# TOWN OF JAY

## ANNUAL REPORT



Year Ending JUNE 30, 2024

#### **BOSTON POST CANE**

On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town. In 1930 eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well. The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen.



On April 8, 2024 the Select Board presented the Boston Post Cane to Hamblin Allen (Ham or Hammie) at the age of 102. Ham was born on September 23, 1921. The oldest son of Raymond and Ruth Allen, his early years were spent working on the family farm alongside his brothers and best friends, Carlton and Richard, and attending school in Jay, Maine. Upon graduation from high school, he went to work in the Woolen Mills for a couple of years, saving up money to buy a Model A Ford for \$35 (he later sold it for \$50!).

As a young man, he decided to take a bus across country to California where he enrolled in Aircraft/Sheet Metal School and worked in a sheet metal factory. It was there that he received his draft notice from the U.S. Army, but rather than reporting, he drove his 1937 Ford convertible home to Maine and joined the U.S. Navy. After attending basic training in Massachusetts, he was shipped out to Chicago and later to Minneapolis where he became trained as an aircraft mechanic.

In 1945, Ham was stationed in San Diego waiting to ship out when World War II ended. He returned home to Maine and used the money he had made while in the Navy and working side jobs as a landscaper to purchase his first Harley Davidson motorcycle. He went to work at GH Bass in Wilton for several years before opening his own business, Allen's Garage in North Jay. It was here that he put his love for cars to good use, learning to build and race hot rods with some of his friends and providing excellent automotive services until his retirement in 1987. Ham began his family in Jay and he became an integral part of the community- serving as the Fire Chief for 26 years and volunteering at his church in many different roles.

Following his retirement, Ham and his wife, Lula, continued to enjoy the Maine outdoors with trips up North to fish and camp. Ham has always loved the Maine woods and is particularly fond of his trips down the Allagash.

Ham continues to be active in his senior years, bowling two days a week until last year. At the age of 98, he finally decided to give up plowing and sell his much-loved plow truck. He still fixes small motors for his grandchildren's lawn mowers, snow blowers and anything else they can find for him to putter on. In the spring, he is an essential worker at his grandson's sugar shack and often wins a blue ribbon at the local fair! He continues to enjoy Bible study with friends and breakfast and coffee time with his family that live close by.

Ham is a valued member of his community and much loved by everyone who knows him.

Credit: Sun Journal

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## GENERAL INFORMATION TOWN OF JAY

#### INCORPORATED – FEBRUARY 26, 1795 Formerly called Phipps, Canada

POPULATION 4620

AREA SQUARE MILES 48

ROADS – STATE & TOWN 95 Miles

ALTITUDE 342.59 (At Old Otis Mill)

#### **RSU #73 SCHOOLS**

PRIMARY SCHOOL	328
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	303
MIDDLE SCHOOL	298
HIGH SCHOOL	417

#### **COMMITMENT INFORMATION 2024 - 2025**

STATE VALUATION	\$ 395,900,000.00
TAXABLE VALUATION	\$ 286,236,357.00
TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 6,297,199.85
COUNTY TAX	\$ 687 339 00

#### 2024 - 2025 TAX RATE - .02200 INTEREST RATE - 6.00 %

A COPY OF THE AUDIT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.JAY-MAINE.ORG OR UPON REQUEST

#### **ELECTED PERSONNEL 2024**

#### **SELECTBOARD**

1st - Terry Bergeron- 2027

 $2^{nd}\,$  - Thomas Goding -  $2027\,$ 

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lee Ann Dalessandro - 2025 4<sup>th</sup> - F. Timothy DeMillo - 2026

5th - Gary McGrane - 2026

#### JAY VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Pamela McAllister – 2025 Randall Doiron – 2026 Joseph Holley – 2027

#### **RSU 73 School Board**

(Jay Members)

Jodi Cordes - 2025

Christina Riley - 2025

Robert Staples - 2026 (Resigned)

Danielle Walsh-Brotherton - 2025 (Appointed)

Elaine Fitzgerald - 2026

Bryan Riley - 2027

Dawn Strout - 2027

#### NORTH JAY WATER DISTRICT

Scott White – 2025 Jeffrey Purington – 2026 Michael Wells – 2027



#### **MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY 2024**

Town Manager Shiloh LaFreniere

897-6785

Superintendent of Schools

Scott Albert 897-6722 Plumbing Inspector Kent Mitchell

778-1445

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Ronda Palmer 897-6785 Sewer Superintendent

Mark Holt 645-4246 Transfer Station John Johnson 897-5552

**Deputy Tax Collector** 

Lori Shink 897-6785 Niles Memorial Library

Tamara Hoke 645-4062 Police Chief Joseph Sage 897-6766

Deputy Town Clerk

Raeleen York 897-6785 Area Game Warden

Kris MacCabe 1-800-452-4664 Public Works Director John Johnson

John Johnson 897-4920

Finance Director

Jill Gingras 897-6785 **Animal Control Officer** 

Christa Powers 778-6140

Code Enforcement Ronda Palmer 897-6785

Health Officer

Leslie Harding 897-5959

Assessor's Agent Paul Binette

897-6785 (Available Tues. Only)

Fire Chief Michael Booker

860-9285



#### REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

2024 saw the culmination of the repair projects related to the three FEMA declared storms in 2023. The largest projects, Macomber Hill, Begin and Hutchinson Road were all completed in the fall. Although all of the repairs have been completed, we are still working through the FEMA process to obtain reimbursement of expenses as well as working with our auditors in anticipation of the federal audit that will be required next year. To date we have received over \$2 million in reimbursement and are anticipating another \$1.2 million. This is for the FEMA (75%) and State (15%) portions. In recognition of the challenges that our community went through related to these storms, our Town Manager was asked to serve on the Governor's Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission. The Commission is charged with reviewing and evaluating Maine's response to the recent storms; identifying crucial areas for near-term investment and policy needs; developing recommendations to

improve disaster recovery and response; and strengthen resilience supports at the state, regional, and

local levels. We are pleased that our lessons learned may help support others.

Several other projects were addressed this past year as well. These included the repair of the Public Works sand and salt building, including replacing siding on the back wall and securing the metal roofing; paving of the North Jay Fire Station parking lot, including a concrete apron in front of the building to support the weight of the trucks; lining 402' of the sewer main on Jay Hill that was outside of FEMA repairs but needed due to root intrusion; replacement of the carpet and vinyl tile and windowpanes that had lost their seal in the Municipal Building; and the Public Works contribution to the Holland Strong Tennis Court Project that included in-kind labor and equipment at an approximate value of \$9,000. The Department Heads are cognizant of the property and equipment maintenance needs that ensure our resources are kept up, while also recognizing budgetary constraints. We aim to strike a balance between these two demands.

In order to maximize the budgets that are provided to us by the taxpayers our departments actively seek grant opportunities that could offset budget expenses or enhance the services we provide. Some of the grants that were awarded in 2024 include: MMA Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grants - \$3,000 towards a full set of firefighter turnout. MMA Ed MacDonald Safety Scholarship - \$1,600 for FD annual hazmat training. MMA Risk Reduction Grant - \$1,240 for an 8-camera security system for the Transfer Station. Homeland Security Grant - \$22,475 to replace the current body camera system with a cloud based one. Byrne JAG Grant - \$3,107 for 2 desktop computers for the patrol office. Maine Bureau of Highway Safety Grant - \$14,000 for dedicated patrols for speed enforcement and 2 new radar units. King Foundation Grant - \$6,500 for a rescue boat, motor and trailer for the FD. Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant - \$1,888 for 4 portable radios, pagers and speakers. LF's Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade – to date over \$16 million in grant/principal forgiveness has been secured for this project. Community Outdoor Recreation Assistance grant that AVCOG applied for on behalf of Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls to focus on a recreational plan for the tri-town area. Thank you to all of our Department Heads that work very hard to bring additional resources to our community.

All funds related to the American Rescue Plan Act were expended by year end. The Town received \$489,808 in ARPA funds. While these funds could not be used to directly reduce the tax rate, the Board authorized spending on projects that would have otherwise required local tax dollars. The multi-year projects that were completed included: Municipal Building – replaced HVAC units, phone and alarm system, flooring and funded partial cost of foam insulation on roof; Town Office – upgraded software and website and contracted with the State for orthoimagery data for digital mapping; PD – replaced 4 body cameras and 2 tasers and upgraded the combiner/antenna for communications; Public Works –

replaced generator and boiler, new addition and weatherization of exterior, repairs to sand/salt building; FD – replaced SCBA bottles, boiler and overhead doors; Sewer – replaced mower.

In April 2024 the voters authorized the Select Board to enter into an agreement with Polycor New England, LLC who owns and operates the granite quarry located off Woodman Hill Road in North Jay. The 7 year agreement provides that, in consideration of a \$50,000 initial financial contribution and a \$25,000 annual contribution thereafter, the 1.4 mile section of Old Jay Hill Road and Woodman Hill Road running from Route 4 at the top of Jay Hill to just past Polycor's driveway entrance on Woodman Hill Road would be re-paved and would not be subject to a seasonal gross registered vehicle weight limit posting allowing for year round operation of the Polycor facility

In August, we regrettably lost our Police Chief Richard Caton and Sergeant Russell Adams to the Town of Rangeley. Both were dedicated, long-term employees who will be missed. Joseph Sage accepted the position of Police Chief and is settling into the new role. We have faced continued manpower challenges this year and held a special town meeting in September to transfer \$63,000 from the undesignated fund to the PD to allow a wage adjustment aimed at keeping and recruiting officers to our department.

Our long-term Animal Control Officer, Larry Wright, left the position this year after 35 years serving the community as ACO. Christa Powers has taken on the role. She can be reached through Franklin County Dispatch at 778-6140. Franklin County is also exploring an option to provide a regional ACO position through the Sheriff's Dept. This may be an option that we consider in order to provide an enhanced level of service without impacting the budget.

In mid-December, due to concerns with the pickup of curbside recycling as well as in anticipation of tracking needed for the State of Maine's proposed Stewardship Program for Packaging, the Board approved a change to the curbside recycling pickup schedule. Now all recycling town-wide is scheduled to be picked up on Thursday. We also recently announced that the curbside collection service is getting an update with a new entity joining Archie's. While the company's name will remain the same, we are hopeful that the residents will see improvements in the service. New trucks are already in use, and additional ones are expected soon along with other upgrades to their business and facilities. As the new entity reviews the current operations there may be other changes proposed but we will continue to communicate with residents if these take place.

Jay participates in the Summer Recreation Program that Livermore Falls hosts. Funding for this program was reviewed this past year to determine the most equitable formula for Jay, Livermore and LF. Ultimately it was decided that the program would be funded 40% by Jay, 40% by LF and 20% by Livermore. It is up to the individual towns to determine how much will be paid through taxation vs by the kids attending the program. This year's budget for Jay and LF is \$21,926 and Livermore is \$10,963. The cost per child from the three towns will be \$100 if each town raises their full share.

We are now completing a town-wide revaluation. The new values will be the basis for tax bills in the fall of 2025. See the Helpful Information section of this report for more information on the revaluation.

As always, we encourage all our citizens to become involved in local government and help us make the decisions that will form our future. Stay connected through our Facebook page, our website (www.jay-maine.org) and Mt. Blue TV (mtbluetv.org) who airs our Board meetings and other community events.

Terry Bergeron, Select Board Chair

Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

Proud of our Past...

Working for our Future

## Town of Jay Ronda L. Palmer Office Manager Email: joffice@jay-maine.org

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The Town Office experienced a very busy 2024, with a record number of elections and voter turnout. The shift to a Presidential Primary instead of a caucus in 2020, along with semi-open primary elections and a presidential election, contributed to high voter participation.

In 2024, the Town of Jay held three Municipal Elections. The Annual Town meeting took place on April 23rd. Terry Bergeron and Thomas Goding ran unopposed for Select Board seats. Bryan Riley and Dawn Strout ran for the two open School Board seats, which were contested with write-in campaigns that resulted in a recount. Ultimately, Bryan and Dawn won the seats.

