

# GREAT POND

## TOWN REPORT



2024 - 2025

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**Town of Great Pond**

Town Officials

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

Sue Swaim  
2027

Tom Stott  
2026

Anthony Martin  
2025

Town Clerk

Jacqueline Wingert

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Tamia Fleming

School Committee

Jacqueline Wingert

(Tamia Fleming)

School Trustees

Heather Stott

(Eva Warner)

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Planning Board

Scott Flanders  
Jacqueline Wingert

David Honey  
Tom Stott  
Brenda Honey

John Swaim  
Janice Moore

Board of Appeals

Appointed as Necessary

Road Commissioner

Jerry Whitney

Animal Control Officer

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## **Great Pond Select Board Annual Report. July 2024 to September 2025**

It's been a busy year for the Select Board with several projects still "works in progress" as we prepare this year's report. The Select Board spent the Fall interviewing and hiring new people for three important positions. Jacquie Wingert was hired as the new town clerk and Tamia Fleming was hired as the new treasurer and tax collector. Josh Berry, CMA and President of RCS Assessment Services in Hermon, ME was hired as the new assessor. We also worked with TRIO to purchase the computer program and services needed to do the tax collection and assessment work with Mr. Berry. Additionally, our town clerk, treasurer/tax-collector, and the two newest Select Board members (Tom Stott and Sue Swaim) each successfully completed workshops specifically offered by the MMA and tax-collector organizations to increase their skills and knowledge regarding their particular positions.

The town has completed the year in strong financial standing. We did hold a special town meeting on April 9th to ask the town citizens to approve an expenditure of \$32,640 from surplus funds to cover new or increased costs since our last annual town meeting. The town approved the request for the assessor salary and the related TRIO software, an increase in salary for the Code Enforcement Officer, an increase in cost for a new trash removal contract with Casella, the purchase of fireproof storage for town documents, and an increase in Maine Municipal Association membership fees.

In an effort to increase communication with the citizens of Great Pond and beyond, we launched the Great Pond Newsletter and a new town website this year. There are currently 39 people on the email list for the newsletter which is published periodically and the [townofgreatpondmaine.com](http://townofgreatpondmaine.com) is online and actively updated with news and new resources as needed.

The Select Board, with legal advice, responded to the Navy's correspondence on February 18th regarding public access to Great Pond. We said we were willing to work with "the United States to come to an amicable agreement or understanding by which the right of the public to utilize Great Pond Road and to access Great Pond is recognized and confirmed, while ensuring that the United States can take appropriate steps to protect its ownership and use the Dow Pine property." We expressed our willingness to meet with them to discuss these issues. As of the writing of this report we have not received an official response although we have been informed there has been a change in command in Portsmouth and that has delayed their response. Additionally, the State Wardens have researched and are developing a report regarding the public access to Great Pond which supports the stance of our town although it has not been officially released at this point in time.

### **Works in Progress:**

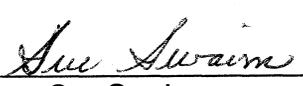
- Storing important town documents in fireproof storage per state legal requirements is underway and good progress is being made.
- Securing a snow plowing contract for the upcoming season is currently under discussion with an interested party.
- Finding/renting appropriate equipment to locate all grave sites in the town cemetery is being pursued.
- The Planning Board is considering recommendations for new town ordinances as well as variances to several current ordinances. Their work is currently in progress and citizens of the town will have the opportunity to participate in a public hearing to ask questions and make comments prior to a special town meeting to vote on any of their recommendations in the upcoming year.

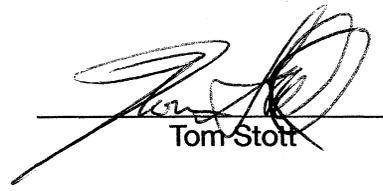
Future Projects Being Considered:

- Developing a plan and implementing it to address the repair work needed on town hall is quickly becoming a priority. We have over \$50,000 (refer to town budget) currently saved to enable us to begin this work and it may need to be a multi-year funded project. One thing we know for certain, the building continues to deteriorate and the cost of repairs continues to rise so we feel it should not be put off any longer.
- It may be time for Great Pond to consider having its own sand and salt shed to help address the snow plowing needs of our community. Potentially purchasing property and building a salt/sand shed per Department of Environmental Protection regulations deserves serious consideration and we are suggesting we need to discuss this in more detail in the upcoming year.

Select Board meetings continue to be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month and the public is invited to attend those meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact a select board person directly so we can be responsive to your interests and needs.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Sue Swaim

  
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Tom Stott

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Martin

**Town Clerks Annual Report**

2024-2025

Births	0
Deaths	0
Marriages	0

**Registrations:**

Boats	0
ATV's	0
Dog Licenses	3
Kennel Licenses	0
Hunting/Fishing License	0
Milfoil Stickers	0

Clerk Fees Collected	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline Wingert- Town Clerk

State Law requires the vaccination against rabies and yearly registration of all dogs.

Please register your dogs before December 31, of each year.

