WW			\$0.00			
25 - PW 16 Snow Blower			\$0.00			
80 - PW Vehicle Supplies			<b>(\$3,430.73)</b>			
99 - PW Equip Reserve		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		
<b>550 - Fuel</b>		<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>(\$17,473.19)</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>		
05 - Diesel		\$15,000.00	(\$14,818.81)	\$15,000.00		
06 - Gasoline		\$2,000.00	(\$2,654.38)	\$2,500.00		
<b>600 - Town Bldg Maint</b>		<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>(\$2,068.97)</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
40 - Town Garage Maint		\$1,100.00	(\$2,068.97)	\$1,000.00		
99 - Building Cap Imprvmt		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>650 - Mowing &amp; Grounds</b>		<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>(\$1,000.00)</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>		
05 - Supplies		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$150.00		
20 - Tennis Court		\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00		
25 - Cemetery Stone Rpr		\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$1,000.00		
<b>750 - Signs</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>(\$435.48)</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>		
10 - Signs		\$300.00	(\$435.48)	\$300.00		

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36 - LRAP		\$30,000.00	(\$18,846.79)	\$40,000.00		
800 - LRAP		\$30,000.00	(\$18,846.79)	\$40,000.00		
10 - LRAP Resurface Back Rds		\$12,000.00	(\$7,836.78)	\$12,000.00		
11 - Maxwell Rd Paving		\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$8,000.00		
12 - LRAP Kennedy Bridge		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
14 - LRAP W Brook Bridge				\$10,000.00		
15 - LRAP ROW Maint		\$8,000.00	(\$1,010.01)	\$10,000.00		

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50 - Transfer Station		\$68,480.00	<b>(\$74,159.71)</b>	\$86,506.00		
<b>100 - Operations</b>		<b>\$49,310.00</b>	<b>(\$56,088.72)</b>	<b>\$64,136.00</b>		
26 - Recycling		\$4,560.00	(\$1,140.00)	\$0.00		
27 - Waste Disposal		\$42,000.00	(\$54,161.78)	\$60,000.00		
70 - Mileage Reimb		\$50.00	(\$57.00)	\$100.00		
72 - Current Exp		\$1,000.00	(\$680.00)	\$700.00		
77 - Sm Equip Maint		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,236.00		
80 - Supplies		\$600.00	(\$49.94)	\$100.00		
90 - Training		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
<b>150 - Utilities</b>		<b>\$1,850.00</b>	<b>(\$2,006.13)</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>		
20 - Electric		\$850.00	(\$972.80)	\$1,000.00		
41 - Firewood		\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00		
60 - Phone		\$800.00	(\$833.33)	\$850.00		
<b>200 - Payroll</b>		<b>\$16,320.00</b>	<b>(\$16,064.86)</b>	<b>\$19,320.00</b>		
60 - TS Attendants		\$16,320.00	(\$16,064.86)	\$19,320.00		
<b>600 - Town Bldg Maint</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
50 - Transfer Station		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
99 - Building Cap Imprvmt		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

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TOWN OF WELD, MAINE  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026  
FOR ANNUAL SECRET BALLOT ELECTION – TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026  
AND  
OPEN MEETING – SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

To [                    ], a resident of the Town of Weld in the County of Franklin, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet on Tuesday, MARCH 3, 2026 A.D. to act upon ARTICLE 1, and by secret ballot on ARTICLE 2 below; the polling hours therefore to be from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. located at 23 Mill Street in said Town.

And to notify and warn the said inhabitants to assemble in the Town Hall located at 17 School Street in said Town on Saturday, MARCH 7, 2026 A.D. at 10:00 A.M. to act upon ARTICLES 3 through 25 as set out below, to wit.

The registrar gives notice that she or her designate will be at the Town Hall at 17 School Street to register new voters at 9:30 A.M. of the day of the said meeting being [Saturday, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>] and to correct the check list.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the Municipal Officials by secret ballot.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional and conditional gifts of money or property excluding roads, rights of way, and easements and provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 4: To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Weld Recreation Committee to accept, reject, dispose any in-kind donation under [\$500].

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**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to **raise** and/or **appropriate** for the **General Government Department of the Town** for the ensuing year.

Recommended by the Select Board in consultation with the Budget Committee:

General Government Department Budget	\$318,738
<b>Appropriate</b> from the following Revenues to use as offsets to this department budget:	
Building Permit Fees	\$3,000
Town Office/Post Office Lease	\$32,500
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$75,000
Agent Fees	\$3,500
Interest Income	\$3,000
Anticipated Revenues at Commitment (including Boat Excise Tax, State Park Fee Sharing, Homestead Reimbursement, Veterans Reimbursement, and State Revenue Sharing	\$100,390
Balance to be <b>Raised</b> for this department budget	\$101,348

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to **raise** and/or **appropriate** for the **Public Safety (Fire) Department of the Town** for the ensuing year.

Recommended by the Select Board in consultation with the Budget Committee:

Public Safety Department Budget	\$125,241
<b>Appropriate</b> from the following Revenues to use as offsets to this department budget:	
Franklin County Fee Sharing for Unorganized Territories	\$7,595
Surplus	\$10,000
Balance to be <b>Raised</b> for this department budget	\$107,646

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**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to **raise** and/or **appropriate** for the **Public Works Department of the Town (including Maine DOT Local Road Assistance Program projects (“LRAP”))** for the ensuing year.

Recommended by the Select Board in consultation with the Budget Committee:

Public Works Department Budget	\$400,161
<b>Appropriate</b> from the following Revenues to use as offsets to this department budget:	
Excise Tax	\$105,000
Post Office Snow Removal Reimbursement	\$1,000
LRAP	\$40,000
Balance to be <b>Raised</b> for this department budget	\$254,161

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**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to **raise** and/or **appropriate** for the **Transfer Station Department of the Town** for the ensuing year.

Recommended by the Select Board in consultation with the Budget Committee:

Transfer Station Budget	\$86,506
<b>Appropriate</b> from the following Revenues to use as offsets to this department budget:	
Transfer Station Revenue	\$6,000
Franklin County Fee Sharing for Unorganized Territories	\$6,114
Balance to be <b>Raised</b> for this department budget	\$74,392

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Commercial Site-Plan Review Ordinance as set forth in Attachment 1.

ARTICLE 10: Authorizing Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

To see if the Town will authorize the Chair of the Recreation Space Committee to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 (“Federal Funding”) for the development of the [“Town of Weld Multi-Recreation Space Project” (“Recreation Space Project”)]; and further authorize the Select Board to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State (attached as Attachment 2) subsequent to federal approval of the project.

ARTICLE 11: Authorizing Acceptance of Private Donations in Support of the [Recreation Space Project]

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept donations (in-cash and in-kind) to make up the difference between the cost of the Recreation Space Project and Federal Funding for the Recreation Space Project [contingent upon approval of the Federal Funds].

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, or its appointed representative, to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant through the office of Senator Susan M. Collins’ Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending for the New Construction of the Weld Fire Station and agree to the following terms and conditions imposed by the grant: \_\_\_\_\_; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute all necessary documents and contracts in connection with said grant, and to accept said grant funds if awarded and authorize their expenditure for the purpose of the New Construction of the Weld Fire Station.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to utilize a portion of the property located at Map 25, Lot 9 (commonly known as the Town Garage and Ball Field) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a new Fire Station.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer and Select Board to borrow up to \$1,000,000 at an interest rate not to exceed [ ]% for a term not to exceed [ ] years from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to provide additional funding for the New Construction of the Weld Fire Station not covered by the USDA Rural Development Grant, and to authorize the Select Board to act on anything relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation (in-cash and in-kind) up to \$6,000 from the Webb Lake Association towards the expenses of creating and maintaining a pollinator garden on Town property in front of the Town Office.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a maximum expenditure limit of \$10,000 for all Town Departments and Reserve Fund expenditures; whereby no department or official shall exceed this limit without prior authorization by a vote from the Town, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of foreclosed property located on Map 33 Lot 22. A lien was placed on the property in 2022 and tax acquired by the Town in 2024.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers (Select Board) to sell or dispose of surplus personal property with an estimated value of \$[1000] or less on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$35,000 each year beginning in 2026 and ending in 2028 to the non-lapsing reserve account (E-10-100-21 Re-evaluation) for purposes of saving for a town-wide property re-evaluation (estimated at the cost of \$104,880), to be conducted by John E. O'Donnell & Associates Inc. starting Summer/Fall 2027.