The Annual Town Meeting warrant contained 33 articles, all of which passed. These included an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Treatment of Wastewater Flows for the Towns of Livermore Falls and Jay, as well as Amendments to the Jay Environmental Control and Improvement Ordinance Chapter 15 - Town-Wide Residential Land Use Standard and Chapter 5 – Subdivision Ordinance and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance The purpose of these amendments was to establish guidelines, as mandated by the State, to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on properties.

Two Special Town Meetings were also held. The first one was in September and was to transfer funds from the undesignated account to the Police Department to aid with employee retention. The second one was in November in conjunction with the Presidential Election and was to amend the Ordinance regulating Marijuana in the Town of Jay. The amendment proposed changing the property line setback requirements from 200 feet down to 150 feet and imposing a required lot size of five acres. The amendment failed.

State Elections saw very high turnouts. The use of semi-open primaries allowed unenrolled voters to vote for the first time in Maine without enrolling in a Party. The Presidential Election had a record turnout as well, with 2712 voters, of which 1031 were absentee voters. This high level of absentee voter participation in all elections kept the Town Office staff busy throughout the entire year.

This year, RSU 73 will hold its Annual Budget meeting on April 10th at the Spruce Mountain High School Cafeteria. Jay's Annual Town Meeting and School Budget Referendum vote will be held on April 29th from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Jay Community Building. There is one position available for Select Board and three positions available for the School Board (one being a one-year position vacated by Robert Staples). Trustee positions are also available for the Jay Village Water District and the North Jay Water District.

In 2024, 290 dogs and 5 kennels were licensed. 291 recreational licenses were processed for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and 713 ATVs, snowmobiles, and boats were registered.

#### 2024 STATISTICS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following calls were registered with Christa Powers, Jay's ACO

#### **Statistics are as follows:**

Complaints	82	
Warnings Issued	9	
Summons Issued	1	Dog Licenses are due January 1st.
10 Day Quarantined	8	A \$25.00 late fee per dog is charged beginning February 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Total Dogs	37	Online Dog Licensing is now available.
Taken to Shelter	15	a rando re-
Returned to Owner	14	Dog Tags are available October 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Total Cats	64	Fees: \$6.00 for neutered or spayed;
Taken to Shelter	60	all others \$11.00
Returned of Owner	0	

There were no cases of rabies in the year 2024. I remind residents to comply with State of Maine law by having all dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies.

Respectfully Submitted, *Christa Powers*Animal Control Officer – 778-6140

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Dead Animals

We want to give special thanks to our longtime Animal Control Officer, Larry Wright, who served the community for over 35 years. Thank You!

#### **Police Department**



As we close out 2024, the Jay Police Department reflects on the year's achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement. Our commitment to safeguarding the community, enhancing public safety, and fostering positive relationships with the citizens of Jay has been at the core of our daily operations. This report provides an overview of the Department's activities, accomplishments, and priorities moving forward.

We continue to operate with a dedicated team of 6 full-time and 6 part-time officers, the Police Chief and an Administrative Assistant who are all committed to serving and protecting our community. The Department is under the leadership of Chief Joseph Sage, who has been in office since June of 2024, when Chief Richard Caton resigned his post. Chief Sage continues to emphasize the importance of community policing, transparency, and officer wellness.

In 2024, the Jay Police Department responded to a total of 7,893 calls for service, an increase of 26.95% compared to 2023. The breakdown of the top citizen requested incidents is as follows:

Traffic Incidents: 1,585 Criminal Arrests: 175 Traffic Crashes: 130

Offence Reports: 335 Domestic Disputes: 99 Animal Control Issues: 434

Property Crimes (Burglary/Theft/etc.): 190 Mental Health/Medical Calls: 164

Some notable trends this year include a 48% increase in forgery/larceny that has prompted the Department to review response protocols and public education awareness in the community. Also, officers issued 1,585 citations for traffic violations, with a particular focus on speeding in school zones and distracted driving. We believe this enforcement action played a direct impact on reduced traffic crashes which is a trend in the positive direction. We investigated 130 crashes this year, which was a reduction in crashes by 28.57%

The Department places a strong emphasis on building trust and communication with the community. This year, we held several community outreach initiatives to engage residents and promote public safety.

Sand for Seniors: The Chief of Police along with officers assisted Jay seniors ensure a safer home environment by providing buckets of sand to residents who would normally be unable to provide this service to themselves.

Youth/SRO Programs: The Department is committed to serving its entire community to include our youth, which statistically faces some of the most adverse conditions. Our School Resource Officer works in collaboration with the local school system to provide protection mentorship and training in topics including internet safety, bullying prevention, and the dangers of substance abuse. Our School Resource Officer was also certified as a National Child Passenger Safety Technician. We look forward to hosting child safety seat inspections this summer.

Town Events and Collaboration: Officers participated in several town events, including the Annual 4th of July Parade and the French Falls Music Festival. Their presence helped ensure public safety while maintaining a friendly and approachable demeanor.

The Department also joined efforts with the Healthy Community Coalition of Maine in collaboration with RSU #73 and other multijurisdictional entities, to facilitate numerous events for the youth and their parents.

Our Department prioritizes the ongoing education and professional development of its officers. In 2024, the Department invested in several training opportunities including Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) aimed at improving officer's responses to individuals experiencing mental health crises; Use of Force and De-escalation Training which is an annual training for all officers on techniques to ensure the use of the least amount of force necessary in every situation; and Leadership Development where several officers attended leadership seminars to enhance management skills and improve department operations.

The Department continues to modernize its technology and equipment to improve efficiency and public safety. All officers are equipped with body-worn cameras, which have enhanced accountability and transparency in interactions with the public. These were procured utilizing grant funding for a (5) year contract ensuring accountability for years to come. In 2024, the Department also replaced one aging patrol vehicle with a newer, more reliable model, enhancing officer safety and operational efficiency.

The 2023-2024 budget was \$921,992.00, which reflects a 3% increase from 2023. This increase was primarily due to investments in technology, training, and equipment upgrades. Despite challenges posed by inflation and rising costs, the Department managed to stay within budget and prioritize essential services.

While this past year was a year of progress, the Department also faced several challenges. Like many law enforcement agencies across the country, the Jay Police Department has faced difficulties in recruiting and retaining officers. Efforts to recruit new candidates were implemented with approval from the Select Board and the Department at the close of 2024 we were fully staffed. A challenge this year has been the increase in mental health calls, highlighting the need for better resources and training. The Department plans to collaborate more with local mental health professionals to address these situations effectively.

As we move into 2025, the Jay Police Department has several goals and initiatives for continued improvement:

- Community Policing: Strengthen our community policing initiatives by expanding outreach programs and building deeper relationships with residents.
- Officer Wellness: Continue to prioritize officer wellness by providing access to mental health support, fitness programs, and work-life balance initiatives.
- Enhanced Traffic Safety: Focus on addressing speeding, impaired driving, and other traffic violations, particularly in high-risk areas around schools and busy intersections.
- Technology Upgrades: Invest in additional technology to improve data collection, case management, and community engagement tools.

The Jay Police Department remains dedicated to the safety, security, and well-being of our community. Through collaboration with citizens, town officials, and local organizations, we continue to improve our services and respond to the evolving needs of the people we serve. We look forward to building on the successes of 2024 and addressing the challenges ahead in 2025. On behalf of the entire team at the Jay Police Department, I extend my gratitude to the Selectpersons, citizens, and Town Manager for their ongoing support. We are proud to serve this community and remain committed to enhancing the quality of life for everyone in Jay.

Chief Joseph D. Sage Jay Police Department



#### **Public Works Department**

As of this writing, 1/13/2025, the winter of 2024-25 has delivered only 37.5" of snow and two substantial icing events. Last year at this time we only had 33" of snow but ended up with 112" after a very active February and March. It remains to be seen where we end up this year with 10 weeks to go.

There were again no changes to staffing levels in 2024 as the Department continues with 10.5 positions and is still responsible all for highway duties, transfer station operation, cemetery care, E-911 addressing and public spaces such as ball fields and parks.

If you recall we had three FEMA disaster declarations in 2023, May, June and December. The construction and paperwork for these events continued throughout 2024. Construction was finally completed on 12/16/2024 but the paperwork has carried into 2025 with a Cat Z project outlining administrative costs still to be submitted.

New equipment purchased in 2024 included a new F-600 to replace a 2014 F-550. This truck does the winter maintenance on the "Jay Village route" which is all streets off Rt #4 from the Public Works Garage to the Ludden Dr neighborhood plus Rt #140 and its side streets. Also purchased was a 2024 International. This is a larger truck compared to an F-600 but much smaller than a full-sized Western Star. This was purchased to replace a Western Star that lost an engine. This is a decrease in operational capacity but also a money savings purchase when you consider the CV515 was \$171,313 and replacing the Western Star with another would have been \$260,000. This truck services the "Riley route" which consists of everything on the west side of the River and Rt #4.

We compacted and transported 2,235 tons of solid waste, 14.67 tons of tires, 76.35 tons of shingles, 131.8 tons of metal, 3,600 lbs. of paint along with hundreds more tons of E-waste, brush, demo, wood, ash, metal and compost. We are on a three-year rotation with Wilton and Livermore for hosting a Household Hazardous Waste collection day. In 2024 it was held at the Livermore Transfer Station, 2025 is slated to be held at the Jay Transfer Station on 8/16/2024.

Again, the largest issue facing us, not unlike everyone else, is the rising cost of operations. Many commodities we use such as diesel fuel is up 40% in the past five years while culverts are up 123%, winter salt is up 30% and winter sand is up 105% in the same time frame. Modest budget increases averaging 3.5% over this same time period have required that some services be reduced in an effort to hold down expenditures thus taxes.

Respectively: The Public Works Crew

#### **Sewer Department**



With 2024 now in the rear-view mirror, we look back on several projects that were completed and look forward to several projects that are still underway.

The sewer mains on Main Street, Look Brook Circle and the Whistle Stop Trail that were damaged by the floodwaters from the June 2023 storm have been repaired. The sewer main on Main Street, between Skyline Drive and Summit Street, that has been relined by Vortex and a section of the sewer main just south of the entrance to the Jay Hill Apartments has been replaced by Pratt & Son Excavation. All these sewer main repair/replacement projects were paid for utilizing reimbursement funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A section of sewer main on Main Street across from of Chickadee Street has been relined by Vortex to correct root intrusion and offset pipe joint issues. This was paid for using the Sewer Department's reserve account funds.

Overall, the Jay sewer collection system, including two flow metering stations and six duplex pump stations, remains relatively up to date and in good shape for the next several years. The work done over the past 35 years has put Jay in a solid position as far as the overall condition of the sewer infrastructure. However, there is still work to be done, such as preparing for the ME DOT's Route 133 project scheduled for 2025-26 which will likely require expenditures from the Sewer Dept.'s capital reserve account to assure the sewer lines, manholes, frames, and covers are all in good condition and at proper elevation prior to the planned roadway surface rebuilding along this corridor. Sewer line flushing/cleaning and wet well cleanings need to be performed annually as well. Additionally, there is the never-ending day to day operation and maintenance to assure all Jay's waste water flows to the Livermore Falls waste water treatment facility (LF WWTF) without bypasses or overflows.

Milestone one of the upgrades to the LF WWTF has reached substantial completion status. \$14M was allocated and spent on this portion of the upgrades. With the new WWTF infrastructure in place and operational, the overflows and bypasses that were experienced during the 2023 high flow events will no longer be experienced in the coming years as the WWTF is now capable of assimilating the higher flow rates, all while providing adequate treatment of the waste water to meet or exceed our discharge permit requirements prior to being released to the Androscoggin River.

An additional \$7.15M will be spent on LF WWTF upgrades over the next two years with the final completion of milestone's two & three slated for June 2027. Once the upgrades are completed, the LF WWTF will be ready to serve the communities of Jay and Livermore Falls for the next 25 years without the need for major upgrades.

The total cost for the six-year upgrade to the LF WWTF will be \$21,150,032. This upgrade is being paid for utilizing \$16,252,800 in grant funding (77%) plus \$4,897,232 in loan funding (23%). The loan portion of the project's funding will be shared equally between Jay and Livermore Falls, approximately \$250,000 each annually over the next 20 years.