## Tax Collector's Report

<b>2024 Real Estate Tax Commitment</b>	\$	166,971.36	
<b>2024 Real Estate Tax Paid</b>	\$	165,548.08	
<b>Real Estate Tax Interest/Fees Paid</b>	\$	312.51	
<b>Vehicle Excise Collected</b>	\$	13,353.71	
<b>Boat Excise Tax Collected</b>	\$	75.00	
<b>2023 Real Estate Tax Paid</b>	\$	5,132.45	
<b>2025 Real Estate Tax Paid Ahead</b>	\$	780.09	

**Total** \$185,201.84

Unpaid **2024** Real Estate Taxes  
as of July 31, **2024** \$ 1,421.28

### **Taxes Collected**

<b>2024 Real Estate Tax Collected</b>	\$	165,548.08	
<b>Expended 4% Tax Collector</b>	\$	6,570.89	
<b>Vehicle Excise Tax Collected</b>	\$	13,353.71	
<b>Expended 4% Tax Collector</b>	\$	534.14	
<b>Boat Excise Tax Collected</b>	\$	75.00	
<b>Expended 4% Tax Collector</b>	\$	0.00	
<b>BMV Fees Collected and Paid</b>	\$	0.00	

**\*All Taxes/Interest Collected as of 07/31/25)** **185,201.84**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tamia Fleming, Tax Collector

## Property Taxes Paid as of July 31, 2025

Last	First	Map	Lot	Land	Buildings	Exemption	Total	0.00860
Abedessa	Wilson	003	006-002	2,900.00	-	-	2,900.00	13.92
Abedessa	Wilson	003	019-11	21,500.00	-	-	21,500.00	103.20
Abedessa	Wilson	003	018-002	1,800.00	-	-	1,800.00	8.64
Applin	Ciprian	003	006	7,500.00	-	-	7,500.00	36.00
Archer	Joan	002	009	26,000.00	27,300.00	26,100.00	27,200.00	130.56
Archer	Wesley D.	002	004-001	64,900.00	30,500.00	-	95,400.00	457.92
Armenia	Steve	003	028	38,100.00	59,900.00	-	98,000.00	470.40
Arsenault	Robert	002	014	27,400.00	34,200.00	-	61,600.00	295.68
Avery	Steve	001	002-B15	-	20,300.00	-	20,300.00	97.44
Barrow...	Elliot	002	001	24,800.00	7,500.00	-	32,300.00	155.04
BBC	Land LLC	001	022-001	141,600.00	-	-	141,600.00	679.68
Bennett	Thomas J.	002	010	8,000.00	14,400.00	-	22,400.00	107.52
Berube	Ernest	002	013	26,000.00	70,000.00	-	96,000.00	460.80
Bickford	Mark	003	030-004	84,900.00	76,900.00	-	161,800.00	776.64
Bond	Joshua &	001	022-012	60,600.00	55,000.00	-	115,600.00	554.88
Breeden	Robert	002	011-A	83,000.00	9,300.00	-	92,300.00	443.04
Butler	Joel	002	011-001	2,400.00	-	-	2,400.00	11.52
Butler	Joel	002	011-002	45,100.00	-	-	45,100.00	216.48
Butler	Joel	002	011-D	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	48.00
Butler	Joel	002	011-E	5,500.00	-	-	5,500.00	26.40
Butler	Joel	001	001	26,500.00	-	-	26,500.00	127.20
Butler et al	Lisa	002	022	50,500.00	44,600.00	22,500.00	72,600.00	348.48
Cagnina	Robert	001	003-B01	-	18,200.00	-	18,200.00	87.36
Carter	Victoria	002	004-002	36,600.00	-	-	36,600.00	175.68
Carter	Victoria	002	004-003	53,000.00	-	-	53,000.00	254.40
Ciccotelli	Brett	001	002	144,800.00	-	-	144,800.00	695.04
Clancy	Michael S.	003	008	37,400.00	28,600.00	-	66,000.00	316.80
Clark	Beth/Kevin	002	018	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	5.76
Cockburn	Jeffrey	003	027	79,100.00	47,100.00	-	126,200.00	605.76
Cockburn	Jeffrey	003	022-001	18,000.00	-	-	18,000.00	86.40
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	030-006	49,200.00	-	-	49,200.00	236.16
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	030-009	49,100.00	-	-	49,100.00	235.68
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	19-001-004	17,400.00	-	-	17,400.00	83.52
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	032-002	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	240.00
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	030-010	50,300.00	-	-	50,300.00	241.44
Coffin	Fam. Camp	003	035	86,200.00	103,300.00	-	189,500.00	909.60
Cole	Kevin T	003	034	74,700.00	11,600.00	-	86,300.00	414.24
Cooper	Robert	002	015	31,300.00	70,600.00	-	101,900.00	489.12
Cowger	Diana	002	024	27,000.00	55,600.00	22,500.00	60,100.00	288.48
Daywalt	Mark &	003	030-012	83,800.00	185,000.00	22,500.00	246,300.00	1,182.24
Decoteau	Joseph	003	019-001-002	18,200.00	-	-	18,200.00	87.36
Decoteau	Joseph	003	019-001-003	17,200.00	-	-	17,200.00	82.56
Decoteau	Joseph	003	019-001	40,500.00	-	-	40,500.00	194.40
DeMaso	William	003	19-001-001	18,500.00	-	-	18,500.00	88.80
Demaso	William	003	030-007	49,500.00	-	-	49,500.00	237.60
Dence	James	002	034	47,400.00	99,500.00	27,900.00	119,000.00	571.20
Edwards/Slu	Mercedes	002	012	12,600.00	-	-	12,600.00	60.48
Espeaignette	George	001	022-B21	-	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	38.40
Flanders	Scott A &	003	029	32,100.00	71,900.00	22,500.00	81,500.00	391.20
Fogg	Roland &	003	030-013	70,800.00	22,100.00	-	92,900.00	445.92
Fowler	Timothy	003	006-001	33,100.00	13,400.00	-	46,500.00	223.20
Giroux	Ricky	003	037-001	83,000.00	104,500.00	22,500.00	165,000.00	792.00
Glover	Robert	003	005-001	20,700.00	25,300.00	-	46,000.00	220.80
Glynn	Cynthia	002	030	2,400.00	2,300.00	-	4,700.00	22.56
Green	Kevin	002	003	55,500.00	48,200.00	22,500.00	81,200.00	389.76
Guptill	Logging	002	026	8,100.00	6,300.00	-	14,400.00	69.12
Guptill	Logging	002	027	102,800.00	69,800.00	-	172,600.00	828.48
Guptill	Logging	002	023	46,900.00	-	-	46,900.00	225.12
Harris	Christopher	002	035-001	26,500.00	60,300.00	-	86,800.00	416.64
Hellerstein	Freda	002	028	20,100.00	5,400.00	-	25,500.00	122.40
Embree	Shawn	003	019-008	17,500.00	-	-	17,500.00	84.00
Honey, Trust	Brenda	003	018-001	95,200.00	73,300.00	-	168,500.00	808.80