As of December 31, 2025, Account E-10-100-21 Re-evaluation contains a reserve of \$5,000.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept non-cash donations with an estimated cash value under \$1,000 to benefit the Weld Recreation program and authorize the Select Board to accept volunteer services donated to assist the Weld Recreation Committee's activities during 2026.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,222.54 from Account G-01-699-00 LRAP Kennedy Bridge Repair towards payments due in 2026 to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the Kennedy Bridge Repair project completed in 2025.

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ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize appropriation of \$902.28 from Account G-01-501-00 in 2026 for the Weld Recreation Committee to use for hosting a public event in celebration of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Weld Recreation Committee to use cash donations received in 2026 for expenses to organize a public event (retirement party) in honor of Carol Cochran (Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector), Judy Marden, and Jonathan Lamson (Transfer Station Attendants) for their combined 70+ years of public service to the Town.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to set the due date for property taxes committed during 2026 as 60 days after the date the property tax commitment is issued by the assessors, and to set an interest rate of 7.0% per annum to be charged on delinquent balances beginning the day after the due date.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to make a recommendation to the Select Board for the date of the 2027 annual election and budget meeting.

Recommended by Select Board: Election of Municipal Officers March 2, 2027 from 4 PM until 8 PM and March 6, 2027 at 10 AM for all other business.

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

CLEAN - Committee Review and Approved 12/08/2025

## **Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance Town of Weld**

**1.0 Purpose.** This Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance (this “**Ordinance**”) is intended to assure that non-residential and multi-family structures and projects within the Town of Weld are designed and implemented in a manner that (i) ensures adequate provisions for safety and protection of the environment and natural beauty, and (ii) minimizes adverse impacts on the community.

### **2.0 Applicability of Site Plan Review.**

**2.1 Scope.** A person who has right, title, or interest in a parcel of land in the Town of Weld (each, a “**Project Property**”) must obtain Site Plan Approval in accordance with this Ordinance prior to obtaining a building or plumbing permit for the following activities, or undertaking any alteration or improvement of the site including grubbing or grading in connection therewith, or commencing any of the following activities, on the Project Property (each, a “**Project**”):

(1) the construction or placement of any new building or structure for a non-Residential use, including accessory buildings and structures and appurtenant paved areas, impervious surfaces, walkways, drives and parking lots;

(2) modification of the Project Property for a non-Residential purpose involving the construction, placement or modification of any building or structure;

(3) the expansion of an existing non-Residential building or structure, including accessory building, that increases the total floor area;

(4) the conversion of an existing building or structure, in whole or in part, from a Residential use to a non-Residential use;

(5) the establishment of a new non-Residential use even if no new buildings or structures are proposed;

(6) the conversion of an existing non-Residential use, in whole or in part, to another non-Residential use if the new use changes the basic nature of the existing non-Residential use;

(7) the modification of an existing non-Residential use that materially increases the impact of the matters subject to the standards and criteria in Section 5.0 of this Ordinance;

(8) the construction of a Multi-family Residence;

(9) the modification or expansion of an existing Multi-Family Residence; and

(10) the modification or expansion of an existing Residence or a non-Residential building or structure, in whole or in part, into a Multi-family Residence.

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**2.2 Exclusions.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2.1 above, the following activities shall not require Site Plan Approval under this Ordinance.

(1) the construction, alteration, or enlargement of a Residence that is currently not a Multi-family Residence, including accessory buildings and structures, that will not result in it becoming a Multi-family Residence or a non-Residence;

(2) agricultural activities;

(3) lumber harvesting and forest management;

(4) small commercial activities on Residential property owned and operated by the occupants of such Residence (including but not limited to sap harvesting and syrup production, vending of produce and animal product (e.g., eggs, honey, etc.), Residential solar panels and other home occupations, etc.); and

**3.0 Definitions.** Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Ordinance shall have the definitions set forth below.

**“Dwelling Unit”** means any part of a structure which, through sale or lease, is intended for single-family human habitation.

**“Large Commercial Project”** means any Project having:

(i) a cumulative size of all Project Structures exceeding 6,000 square feet;

(ii) (ii) a cumulative size of the Project Site exceeding 20,000 square feet; or

(iii) any occupied Project Structure exceeding 50 feet in height or unoccupied Project Structure exceeding 75 feet in height;

provided, however, that a Large Commercial Project shall not include the renovation, repair or re-purposing of structures currently existing within the Town as of January 1, 2025.

**“Multi-family Residence”** means a building containing five or more Dwelling Units.

**“Project Site”** means location on the Project Property that will be subject to the Site Use or that will be the location of a Project Structure.

**“Project Structure”** means any component of the Project that consists of a structure or building.

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“**Residential**” means pertaining to a Residence other than a Multi-family Residence.

“**Residence**” means a personal residence containing fewer than five Dwelling Units as well as non-commercial structures and buildings appurtenant to such residence (such as garages, storage buildings, personal workshops, barns, driveways, walls, fences, etc.) and landscaping and access routes for or appurtenant to such residence, structures and buildings.

“**Site Plan Approval**” means approval by the Planning Board of the Project and Site Use on the Project Property, as described in the Application, based on the standards and criteria for approval set forth in this Ordinance, including Section 5.

“**Site Use**” means any use of the Project Site or activity on or in connection with the Project Site to implement, operate or maintain the Project or Project Structures.

“**Solar Farm**” means any device(s) consisting of solar photovoltaic cells, modules, or array greater than or equal to a physical size based on the total airspace projected over the ground of 3,000 square feet using solar energy from the sun to generate electricity for the purpose of wholesale or retail sale rather than for the consumption on the property on which the device(s) are located.

**4.0 Site Plan Applications.**

Any person seeking Site Plan Approval under this Ordinance (each, an “**Applicant**”) shall submit to the Planning Board of the Town of Weld (the “**Planning Board**”) an application, signed by the Applicant, including all related information required hereunder, in accordance with this Section (each, an “**Application**”).

The Planning Board may waive any Application requirements hereunder if the Planning Board (i) determines that such Application requirement is not necessary to determine compliance with this Ordinance, and (ii) records such determination and the reasons therefor in writing.

If a specific Application form has been provided by the Town of Weld, all Applications must be submitted on such form.

Each Application shall include the following:

(1) The name, address and phone number of the owner of the Project Property and, if different, the owner of the Project, and the Applicant.

(2) Evidence of the Applicant’s technical and financial capability to carry out the Project as proposed.

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(3) If an Application fee has been required by the Town of Weld, Applications must include evidence of payment of such fee.

(4) A description of the Project, Project Structures and Site Use.

(5) Scale maps or drawing of the proposed Project Structures and Site Use meeting the requirements below:

(a) having a scale sufficient to easily permit confirmation of compliance with this Ordinance;

(b) showing the planned location, size, height and layout of all proposed Project Structures and Site Use;

(c) showing the property lines of the Project Property, all properties abutting the Project Property and all properties within 500 feet of any Project Property boundary.

(6) If the Project, Project Structures or Site Use will increase the sewage handling requirements of the Project Property, Applications must include an adequate and approved septic system design.

(7) A traffic study or similar analysis indicating how much and what types additional vehicular traffic the Project, Project Structures or Site Use will generate.