If you are a taxpayer or sewer ratepayer in the Town of Jay, this is your sewer infrastructure. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us. The more you know, the more you know!

*Mark L. Holt – Superintendent Jay & LF Sewer Dept.'s* 

Alfred O. Richards - Operator



#### Jay Fire and Rescue Report



The Jay Fire Rescue Department has finished with another busy year, responding to 423 calls for service, 55 of which were for mutual aid. We requested help from our mutual aid partners 9 times. The Department currently consists of 30 members. 7 members live out of town and 2 are junior firefighters. We had 2 members complete the basic firefighter program offered in Androscoggin County this past year. We have had other great training opportunities, including a plane crash training by an elite member of the FAA. We will have further trainings this year to keep us ready for any call that comes up.

The per diem program is still working well. We have 2 trained firefighters at the station Monday - Friday from 8 am-4 pm. Along with the duties related to responding to calls, they are responsible for maintaining the equipment and stations. All the equipment is still in very good condition. Ladder 1 and Engine 3 experienced some mechanical issues this year and we are working on getting them taken care of. Engine 1 and Utility 1 are still in good shape and serving the community well. We also acquired a pick-up truck previously owned by the Police Department. It will be stationed at Station 2 and carry equipment and manpower for fighting forest fires, conducting traffic control and attending the smaller calls that don't require the engine or ladder response. Station 1 had the driveway repaved and it should last many years.

In late spring we had a longtime member of the Department retire. FF Alfred Richards leaves us after over 40 years of service. Alfred will definitely be missed for his big smile and his ability to make everyone laugh. His dedication and service will be missed, and we wish him the best in retirement.

The Department had an excellent grant-writing year. We first received a \$ 3776 grant through the Maine Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. This is a 50% matching grant to purchase and replace outdated forest fire equipment. We also received a \$6700 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to purchase a rescue boat as well as a \$3000 Ed MacDonald Safety Grant to purchase a full set of turn out gear for a new firefighter. We are grateful for these grants and will continue to pursue more next year, as it helps take vital equipment purchase burdens off of taxpayers.

We are always open to new volunteers and even if that isn't something you can do, you can assist us and yourself by installing and regularly checking your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Keeping your chimneys clean and heating sources serviced can and will save lives. Following the recent LA fires, we can also all start considering wildfire season ahead of time this year by planning to remove brush and excess vegetation from your properties.

In closing, I would like to thank the firefighters and their families for their sacrifice and countless hours of dedication to our community. I'd also like to thank the Town Manager, Selectboard and community for their continuous support. Make sure to check us out on our Facebook page. As always, stay safe!

#### **SUMMARY OF CALLS IN 2024:**

Public Assist - 46	Vehicle Crashes – 68	Grass/Woods Fire - 21	Smoke Investigations - 10
Water Rescue - 2	Flooded Basement - 2	Chimney Fire - 8	Trees/Lines Down -75
Building Fire - 38	Cover Assignment - 3	Smoke/Co Alarm - 44	Total Calls = 423
Vehicle Fire - 5	Hazardous Condition - 24	Medical Assist - 77	Mutual Aid 55 of 423 calls

Respectfully submitted, *Mike Booker* - Fire Chief



#### To the Town Manager, Select Board, Budget Committee, and Citizens of the Town of Jay:

Here at the library, we like to offer something for everyone. We have books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, STEM kits, and games and puzzles available for circulation. We have computers for public use and offer printing, photocopying, and faxing. We also offer programs for all ages. In 2024, we provided a total of ninety-one programs with a total attendance of 1,937. Our preschool story time and playgroup included special guests and programs, including: A Musical Story Time with Carla Miller; Read with a Therapy Dog Program with Love on a Leash, their dogs, and handlers; and Courtney Pride, occupational therapist.

Another regular program we hold is a book group for adults. In 2024 we read a variety of different books from different genres, including: Frozen River (Ariel Lawhon), Halloween Party (Agatha Christie), Lessons in Chemistry (Bonnie Garmus), Moon in Full (Marpheen Chan), Find a Way (Diana Nyad), How to Read a Book (Monica Wood), The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry (Gabrielle Zevin), The Road to Dalton (Shannon Bowring), All the Light We Cannot See (Anthony Doerr), and A Symmetry of Husbands (Patricia O'Donnell).

We had three author visits: Paul Doiron, Monica Wood, and Patricia O'Donnell and held 3 Summer Reading Programs (one for young kids, tweens and teens and adults). We provided movie nights, a knitting group, a Lego party, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, arts and crafts activities, Trunk or Treat, Spring Fling, two Dungeons and Dragons groups (one for young people and one for adults), and DiNovember, a month-long celebration of dinosaurs.

We gained 125 new library users this year and had a total of 9,270 visits. We circulated 22,026 physical materials to patrons, and an additional 1,069 electronic materials. Our patrons borrowed 195 items from other libraries around the state through interlibrary loan. We provided 211 Take and Make Kits for young people and circulated an additional 185 items from our library STEM kits. The library Makerspace was utilized forty-eight times. We offered a pass to the Western Maine Play Museum which was used a total of 216 times. 374 patrons used our public computers for a total of 305 hours and 33 minutes and our wireless accessed an estimate of 340 times. Thanks to Spruce Mountain Adult Education and Greater Franklin Economic & Community Development, Ernie Steward provided help with technology on Mondays from 3:30-5pm. Patrons utilized this resource a total of sixty-three times.

In closing, I would like to thank our wonderful library board members for always providing insightful guidance and our fabulous Library Friends without whom much of our children's programming would not be possible.

Thanks for reading! - Tamara Hoke, Library Director

#### Annual Report of the Jay Planning Board



In 2024, The Town of Jay Planning Board held three regular meetings and conducted one site visit. Christopher Townsend joined the Board, and Cheryl Ann Jerry, who served for almost a year, resigned. The Board currently has one alternate position available.

The first meeting, in July, included a site visit to a property on Intervale Road (across from Davenport Hill Road). The Board approved a Flood Hazard Development Permit for Dean Langton to fill an area to build a 22x36 pad, cabin, and well, contingent upon submission of an elevation certificate. As this certificate was not submitted, the permit was never issued.

In September, the Board met with members of the New England Clean Energy Connect project. The Board had issued a permit for this project in 2021 and granted an extension in 2023. These permits were set to expire in November 2024. The applicant requested a new Shoreland Zoning Permit to construct the previously approved transmission line from the Canadian border to the New England grid. The Board issued a new permit for the project. At the same meeting, the Board also approved a correction to a Shoreland Zoning Permit issued in 2023 to Patricia Oullette, due to mismarked lots on the recorded plan.

The final meeting of the year concerned a Shoreland Zoning Permit for Godfrey Forest Arizona LLC, with plans to redevelop part of the old Pixelle mill on Riley Road into an Oriented Strand Board (OSB) plant. John Godfrey presented an overview of the project at the meeting. The Planning Board approved the project which will develop 14.2 acres of the current site of which 380 square feet will be in the Shoreland Zone.

Many Planning Board members also serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, a project assigned by the Select Board in 2023. The Committee has been meeting monthly for the past twelve months and is planning public forums to encourage citizen involvement. The Committee used a survey for public input and aims to have a Plan ready for a vote in November 2025. This Plan seeks to provide a clear vision for the Town for the next 20 plus years. Public participation is always welcome, so please be on the lookout for meeting announcements and public forum dates.

**Planning Board Members** 

Barbara Cook, Chair Michael Fournier, Vice Chair Susan Theberge, Secretary Dennis Stevens Christopher Townsend Daniel Ryder

Brandon Hobbs Benjamin Lower Jamie Carden-Leventhal

### **Plumbing Report 2024**



Kent Mitchell, Plumbing Inspector

Permit	Map - Lot	Owner	Address	Type	Fee
24-1	M5 L88	April Benedix	305 Intervale Road	Internal	\$50.00
24-2	M6 L65-1	Whitney LaBrecque/Brian Turner	16 Lucarelli Road	Replace	\$250.00
24-3	M13 L8	Bryan Walker	107 Maxwell Road	Replace	\$265.00
24-4	M24 L18	Kathi & Shaun Weeks	9 Knoll Circle	Internal	\$40.00
24-5	M13A L47	Craig Rowley	3 Granite Heights	Replace	\$150.00
24-6	M32 L13	Jordan & McKenna Couture	3 Fuller Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-7	M4 L50	Dennis & Karen Couture	48 East Jay Road	Replace	\$150.00
24-8	M12 L35	Philip & Judy Tremblay	7 Eden Lane	Replace	\$150.00
24-9	M5 L45	Jack Brenneman	407 Davenport Hill Rd.	Replace	\$150.00
24-11	M3 L29-1	Robert Bahre Heirs	Jay Plaza (Old ProVision)	Internal	\$50.00
24-12	M1 L40	Cleo Roy	368 Crash Road	Replace	150.00
24-13	M14 L20B	Barry & Lisette Couture	80 Masterman Road	Septic	260.00
24-14	M1 L32C	Adam Mitchell	441 Crash Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-15	M13A L74	Reginald (Reggie) Lane	12 Lake School Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-16	M1 L32C	Adam Mitchell	441 Crash Road	Internal	\$110.00
24-17	M13 L78	Terry & Iris Trask/Brandi Lakis	329 Macomber Hill Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-18	M13 L78	Terry & Iris Trask/Brandi Lakis	329 Macomber Hill Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-19	M14 L98	Kendall & Joanne Brann	6 Rainbow Ridge	Internal	\$40.00
24-20	M14 L20B	Barry & Lisette Couture	80 Masterman Road	Internal	\$130.00
24-21	M10B L5	Dustyn Blodgett/Milissa Cousins	10 Look Brook Circle	Internal	\$40.00
24-22	M8 L16A	Randy & Pamela Tozier (Ralph III)	470 Morse Hill Road	Septic	\$265.00
24-23	M15 L74	Wholesome Housing LLC	17 Main Street	Internal	\$40.00
24-24	M4 L107B	Luke Hilton/Sara Neal	332 Morse Hill Road	Internal	\$40.00
24-25	M10 L65	Isaac Dewispelaera	143 Macomber Hill Rd	Internal	\$90.00
24-26	M4 L71	Bradley Scovil	306 Warren Hill Road	Replace	\$150.00
24-27	M16 L126	Kelly Macmannus	43 Jewll Street	Replace	\$80.00
24-28	M15 L75	Wholesome Housing LLC (J Gilbert)	15 Main Street	Internal	\$40.00
24-29	M6 L20	Bartlett, Tami & O. Finnegan	585 Main Street	Replace	\$250.00
24-30	M13 L77A	Janice Bachelder	42 Lake School Rd.	Replace	\$250.00

### **Budget Committee Report**

The Budget Committee serves as an advisory group to the Select Board of the Town of Jay and are considered to have informed opinions on the various line items that are presented to the citizens and taxpayers. The Committee is made up of 11 members and 2 alternates who are appointed by the Board.

This year was a challenging budget due to the size of the proposed increase and knowing that a revaluation will be taking place. Although all articles were given a positive recommendation by the Budget Committee, you will note there was some disagreement among Budget Committee members.

Like all public meetings in Jay, residents are invited to attend any and all of these meetings. We hope to see you there.

Mike Ventrella – Chair

Justin Merrill - Secretary

#### Town of Jay

#### **Annual Treasurer's Report**

Town Indebtedness as of June 30th, 2024

#### Bond Principal ~ Outstanding ~ \$1,708,850.00

#### **Government Activities:**

\$770,000, 2011 General Obligation Bond due in annual principal payments of \$51,333 and semiannual interest payments through November 2025. Interest is charged at a fixed rate ranging from 2.125% to 5.625% per annum. Debt payments made directly by RSU 73.

\$102,666

**Total Government Activities** 

\$102,666

#### **Business-type Activities:**

\$824,442, 2016 General Obligation Bond due in annual installments of \$102,805 and semiannual interest installments through September 2026. Interest is charged at a fixed rate of 1.00% per annum.