Honey Jr.	David	003	021-002	22,900.00	-	-	22,900.00	109.92
Honey Jr.	David	003	021	74,500.00	-	-	74,500.00	357.60
Honey Jr.	David	003	004	23,700.00	-	-	23,700.00	113.76
Honey Jr.	David	003	003	27,500.00	70,700.00	22,500.00	75,700.00	363.36
Honey Jr.	David &	003	004-001	15,500.00	-	-	15,500.00	74.40
Honey, Sr.	Stott	003	009-001	27,500.00	59,600.00	22,500.00	64,600.00	310.08
Honey Sr.	David	003	007	25,900.00	-	-	25,900.00	124.32
Honey Sr.	David	002	035	28,900.00	-	-	28,900.00	138.72
Honey Sr.	David	003	009	8,800.00	-	-	8,800.00	42.24
Honey Sr.	House	003	009-002	41,100.00	147,900.00	27,900.00	161,100.00	773.28
Honey Sr.	David	003	017-001	39,500.00	-	-	39,500.00	189.60
Honey Sr.	David	003	007	4,200.00	-	-	4,200.00	20.16
Honey Sr.	David	003	018	17,700.00	-	-	17,700.00	84.96
Honey P	Peter B.	003	019-010	18,200.00	-	-	18,200.00	87.36
Honey P	Peter B.	003	030-015	83,900.00	141,400.00	27,900.00	197,400.00	947.52
Hope	Bernard &	003	028-001	62,000.00	11,500.00	-	73,500.00	352.80
Hosmer	Scott	003	005	34,200.00	27,000.00	-	61,200.00	293.76
Howe	Sylvia	003	013	30,800.00	44,600.00	22,500.00	52,900.00	253.92
Hudson	Charles	003	030-008	49,500.00	-	-	49,500.00	237.60
Kiley	Richard	001	006	10,800.00	-	-	10,800.00	51.84
King	Christopher	001	022-B18	34,700.00	-	-	34,700.00	166.56
Larochelle	Brian &	001	022-B13	73,100.00	42,000.00	-	115,100.00	552.48
Larson	Arthur DEV	003	023	10,400.00	-	-	10,400.00	49.92
Little Pond	Sales	003	019	16,000.00	-	-	16,000.00	76.80
Little Pond	Sales	003	012-001	21,100.00	-	-	21,100.00	101.28
Little Pond	Sales	003	007-001	4,300.00	-	-	4,300.00	20.64
Little Pond	Sales	003	017-002	62,300.00	-	-	62,300.00	299.04
Little Pond	Sales	003	017-003	52,400.00	-	-	52,400.00	251.52
Little Pond	Sales	003	019-002	18,500.00	-	-	18,500.00	88.80
Little Pond	Sales	003	019-007	16,900.00	-	-	16,000.00	76.80
Mainely	Wilderness	001	004	157,400.00	110,800.00	-	268,200.00	1,287.36
MaritimesNE	Pipeline			10,629,100.00	-	-	10,629,100.00	51,019.68
Mayfair	Morgan	003	011	26,000.00	37,400.00	22,500.00	40,900.00	196.32
McLuskey	Charles	003	026	70,800.00	19,300.00	-	90,100.00	432.48
McLuskey	Charles	003	025	57,000.00	8,800.00	-	65,800.00	315.84
McVay	Douglas	003	005	30,200.00	17,100.00	-	47,300.00	-
Meleen	Ruth	001	022-B11	58,500.00	16,800.00	-	75,300.00	361.44
Moore	Janice	003	014	34,200.00	134,700.00	22,500.00	146,400.00	702.72
Moore	Janice &	003	031	54,600.00	-	-	54,600.00	262.08
Moore	William	003	015	9,900.00	-	-	9,900.00	47.52
Morrill	Walter	002	007	39,800.00	69,200.00	-	109,000.00	523.20
Morrill	Walter	002	029	20,600.00	-	-	20,600.00	98.88
Murphy	Jody/Keith	003	016	20,000.00	21,000.00	-	41,000.00	196.80
Musson	Richard	001	005	70,600.00	79,300.00	-	149,900.00	719.52
Musson	Richard	002	031	45,400.00	55,300.00	-	100,700.00	483.36
Palman	Greg	003	036	73,800.00	-	-	73,800.00	354.24
Pandey	Sanjay P.	003	030-002	89,700.00	76,700.00	-	166,400.00	798.72
Pandey	Sanjay P.	003	019-006	17,000.00	-	-	17,000.00	81.60
Pfeiffer	Richard	002	021	35,500.00	50,900.00	-	86,400.00	414.72
Place	Harold E.	001	022-B16	-	3,300.00	-	3,300.00	15.84
Robbins	Jay	002	006	12,800.00	-	-	12,800.00	61.44
Robbins	Jay	002	011-C	80,000.00	34,100.00	-	114,100.00	547.68
Robbins	Jay	002	011	36,100.00	22,000.00	-	58,100.00	278.88
Robbins	Jay	002	011-B	10,100.00	-	-	10,100.00	48.48
Scott	Robert	003	017-004	96,900.00	88,700.00	-	185,600.00	890.88
Sherry	Scott	003	012	30,900.00	94,900.00	27,900.00	97,900.00	469.92
Smith	Evelyn	001	022-B17	-	18,100.00	-	18,100.00	86.88
Southwest Hb	Gun Club	001	022-B20	-	8,700.00	-	8,700.00	41.76
Southworth	Richard &	002	005	10,800.00	15,200.00	-	26,000.00	124.80
Speirs	David	001	022-B10	-	9,600.00	-	9,600.00	46.08
Staples	Peter O.	003	019-003	16,800.00	-	-	16,800.00	80.64
Staples	Peter O.	003	032-001	85,500.00	87,100.00	-	172,600.00	828.48
Stevenson	Gene	003	030-003	84,800.00	150,900.00	-	235,700.00	1,131.36
Stevenson	Gene &	003	017-007	50,600.00	-	-	50,600.00	242.88
Stott	Thomas A.	003	007-001-001	16,600.00	-	-	16,600.00	79.68
Sullivan	Stephen &	003	024	59,300.00	15,000.00	-	74,300.00	356.64