(8) Evidence supporting Applicant's assertion that the standards and criteria for Site Plan Approval, as set forth in Section 5, have been met.

(9) If the Project is a Solar Farm (as defined in Section 3), the Applicant must adhere to the State of Maine Solar Decommission Law (35-A M.R.S. §§ 3491 – 3496) ("Solar Decommission Law), and must provide a Decommissioning and Removal Plan with the Site Plan Application meeting the requirements below:

(a) The Decommissioning and Removal Plan must contain:

(1) A description of the trigger event for implementing the Decommissioning Plan.

(2) A description of the work required to physically remove the proposed Solar Farm, including associated foundations, buildings, cabling, electrical components, and any other associated facilities to the extent they are not otherwise in or proposed to be placed into productive use.

(3) An estimate of the total cost of decommissioning value of the equipment and itemization of the estimated major expenses, including the projected costs of measures taken to minimize or prevent adverse effects on the environment during implementation of the Decommissioning Plan as according

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to the Solar Decommission Law. The itemization of major costs may include, but is not limited to, the cost of the following activities: panel removal, panel foundation removal and permanent stabilization, building removal and permanent stabilization, transmission corridor removal, reseeded and permanent stabilization, road infrastructure removal and permanent stabilization.

(4) A description of how decommissioning the proposed Solar Farm will be paid for.

**(b) Performance Guarantee**

(1) The Applicant shall provide a performance guarantee to the Town to be deposited in escrow, in an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost of removal, factoring in salvage, of the proposed Solar Farm ("Removal Cost"). Such performance guarantee shall be maintained throughout the life of the proposed Solar Farm through decommission and adjusted in amount every five (5) years based on a re-estimate of the Removal Cost calculated by a Town-approved Maine Licensed Professional Engineer at no cost to the Town.

(2) The performance guarantee shall be deposited into an escrow account established by the Selectboard of the Town ("Selectboard") with review by the Town's legal counsel. The performance guarantee shall include a signed consent provision from the Applicant, owners or operators granting and guaranteeing the Town the authority to access the funds and property and perform decommissioning if the proposed Solar Farm is abandoned and the owner or operator fails to meet their obligations to remove the proposed Solar Farm.

(3) The Applicant must provide the Town with the performance guarantee prior to the issuance of a building permit and notify the Select Board in writing when the performance guarantee is recalculated every five (5) years. If the performance guarantee is revoked for any reason, the Applicant shall provide the Town with a replacement performance guarantee within thirty (30) days of such revocation. The replacement performance guarantee must be reviewed by the Town's legal counsel and accepted by the Selectboard for the building permit to continue to be valid.

**(c) Removal and Abandonment.**

(1) If the Solar Farm reaches the end of its useful life, ceases to generate power or is abandoned by the owner/operator of the Solar Farm, the Applicant shall notify the CEO in writing of the date of the Solar Farm is to discontinue operations ("Discontinuation Date"). The Applicant must remove the Solar Farm pursuant to the Decommissioning Plan within 365 days after Discontinuation Date.

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(2) The Planning Board may consider the Solar Farm abandoned, if the Solar Farm generates 10% or less permitted capacity of electricity for a continuous period of twelve (12) months (“Prescribed Period”). In such an instance, the CEO may require the Applicant to remove the Solar Farm according to the Decommissioning Plan at no cost to the Town. The Applicant may request the CEO to reconsider this request by providing evidence that the project has not been abandoned by the owner/operator and the Solar Farm’s inability to produce more than 10% of the permitted capacity of electricity during the Prescribed Period will be rectified within six (6) months of the CEO’s requirement or that the Solar Farm, or parts thereof, continues to be beneficial to the Town. The CEO may review the

Applicant’s request for reconsideration and extend the Prescribed Period two (2) times before deciding the Solar Farm to be permanently abandoned.

(3) If the Applicant fails to remove the Solar Farm as per the Planning Board’s requirement, the Town shall use the performance guarantee and remove the Solar Farm according to all applicable laws.

**5.0 Site Plan Approval Standards and Criteria.**

The following standards and criteria shall be used by the Planning Board in reviewing Applications and in determining whether to grant Site Plan Approval for the Project and Site Use described in the Application.

**5.1 Site Adequacy.** The Project Site must be shown to be adequate for the Project, Project Structures and Site Use. If the Project Site includes or abuts environmentally sensitive areas (such as river, stream or lake shorelands, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplains, significant wildlife habitats, fisheries, and scenic areas), the Project must be shown to include appropriate measures for protecting such areas (such as timing of construction, limited excavation, barriers and buffers) and be shown to not unreasonably and adversely impact such areas. The Project and Site Use must be shown to not unreasonably and adversely impact natural drainage and storm-water runoff, or result in undue erosion, on the Project Property and properties abutting any Project Property boundary.

**5.2 Road Access Adequacy.** Access to the Project Site for purposes of the Project and Site Use must be shown (i) to be adequate and safe, and (ii) to not unreasonably and adversely impact nearby public roads or nearby public road safety.

**5.3 Protection of Natural Features.** To implement the Project, construct the Project Structures and conduct the Site Use, it must be shown that the landscape of the Project Site will be preserved in its natural state insofar as is practical (such as by retaining existing vegetation and by minimizing tree removal, disturbance and compaction of soil, grading and filling).

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**5.4 Safety.** The Project, Project Structures and Site Use must be shown to meet all applicable safety rules, regulations and standards and to not pose excessive danger to the surrounding community.

**5.5 Traffic.** The Project, Project Structures and Site Use must not cause vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions to become unsafe or to exceed reasonable traffic limits for the neighborhood. In evaluating this standard, the Planning Board may consider the location, number and control of access points, adequacy of adjacent roads, traffic flow, traffic volume, sight distances, turning lanes, existing or proposed traffic signalization, and pedestrian-vehicular contacts.

**5.6 Exterior Lighting.** All exterior lighting (including signage) must be shielded, non-flashing, with an output of no more than 10,000 lumens (Dark Sky Pedestrian Comfort Luminaire Criteria), and designed to ensure safe movement of people. Lighting must be located so as to minimize glare and reflection on adjacent properties and roads.

**5.7 Noise.** The use must not, alone or in conjunction with existing activities, increase the noise measured at the Project Site boundaries to more than 50dB:provided however that for periods of not more than five (5) seconds per hour, such noise may exceed 50dB up to 80 dB between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5p.m. only .. Sound pressure levels must be measured on sound level meter at all major lot lines of the proposed development area, at a height of at least four feet above the ground surface. Planning Board may require an acoustic site assessment for any Application (at the Applicant's sole expense) where they believe noise from the Project is likely to exceed these limits.

**5.8 Odor.** The user must not, alone or in conjunction with existing activities, create noxious odors above a detectable level at the property line.

**5.9 Fire Department Access.** The Project, Project Structures and Site Use shall be shown to not hinder effective manual fire suppression operations and allow reasonable access to the building by a fire suppression unit. All parts of a Project Structure must be within 150 feet, on the ground level, of a fire apparatus access. In sprinklered buildings, this distance can be extended to 450 feet. Access (driveways/parking areas/roads) must be provided and maintained to allow the fire apparatus to be able to get within 50 ft (15 m) of at least one exterior door. Access roads must be at least 20 feet wide and 13 feet 6 inches high. Access roads must accommodate the turning radius of fire apparatus, and dead ends exceeding 150 feet require approved turnaround spaces (approved by the Fire Chief or an authority having jurisdiction). If gates are used on access roads, they must be at least 20 feet wide for single gates or 12 feet wide for divided roadways, and must be designed for manual or emergency operation by fire personnel.

**5.10 Technical and Financial Capacity.** It must be shown that the Applicant, and its agents and contractors, have the technical and financial capability to implement the Project, construct the Project Structures and conduct the Site Use. The Planning Board may request

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financial guarantees as it deems necessary or prudent in support of this determination.