\$308,417

\$878,909, 2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Bond due in annual principal payments of \$43,945 through September 2040. Interest is charged at a fixed rate of 1.00% per annum.

\$747,074

\$1,647,875, with principal forgiveness of \$1,000,000 2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Bond due in annual installments of \$32,394 and semiannual interest installments through September 2040. Interest is charged at a fixed rate of 1.00% per annum.

\$550,693

Total Business-type Activities

\$1,606,184

Jill Gingras; Finance Director



March 5, 2025

Selectboard Town of Jay Jay, Maine

We have been engaged by the Town of Jay, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Jay, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, are available for inspection at the Town Office.

#### Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues	Schedule A
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule B
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule D

RHR Smith & Company
Certified Public Accountants

RHR Smith & Company

#### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

400570	General Fund		Formerly Non- Major Fund FEMA 23/24 Disaster Relief		Other Governmental Funds			Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS	Φ.	4 000 444	Φ.		Φ.	4 470 070	Φ.	0.450.000
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,986,111	\$	-	\$	1,173,272	\$	6,159,383
Investments Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):		-		-		254,659		254,659
Taxes		223,419		-		-		223,419
Liens		55,046		-		-		55,046
Other		189,465		-		-		189,465
Due from other governments		-		1,672,022		-		1,672,022
Prepaid items		12,206		-		-		12,206
Due from other funds		2,432,725				1,516,054		3,948,779
TOTAL ASSETS	\$_	7,898,972	\$	1,672,022	\$	2,943,985	\$	12,514,979
LIABILITIES	Φ.	50.005	•		•		•	50.005
Accounts payable	\$	50,625	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50,625
Accrued expenses		27,608		-		-		27,608
Due to other governments		931		4 500 400		-		931
Due to other funds		1,516,054		1,599,492		83,552		3,199,098
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,595,218		1,599,492		83,552		3,278,262
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Prepaid taxes		48,925		_		_		48,925
Deferred revenue				262,823		95,645		358,468
Deferred tax revenue		172,047		-		-		172,047
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF		112,011						172,017
RESOURCES		220,972		262,823		95,645		579,440
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) Nonspendable		12,206		_		17,500		29,706
Restricted		12,200		_		250,294		250,294
Committed		313,000		_		2,478,833		2,791,833
Assigned		010,000		_		24,329		24,329
Unassigned (deficit)		5,757,576		(190,293)		(6,168)		5,561,115
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	-	6,082,782		(190,293)	-	2,764,788		8,657,277
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TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND		<b>7</b> 000 0 <b>7</b> 0	•	4 070 000	•	0.040.005	•	40.544.050
BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>\$</u>	7,898,972	\$	1,672,022	\$	2,943,985	\$	12,514,979

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

				nerly Non- njor Fund			
				MA 23/24	Other		Total
		General		Disaster	Governmental	G	vernmental
		Fund		Relief	Funds	G	Funds
REVENUES		runu		Reliei	rulius		runus
Property taxes	\$	6,364,620	\$		\$ -	¢	6,364,620
Excise taxes	φ	968,430	φ	-	φ -	φ	968,430
		2,374,758		,384,096	- 162,837		3,921,691
Intergovernmental		177,563		,304,090	102,037		177,563
Charges for services Miscellaneous revenues		,		-	66 500		•
		360,887			66,523		427,410
TOTAL REVENUES		10,246,258		,384,096	229,360		11,859,714
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government		530,708		-	28,347		559,055
Public safety		1,647,878		-	9,912		1,657,790
Public works		1,994,503	1	,574,389	-		3,568,892
Recreation and library		194,055		-	-		194,055
Education		4,545,786		-	-		4,545,786
County tax		709,523		-	-		709,523
Insurance		168,871		-	-		168,871
Unclassified		183,787		-	394,714		578,501
Capital outlay		-			158,384		158,384
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		9,975,111	1	,574,389	591,357		12,140,857
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		271,147		(190,293)	(361,997)		(281,143)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in					594.944		594,944
Transfers (out)		(892,155)		_	(4,744)		(896,899)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(892,155)		<del></del>	590,200		(301,955)
TOTAL OTTILIT INANCING SOUNCES (USES)		(092,133)			390,200		(301,933)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)		(621,008)		(190,293)	228,203		(583,098)
FUND DALANCES (DEFICITE) HULVA AS DDEVIOUSLY							
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		7,041,458		-	2,659,250		9,700,708
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS	-	(337,668)			(122,665)		(460,333)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, RESTATED		6,703,790			2,536,585		9,240,375
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30	\$	6,082,782	\$	(190,293)	\$ 2,764,788	\$	8,657,277

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

								Variance	
		Budgete	d Ar	nounts		Actual		Positive	
		Original		Final		Amounts	(Negative)		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	\$	6,703,790	\$	6,703,790	\$	6,703,790	\$	-	
Resources (Inflows):									
Property taxes		6,391,751		6,391,751		6,364,620		(27,131)	
Excise taxes		805,000		805,000		968,430		163,430	
Intergovernmental		1,866,552		2,238,160		2,374,758		136,598	
Charges for services		49,500		168,563		177,563		9,000	
Miscellaneous revenues		49,000		280,120		360,887		80,767	
Amounts Available for Appropriation		15,865,593		16,587,384		16,950,048		362,664	
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):									
General government		546,525		546,525		530,708		15,817	
Public safety		1,499,765		1,695,966		1,647,878		48,088	
Public works		1,881,897		2,372,712		1,994,503		378,209	
Recreation and library		194,055		194,055		194,055		-	
Education		4,545,786		4,545,786		4,545,786		-	
County tax		709,523		709,523		709,523		-	
Insurance		142,500		145,350		168,871		(23,521)	
Unclassified		267,897		299,822		183,787		116,035	
Transfer to other funds		892,155		892,155		892,155		<u>-</u> _	
Total Charges to Appropriations		10,680,103		11,401,894		10,867,266		534,628	
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$	5,185,490	\$	5,185,490	\$	6,082,782	\$	897,292	
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000	\$	-	\$	(1,500,000)	

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

	Original Budget	Final Actual Budget Amounts				/ariance Positive Vegative)
Revenues (Inflows):						
Taxes:						
Property taxes	\$ 6,391,751	\$ 6,391,751	\$	6,364,620	\$	(27,131)
Auto excise	801,500	801,500		965,002		163,502
Boat excise	3,500	3,500		3,428		(72)
Intergovernmental revenues:						
State revenue sharing	1,100,001	1,100,001		1,230,001		130,000
Homestead reimbursement	557,199	557,199		557,199		-
Tree growth	9,500	9,500		15,527		6,027
BETE reimbursement	196,352	196,352		196,425		73
General assistance	-	7,234		7,234		-
Veteran's/other reimbursement	3,500	11,941		12,439		498
FEMA/MEMA	-	355,933		355,933		-
Charges for services:						
Solid waste fees	17,000	17,000		19,929		2,929
MDEA agent	-	119,063		119,063		-
Administration fees	18,000	18,000		23,588		5,588
Building rent	10,000	10,000		10,000		-
Police	500	500		444		(56)
Fire revenue	-	-		115		115
Other	4,000	4,000		4,424		424
Miscellaneous revenues:						
Tax lien interest	12,000	12,000		11,794		(206)
Investment interest	30,000	30,000		60,680		30,680
Lien fees	7,000	7,000		5,565		(1,435)
Sale of fixed assets	-	-		485		485
Other	 	 231,120		282,363		51,243
Amounts Available for	 	 				
Appropriation	\$ 9,161,803	\$ 9,883,594	\$	10,246,258	\$	362,664

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government: Administration Town boards Selectboard	\$ 533,000 760 12,765	\$ -	\$ 533,000 760 12,765	\$ 519,208 237 11,263	\$ 13,792 523 1,502
Colociboara	546,525		546,525	530,708	15,817
Public safety:					
Police department	817,626	191,158	1,008,784	1,008,623	161
Fire department	260,639	5,043	265,682	240,862	24,820
Ambulance	49,000	-	49,000	48,897	103
Hydrants/water	372,500	-	372,500	349,496	23,004
	1,499,765	196,201	1,695,966	1,647,878	48,088
Public works:					
Road/building maintenance	1,733,385	490,815	2,224,200	1,845,991	378,209
Curbside pickup	148,512	-	148,512	148,512	-
	1,881,897	490,815	2,372,712	1,994,503	378,209
Recreation and library:					
Library	194,055	-	194,055	194,055	-
·	194,055		194,055	194,055	-
Education	4,545,786		4,545,786	4,545,786	
County tax	709,523		709,523	709,523	
Insurance	142,500	2,850	145,350	168,871	(23,521)

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
Industrial revaluation	19,000	_	19,000	18,950	50
Audit	13,500	_	13,500	11,570	1,930
Assessing	45,440	_	45,440	46,009	(569)
AVCOG	8,800	-	8,800	8,795	` 5 <sup>°</sup>
MMA	5,400	_	5,400	5,468	(68)
Plumbing inspect.	10,225	-	10,225	9,989	236
Animal welfare	11,600	-	11,600	11,155	445
Donations	675	-	675	675	-
Andy Valley	-	8,441	8,441	8,441	-
General assistance	3,000	7,234	10,234	11,013	(779)
Grave care	500	-	500	500	-
Overlay	109,697	-	109,697	20,651	89,046
Hail Storm 2022 repair	-	16,250	16,250	16,250	-
Tax acquired	-	-	-	485	(485)
Legal fees	40,000	-	40,000	13,776	26,224
General expenses	60		60	60	
	267,897	31,925	299,822	183,787	116,035
Transfers:					
Admin reserve	5,000	_	5,000	5,000	-
Police reserve	23,000	_	23,000	23,000	-
Highway department reserve	100,000	_	100,000	100,000	-
SRO reserve	2,000	_	2,000	2,000	-
Paving reserve	325,000	_	325,000	325,000	-
Fire dept. reserve	70,000	_	70,000	70,000	-
PW building reserve	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Police training reserve	15,200	-	15,200	15,200	-
Town revaluation	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Public works contracted	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Enterprise funds	301,955	-	301,955	301,955	-
	892,155	-	892,155	892,155	-
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 10,680,103	\$ 721,791	\$ 11,401,894	\$ 10,867,266	\$ 534,628

## COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	: Р	ermanent Funds		al Nonmajor overnmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Due from other funds	\$ 1,173,2 234,9 1,516,0	988 954	19,671 -	\$	1,173,272 254,659 1,516,054
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,924,3	314 \$	19,671		2,943,985
LIABILITIES  Due to other funds  TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 83,5 83,5		<u>-</u>	\$	83,552 83,552
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred revenue TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	95,6 95,6		<u>-</u>		95,645 95,645
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned (deficit) TOTAL FUND BALANCES	248,1 2,478,8 24,3 (6,1 2,745,1	333 329 168)	17,500 2,171 - - - 19,671	_	17,500 250,294 2,478,833 24,329 (6,168) 2,764,788
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,924,3	314 <u>\$</u>	19,671	\$	2,943,985

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

	I	Special Revenue Funds	manent unds		al Nonmajor vernmental Funds
REVENUES Intergovernmental Interest income Other TOTAL REVENUES	\$	162,837 15,413 50,422 228,672	\$ - 688 - 688	\$	162,837 16,101 50,422 229,360
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Public safety Other		28,347 9,912	- -		28,347 9,912
Capital Outlay TOTAL EXPENDITURES		394,714 158,384 591,357	- - -		394,714 158,384 591,357
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(362,685)	 688		(361,997)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers (out) TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		594,944 (4,744) 590,200	- - -		594,944 (4,744) 590,200
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		227,515	 688	-	228,203
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		2,640,267	18,983		2,659,250
FUND BALANCE CORRECTIONS		(122,665)			(122,665)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED		2,517,602	18,983		2,536,585
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	2,745,117	\$ 19,671	\$	2,764,788

#### **Assessors' Report**



#### **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS:**

Please don't forget to apply for your Homestead Exemption if you have not already. The exempt amount is \$25,000 in assessed valuation for the 2025 tax commitment. The States Homestead reimbursement rate to the Town is 76%.