Swaim	John	003	030-001	90,400.00	206,700.00	22,500.00	274,600.00	1,318.08
Swaim	John	003	019-005	18,600.00	-	-	18,600.00	89.28
Swett	Keith &	003	030-014	74,300.00	140,700.00	-	215,000.00	1,032.00
Testaverde	David	003	002	38,800.00	54,000.00	-	92,800.00	445.44
Testaverde	David	003	001	32,500.00	102,400.00	-	134,900.00	647.52
Thibodeau	Candice	003	017-008	49,600.00	4,900.00	-	54,500.00	261.60
URSA Major		001	022	4,743,300.00	-	-	4,743,300.00	22,767.84
Versant	Power			9,082,100.00	-	-	9,082,100.00	43,594.08
Vetelino	John	003	030-005	83,700.00	99,800.00	-	183,500.00	880.80
Vetelino	John	003	019-009	16,400.00	-	-	16,400.00	78.72
Whitney	Jerry	003	022	28,900.00	31,600.00	22,500.00	38,000.00	182.40
Wilkes	Michael P.	003	019-001-005	14,800.00	-	-	14,800.00	71.04
Wilkes	Michael P.	003	030-011	83,700.00	114,200.00	-	197,900.00	949.92
Wingert	Jacqueline	002	002	61,900.00	195,800.00	22,500.00	235,200.00	1,128.96
Winn	Sky Lee	003	017-005	49,500.00	-	-	49,500.00	237.60
Winn	Sky Lee	003	017-006	50,600.00	-	-	50,600.00	242.88
Winsor	James	003	020	59,500.00	148,300.00	22,500.00	185,300.00	889.44
Withee	George & D	002	016	15,400.00	25,300.00	-	40,700.00	195.36
Wood	Donald	002	034-001	26,800.00	81,700.00	-	108,500.00	520.80
Worden	James	002	025	5,200.00	3,400.00	-	8,600.00	41.28
Zeiser	Walker	003	037-002	64,900.00	-	-	64,900.00	311.52
Zeiser	Walker	003	038	52,500.00	-	-	52,500.00	252.00
Zeiser	Walker	003	033	91,900.00	44,300.00	-	136,200.00	653.76

**Unpaid Property Taxes as of July 31, 2025**

<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Map</b>	<b>Lot</b>		<b>Balance</b>
Flanders	Scott A &	003	021-001		\$ 82.56
Flanders	Scott A &	003	029-001		\$ 241.44
Hamor	Richard	001	022-B19		\$ 79.20
Hutchinson	Leslie	002	019-001		\$ 271.68
Hutchinson	Leslie	002	019		\$ 551.04
Hutchinson	Leslie	002	017		\$ 10.56
Robertson	LittlePond Pond	002	008		\$ 184.80
<b>Total Unpaid Taxes Fiscal Year 2024</b>					<b>\$1,421.28</b>

## Treasurer's Report

### **Tax Collector**

Property Tax Collected	\$	165,732.62
Vehicle Excise	\$	13,353.71
Boat Excise Tax	\$	75.00
Interest and Fees	\$	312.51
Agent Fees	\$	0.00

**Total** \$179,473.84

### **Town Clerk**

IF&W	\$	0.00
State Dog Account	\$	3.00
Animal Welfare Account (Town)	\$	68.00
Clerk Fees Collected	\$	0.00

**Total** \$71.00

Miscellaneous Receipts	\$	0.00
Planning Board Permits	\$	315.00
Tree Growth Penalties	\$	0.00

\$315.00

### **State of Maine**

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	6,173.29
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$	60,094.15
Snowmobile Registration Rebate	\$	6.62
Veteran's Exemption	\$	62.00
Public Lot	\$	995.58
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$	1,821.26
Local Road Assistance	\$	3,444.00