**5.11 Community Impact.** The Project, Project Structures and Site Use shall be shown to not unreasonably and adversely impact the community. In assessing the foregoing, the following impacts shall be assessed insofar as they create a nuisance to the community outside of the Project Property:

- (i) excessive lighting;
- (ii) excessive noise;
- (iii) excessive noxious odors; and
- (iv) excessive blocking of scenic views.

**5.12 Large Commercial Projects.** If the Project is a Large Commercial Project, (i) no Project Structure or Site Use (excluding access routes, barriers and buffers) shall be visible from any ground level location outside the Project Property but within the boundaries of the Town; and (ii) all such visual barriers and buffers shall be comprised of plantings, earthen berms or natural topographical features and shall be located no closer than 300 feet from any Residence existing as of the date of the Application.

**6.0 Approval Authority and Process.**

The Planning Board is authorized to review all Applications and to determine whether to grant or deny Site Plan Approval. The Planning Board shall use the following procedure in reviewing an Application.

(1) The Planning Board shall provide public notice of the proposed Project, including a general description of the Project, Project Structures, Site Use and location of the Project Site.

(2) Within 30 days of receipt of an Application (or any supplement or modification thereto), the Planning Board shall determine whether the Application is complete. If not complete, the Planning Board shall notify the Applicant in writing specifying the missing elements of the Application. If complete, the Planning Board shall notify the Applicant in writing and shall place such Application on its agenda for review within 30 days of such notice.

(3) The Planning Board shall have the right to access the Project Property and Project Site in connection with its review and assessment of the Application and as a condition to further consideration of such Application.

(4) Within 30 days, or within 90 days in the case of a Large Commercial Project, after notifying the Applicant that its Application is complete the Planning Board shall either (i) deny Site Plan Approval if the standards and criteria set forth in Section 5 not met and shall state in writing the grounds for such denial; or (ii) grant or grant with conditions Site Plan Approval if such standards and criteria in Section 5 are met. The Town shall notify the Applicant and the public of such Site Plan Approval. In all cases, the burden of proof shall be on the Applicant to

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provide evidence that the standards and criteria in Section 5 are met.

**7.0 Validity of Approval.** Site Plan Approval shall lapse and be null and void, if substantial construction of the Project has not commenced within 12 months, or if the Project construction is not substantially complete within 24 months, in each case of the date of the Site Plan Approval; provided however, prior to such deadlines, the Applicant may request in writing, and the Planning Board may approve (in its discretion), up to two (2) six-month extensions of such deadlines.

**8.0 Modifications.** Minor changes to the Project, Project Structures or Site Use after Site Plan Approval may be approved by the CEO provided such changes do not (i) affect compliance with the standards and criteria in Section 5, or (ii) significantly alter the nature or scope of the Project, Project Structures or Site Use. All other changes to the Project, Project Structures or Site Use after Site Plan Approval must be approved by the Planning Board.

**9.0 Appeals of Planning Board Actions.**

Appeal of any actions taken by the Planning Board with respect to this Ordinance shall be to the Superior Court in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B.

**10.0 Administration and Enforcement.**

**10.1 Administrative Responsibility.** This Ordinance shall be administered by the Planning Board and enforced by the code enforcement officer (the “CEO”) appointed by the Selectboard of the Town of Weld (the “Selectboard”).

**10.2 Enforcement.** It shall be the duty of the CEO to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. If the CEO or his/her agent shall find that any provision of this Ordinance is being violated, the CEO shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. The CEO shall order discontinuance of activities violating this Ordinance and shall take any other action authorized by this Ordinance to ensure compliance with or to prevent further violation of its provisions.

**10.3 Legal Action.** The CEO is hereby authorized to institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the Town of Weld, any and all actions, legal or equitable, that may be appropriate or necessary for the enforcement of this Ordinance; provided, however, that this section shall not prevent any person entitled to equitable relief from enjoining any act contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance

**10.4 Violations and Consent Agreements.** Any person, firm, or corporation being the owner of or having control or use of any building or premises who violated any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be fined in accordance with Title 30-A, §4452. Each day such a violation is permitted to exist after notification shall constitute a separate offense. The Selectboard, or their authorized agent, are hereby authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of this Ordinance and recovering fines without court action. Such agreements shall not allow a violation of this Ordinance to continue unless (i) there is clear

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and convincing evidence that the violation was a direct result of erroneous advice given by an authorized municipal official of the Town of Weld and there is no evidence that the person, firm or corporation acted in bad faith, or (ii) the remedy of such violation will result in a threat or hazard to public health and safety or will result in substantial environmental damage.

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**11.0 Appeal of CEO Actions.**

Any person who believes that the CEO has made an error in the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Ordinance may appeal such interpretation or application to the Board of Appeals as an administrative appeal. If the Board of Appeals finds that the CEO erred in his/her interpretation or application of this Ordinance, it shall modify or reverse the interpretation or application accordingly. Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Appeals may make an appeal to the Superior Court in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B.

**12.0 Severability.**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance shall not be held to invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

**13.0 Conflicts.**

In the event that any section or provision of this Ordinance conflicts with any section or provision of any other current or future statute, ordinance, rule or regulation of the Town, the more restrictive shall prevail.

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance**

**Purpose of Ordinance:** The purpose of the Ordinance is to provide guidelines for the Planning Board to assess commercial development within the town. Its origin sprang from the requests of residents and landowners to permit only sensible and safe, small-scale commercial development that is consistent with the town's scenic small-town nature. The Ordinance strives to provide a structured framework for potential small-scale commercial development by residents and landowners to encourage development consistent with the town's natural beauty and recreational character, while discouraging commercial development that is inconsistent with those aims.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The proposed Ordinance is the result of several years of contributions and compromises by many of your fellow residents with widely varying goals and visions for the town's future. Every effort has been made to ensure the best middle-of-the-road result and to provide a valued addition to the town's future. Please also note that, if approved, the Ordinance is not set in stone; revisions and improvements may always be made through future amendments by the town as our joint future and goals evolve.

## **Summary of Key Terms**

**Exclusions:** The ordinance **does not** apply to:

- Residential constructions and alterations
- Agricultural
- Lumbering
- Small commercial activities operated out of a residence (eggs, syrup, produce, etc.)

**Applications.** **Section 4.0** sets forth the requirements of any application for a commercial project.

Note the specific requirements regarding **solar farms in part (9) of Section 4.**

**Approval.** **Section 5.0** sets forth the criteria for the Planning Board to use when assessing a commercial project application.

Note the strict limitations on **very large commercial structures in Section 5.12.**

**Process.** **Section 6.0** sets forth the procedure and timetables for addressing applications.

**Timing Requirement.** **Section 7.0** sets forth time requirements for an approved commercial project to begin and finish construction before the approval lapses and must be re-obtained.

**Modifications.** **Section 8.0** sets forth the criteria and procedure for the CEO to approve modifications to an approved commercial project.

**Appeals.** Sections 9.0 and 11.0 set forth the appeals processes.

**Administrative and Enforcement.** Section 10.0 tasks the Selectboard with administering the Ordinance and the CEO with enforcing the Ordinance, and includes procedures for enforcement.

# ATTACHMENT 2

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
BUREAU OF PARKS AND LANDS  
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
PROJECT AGREEMENT

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Political Subdivision: Town of \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Number: 23-00

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Project Scope:

Project Costs: Total \$ 0.00 Federal: \$ 0.00 Local: \$ 0.00

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THIS AGREEMENT is hereby made between the STATE OF MAINE, by and through the BUREAU OF PARKS & LANDS, hereinafter called the State, and the **Town of \_\_\_\_\_** hereinafter called the Recipient.