#### **VETERANS EXEMPTIONS:**

The Maine Revenue Service has expanded/re-established some federally recognized wartime periods to grant exemptions to veterans (or their widows) that served in the Armed Forces. Please contact our Assessors' office for more information.

#### **PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

We want to make Jay businesses aware of two programs that offer either a tax reimbursement or tax exemption for qualifying equipment. These programs are called Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Both programs require property owners to submit applications and both programs have specific criteria for qualifying owners and property. Information regarding the BETE and BETR programs is available online at www.maine.gov or at the Jay Assessors' Office.

#### PAPER MILL INFORMATION:

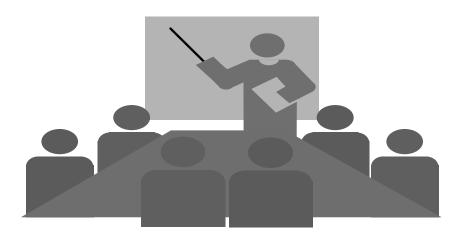
Developers of the Paper Mill property are hopeful to begin construction of a fiber board plant in 2025. Portions of the former Mill are being removed so a new facility may emerge. Other sections of the Mill property are being considered for other operations and ventures. Town officials continue to work with the developers of the site and have not wavered from that commitment.

#### **EQUALIZATION PROGRAM:**

The Town of Jay has begun the fieldwork of the 2025 Equalization Program. Representatives of John E. O'Donnell & Associates have been visiting every property in Jay with completion of the fieldwork expected by mid-February. Recent sales in Jay will be used to develop new land and building assessment schedules to reflect Fair Market Value as of April 1, 2025. Property Owners will be sent a proposed new assessment for their property and will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of John E. O'Donnell & Associates to discuss the proposed assessment over the summer of 2025. New assessments for all Jay properties will be available on the Towns website for all to review as well.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Binette CMA Jay Assessors Agent John E. O'Donnell & Associates



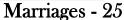
#### 2024-2025 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

COUNTY TAX	\$687,339
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$6,147,597
EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,817,715
TAX INCRIMENT FINANCING	\$0
OVERLAY	\$56,558
TOTAL SPENDING	\$10,709,209
LESS DEDUCTIONS	-\$3,903,353
NET TO BE RAISED	\$6,805,856
RAISED BY LOCAL PROPERTY TAX	\$6,297,200
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT	\$454,093
BETE REIMBURSEMENT	\$54,563
TOTAL RAISED	\$6,805,856

REAL ESTATE VALUE	\$275,391,650
PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE	\$10,844,707
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEABLE VALUE	\$20,640,589
BETE REIMBURSEABLE VALUE	\$2,480,129
TOTAL VALUATION BASE	\$309,357,075
TOTAL VALUATION BASE	\$309,357,075
TAX RATE	x.02200
AMOUNT COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR	\$6,805,856

### TOWN OF JAY VITAL STATISTICS January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024







Births - 45

#### IN MEMORY OF

Name	Age	Date of Death	Location	Name	Age	Date of Death	Location
Bernice A. Adams	86	4/10/2024	Livermore Falls	Daniel J. Mancine	74	1/13/2024	Auburn
Warren P. Akell	<b>75</b>	12/26/2024	Jay	<b>Donald Marquis</b>	84	1/29/2024	Jay
William G. Allen	84	1/2/2024	Auburn	Therese C. McKenna	93	5/7/2024	Auburn
Eric Archibald	37	3/15/2024	Jay	Mary A. Nelson	88	12/15/2024	Auburn
Linda E. Autrey	63	9/2/2024	Lewiston	Clifford G. Olson	91	1/15/2024	Paris
Gilbert J. Barnaby Sr.	96	6/2/2024	Farmington	Victor C. Quellette	72	8/3/2024	Jay
<b>Arthur Benedetto</b>	105	2/19/2024	Farmington	Norman Pelletier	90	2/26/2024	Farmington
Cindy L. Bennett	70	5/19/2024	Jay	Victor C. Pribanic Jr.	<b>54</b>	10/19/2024	Jay
Roger W. Blais	79	6/6/2024	Jay	Phillip N. Rafter	90	5/19/2024	Farmington
Jeffrey P. Breton	67	11/20/2024	Jay	Lucille M. Richard	91	11/15/2024	Jay
Keith M. Brooks	92	4/24/2024	Farmington	<b>Donald E. Richards</b>	79	10/24/2024	Farmington
Patricia A. Castagna	<b>52</b>	7/30/2024	Farmington	George P. Roy Jr.	85	5/24/2024	Jay
Paula A. Cavanaugh	<b>74</b>	6/9/2024	Jay	Roland D. Roy	<b>75</b>	12/15/2024	Jay
Rodney G. Cote	62	1/6/2024	Farmington	Simonne J. Roy	84	5/25/2024	Farmington
Bertha J. Couture	96	1/14/2024	Jay	Michael W. Schaedler	67	2/20/2024	Portland
Kimberly J. Couture	63	4/2/2024	Jay	Bernard P. Shink	91	1/28/2024	Canton
William E. Cox	67	9/17/2024	Auburn	Neree N. Simoneau	86	4/30/2024	Jay
David A. Crockett Jr.	66	6/15/2024	Jay	Ruth Snell	94	7/13/2024	Jay
John P. Crowley	82	12/27/2024	Auburn	Kimmie J. Spencer	70	4/18/2024	Jay
Sally A. Deane	85	2/25/2024	Auburn	Brenda J. Stewart	82	3/21/2024	Lewiston
Marcella H. Farrington	90	8/2/2024	Jay	Stephen H. Tague	69	11/7/2024	Jay
Priscilla V. Farrington	86	3/3/2024	Auburn	Marie A. Thompson	93	11/5/2024	Jay
David M. Flagg	60	4/26/2024	<b>Portland</b>	Michael E. Tibbetts	80	3/15/2024	Farmington
Paul E. Foss	88	6/19/2024	Auburn	Russell L. Tregembo	73	5/7/2024	Togus USVA
Richard T. Frazier	76	12/8/2024	Jay	Michael R. Wadsworth	61	7/8/2024	Farmington
Barbara A. Geisman	86	11/13/2024	Jay	Joseph A. Weston Jr.	62	2/5/2024	Jay
Helen Hall	88	4/21/2024	Farmington	Brian D. White	80	5/31/2024	Jay
Linda M. Hardy	71	5/9/2024	Jay	Delance E. White	81	8/21/2024	Scarborough
Patrick L. Hebert	92	1/21/2024	Farmington	<b>Robert A. Whittemore</b>	73	5/3/2024	Togus USVA
Charles E. Heckbert Sr.	86	12/15/2024	Farmington	Vince A. Wilder	57	1/9/2024	Canton
Ada M. Jackman	85	8/4/2024	Farmington	Gary E. Willett	70	3/12/2024	Jay
Robert H. Jenkins	76	1/29/2024	Portland	Donald E. Wright	88	10/30/2024	Farmington
Gerard P. Levesque	<b>73</b>	7/29/2024	Auburn	Lillian G. Wright	94	7/7/2024	Jay

Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

#### 2023 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

* GREYHAWK, LLC	333.13
* JAY RENT A TOOL	789.25

#### 2024 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

GETCHELL BROTHERS	12.20
* GREYHAWK, LLC	675.05
JAY RENT A TOOL	885.50
* LAFLEUR'S RESTAURANT	250.70
MAINEWEST RENTALS, LLC	69.00

#### 2023 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

*	ALLISON, TERRENCE	1185.18	*	LEE, REGINALD A. ESTATE OF	2862.56
*	BENVIE, RONALD	366.68	*	LOVELY, MELISSA	228.67
*	BLODGETT, MARGARET M	2045.14	*	LOVEWELL, KIERLAN A	11.53
*	BOWIE, WILLIAM B	833.76	*	MCCOURT, GREGORY F	1042.77
*	BUCK, JAMES A	974.60	*	MOORE, TOMMY HEIRS OF	532.81
	BURHOE, DONALD	1752.66		MOREAU, RICHARD J	1594.06
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	79.12	*	PLANTE, KELLY J	1407.33
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	667.82	*	POLAND, ERICA	358.30
*	CHURCHILL, DANA	450.88	*	POLAND, ERICA	840.85
	COTTLE, RICHARD D, ESTATE OF	736.60		POLLIS, DARREN L	129.77
	COTTLE, RICHARD D, ESTATE OF	1612.29		POLLIS, DARREN L	468.05
*	DIAZ, JONATHAN W	4379.58		POLLIS, DARREN L	138.63
	DUNN, JAMES H JR	2901.78		POLLIS, LEROY JR. ESTATE OF	820.94
	DUNN, JAMES H JR	326.34	*	POMERLEAU, ANTHONY H ESTATE	202.24
	DUNN, LATARA	419.39	*	POWERS, CHRISTOPHER	971.52
	DYER, RUSSELL	1258.95	*	RICHARD, BARBARA	686.97
	ELLIOTT, ALBERT JR	788.09	*	THIBODEAU, ERIC W	274.48
*	FITCH, AMY FLANDERS	69.05		THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	179.07
*	FOSS, SHAWN S	2286.70		THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	162.85
*	GALLAGLER, TIMOTHY	295.44		THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	1017.79
*	GOULD, DAVID	4522.45		WEBB, CRYSTAL A	1442.19
	GREENLEAF, RICHARD ESTATE OF	2131.37	*	WHELPLEY, KEVIN M	477.75
	GREENLEAF, RICHARD ESTATE OF	322.51	*	WHITEHOUSE, WAYNE C	389.05
	GRIMANIS, MICHAEL A	170.01		WHITNEY, TIFFANY	791.57
*	JACKSON, RUSSELL	571.03		WHITTEMORE, BARBARA ESTATE OF	602.21
*	JACKSON, SHEALEE	4099.24	*	WILBUR, ALICE	336.80
	JOHNSON, TONEY	138.91	*	WILLIAMS, DALE	53.92
*	KESSINGER, BEONKA ESTATE OF	573.26	*	WILLIAMS, HENRY D SR	1098.25
*	KORHONEN, JOHN	3761.82		* PAID AS OF 2/19/2025	