**Total** \$72,596.90

### **Bank Account Interest**

Public Lot Trust Fund	\$	0.19
Perpetual Care Cemetery (CD)	\$	17.48
School Ministerial Account (CD)	\$	14.97
Checking Account	\$	114.23
General Fund (CD)	\$	99.90
Checking Sweep Account	\$	106.74

**Total** \$353.51

### **Total**

**Total Receipts** \$252,810.25

Respectively submitted,  
Tamia Fleming, Treasurer



## Appropriations & Assessments

### **From Taxation**

Airline Community School	\$	128,872.59	
Hancock County Assessed Tax	\$	16,382.23	
Aurora Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$	13,972.00	
911 Emergency Services	\$	808.69	
Legal Services	\$	4,000.00	
Tree Maintenance	\$	1,050.00	
Paving Great Pond	\$	3,322.80	
Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance	\$	1,155.31	
Life Flight Foundation	\$	100.00	
Eastern Area on Aging	\$	75.00	
			\$169,738.62

### **Appropriated From Surplus**

Administration	\$	40,000.00	
Heating Costs Town Hall	\$	2,915.15	
Union River Solid Waste Management	\$	11,000.00	
Snow Removal	\$	31,500.00	
Great Pond Road Maintenance	\$	5,981.40	
			\$91,396.55

### **Carried From Accounts**

Administration	\$	(216.65)	
Map Account	\$	900.00	
Heating Town Hall	\$	2,084.85	
Town Hall Repairs	\$	52,733.02	
Planning Board	\$	1,255.00	
Legal services	\$	2,000.00	
General Assistance	\$	500.00	
Animal Welfare Account	\$	269.00	
Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance	\$	844.69	
Tree Maintenance	\$	3,950.00	
Great Pond Road Maintenance	\$	4,018.60	
Local Road Assistance	\$	26,964.00	
Local Road Assistance (Received)	\$	3,444.00	
Snow Removal Account	\$	(250.00)	
911 Emergency Service	\$	91.31	
			\$98,587.82

### **Totals**

**\$359,722.99**

**Assessments for the 2025 Fiscal Year**

Airline Community School District #8	\$137,030.81
E-911 Hancock County (Estimated)	\$900.00
Hancock County Assessment	\$13,558.00
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues (Estimate)	\$1,558.00
MMA Risk Management Insurance (Estimate)	\$3,274.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$156,320.81</b>

**Administration and Contingencies**  
**Expended**

Versant Power	Utilities	\$	885.39
Union River Telephone Company	Utilities	\$	672.12
Aurora Post office	PO Box Rental	\$	120.00
Aurora Post Office	Postage	\$	388.40
United States Treasury (Town's Share)	Payroll Taxes	\$	1,146.98
Office Supplies	Various	\$	328.49
Software - Quickbooks	Accounting	\$	680.94
Software - Microsoft	Office Programs	\$	105.49
Software - Harris Trio	Assessment	\$	9,640.00
MMA Memberships	Dues	\$	1,558.00
MMA Risk Management	Insurances	\$	3,476.00
MMA Background Check	Treasurer	\$	88.49
Training/Professional Development	Training	\$	397.00
Payroll	Employee Pay	\$	20,416.02
Public Notices	Plow Bid	\$	113.92
James Wadman C.P.A	Auditor	\$	5,083.25
Mark Gibson	Assessment Services	\$	2,100.00
Printing	Town Report	\$	280.86
Secure Document Storage	File Preservation	\$	2,953.33
Audited Expenses Difference (see Audit Report)			
Appropriated for Fiscal Year		\$	40,000.00
Approved by *Special Warrant		\$	30,140.00
Total Approved by Town		\$	70,140.00
Total Expended		\$	50,434.68
Remaining Balance		\$	6,158.65
<b>Approved Expenses Carried</b>	<b>Special Warrant</b>		
*Josh Berry	Assessment	\$	7,500.00
*Secure Document Storage	File Preservation	\$	4,046.67
*Miscellaneous		\$	2,000.00
Total Carried to 2025		\$	13,546.67

## **Town Accounts**

<b>Administration</b>	Article 19	
Raised	\$	40,000.00
<i>Raised Special Warrant</i>	\$	30,140.00
Expended	\$	33,841.35
<i>Expended Special Warrant</i>	\$	16,593.33
Balance	\$	6,158.65
<i>Balance Special Warrant</i>	\$	13,546.67
Total Balance	\$	19,705.32

<b>Town Maps</b>	Article 20	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year	\$	900.00
Raised	\$	0.00
Expended	\$	0.00
Balance	\$	900.00

<b>Municipal Building Heating Costs</b>	Article 21	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year	\$	2,084.85
Raised	\$	2,915.15
Expended	\$	3,540.99
Balance	\$	1,459.01

<b>Municipal Building Repairs</b>	Article 22	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year	\$	52,733.02
Raised	\$	0.00
Expended	\$	0.00
Balance	\$	52,733.02

<b>Great Pond Planning Board</b>	Article 23	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year	\$	1,255.08
Raised	\$	0.00
Received from Fees	\$	315.00
Expended	\$	0.00
Balance	\$	1,570.08