**WITNESS:**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America, represented by the Director, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, and the State of Maine have entered into an agreement (which, with its attachments and all regulations and provisions incorporated therein, is hereinafter referred to as the Project Agreement) pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964) providing for the acquisition and/or construction of the above described project (hereinafter referred to as the Project), for the benefit of the Recipient, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Project Agreement between the United States of America and the State imposes responsibilities upon the State which the State has assured the United States of America will apply to the Recipient and which the Recipient agrees to perform;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for valuable considerations, the State and the Recipient agree as follows:

1. The Project Agreement is hereby attached and made a part of the Agreement, and the Recipient hereby agrees to discharge, perform, and fully satisfy all provisions of the Project Agreement directly or indirectly applicable to the Recipient, and the Recipient further agrees that it shall not, through any act or omission, violate any provision of the Project Agreement.

2. In connection with all phases of the Project, including all work to be performed in the development thereof, the Recipient agrees as follows:

- A. The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies act of 1970 (P.L. 91) 646 84 Stat. 1894) including amendments thereto and regulations thereunder, as provided in 1 M.R.S.A 901 et seq.

B. The Recipient agrees to execute and complete the Project in strict accordance with the above referenced Project Scope and the other terms and conditions hereof. Subsequent to this Agreement, any change in the use or any substantial change in the design or arrangement of the Project must have the prior written approval of the State and the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

C. The Recipient shall not advertise any work on the Project for bidding, enter into any contract for work to be performed, or undertake any work on the Project unless and until the Recipient shall have submitted reasonably detailed plans and specifications for the Project to the State for approval and shall have received written approval of the State.

D. All contracts for work on the Project shall be awarded through competitive bidding and shall be subject to prior approval of the state.

E. The Recipient shall establish a separate account for all funds received and expended in connection with the Project and shall preserve (and permit inspection of) such financial records until an audit is made by the United States Government, but in no case for less than three (3) years following the completion of the Project.

F. The eligibility for reimbursement by the State of any cost incurred or proposed to be incurred in connection with the Project shall be determined by the State Liaison Officer in accordance with the criteria set forth in the National Park Service Manual and any replacements or amendments thereto.

G. The Recipient agrees to repay any funds received for costs determined to be non-allowable by a post audit of the Project account.

3. The Recipient agrees that it shall, at its sole cost and expense, retain title to and management over all land acquired and improvements thereon developed in connection with the Project (such land and improvements hereinafter referred to as the Facilities) and operate the Facilities in a first-class manner for the use of the general public for the lifetime of the Facilities. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Recipient shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with the following particular requirements:

A. The Recipient shall own and operate the Facilities and shall not sell, assign, transfer, lease, encumber or create or suffer any lien upon, the Facilities or any part thereof. The Facilities shall at all times be used exclusively for public outdoor recreation in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, unless prior written approval of any change of use is obtained from the State and the National Park Service. The Facilities shall be kept open to the public at reasonable hours and times of the year consistent with the types of recreational opportunities offered therein, and shall be open to use and entry by all members of the public, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or place of residence, who are eligible according to reasonable rules and regulations for the use of the facilities adopted by the Recipient in accordance with the Project Agreement.

B. The Facilities shall be operated and maintained to present an attractive and inviting appearance to the public to the satisfaction of the State Liaison Officer. The Recipient shall provide and maintain adequate sanitation and sanitary facilities and all the Facilities shall be maintained and operated in accordance with the applicable Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and standards. The Recipient shall keep the facilities safe for public use in good, operable condition and repair.

4. Upon request of the State, the Recipient shall, at its own cost and expense, keep any building, improvements or equipment, as designated by the State, forming part of the Facilities, insured against loss

or damage by fire, lightning, vandalism, malicious mischief, theft, and such other risks as may be included in the broadest form of extended coverage available in an amount determined from time to time by the State to the full insurable value thereof.

5. Upon request of the State, the Recipient shall, at its own cost and expense, provide and keep in force comprehensive general public liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage occurring on, in or about the Facilities, or respecting the use of any vehicle or equipment used by the Recipient in connection with the Project or the Facilities, such insurance to be in form and amount determined from time to time by the State.

6. All insurance provided by the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement shall be carried by responsible companies satisfactory to the State. Certificates evidencing such policies shall be furnished to the State and shall require thirty (30) days prior written notice to the State of any cancellation or modification thereof.

7. The Recipient understands and agrees that by executing this Agreement and receiving the benefits hereof, it is irrevocably binding itself to operate, maintain, and care for the Facilities, all at its sole cost and expense, and in accordance with the Provisions of this Agreement. If the Recipient fails to fulfill any of its obligation hereunder, including without limitation of those relating to the operation, insurance, maintenance, and repair of the Facilities, the State may, at its election, in addition to other rights it may have hereunder or at law or in equity, operate and insure the Facilities, provide such maintenance and repairs and/or otherwise perform the obligations of the Recipient for and on account of the Recipient, in which event any amounts so expended by the State shall become an amount due and payable by the Recipient to the State and the Recipient shall promptly reimburse the State for all such amounts. If the Recipient fails to make such payment promptly upon request, the State may withhold all or any part of any other monies which may be payable to the Recipient under other State programs, by invoking the provisions of 5 M.R.S.A. #113 or otherwise.

8. The Recipient shall post in a prominent place on the Facilities, and shall maintain in good condition, a sign, approved by the State, giving public acknowledgment of assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

9. The Project and the Facilities, and all records pertaining thereto, shall at all reasonable times be open and available for inspection by the State, its agents and designees.

10. The Recipient shall indemnify, defend, and save the State harmless from and against any and all claims, expenses, damages, injuries, liabilities and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) arising out of or in any way in connection with the construction, operation, use, or maintenance of the Project and the Facilities or any accident or occurrences therein or thereon.

11. The provisions of 5 M.R.S.A #784(2), regarding nondiscrimination in employment, are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if the same were set out in full herein.

**12. The following terms and conditions are made a part of this Agreement:**

a. The conversion restrictions of Sec. 6.f. of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act apply to that area shown on the attached Project Area Map. Specifically, the LWCF Act states in Section 6(D)(3), as amended, "no property acquired or developed with assistance under this section, shall, without the approval of the Secretary (of the Interior), be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses."

b. The project site shall be adequately signed to indicate that it is a public recreation facility.

c. The State will turn over to the **Town** of all funds granted hereunder upon

submission of approved reimbursement request(s).

d. The **Town of** will post and maintain on site all signs required under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, including but not limited to, acknowledgement of LWCF assistance and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

e. The **Town of** will submit Project Inspection Reports every five (5) years commencing five (5) years from the date of project close-out (final project reimbursement).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have, by their duly authorized agents, executed this Agreement as of the date entered below.

Date: STATE OF MAINE

By:

Title: State Liaison Officer RECIPIENT

Sponsor: Town of

By:

Typed/Printed Name Title:

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROJECT AGREEMENT**

**State: Project Number:**

Maine 23-

**Project Title:**

**Period: Project Stage Covered by this Agreement:**

**Scope (Description of Project):**

**Project Cost:**

The following are hereby incorporated into this agreement: Total Cost \$ 0.00 1. General Provisions 2. LWCF Grants Manual (NPS-34)  
(Fund amt. not to exceed 50% of total) 3. Project Application and attachments  
4. OMB Circular A-102 Fund (LWCF) Amount \$ 0.00 5. Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations  
Cost of this Stage \$ 0.00 6.

The United States of America, represented by the Director, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, and the State named above (hereinafter referred to as the State), mutually agree to perform this agreement in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964), the provisions and conditions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual, and with the terms, promises, conditions, plans, specifications, estimates, procedures, project proposals, maps, assurances, and certifications attached hereto or retained by the State and hereby made a part hereof.

The United States hereby promises, in consideration of the promises made by the State herein, to obligate to the State the amount of money referred to above, and to tender to the State that portion of the obligation which is required to pay the United States' share of the costs of the above project stage, based upon the above percentage of assistance. The State hereby promises, in consideration of the promises made by the United States herein, to execute the project described above in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

The following special project terms and conditions were added to this agreement before it was signed by the parties hereto:

1. All federal, state and/or local permits will be required prior to renovation/construction. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date entered below.