#### **2024 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES**

*	ADAMS, RANDY W	352.13		DOLBIER, CAROL E	531.07
*	ALLISON, TERRENCE	1527.89		DOLBIER, CAROL E	203.66
*	ALMMEM HOLDINGS, LLC	2941.42	*	DUMENY, RICKY M	462.53
*	BAILEY, KAREN	1008.66		DUNN, JAMES H JR	3152.61
*	BARCLAY, BARRY	1460.38		DUNN, JAMES H JR	905.51
	BEGIN, JOSEPH	376.74		DUNN, LATARA	403.88
*	BENNETT, CINDY A	636.60		DUNN, SHANE C	451.72
	BENVIE, RONALD	1970.26	*	,	302.15
	BLAISDELL, SCOTT	1666.12	*		524.80
*	BLODGETT, MARGARET M	2079.93	*		64.00
	BOLDUC, RONALD, ESTATE OF	425.50		DYER, RUSSELL	1302.03
	BOWIE, WILLIAM B	4156.33		ELLIOTT, ALBERT JR	797.18
*	BRACKETT PROPERTIES, LLC	485.07	*	FARNUM, PENNY	547.83
*	BRADFORD, ANDREA	379.96	*	FARNUM, PENNY	789.15
*	BUBIER, ELIZABETH	318.78		FARRINGTON, CHRIS	728.88
	BUCK, JAMES A	1073.41	*	FARRINGTON, CHRIS	1552.96
	BURHOE, DONALD	21.39	*	FARRINGTON, KIMBALL	804.83
	BURHOE, DONALD	1904.40	*	FARRINGTON, KIMBALL	634.80
*	BURHOE, MICHAEL J, ESTATE OF	18.62		FARRINGTON, MARTIN	221.49
*	BURHOE, MICHAEL J, ESTATE OF	427.89		FARRINGTON, MARTIN A	3403.08
*	BURHOE, MICHAEL J, ESTATE OF	1415.45		FARRINGTON, MARTIN A.	179.17
*	BURNHAM, FRANK	567.64	*	FITCH, AMY FLANDERS	1666.81
*	CASTONGUAY, GEORGE C	1307.69	*	FOSS, CHRISTOPHER	289.80
*	CERULLI, THOMAS	11.50	*	FOSS, GLORIA J	900.00
*	CERULLI, THOMAS	246.56		FOSS, SHAWN S	2496.88
*	CF ENTERPRISES	537.39	*	FOURNIER, LORRAINE	131.56
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	23.00	*	FRENCH, WILLIAM M	1067.31
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	175.26		FROST, DARLENE	1373.33
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	464.37		FROST, DARLENE	43.70
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	744.84	*	GAGNEPAIN, CHRISTOPHER	558.55
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	665.85	*	GALLAGLER, TIMOTHY	259.21
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	744.84	*	GARRON, JENNIFER	182.78
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	934.57		GILBERT, CYNTHIA	1215.04
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	256.24	*	GODING, BRUCE E ESTATE OF	8.28
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	714.74		GODING, JOSHUA	343.21
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	726.34	*	GOODHART, RONALD TRUSTEE	1576.76
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	215.57		GOULD, DAVID	4389.46
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	57.45	*	GOULD, THOMAS E	1110.67
*	CHURCHILL PROPERTIES, LLC	620.64		GOWDY, KATHLEEN	1223.80
*	CHURCHILL, DANA	428.95		GREELEY, DONNA	660.33
*	COLLINS, KEITH	781.86		GREENLEAF, RICHARD ESTATE OF	2254.69
	COTTLE, RICHARD D, HEIRS OF	750.26		GREENLEAF, RICHARD ESTATE OF	279.45
	COTTLE, RICHARD D, HEIRS OF	2281.60	*		23.92
*	CROCKETT, HANK D	383.85		GRIMANIS, MICHAEL A	131.56
*	CROCKETT, LORETTA	14.03		HALLIDAY, KASEY	151.80
*	DESCOTEAUX, MARGARET P	86.94	*	HEBERT, JEANNINE N. ET AL	391.34
*	DIAZ, JONATHAN W	2060.80	*	•	3742.86
	DIAZ, JONATHAN W	4728.34	*		278.53
*	DIAZ, JONATHAN W	263.12		HINES, CHRISTOPHER	1278.34
*	DIAZ, JONATHAN W	215.51	*	HOGAN, KATHLEEN A	704.61
*	DIMOND-PAINE ELLEN G.	169.75		HOLMAN, TAMMY	592.25
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*	LILITCUINCON, CARV FAMILY TRUCT	277 27	4	NCUNENI CINIII	757 70
*	HUTCHINSON, GARY FAMILY TRUST JACKSON, RUSSELL	277.37 969.91		NGUYEN, SINH NIEMI, SHERRY	757.73 113.26
*	JACKSON, SHEALEE	4485.46		NOLIN, JOSEPH R	261.22
•	JACOBSON, CARY	1357.69		O'BRIEN-NOLIN, ESTHER	948.43
	JACQUES, LINDA ET AL	233.79		OFFORD, KATHY	546.48
*	JEWELL, JAZZMIN	253.57	*	O'KANE, JAMES	120.14
*	JEWETT, DEBRA A	70.49		OLIVER, BRENDA	121.02
•	JOHNSON, TONEY	135.93		ORCHARD KNOLL GRAY, LLC	341.55
*	KENNEDY, CAREY ANN	677.69		ORCHARD KNOLL GRAY, LLC	2479.63
*		88.09		OXFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	1243.03
*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3887.69	*	PAINE, TYLER	190.78
	KESSINGER, BEONKA ESTATE OF	562.58		PERRY, BRIAN	15.18
*	KLMS, LLC	1781.41		PERRY, BRIAN	1891.95
	KORHONEN, JOHN	4117.00		PLANTE, KELLY J	1536.63
*		556.40		POLAND, ERICA	400.43
*	LAFLEUR, ROBERT	806.98		POLAND, ERICA	864.11
*	LAFLEUR, ROBERT A	2511.71		POLLIS, DARREN L	69.00
	LAWLER, DAPHNE D	496.80		POLLIS, DARREN L	438.38
	LEAVITT, AMANDA	9.66		POLLIS, DARREN L	78.66
	LECLAIR, NORMAND R	16.11		POLLIS, LEROY JR. ESTATE OF	833.06
	LEE, REGINALD A. ESTATE OF	3062.45		POMERLEAU, ERIC	2015.49
*	LEE, WILLIAM L. ESTATE OF	671.14		POPOLOSKI, SCOTT	618.12
*	LITTLEFIELD, LINDA J	385.61	*	POWERS, CHRISTOPHER	2446.51
*	LOFTON, BARBARA A	418.83	*	QUIRRION, KATHERINE	215.58
	LOVELY, MELISSA	186.30	*	RANCOURT, JOHN	17.25
*	LOVEWELL, KIERLAN A	1267.30	*	RANCOURT, JOHN	19.09
*	LOWER, BENJAMIN	1363.73		REEVE, WAYDE	3071.17
*	LYNCH, JENNIFER	3195.13		REIMERS-HEARD REALTY TRUST	2.63
*		1999.39		RICHARD, BARBARA	1469.24
*	THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF	2413.16		RICHARDS, CAMERON	13.34
*	MAINEWEST RENTALS, LLC	1767.43		RICHARDSON, DARIAN	684.56
*	MAINEWEST RENTALS, LLC	1106.76		ROBERTS, RICHARD	746.51
*	MAINEWEST STORAGE, LLC	382.95		SAGE, JOSEPH	1206.81
*	MARIN, PHILIP A SR	1477.75		SANDERS, JACOB	1763.64
*	MARSHALL JEEFERY	1445.32		SANDERS, JACOB	105.57
*	MARSHALL, JEFFERY	530.15		SAWYER, DENNIS	1433.36
*	MARTIN, ROBERT	301.53 1256.49	-1-	SEABURG, JOHN TRUSTEE	1032.47
•••	MATTHEWS, BRANDON MCCOURT, GREGORY F	1456.73		SENCABAUGH, RANDI SENCABAUGH, SCOTT R	664.24 1238.09
*	MCCOURT, MATTHEW C	737.61		SHERMAN, BILLIE JO	56.62
*	MCCOURT, MATTHEW C	441.14		•	316.94
*	MEDCOFF, BRENDA	507.49		SMALLEY, MARK SMITH, LISA M	1924.64
*	MEDCOFF, BRENDA	512.78	*	ST. PIERRE, BENJAMIN	554.76
•	MOORE, TOMMY HEIRS OF	581.67		ST. PIERRE, BENJAMIN E	362.25
	MOREAU, RICHARD J	1686.59		ST. PIERRE, BENJAMIN E	453.33
	MORIN, ERIC A	2885.03		STANLEY, RONALD R	2490.39
		2003.03		* PAID AS OF 2/19/2025	2.50.55
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*	STAPLES, MICHAEL	1331.01	WHITE, BRADFORD N, ESTATE OF	1446.01
*	STAPLES, MICHAEL	462.76	* WHITE, DONNA B	881.09
*	STEVENS, KATHRYN	726.80	* WHITE, MICHELLE J	1694.18
	THIBODEAU, ERIC W	308.89	WHITEHOUSE, WAYNE C	2254.92
	THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	125.58	* WHITNEY, ANNA TRUSTEE	2545.29
	THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	109.94	WHITNEY, TIFFANY	873.54
	THOMPSON, GERALD O JR	1057.31	WHITTEMORE, BARBARA ESTATE OF	603.52
*	TYLER, JAMMIE	355.00	* WHITTEMORE, WAYNE	150.99
*	TYLER, JAMMIE L	2351.60	* WHITTEMORE, WAYNE	257.37
*	VAZQUEZ, SANTOS L JR	1323.19	WILBUR, ALICE	511.29
	VEILLEUX, GINA	728.66	* WILLIAMS, DALE	1236.48
*	WALP, JOHN H	2811.52	* WILLIAMS, HENRY D SR	1208.42
	WEBB, CRYSTAL A	1520.76	* WINTER, DARRYL	865.40
*	WELCH, SCOTT, HEIRS OF	1082.02	WRIGHT, TAMMIE O	2885.81
	WELLINGTON, RITA H	1471.08	WRIGHT, TAMMIE O	581.50
	WHELPLEY, KEVIN M	476.10	* ZIOBRON, KEITH	1253.96
			* PAID AS OF 2/19/2025	



#### TAX / SEWER ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

#### 2021-2022 TAX ABATEMENTS

ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON \$168.10 ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON \$20.50

#### **2022-2023 ABATEMENTS**

ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON \$168.10 ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON \$20.50 PIXELLE ANDROSCOGGIN, LLC \$250,100.00 SOMERSET CAPTIAL GROUP \$17,235.99

#### **2023-2024 TAX ABATEMENTS**

ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON	\$188.60
ENGLEHARDT, ERIC & JON	\$23.00
COOK, BARBARA	\$149.50
KENNEDY, CAREY ANN	\$491.05
POISSON, MARIE	\$351.60
PREDHAM, REGINALD & KIMBERLY	\$609.96
RICHARDSON, DARIAN	\$1,024.19
TIMEPAYMENT CORP	\$120.29

#### 2022-2023 SEWER ABATEMENTS

CARUSO, NATHAN DENIED

#### 2023-2024 SEWER ABATEMENTS

ADAMS, LILI	\$140.00
ARMSTRONG, ROSANNA	DENIED
JACQUES, JAMES & CLAIRE	\$220.00
LANDRY, ARTHUR	\$230.00
LANDRY, JOSEPH	\$320.00
MERCHANT, PATIENCE	\$570.00
POMERLEAU FAMILY TRUST	\$360.00

#### **2021-2022 SUPPLEMENTS**

DWYER, HAROLD III	\$168.10
DWYER. HAROLD III	\$20.50

#### **2022-2023 SUPPLEMENTS**

DWYER, HAROLD III	\$168.10
DWYER, HAROLD III	\$20.50

#### **2023-2024 SUPPLEMENTS**

DWYER, HAROLD III	\$188.60
DWYER, HAROLD III	\$23.00
KENNEDY, CAREY ANN	\$176.18
SIMONEAU, RICHARD	\$2,540.50
SWETT, SCOTT	\$3,409.52

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES					
ADTICLE		APPROVED		PROPOSED	
ARTICLE			24-25		25-26
11	Town Government	\$	588,025.00	\$	672,875.00
12	General Assistance	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
13	Professional Services	\$	182,405.00	\$	189,133.00
14	Police Department	\$	921,992.00	\$	1,081,515.00
15	Fire Department	\$	389,976.00	\$	433,677.00
16	Insurance	\$	143,000.00	\$	167,000.00
17	Sewer Department	\$	615,300.00	\$	650,450.00
18	Debt Service	\$	306,193.00	\$	326,466.00
19	Public Works	\$	1,889,760.00	\$	1,962,850.00
20	Paving Capital Reserve	\$	325,000.00	\$	325,000.00
21	Curbside Collection	\$	151,482.00	\$	154,511.00
22	Jay-Niles Library	\$	200,889.00	\$	292,433.52
23	Ambulance Service	\$	55,600.00	\$	73,810.00
24	Hydrants & Street Lights	\$	373,300.00	\$	375,000.00
25	Summer Recreation	\$	19,220.00*	\$	21,926.00
26	Spruce Mt Insurance	\$	13,560.00*	\$	14,767.84
27	July 4th Fireworks	\$	2,750.00*	\$	2,750.00
28	Food Cupboard of JLLF	\$	-	\$	3,000.00
29	North Jay Grange	\$	675.00	\$	675.00
30	AYS Insurance	\$	2,750.00*	\$	2,750.00
31	July 4th Parade	\$	300.00*	\$	300.00
32	Memorial Day Parade	\$	125.00*	\$	250.00
-	Total Expenditures	\$	6,147,597.00	\$	6,755,139.36

\* Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

33	Revenues	\$ 2,836,500.00	\$ 3,457,958.00
	Net Expenditures (Expenses-Revenues)	\$ 3,311,097.00	\$ 3,297,181.36
	Revenues to be Transferred		
34	Snowmobile Club	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
35	ATV Club	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
36	Public Access TV	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

Articles 33, 34, 35 & 36 are approximate until final revenues are received for the year.