<b>Snow Plow - Salt and Sand</b>	Article 24		
Raised		\$	1,500.00
Expended		\$	1,500.00
Balance		\$	0.00
<b>Legal Services</b>	Article 25		
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$	2,000.00
Raised		\$	4,000.00
Expended		\$	2,318.50
Balance		\$	3,681.50
<b>General Assistance</b>	Article 26		
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$	500.00
Raised or Reimbursed		\$	0.00
Expended		\$	0.00
Balance		\$	500.00
<b>Union River Solid Waste</b>	Article 27		
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$	0.00
Raised		\$	11,000.00
Expended		\$	11,000.00
Balance		\$	0.00
<b>Great Pond Road Maintenance</b>	Article 28		
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$	4,018.60
Raised		\$	5,981.40
Expended		\$	8,100.00
Balance		\$	1,900.00
<b>Snow Removal Account</b>	Article 29		
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$	(250.00)
Raised		\$	31,500.00
Expended		\$	26,040.00
Balance		\$	5,210.00

<b>Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance</b>	Article 30	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 844.69
Raised		\$ 1,155.31
Expended		\$ 1,825.00
Balance		\$ 175.00
<b>911 Emergency Services</b>	Article 31	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 91.31
Raised		\$ 808.69
Expended		\$ 729.95
Balance		\$ 170.05
<b>Aurora Volunteer Fire Dept.</b>	Article 33	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 0.00
Raised		\$ 13,972.00
Expended		\$ 13,208.00
Balance		\$ 764.00
<b>Local Road Assistance</b>	Article 35	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 26,964.00
State Allocation		\$ 3,444.00
Available		\$ 30,408.00
Expended		\$ 0.00
Balance		\$ 30,408.00
<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	Article 36	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 3,950.00
Raised		\$ 1,050.00
Expended		\$ 3,200.00
Balance		\$ 1,800.00
<b>Airline Community School</b>	Article 38	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 0.00
Raised		\$ 128,872.59
Expended		\$ 128,872.59
Balance		\$ 0.00

<b>Hancock County Tax Assessment</b>	Article 39	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$
Raised		\$ 16,382.23
Expended		\$ 16,382.23
Balance		\$ 0.00
<b>Eastern Agency on Aging</b>	Article 40	
Raised		\$ 75.00
Expended		\$ 75.00
Balance		\$ 0.00
<b>Ellsworth Public Library</b>	Article 41	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ (183.00)
Raised		\$ 0.00
Forgave		\$ 183.00
Balance		\$ 0.00
<b>Life Flight Foundation</b>	Article 42	
Carried from Previous Fiscal Year		\$ 0.00
Raised		\$ 100.00
Expended		\$ 100.00
Balance		\$ 0.00

## School Committee Report 2024-2025

At Airline Community School some new students and staff were welcomed just before Labor Day. The fall sports schedule was very busy and successful. Soccer and cross country running attracted great participation in manning the concession stand, baking goodies, and cheering the participants. The fall was also a time when the school students experienced the science of the Maine Outdoor School.

During the winter, some students used STEM and Legos to create robots. Other students in grades 3-5 learned to write opinion pieces and share science and social studies projects. Younger students explored ecosystems and began to use fractions. All students were encouraged to work collaboratively, in teams, and to explore various problem solving skills. Airline school is fortunate to have two ed-tech and two special education teachers as well as the regular teaching staff to give lots of individual help and instruction.

Janelle Jones continued as lead teacher with Mrs. Anderson as assistant-lead teacher. The enrollment at Airline School hovered near thirty while twenty students attended high school. Great Pond students are all in high school.

As to the school budget, the overall gross budget costs have increased by 6.5% for the four towns. Next year's school budget may be more challenging to meet if all Federal and state cuts affecting lunch programs, after school activities, etc. become law. A new statute of the United Technologies Center's cooperative agreement requires that core credits are recognized at a student's high school for the UTC course work. That is a win-win for everyone.

In May of every year, on the fourth Wednesday, the school budget is brought before the four towns at the school committee meeting. More involvement by our town at this meeting is needed as this is a major expense of our town's annual budget. Please continue to stay involved with Airline Community School by attending sports, music, holiday events and the May budget meeting.

Jacqueline Wingert- School Committee representative

## **Report from the Code Enforcement Officer**

I have issued one internal plumbing permit this year to Candace Thibideau at Little Pond for \$50.00.

I have not issued any building permits during the year.

Rebecca Albright C.E.O.

## **Great Pond Planning Board Report**

There has been no Planning Board meeting or permits issued for September 2024 to September 2025.

Thank you  
Scott Flanders  
Chairman

**Aurora Volunteer Fire Department  
PO Box 33  
Aurora, Maine 04408**

**Annual Report for 2024-2025**

The AVFD respectfully submits the following Annual Report covering July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025:

Type of Call	Number	
	2022-2023	2024-2025
Building Fires	3	0
Chimney Fires	0	0
Vehicle Fires	0	0
Brush or Forest Fires	3	2
Trash or Rubbish Fire	0	0
Nuisance or False Fire Alarms	1	1
Hazardous Material Spill	0	0
Carbon Monoxide Incident	0	0
Severe Weather, Storm Damage	5	0
Smoke Investigation	0	2
Unauthorized Burning	2	0
EMS Calls (not associated with vehicle accidents)	30	25
Vehicle Accidents (with personal injuries)	4	5
Vehicle Accidents (without personal injuries)	5	6
Extrication from Vehicle at accident	0	0
Hazardous Condition, like Wires and/or Trees Down in road	1	6
Water Problem	0	0
Assist police, another agency with EMS standby or assist	1	2
Cancelled In Route to Call (includes fires and EMS in other towns)	2	8
School Safety Education and EMS Standby	3	2
Person in distress, other	0	1
No Response (no one available to respond from AVFD)	2	11
<b>Total # of calls</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>71</b>
Mutual Aid – Received (mostly from Osborn)	18	28
Mutual Aid – Given	6	10

Responses to “home” medical emergencies in the towns of Amherst, Aurora and Great Pond are our greatest number of calls. In our service area, we have quite a few older people who live alone and/or have chronic health problems.