#### **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE**

By Maine (Signature)

By  
National Park Service (Signature)  
United States Department  
of the Interior

(Name)

Date Alt. State Liaison Officer (Title)

NPS 10-902 (March 1995)

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
PROJECT AGREEMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Part I - Definitions**

- A. The term "NPS" or "Service" as used herein means the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.
- B. The term "Director" as used herein means the Director of the National Park Service, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Director.
- C. The term "Manual" as used herein means the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual (NPS-34).
- D. The term "project" as used herein means a single project, a consolidated grant, a project element of a consolidated grant, or project stage which is subject to the project agreement.
- E. The term "State" as used herein means the State or Territory which is a party to the project agreement, and, where applicable, the political subdivision or public agency to which funds are to be transferred pursuant to this agreement. Wherever a term, condition, obligation, or requirement refers to the State, such term, condition, obligation, or requirement shall also apply to the recipient political subdivision or public agency, except where it is clear from the nature of the term, condition, obligation, or requirement that it is to apply solely to the State. For purposes of these provisions, the terms "State," "grantee," and "recipient" are deemed synonymous.
- F. The term "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary of the Interior, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Secretary.

**Part II - Continuing Assurances**

The parties to the project agreement specifically recognize that the Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance project creates an obligation to maintain the property described in the project agreement consistent with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the following requirements.

Further, it is the acknowledged intent of the parties hereto that recipients of assistance will use moneys granted hereunder for the purposes of this program, and that assistance granted from the Fund will result in a net increase, commensurate at least with the Federal cost-share, in a participant's outdoor recreation. It is intended by both parties hereto that assistance from the Fund will be added to, rather than replace or be substituted for, State and local outdoor recreation funds.

- A. The State agrees, as recipient of this assistance, that it will meet the following specific requirements and that it will further impose these requirements, and the terms of the project agreement, upon any political subdivision or public agency to which funds are transferred pursuant to the project agreement. The State also agrees that it shall be responsible for compliance with the terms of the project agreement by such a political subdivision or public agency and that failure by such political subdivision or public agency to so comply shall be deemed a failure by the State to comply with the terms of this agreement.
- B. The State agrees that the property described in the project agreement and the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement is being acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance, or is integral to such acquisition or development, and that, without the approval of the Secretary, it shall not be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use but shall be maintained in public outdoor recreation in perpetuity or for the term of the lease in the

case of leased property. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if it is found to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location. This replacement land becomes subject to Section 6(f)(3) protection. The approval of a conversion shall be at the sole discretion of the Secretary, or his designee. Prior to the completion of this project, the State and the Director may mutually alter the area described in the project agreement and the signed and dated project boundary map to provide the most satisfactory public outdoor recreation unit, except that acquired parcels are afforded Section 6(f)(3) protection as Fund reimbursement is provided.

In the event the NPS provides Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the acquisition and/or development of property subject to reversionary interests with full knowledge of those reversionary interests, conversion of said property to other than public outdoor recreation uses as a result of such reversionary interest being exercised is approved. In receipt of this approval, the State agrees to notify the Service of the conversion as soon as possible and to seek approval of replacement property in accord with the conditions set forth in these provisions. The State further agrees to effectuate such replacement within a reasonable period of time, acceptable to the Service, after the conversion of property takes place. The provisions of this paragraph are also applicable to: leased properties acquired and/or developed with Fund assistance where such lease is terminated prior to its full term due to the existence of provisions in such lease known and agreed to by the Service; and properties subject to other outstanding rights and interests that may result in a conversion when known and agreed to by the Service.

C. The State agrees that the benefit to be derived by the United States from the full compliance by the State with the terms of this agreement is the preservation, protection, and the net increase in the quality of public outdoor recreation facilities and resources which are available to the people of the State and of the United States, and such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent the amount of money furnished by the United States by way of assistance under the terms of this agreement. The State agrees that payment by the State to the United States of an amount equal to the amount of assistance extended under this agreement by the United States would be inadequate compensation to the United States for any breach by the State of this agreement. The State further agrees, therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the State of this agreement shall be the specific performance of this agreement.

D. The State agrees to comply with the policies and procedures set forth in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Manual. Provisions of said Manual are incorporated into and made a part of the project agreement.

E. The State agrees that the property and facilities described in the project agreement shall be operated and maintained as prescribed by Manual requirements.

F. The State agrees that a permanent record shall be kept in the participant's public property records and available for public inspection to the effect that the property described in the scope of the project agreement, and the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement, has been acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance and that it cannot be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use without the written approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

**G. Nondiscrimination**

1. By signing the LWCF agreement, the State certifies that it will comply with all Federal laws relating to nondiscrimination as outlined in the Civil Rights Assurance appearing at Part III-I herein.

2. The State shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence, except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence as set forth in the Manual.

### **Part III - Project Assurances**

#### **A. Applicable Federal Circulars**

The State shall comply with applicable regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements including OMB Circular A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), 43 CFR Part 12 (Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs, Department of the Interior), A-87 (Cost Principles for State and Local Governments), and A-133 (Audits of State and Local Government) as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally assisted project.

#### **B. Project Application**

1. The Application for Federal Assistance bearing the same project number as the agreement and associated documents is by this reference made a part of the agreement.
2. The State possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained herein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the State to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. The State has the ability and intention to finance the non-Federal share of the costs for the project. Sufficient funds will be available to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facilities acquired or developed by the project.

#### **C. Project Execution**

1. The project period shall begin with the date of approval of the project agreement or the effective date of a waiver of retroactivity and shall terminate at the end of the stated or amended project period unless the project is completed or terminated sooner in which event the project shall end on the date of completion or termination. For project elements added to a consolidated grant, the project period will begin on the date the project element is approved.
2. The State shall transfer to the project sponsor identified in the Application for Federal Assistance or the Description and Notification Form all funds granted hereunder except those reimbursed to the State to cover administrative expenses.
3. The State will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification that funds have been approved and assure that the project will be prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence.
4. The State will require the facility to be designed to comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480) and DOI Section 504 Regulations (43 CFR Part 17). The State will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
5. The State shall secure completion of the work in accordance with approved construction plans and specifications, and shall secure compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and

regulations.

6. In the event the project covered by the project agreement, including future stages of the project, cannot be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications for the project; the State shall bring the project to a point of recreational usefulness agreed upon by the State and the Director or his designee.
7. The State will provide for and maintain competent and adequate architectural/engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the NPS may require.
8. The State will comply with the terms of Title II and Title III, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646), 94 Stat. 1894 (1970), and the applicable regulations and procedures implementing such Act for all real property acquisitions and where applicable shall assure that the Act has been complied with for property to be developed with assistance under the project agreement.
9. The State will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11988, relating to evaluation of flood hazards; Executive Order 11288, relating to the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution, and Executive Order 11990 relating to the protection of wetlands.
10. The State will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975, approved December 31, 1976. Section 102(a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available, as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes, for use in any area that has been identified as an area having special flood hazards by the Flood Insurance Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
11. The State will insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities, pursuant to 40 CFR, Part 15.20 and that it will notify the NPS of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be utilized in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA. The State agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970. The State further agrees to insert this clause into any contract or subcontract in excess of \$100,000.
12. The State will assist the NPS in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.) by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to effects (see CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
13. The State will comply with Executive Order 12432, "Minority Business Enterprise Development as follows:
  - (1) Place minority business firms on bidder's mailing lists.

(2) Solicit these firms whenever they are potential sources of supplies, equipment, construction, or services.

(3) Where feasible, divide total requirements into smaller needs, and set delivery schedules that will encourage participation by these firms.

(4) For any project involving \$500,000 or more in grant assistance (except for projects involving acquisition only) the State or recipient shall submit, prior to the commencement of construction and every fiscal year quarter thereafter until project completion, reports documenting the efforts to hire minority business firms. These reports, SF 334, will be submitted one month following the end of each fiscal quarter (i.e., January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31) to the appropriate National Park Service Regional Office.

(5) The Department of the Interior is committed to the objectives of this policy and encourages all recipients of its grants and cooperative agreements to take affirmative steps to ensure such fairness.

The National Park Service Regional Offices will work closely with the States to ensure full compliance and that grant recipients take affirmative action in placing a fair share of purchases with minority business firms.

**14.** The State will comply with the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372.

**D. Construction Contracted for by the State Shall Meet the Following Requirements:**

**1.** Contracts for construction shall comply with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12 (Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs, Department of the Interior).

**2.** No grant or contract may be awarded by any grantee, subgrantee or contractor of any grantee or subgrantee to any party, which has been debarred or suspended under Executive Order 12549. By signing the LWCF agreement, the State certifies that it will comply with debarment and suspension provisions appearing at Part III-J herein.

**2.** In accordance with the "Stevens Amendment" (to Section 623 of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act), for procurement of goods and services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, the amount and percentage (of total costs) of federal funds involved must be specified in any announcement of the awarding of a contract.

**E. Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records**

**1.** Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to this grant shall be retained in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12 for a period of three years; except the records shall be retained beyond the three-year period if audit findings have not been resolved.

**2.** The retention period starts from the date of the final expenditure report for the project or the consolidated project element.

**3.** State and local governments are authorized to substitute microfilm copies in lieu of original records.

**4.** The Secretary of the Interior and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the State and local governments and their subgrantees which are pertinent to a specific project for the

purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.

#### F. Project Termination

1. The Director may temporarily suspend Federal assistance under the project pending corrective action by the State or pending a decision to terminate the grant by the Service.
2. The State may unilaterally terminate the project or consolidated project element at any time prior to the first payment on the project or consolidated project element. After the initial payment, the project may be terminated, modified, or amended by the State only by mutual agreement.
3. The Director may terminate the project in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant. The Director will promptly notify the State in writing of the determination and the reasons for the termination, together with the effective date. Payments made to States or recoveries by the Service under projects terminated for cause shall be in accord with the legal rights and liabilities of the parties.
4. The Director or State may terminate grants in whole, or in part at any time before the date of completion, when both parties agree that the continuation of the project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. The grantee shall not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The NPS may allow full credit to the State for the Federal share of the noncancelable obligations, properly incurred by the grantee prior to termination.
5. Termination either for cause or for convenience requires that the project in question be brought to a state of recreational usefulness agreed upon by the State and the Director or that all funds provided by the National Park Service be returned.

#### G. Lobbying with Appropriated Funds

The State must certify, for the award of grants exceeding \$100,000 in Federal assistance, that no Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the State, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this grant. In compliance with Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code, the State certifies, as follows:

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### **H. Provision of a Drug-Free Workplace**

In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (43 CFR Part 12, Subpart D), the State certifies, as follows:

The grantee certifies that it will or continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of a grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted;

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The State must include with its application for assistance a specification of the site(s) for the performance of work to be done in connection with the grant.

**I. Civil Rights Assurance**

The State certifies that, as a condition to receiving any Federal assistance from the Department of the Interior, it will comply with all Federal laws relating to nondiscrimination. These laws include, but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (c) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; and applicable regulatory requirements to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the applicant. THE APPLICANT HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

THIS ASSURANCE shall apply to all aspects of the applicant's operations including those parts that have not received or benefited from Federal financial assistance.

If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to it by the Department.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant by the Department, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date.

The Applicant recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United State shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Applicant, its successors, transferees, assignees, and subrecipients and the person whose signature appears on the grant agreement and who is authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant.

**J. Debarment and Suspension**

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other  
Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining,

attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission or embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The State further agrees that it will include the clause "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions" appearing below in any agreement entered into with lower tier participants in the implementation of this grant. Department of Interior Form 1954 (DI-1954) may be used for this purpose.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility  
and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this application that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this application.

# **EXHIBIT B**

## **Weld Recreational Space Committee Warrant Article Explanation**

During summer 2024, residents expressed strong interest in pickleball, prompting the Recreational Committee to explore options and involve the community in shaping the project.

- Propose a site on town property for the development of a multi-use recreation court ("Court");
- Recommend to the Selectboard what type of recreation activities) are to be conducted on the Court;
- Propose a cost estimate to the Selectboard for the building of such a Court and a five-year maintenance cost plan for the same (such a plan should include contractor proposals); and
- Provide the Selectboard with any other information that may assist the Selectboard in bringing forth a proposal to the Town Legislature regarding whether to approve constructing such a facility on Town property.

The committee gathered information through several venues:

- We presented at town meetings
- We set up information sessions at town events
- We conducted a survey available to all town residents, both electronically and on paper, and compiled the results.

Based on the results of our information gathering and the assets available in the Town of Weld, we brought the following information to the Selectmen:

- 72% of the people surveyed favored converting one or two of the existing clay tennis courts into a multi-use area.
- Among residents, 54% preferred the existing tennis court area, and 27% preferred the ball field area by the town garages.
- Based on this, we recommend building within the existing tennis court area. Replacing the two existing tennis courts with two pickleball courts, one tennis court, with a half basketball court attached to the tennis court.
- In terms of maintenance, it looks like approximately \$1000/year, though this includes mowing, which historically was not included in the tennis court budget. The actual cost of the court maintenance is significantly less than that of a clay court.
- Additionally, the town should begin building a small capital reserve to cover future repairs for cracks.

As the committee has worked on this plan, we are aware that the concrete goal is to build a recreational court space, but our driving force has been to breathe new life into the center of

town. In keeping with that goal, we want to do more than simply build a couple of courts. Our long-term goal is to replace the bridge that once spanned Houghton Brook, allowing residents to park at the town hall to access this new park area, to add a natural playground, seating areas, and perhaps some picnic tables.

At this point, we plan to divide our project into two phases: phase one, the courts, and phase two, the bridges, playscape, seating, and picnic spaces. One very positive aspect of the grant we are pursuing is that it is receptive to a multiphase approach. The major grant we are seeking is a federal grant administered by the State of Maine, called the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It is a 50/50 matching grant due in June of 2026. If we receive this grant, the earliest we would receive funding is the fall of 2027. We (the committee) are actively pursuing other grants to meet the match. Additionally, we can use private donations and in-kind donations to make our match.

**Most importantly, this project depends on securing grants; no tax dollars will be used, ensuring responsible use of town resources and building trust with residents and officials.**

## Weld Free Public Library

In 2025, the Weld Free Public Library (WFPL) continued to welcome local groups in town like the Tumbledown Tackers, the Knitting club, Weld Recreation and the Book Club, offering a perfect space to meet as a group, with the comfy chair area and conference tables. I always feel charmed when I see how effortlessly people take their shoes off in the winter and mud season, quietly preserving our town gem.

When the spring came, we concentrated on the upkeep to the building and outside cleaning in preparation for the busy summer months. As we continued to give notices on our bulletin board outside, we prepared for a new sign in 2026, marking our address at 25 Church Street. The food pantry stayed stocked and additionally we collected non perishables at town events like the Christmas party and Easter to be able to distribute. The Little Book Barn housed a variety of materials for reading and things kept coming and going from there, as it should!

The kids came to Read with Bri and they adorned the walls with their artwork and crafts and kept Oswald, the resident stuffed bear (big bear!) busy! Our Summer Childrens programs went off without a hitch, watching the kids learn about owls with a visit from the Chewonki Foundation and they experienced night skies, planetariums and more! Couldn't even think about these programs without the hearty help of the very dedicated Board of Trustees! Thank you: Paul Haberstroh, Nancy Stowell, Naomi Doughty, Maddy Bujold, Anne Holloway, Lise Bofinger, Deb Smith, Bri MacDonald, Lisa Isherwood, Lisa Drapeau, Dan Smith, Jaime Beauchamp, Dorothy Conant, Norma Hidday and..our Library Director, Wendy Ames!