We were fortunate last year to not have any serious fires. We did respond to fires in Mariaville, but fortunately the Mariaville Otis VFD was able to handle the situations and turned us around before we arrived. There was one fire in a woods operation in Mariaville near the Amherst and Mariaville line that required a great deal of water to extinguish because it was burning under ground in an area with

large rocks and boulders. Mariaville responded with their tanker and engine and put the fire out, draining the fire pond in Amherst which was the closest water source.

In addition to responding to fires and emergency medical calls, the AVFD runs a number of fundraisers throughout the year. In the winter we run a fishing derby, in May we do a Mother's Day Breakfast, and then do a Hunter's Supper on Veteran's Day. We also conduct an Easter Egg hunt at the school and provide a session on Fire Prevention and Safety at the school during the fall.

Currently, the AVFD has 12 volunteer members, three of which are also members of Osborn VFD. Two members have structural fire fighter training, and several have forest fire training. The department has one Basic Emergency Medical Technician and two Emergency Medical Responders; Osborn also has an Emergency Medical Responder. Only 3 of these 12 members are under the age of 60.

We need more volunteers willing to respond to emergency incidents and keep the fire department operating. We pay members for mileage and provide stipends for members engaged in training and other activities. Our coverage is particularly thin during business hours when many of our members travel out of town for work. We will pay for training and personal protective equipment.

We are constantly recruiting community members to become volunteers. If you are someone who has a desire to learn new skills and to help in our local communities, we need you! Any member can help by doing traffic control, driving vehicles, helping with maintenance and learning to run the pumps. We also need help running the business aspects of the department like bookkeeping, publicity, administration, fundraising, etc.

Additionally, we could use more people, membership not required, to help with grass mowing, snow shoveling, cooking for our fundraisers, and maintaining the station and vehicles. You don't have to be trained in firefighting or emergency medical services to help. All our members and helpers are wonderful people who work at making our communities safer and a better place to live.

Deborah Palman, Chief, AVFD

Crystal Butterfield, Deputy Chief, AVFD

Tel. 207-944-1131

Tel. 207- 460-2755

**Additional Information requested by the Town of Great Pond, 8/7/25.**

The town of Great Pond requested the following information:

What does the GPOAC (Great Pond Outdoor Adventure Center) contribute to the AVFD?

The GPOAC has helped the AVFD by providing a place to hold their annual winter ice fishing derby, setting up tables for check in, sale of donated food and raffle prize displays. They allowed the public to use the Rec Hall for the day, including the bathrooms. The AVFD is allowed to use some space in their kitchen, and the GPOAC provided coffee and other drink supplies for AVFD use. The AVFD also used the Rec Hall to do their Mother's Day breakfast for two years until the national political situation changed and the GPOAC could not ensure hall would be usable by the AVFD.

The GPOAC maintains a cistern to provide water for firefighting. This would be a valuable resource for fighting fires in the winter when the pond is not open.

How many calls has AVFD responded to in the town of Great Pond in the last 5 years?

The AVFD responded to 29 calls in Great Pond between the dates of Jan. 1, 2020, to Aug. 8, 2025.

Town of Great Pond  
 County of Hancock  
 State of Maine  
 Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
 Fiscal Year 2024: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025  
 Monday, September 8, 2025  
 7:00PM

To the Constable or any citizen of the Town of Great Pond

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Great Pond, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Great Pond Town Hall, on Great Pond Road on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 at seven o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1.To choose by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting and to approve compensation at \$25.00/hr.
- 2.To choose a Town Clerk for a term of one year (Jacqueline Wingert)
- 3.To fix compensation for Municipal Officers:
- 4.Compensation to be raised or appropriated in Article 18: Administration

Selectmen per year	1500.00
Town Clerk per year	1500.00
Registrar of Voters per year	100.00
Treasurer per year	1500.00
Deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector or Treasurer per hour	15.00
Code Enforcement Officer	5000.00
School Board Member per meeting	25.00
Airline Board of Trustees per meeting	15.00
Road Commissioner per hour	15.00
Election Clerks per hour	15.00
Planning Board Members per meeting	15.00
Board of Appeals members per meeting	15.00
Animal Control Officer per hour	15.00

- 5.To fix compensation for Municipal tax Collector at 4% of taxes collected
- 6.To choose a Treasurer/Tax Collector (Tamia Fleming)
- 7.To choose a member of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors  
by a written ballot for a term of three years (Tony Martin)
- 8.To choose a School Committee Member  
by written ballot for a term of two years (Tamia Fleming)
- 9.To choose two School Trustee Members  
by written ballot for a term of three years (Eva Warner) (            )
- 10.To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board  
by written ballot for a term of three years (David Honey)
- 11.To choose a member of the Great Pond Planning Board  
by written ballot for a term of three years (Tom Stott)
- 12.To choose an Animal Control Officer  
by written ballot for a term of one year. (            )
- 13.To choose a Road Commissioner  
by written ballot for a term of one year. (Jerry Whitney)

14.To see if the Town will vote to fix an interest rate for 2025 delinquent taxes. 2025 4% Max rate allowed by law for 2025 is 7.5%: the state limit is 7.5%.

15. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town abated taxes pursuant to 36M.R.S.A. Section 506-A. Recommend: 5%

16.To fix the dates when taxes will be due and payable.  
Recommend: two payments ½ due 30 days from the Tax Commitment date and ½ due April 1<sup>st</sup> with interest (if any) to begin April 2.

17.To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of Property Taxes not yet committed. Recommended by Select Board.

18.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Administration Account. This account covers office expenses and compensation for municipal officials. 2024: Carried \$-216.65. Forgave \$216.65 Raised \$40,000.00 Additional \$30,140.00 (Special Meeting) Total Available \$70,140.00 Expended \$50,434.68 Available \$6,158.65 Recommend to Raise: \$43,841.35.

19.To see what sum, if any the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for updating the Town Maps (2024: Available \$900.00)  
Recommend: Carry \$900.00 Raise \$0

20.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Heating Cost of the municipal building. (2024 \$5,000.00 available \$3,540.99 spent) Recommend: Carry \$1,459.01 Raise \$3,540.99

21.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Town Hall Repairs (2024 \$52,733.02 available, \$0.00 Spent)  
Recommend: Carry\$ 52,733.02 Raise \$2,266.98

22.To see what sum, if any the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Great Pond Town Planning Board. (2024 \$1255.08 available, received \$315.00 in fees to make total of \$1570.08 \$0 Spent)  
Recommend: Carry \$1570.08. Raise \$0.00

23.To see what sum if any the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Legal Services. (2024 \$6,000.00 available, \$2,318.50 Spent)  
Recommend: Carry \$3,681.50 Raise \$2,318.50

24.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for General Assistance. (2024 \$500.00 available, \$0 spent) Recommend: Carry \$ 500.00 Raise \$0

25.To see what sum, if any, the town will raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Union River Solid Waste Management. (2024: \$11,000.00 available, \$2,764.00 additional (Special Meeting); \$9,072.00 spent) Recommend: Carry \$4,692.00 Raise \$9,072.00

26.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Great Pond Road Maintenance. (2024: \$10,000 available, \$8100 expended.) Recommend: Carry \$1,900.00 Raise \$5,500.00

27. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Snow Removal. (2024: \$31,250.00 available, \$26,040.00 spent) Recommend: Carry \$ 5,210.00 Raise \$26,040.00

28.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Great Pond Cemetery Maintenance. (2024: \$2,000 available, \$1,825.00 spent) Recommend: Carry \$ 175.00 Raise \$1825.00

29.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for E-911 Emergency Service Dispatch. (2024: \$900.00 available, \$170.05 spent) Recommend: Raise \$729.95

30.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department. (2024: \$13,972 available, \$13208.00 expended.) Carry \$764.00 Recommend: Raise \$13,208.00

31.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Local Road Assistance for road construction. (2024: \$30,408.00 available, \$3444.00 received, \$0.00 spent.) Recommend: Carry \$30,408.00.

32.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Tree Maintenance required on Great Pond Road. (2024 \$5,000.00 available, \$ 3,200.00 spent.) Recommend: Carry \$ 1,800.00 Raise \$1,200.00.

33.To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Airline Community School District AOS#47 assessment. \$137,030.81 assessed to be reduced by \$14.97 interest income from the School/Ministerial Trust for a total of \$137,015.84 by taxation. This assessment has already been passed at the May 2025 Airline School budget meeting. Recommend: Must be passed.

34.To see what sum the town will vote to raise by taxation for the Hancock County Municipal Taxes assessed. 2024-2025: Raised: \$16,382.23 Spent: \$16,382.23 Recommend raise \$13,558.00 by taxation. Recommend: Must be passed.

35.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Eastern Agency on Aging. (2025 \$75.00) Requested: \$75.00 Recommend: \$ 75.00

36.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for Ellsworth Public Library. 2024-2025: Requested: \$183.00 Spent:183.00 Recommend: \$ 183.00

37.To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise by taxation and/or appropriate for the Life Flight Foundation. (2024 \$ 100.00) Requested: \$100.00 Recommend to Raise: \$100.00

38.To see if the Town would like to have a discussion and straw vote on the development of commercial renewable energy production (solar and wind farms) in the Town of Great Pond.

A. Allow zoning restrictions or

B. Not allow it.

Residential units to produce one's own power would be allowed with either choice.

39.To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads due to weather or other causes pursuant to 23M.R.S.A. § 2953.

40.To determine the sense of the town meeting with respect to moving the Annual Town Meeting date to June 2026.

41.To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned property with a value of \$200.00 or less, under such terms and conditions they deem advisable.

42.To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal 2025-2026. Recommend: \$5,000.00

43. Shall the Town of Great Pond vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend state funds for the following categories(30-A,MRSA§5682): Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education,(including federal pass-through funds and property tax relief), Civil Emergency Funds, (Emergency Management Assistance), Snow-Mobile Reimbursement, Veteran's Exemptions Reimbursement, Homestead Reimbursement, State Grants or other (unknown funds, gifts and/or donations).

44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to offer to sell any property automatically acquired by tax liens to the previous owner(s) for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest; should the previous owner decline to redeem the property after 30 days' notice, to authorize the Select Board to follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. 943-C; should they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner, excess sales proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner; and further to allow the Select Board to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

45.To see if the town will vote to accept the Town Report as written and/or amended.

46.To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands as members of the Select Board

On this eighth day of September 2025 A.D.



Sue Swaim



Anthony Martin



Tom Stott

Attest



Town Clerk