The Autumn brought us a Pollinator billboard poster that we displayed on the front lawn in conjunction with others that were found around town, reminding us of the importance of flowers and bees. And we began talking about this years passes and programs. In late fall, we were able to secure a generous donation for an annual pass that library patrons can take advantage of, with free admission for up to 2 adults and 4 students to the Maine Gem Museum in Bethel. I was amazed when I visited in late November. Don't miss this opportunity! Just ask Wendy to take out the pass- all..free of charge! We are currently undergoing a fund raiser for the Botanical Gardens annual pass- that pass is good for 2 adults and up to 10 children.

You can donate online at our website <https://weldpubliclibrary.org>.

WFPL has over 3415 adult print materials\* and 2041 children and young adult print materials books\* with the latest offerings from best sellers lists, dvds and more. Plus, as a patron, you have access to the Cloud Library through your library patron number.

Read a book on your laptop or iPad! or....even your phone!  
WFPL is getting ready to host our annual winter brunch and hope that in the coming days and weeks, we will see you at the Library!  
Always my best, Ina Toth  
Pres.Board of Trustees.....  
and Oswald!



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Greetings,

We are fortunate to call Maine home. It is a state defined by its rugged beauty, close-knit communities, and resilient people. That spirit of resilience and connection is at the heart of LifeFlight of Maine's mission.

Since 1998, we have transported over 41,00 patients, rapidly delivering ICU-level care to people facing the worst moments of their lives — cardiac arrests, strokes, traumatic injuries, and newborn medical emergencies. **In this moment when our healthcare system seems fragile, LifeFlight continues to respond to greater demand for its services statewide. We cannot do it alone. We need your community's support.**

**In the last 27 years, LifeFlight has transported 11 patients from Weld.** Each transport represents someone whose life depended on the speed, skill, and ICU-level care our teams deliver. When you support LifeFlight, you are investing in your own community's access to critical care.

**Please consider giving a gift of \$376, based on a \$1 per capita rate.** We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to our mission. We know that communities like yours have many important priorities. Supporting LifeFlight is one of the most direct, impactful ways to invest in the health and safety of Maine's people.

Thank you for believing in our mission, thank you for standing with us, and thank you for helping LifeFlight ensure access to critical care when it is needed most for every community in Maine.

Enclosed are FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map depicting where the patients we transported last year live, and a map of Maine communities that support LifeFlight — as you'll see, it takes all of us coming together to make this work. We encourage you and the leaders in your community to reach out to us with any questions. If you need additional information or a specific application form is required to accompany this request, please let us know.

With grateful appreciation,

Joe Kellner  
Chief Executive Officer  
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan  
Director of Annual Giving  
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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION		WELD COMMUNITY INFORMATION	
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b> 23 Mill Street	585-2348	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b> Franklin County Dispatch	778-6140
<b>FAX</b>	585-2540	Lise Bofinger <a href="mailto:weldaco@weld-maine.org">weldaco@weld-maine.org</a>	603-848-3421
<b>HOURS:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am-1:00 pm & Thursday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm		<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> Lisa Miller	585-2482
<b>TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK</b> Carol Cochran <a href="mailto:townclerk@weld-maine.org">townclerk@weld-maine.org</a>	585-2348	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b> David Errington	562-8081
<b>TREASURER</b> Colleen Stewart <a href="mailto:treasurer@weld-maine.org">treasurer@weld-maine.org</a>	585-2348	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS ATTENDANT</b> David Jervis	585-2348
<b>TOWN HALL</b> 17 School Street	585-2915	<b>TRANSFER STATION 651 Phillips Road</b> Attendants: Judith Marden & Jonathan Lamson HOURS: Wednesday & Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm WINTER HOURS: January 1 - April 1 Wednesday 12:00 pm-4:00 pm & Sunday 8:00 am-4:00 pm	585-2727 585-2074
<b>SELECTBOARD</b> Steve Conant - <a href="mailto:steveconant@weld-maine.org">steveconant@weld-maine.org</a> Dina Walker - <a href="mailto:dinawalker@weld-maine.org">dinawalker@weld-maine.org</a> Lisa Miller - <a href="mailto:lisamiller@weld-maine.org">lisamiller@weld-maine.org</a> MEETINGS: Second Tuesday at 5:30 pm	978-479-4453 808-3425 585-2482	<b>MT. BLUE STATE PARK</b> Headquarters Center Hill Road State Park Campground West Side Road	585-2261 585-2347
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</b> Michael Stephenson - <a href="mailto:eeo@weld-maine.org">eeo@weld-maine.org</a> Cell HOURS: Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 23 Mill Street	585-2348 802-236-0554	<b>WELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 25 Church Street</b> Librarian: Wendy Ames Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 1 pm & 3 pm - 6 pm SUMMER HOURS: July - August Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 1 pm & 3 pm - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 1 pm	585-2439
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Naomi Doughty - Chair Carol Conant Barbi Castonguay Ernestine Hutchinson Stanley Wilcox	585-2688 978-387-4591 491-9536 585-2236 491-6792	<b>WELD POST OFFICE 21 Mill Street</b> HOURS: Lobby Always Open Counter Open 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Mail goes out at 12:30 pm	877-364-2050 1-800-ASK-USPS 1-800-275-8777
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b> 21 Back Road <b>ROAD COMMISSIONER</b> - Robert Jackson Jr <a href="mailto:roadcommissioner@weld-maine.org">roadcommissioner@weld-maine.org</a>	585-2214 491-9691	<b>WELD RECREATION COMMITTEE</b> Chair: Julie Jervis <a href="mailto:weldrecreation@weld-maine.org">weldrecreation@weld-maine.org</a>	
For removal of trees, debris, etc. or road repair on Town Roads, please call the Road Commissioner. Town Roads include: Buker Rd to the bridge, Cushman Rd, Plummer Rd, Temple Rd, Center Hill Rd (dirt portion only), Byron Rd, Maxwell Rd and West Brook Rd. For removal of trees, debris, etc. or road repair on State Roads, please call 562-4228 for Rt #142, Dixfield and ends at Mt. Blue State Park Headquarters and Back Rd, Rt #142 from the Center of Weld to Phillips, and Center of Weld Rt #156 to Wilton.			
<b>EMERGENCY FIRE/AMBULANCE/POLICE</b>		<b>EMERGENCY NUMBERS</b>	
Non-Emergency		911	
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF		778-6140	
ME STATE POLICE		1-800-773-2680	
ME POISON CONTROL CENTER		1-800-452-4664	
GAME WARDEN		1-800-442-6305	
FIRE CHIEF		1-800-452-4664	
Corey Hutchinson		779-6023	
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF		491-6792	
Stanley Wilcox			
CHIEF CIVIL EMERGENCY DIRECTOR			
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RELIGIOUS			
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Pastor: Gordeen Skolfield			
Church Aide			
President: Joanne Bradbury		585-2623	
SCHOOL - RSU #9			
Bus Garage		778-4307	
Academy Hill School		645-4488	
G.D. Cushing School		645-2442	
Mt. Blue Middle School		778-3511	
Mt. Blue High School		778-3561	
Foster Regional Applied Technology Ctr		778-3562	
Adult & Community Education		778-3460	
Weld School Board Rep: Deborah Smith		585-2587	
Superintendent		778-6571	
WELD ORGANIZATIONS			
Weld Historical Society, Sean Minear		585-2542	
Mystic Tie Lodge, Michael Stephenson		802-236-0554	
Tumbledown Tackers, Jean Sickels		585-2534	
Webb Lake Association, Lise Bofinger		603-848-3421	
Weld Winter Wildcats Snowmobile Club, Ron Healey		585-2128	