#### **Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund:**

	24 - 25		25 - 26	
Spruce Mt Ski Club:	\$	750.00	\$ 750.00	
TOTAL:	\$	750.00	\$ 750.00	

TOWN GOVERNMENT - ARTICLE 11						
	APPROVED	PROPOSED				
	24-25	25-26				
Payroll	\$316,000.00	\$338,000.00				
Benefits	\$173,500.00	\$206,900.00				
Utilities	\$11,000.00	\$9,650.00				
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$51,000.00	\$51,800.00				
Supplies	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00				
Repair	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				
Staff	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00				
Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00				
Town Boards	\$760.00	\$760.00				
Select Board	\$12,265.00	\$37,265.00				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 588,025.00	\$ 672,875.00				

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-3-0

GENERAL ASSISTANO	GENERAL ASSISTANCE - ARTICLE 12				
	APPROVED PROPOSEI				
	24-25	25-26			
<b>General Assistance</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00			

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ARTICLE 13					
	A	APPROVED	PROPOSED		
		24-25		25-26	
Legal Services	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	
AVCOG	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,200.00	
MMA	\$	5,468.00	\$	5,468.00	
Industrial Valuation	\$	19,000.00	\$	19,000.00	
Chamber of Commerce	\$	60.00	\$	60.00	
Auditor's Services	\$	18,500.00	\$	18,650.00	
Assessing Services	\$	44,000.00	\$	49,000.00	
Assessing Expenses	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	
Plumbing Inspector & Animal Control	\$	11,277.00	\$	11,705.00	
Animal Welfare	\$	11,600.00	\$	14,350.00	
Grave Care	\$	800.00	\$	800.00	
<b>Community Flags</b>	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,200.00	
Valuation Reserve	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	182,405.00	\$	189,133.00	

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

POLICE DEPARTMENT - ARTICLE 14							
	AP	PROVED	F	PROPOSED			
		24-25		25-26			
Payroll	\$	535,700.00	\$	645,383.00			
Benefits	\$	243,470.00	\$	266,282.00			
Utilities	\$	28,672.00	\$	34,550.00			
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$	500.00	\$	500.00			
Supplies	\$	46,500.00	\$	53,100.00			
Repair	\$	18,500.00	\$	22,500.00			
Staff	\$	8,450.00	\$	11,000.00			
Capital Reserve	\$	40,200.00	\$	48,200.00			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	921,992.00	\$	1,081,515.00			

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

FIRE DEPARTMENT - ARTICLE 15							
	APPROVED PROPOSE						
		24-25		25-26			
Payroll	\$	186,149.00	\$	206,290.00			
Benefits	\$	14,241.00	\$	15,782.00			
Utilities	\$	34,878.00	\$	35,510.00			
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00			
Supplies	\$	39,380.00	\$	53,734.00			
<b>Christmas Decorations</b>	\$	500.00	\$	500.00			
Repairs	\$	32,328.00	\$	39,361.00			
Staff	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00			
Capital Reserve	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	389,976.00	\$	433,677.00			

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-2-1

INSURANCE - ARTICLE 16							
	A	PPROVED	P	ROPOSED			
		24-25		25-26			
Worker's Compensation	\$	55,000.00	\$	75,000.00			
Unemployment	\$	11,000.00	\$	11,000.00			
Liability	\$	77,000.00	\$	81,000.00			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	143,000.00	\$	167,000.00			

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

SEWER DEPARTMENT - ARTICLE 17						
	APPROVED			ROPOSED		
		24-25		25-26		
Payroll	\$	129,000.00	\$	132,250.00		
Benefits	\$	50,250.00	\$	56,550.00		
Utilities	\$	59,750.00	\$	60,350.00		
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$	340,300.00	\$	365,300.00		
Supplies	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00		
Repairs	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00		
Capital Reserve	\$	-	\$	-		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	615,300.00	\$	650,450.00		

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

DEBT SERVICE - ARTICLE 18							
	A	PPROVED	P	ROPOSED			
		24-25	25-20				
Route 4 Project - Phase 2	\$	110,644.00	\$	109,565.00			
North Jay Pump Station	\$	93,383.00	\$	92,581.00			
LFWWTF Upgrade -RD	\$	93,322.00	\$	93,322.00			
LFWWTF UPGRADE -SRF	\$	8,844.00	\$	8,844.00			
LFWWTF Upgrade - SRF06	\$	-	\$	22,154.00			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	306,193.00	\$	326,466.00			

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

PUBLIC WORKS - ARTICLE 19						
	APPROVED			ROPOSED		
		24-25		25-26		
Payroll	\$	628,000.00	\$	653,400.00		
Benefits	\$	310,940.00	\$	323,500.00		
Utilities	\$	144,600.00	\$	145,250.00		
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$	252,720.00	\$	267,200.00		
Supplies	\$	423,500.00	\$	443,500.00		
<b>Equipment Capital Reserve</b>	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00		
<b>Building Capital Reserve</b>	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00		
<b>Contracted Capital Reserve</b>	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1	,889,760.00	\$	1,962,850.00		

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

PAVING CAPITAL RESERVE - ARTICLE 20				
	A	PPROVED	PROPOSEI	
		24-25		25-26
Paving Capital Reserve	\$	325,000.00	\$	325,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	325,000.00	\$	325,000.00

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

CURBSIDE COLLECTION - ARTICLE 21				
	APPROVED PROPO			
		24-25		25-26
<b>Curbside Collection (provided by Archies)</b>	\$	151,482.00	\$	154,511.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	151,482.00	\$	154,511.00

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 6-2-0

JAY NILES MEMORIAL LIBRARY - ARTICLE 22					
	A	PPROVED	P	ROPOSED	
		24-25		25-26	
Salaries	\$	101,970.00	\$	125,484.00	
Benefits	\$	26,219.00	\$	47,399.52	
Print Materials	\$	22,000.00	\$	20,000.00	
Magazines	\$	100.00			
E-Materials			\$	4,000.00	
Utilities	\$	10,000.00	\$	15,000.00	
Heating Oil	\$	10,000.00	\$	14,000.00	
Supplies	\$	4,250.00	\$	5,000.00	
Postage	\$	500.00	\$	600.00	
Insurance	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,500.00	
Dues	\$	450.00	\$	450.00	
Janitorial	\$	3,500.00			
Repairs	\$	5,000.00	\$	15,000.00	
Programs	\$	600.00	\$	1,000.00	
Elevator	\$	3,200.00	\$	6,000.00	
Technology	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000.00	
Reserve Account			\$	25,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	200,889.00	\$	292,433.52	

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-3-0

AMBULANCE SERVICE - ARTICLE 23				3
	APPROVED PROPOSEI			ROPOSED
	2	4-25		25-26
Ambulance Service	\$ 5	5,600.00	\$	73,810.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 5	5,600.00	\$	73,810.00

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-1-0

HYDRANTS & STREET LIGHTS - ARTICLE 24				
	APPROVED PROPOSEI			ROPOSED
		24-25		25-26
JV Water District	\$	152,000.00	\$	152,000.00
NJ Water District	\$	63,000.00	\$	63,000.00
LF Water District	\$	120,800.00	\$	122,500.00
CMP - Street Lights	\$	37,500.00	\$	37,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	373,300.00	\$	375,000.00

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

SUMMER RECREATION - ARTICLE 25				
	APPROVED PROPOSED			
	24-25 25-26			
<b>Summer Recreation</b>	* \$19,220.00	\$ 21,926.00		
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$19,220.01	\$ 21,926.00		

# \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 3-2-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

SPRUCE MT INSURANCE - ARTICLE 26			
	APPROVED PROPOSED		
	24-25	25-26	
Insurance	* \$13,560.00	\$ 14,767.84	
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$13,560.01	\$ 14,767.84	

# \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

JULY 4th FIREWORKS - ARTICLE 27			
	APPROVED PROPOSED		
	24-25		25-26
Fireworks	* \$2,750.00	\$	2,750.00
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$2,750.00	\$	2,750.00

# \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-2-1

FOOD CUPBOARD JLLF - ARTICLE 28				
	APPROVED PROPOSED			
	24-25	25-26		
Food Cupboard	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-0-1

NORTH JAY GRANGE - ARTICLE 29			
	APPROVED PROPOSE		
	24-25	25-26	
Grange	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00	

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-0-1

AYS INSURANCE - ARTICLE 30			
	APPROVED PROPOSED		
	24-25	25-26	
Insurance	* \$2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	

# \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-1-0

JULY 4TH PARADE - ARTICLE 31			
	APPROVED PROPOSEI		
	24-25	25-26	
Parade	* \$300.00	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$300.00	\$ 300.00	

#### \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-1-0

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - ARTICLE 32			
	APPROVED PROPOSEI		
	24-25		25-26
Parade	* \$125.00	\$	250.00
TOTAL BUDGET	* \$125.00	\$	250.00

# \*Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 4-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 7-1-0

REVENUES - ARTICLE 33			
	APPROVED	PROPOSED	
	24-25	25-26	
Excise Tax	\$878,500.00	\$903,000.00	
Interest	\$56,000.00	\$56,000.00	
Sewer Lien Costs	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Sewer Fees	\$558,000.00	\$550,000.00	
Sewer Supt. Reimbursement	\$58,300.00	\$61,000.00	
Waste Disposal Fees	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Revenue Sharing	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,750,000.00	
Tax Lien Costs	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	
Town Office	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Vital Records	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	
Building Rental	\$10,300.00	\$10,500.00	
Police	\$200.00	\$400.00	
Tree Growth/Vet Exemption	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$109,700.00	\$56,558.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,836,500.00	\$3,457,958.00	

These figures are estimates & may change before commitment.

Select Board Recomment YES VOTE: 5-0-0 Budget Committee Recor YES VOTE: 8-0-0

SNOWMOBILE CLUB - ARTICLE 34	
Snowmobile Club - Approximate amount to be transferred	\$ 2,000.00
Select Board Recommends: YES	VOTE: 5-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends: YES	VOTE: 8-0-0

ATV CLUB - ARTICLE 35	
ATV Club - Approximate amount to be transferred	\$ 450.00
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\$1.00 for each ATV registered in Jay to be transferred to ATV Club.

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0 VOTE: 8-0-0 Budget Committee Recommends: YES

PUBLIC ACCESS TV - ARTICLE 36	
Public Access TV - Approximate amount to be transferred	\$ 12,000.00

Spectrum Franchise Fee passed thru to Public Access TV.

Select Board Recommends: YES VOTE: 5-0-0 Budget Committee Recommends: YES VOTE: 8-0-0

# **Other - Funding from the Tower/Rec Reserve Fund:**

	24-25	25-26	
Spruce Mt Ski Club:	\$ 750.00	\$	750.00
TOTAL:	\$ 750.00	\$	750.00

# SPECIMEN BALLOT BUDGET REFERENDUM APRIL 29, 2025

VOTING: 8 AM TO 8 PM – JAY COMMUNITY BUILDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE: MARCH 27 – APRIL 24 (Special Circumstance required for absentees after April 24<sup>th</sup>)

#### **ARTICLE 1**

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

Third Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (Vote for One – 3-year term)

DALESSANDRO, LEE ANN

School Board Members (Vote for One– 1-year term)

BROTHERTON, DANIELLE J.W.

OUELLETTE, SHARI A.

School Board Members (Vote for Two – 3-year term)

BEAULIEU, MARIE M. CORDES, JODI L. DEMILLO, TANYA R. RILEY, CHRISTINA

Jay Village Water Trustee (Vote for One – 3-year term)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

North Jay Water Trustee (Vote for One – 3-year term)

WHITE, SCOTT L.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to lapse the overdrafts and unexpended balances?

#### **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to set October 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026 as the dates that property taxes and sewer fees are due and payable?

#### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to levy and accrue interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum on property taxes and sewer fees that are unpaid after October 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026?

#### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2025 to October 1, 2025 or until a budget is passed for the 2025-2026 year in the event any budget fails?

#### **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements?

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements approved by the Select Board/Assessors from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, Undesignated Fund Balance?

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Select Board to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected, to fund the 2025-2026 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management?

#### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to reallocate budgeted amounts from budget lines that have unexpended appropriations to other budget lines, as they deem necessary, to avoid individual budget lines being over-expended. Approval of this warrant article does not increase the overall appropriations approved for the Town.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$672,875.00 for **Town Government**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-3-0

#### **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,000.00 for **General Assistance**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$189,133.00 for **Professional Services**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,081,515.00 for the **Police Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$433,677.00 for the **Fire Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-2-1

#### **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$167,000.00 for **Insurance**? (workers compensation, liability, unemployment)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$650,450.00 for the **Sewer Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$326,466.00 for **Debt Services**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,962,850.00 for **Public Works**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$325,000.00 for **Paving Capital Reserve**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$154,511.00 for **Curbside Collection**?(Service provided by Archie's, Inc.)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 6-2-0

#### **ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$292,433.52 for the **Jay-Niles Memorial Library**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-3-0

#### **ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$73,810.00 for **Ambulance Service**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-1-0

#### **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$375,000.00 for **Hydrants / Street Lights**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$21,926.00 for **Summer Recreation**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 3-2-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$14,767.84 for **Spruce Mountain Insurance**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,750.00 for the **July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-2-1

#### **ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for the **Jay, Livermore & Livermore Falls Food Cupboard?** 

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-0-1

#### **ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$675.00 for the **North Jay Grange?** 

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-0-1

#### **ARTICLE 30**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,750.00 for **AYS Insurance?** 

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-1-0

#### **ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$300.00 for the **July 4th Parade?** 

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-1-0

#### **ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$250.00 for the **Memorial Day Parade**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 4-1-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-1-0

Shall the Town vote to appropriate all **Revenues** received, that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other expenses, to reduce the tax commitment? Estimated \$3,457,958.00

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to **Andy Valley Riders Snowmobile Club** the payment received annually by the Town of Jay from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from snowmobile registrations paid by Jay citizens?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1.00 for each ATV that is registered in the Town of Jay to the **Western Maine ATV Club**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 36**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Cable TV Franchise Fees received annually by the Town of Jay from our Cable TV Company for the support and operation of **Public Access TV**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

#### ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a **TAX CLUB** payment plan for property taxes on their primary and legal residence, whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her tax obligation for the current years property taxes; (2) the Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement; (3) the agreement is automatically terminated if the taxpayer misses two scheduled payments, the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club (4) only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and (5) taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the Town?

#### **ARTICLE 38**

To see if the Town will vote by **secret ballot** on all warrant articles at the 2026 annual Town Meeting?

The RSU 73 Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Spruce Mountain High School Cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. At this meeting the School Budget will be set and the final referendum vote to approve or disapprove the overall budget will be voted on at the polls on April 29th.

# Helpful Information

**Change of Hours:** The new hours for the Town Office and the Police Department Secretary are: Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

**Stay Connected:** Visit our website at: <a href="www.jay-maine.org">www.jay-maine.org</a> and like us on Facebook to see announcements, helpful information, reminders of due dates and local activities. To be added to our email list and receive this information, contact the Town Office or sign up on our website. Select Board meetings can also be viewed on Mt. Blue Community Access TV on FB, at <a href="www.mtbluetv.org">www.mtbluetv.org</a> & on Channel 7.

Online Payments: Check out our new portal at <a href="www.jay-maine.org">www.jay-maine.org</a> to make tax and sewer payments online with a debit/credit card or e-check. As a reminder, there are many other services that can be accessed online as well including motor vehicle registration renewals, dog license, hunting and fishing licenses and recreational vehicles.

**Townwide Revaluation:** Fieldwork is underway for the 2025 townwide revaluation. Our assessing agents will be visiting every property in Jay to update our records with current structures and photos. This spring, property owners will be notified of their new assessment and will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of John E. O'Donnell & Associates to discuss the proposed assessments. In the fall the Board of Selectpersons will use the finalized assessments for tax commitment.

An increase or decrease in the assessed value of a property resulting from the revaluation does not predict whether the tax bill for that property will increase, decrease, or remain the same. The overall budget, and the tax levy, for the Town is not related to the revaluation. The tax levy is the amount of property taxes needed to fund the budget. Taxes are determined by multiplying the taxable assessed value for each property times the tax rate (mil rate). The proportion of your taxable value to the total taxable value of the community affects your tax bill. The approved municipal, school and county budgets each year determine how much needs to be raised in property taxes to fund appropriations. A revaluation will not raise any more or any less than this amount. The revaluation does not raise new tax revenue for the Town. Think of the amount of taxes collected as a pie. A revaluation does not determine the size of the pie (the budget accomplishes this), but rather ensures the pie is cut up fairly – that taxes are fairly distributed based on current market values.

**Interest Free Tax Payments:** The Tax Club allows taxpayers to sign up to pay 8 monthly installments, on their primary residence, without interest, thereby relieving the pressure of lump sum payments. Payments begin in October and end in May. Forms are available at the Town Office to join and must be filled out each year.

**Taxpayer Benefits**: Are you taking advantage of all of the benefits you are eligible for? Such as:

- \* Veteran's & Veteran's Widow Exemption
- \* Property Tax Deferral Program

\* Homestead Exemption

\* Tree Growth and Open Space Tax Laws

**Property Tax Fairness Credit & Sales Tax Fairness Credit:** You may qualify for refundable credits if you meet qualifying criteria. Both of these Tax programs allow you to go back 3 years. The forms can be found at <a href="https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit.">https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit.</a> For questions call 207-626-8475.

**Free Tax Preparation Services:** For households making less than \$67,000 a year, United Way will help prepare your taxes - Call 778-5048 Ext. 1. Even if you don't usually file taxes but pay rent or property tax, you may be eligible for a State credit!

**Sewer Bills**: Reminder, your sewer bill is based on your winter quarter water reading. You can request that the Town use a revised formula to figure your sewer bill if your winter water reading is substantially different than your other quarters. The Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 12<sup>th</sup> to set the sewer rates.

**New Homeowner & Seller Information:** Whoever owned the home April 1<sup>st</sup> is the name the tax and sewer bill will reflect. The Town of Jay does not prorate tax or sewer bills. This is done between the buyer and seller. We do recommend that if property is sold after April 1<sup>st</sup> that all taxes and sewer fees for the following year be paid in full at time of closing. After May 15<sup>th</sup> we generally have sewer figures for the following year even though bills will not be sent until late summer. We urge both new homeowners and sellers to check with the Town Office to be sure no bills are outstanding.

**Cemetery Cleanup & Planting Policy:** Reminder, these rules apply to all cemeteries in Jay.

**Plantings:** The planting of trees, shrubs or evergreens shall not be permitted on the grounds of the cemetery. Any such planting after September 26, 2022 are strictly prohibited. The Town retains the right to remove any existing plantings that are unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased or that extend beyond the owners lot, encroaching on abutting lots.

**Removal by October 15<sup>th</sup>:** All plants and flowers, both real and artificial, as well as all other decorations of any type, including solar lights, must be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Any items left after October 15<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of by the Town. The only exceptions to this are: 1) concrete urns which may be left on lots but must be emptied and turned over to avoid breakage; and 2) American or other military flags which may remain on lots until 1 week after Veteran's Day.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** Jay, Wilton and Livermore rotate hosting HHW collection days. The 2025 collection will be held in Jay on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - Noon. Jay residents may also attend any of the other HHW collection days being held in our region at various Transfer Stations.

**Drug Take Back Box:** The Jay Police Department has a Drug Take Back Box located in their lobby. Unwanted/unused medication can be dropped off during normal business hours. No needles or liquids please.

**Sand for Seniors:** The Jay Police Dept. & Public Works will deliver a bucket of sand/salt for residents to use on their icy walkways/driveways. (We cannot spread the sand/salt but we can deliver it.) The program is for senior citizens that are otherwise not able to pick up sand/salt from public works on their own. If you need a bucket delivered, please call 897-6766 or email jpdchief@jay-maine.org. Call again when your bucket needs to be re-filled. Same day delivery is not always possible so plan ahead.

**Lifetime Hunting & Fishing Licenses:** The State of Maine offers Youth (younger than 16) and Senior (65 and older) Lifetime Licenses. For Seniors, if you were born in 1960 you would qualify for a lifetime license this year. You don't need to wait until your birthday, you can apply anytime in the year you turn 65 (or older). If you have already purchased a license for the year you can still apply and receive a credit. Licenses are obtained through the State of Maine. Unfortunately, we can't issue them at the Town Office, but we do have the forms available. The link to the State's site is: https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/lifetime\_resident.pdf

**Unclaimed Property:** Each year, millions of dollars are forwarded to the State Treasurer's Office from businesses and organizations that have lost contact with owners of financial assets. When these financial assets are reported to the State Treasurer, they are considered Unclaimed Property and are held forever for the rightful owner to claim. Examples of commonly held financial assets are: bank accounts, pay checks, stocks, bonds, rebates, insurance proceeds, tax refunds, store credits, safe deposit contents, and miscellaneous uncashed checks. The State Treasurer's goal is to reunite these lost assets with their rightful owners. Search the Treasurer's Unclaimed Property List at: <a href="maine.unclaimedproperty.com">maine.unclaimedproperty.com</a>. To find out about abandoned property in other states, go to: <a href="maine.unclaimedproperty.com">missingmoney.com</a>.

**Burn Permits:** Free online burn permits are available at: <a href="www.wardensreport.com">www.wardensreport.com</a> You can also contact a Fire Department Officer (listed on our website).

**Birth-Death-Marriage Certificates:** If you call ahead, we can prepare these for you so that you don't have to wait. The fee for the first certified copy is \$15 and it is \$6 for each additional copy prepared at the same time.

#### **Marriage Licenses:**

- \* Both parties need to be present to fill out the paperwork, verify information and sign the license.
- \* If you have been married previously, you will need to bring your certified divorce decree or spouse's death certificate (the certified copy has a raised seal).
- \* The fee for a marriage license is \$40 and it is valid for 90 days.
- \* Please arrive 1 hour before closing, to allow time for processing a marriage license.

**New Pine Tree Plate:** Anyone who currently has plates with the chickadee design will be required to obtain new plates when they renew their registration or obtain a new registration on or after May 1, 2025. If you would like to reserve your current plate number you may do so at <a href="www.maine.gov/online/reservemyplate">www.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/</a> Forms are also available at the Town Office. Your plate should be reserved at least 30 days prior to your re-registration date.



Help Shape the Future of Jay: The Comprehensive Plan Committee is developing a long-range plan to identify our community's goals and aspirations for the next 20+ years. This plan will articulate a clear vision for the Town of Jay and establish a framework for future growth. To finalize this plan, the Committee is actively seeking input from residents. Please be on the lookout for announcements regarding public meetings where you can share your thoughts on the future of Jay. The Committee meets monthly and welcomes your input.

**Volunteers Needed:** The Town of Jay has many committees that would welcome volunteers – please consider joining. Call the Town Office for more information.

#### **Dates To Remember:**

- \* Select Board meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00.
- \* Planning Board meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, when needed.
- \* Property Taxes and Sewer are due: 10/1/2025 and 4/1/2026
- \* Snowmobile & ATV Registrations Expire: June 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* Hunting & Fishing Licenses, Boat Registrations & Dog Licenses Expire: December 31st
- \* Property is assessed each year to the owner of record as of April 1st.



# TRANSFER STATION INFORMATION 672 MAIN STREET 897-5552



HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 to 3:00 & Saturday 8:00 to 4:00

Always stop at the recycling building and speak with the attendant before unloading any material. Please separate your items into the proper categories before arriving. For safety reasons, children must remain in the vehicle at all times. Shoes are required. Please be patient and conclude your business prior to closing.

Permit stickers are <u>required</u> and are available <u>free</u> to residents upon presentation of their vehicle registration at the Transfer Station. Stickers will be placed in the lower passenger side windshield. If the sticker is not displayed on the windshield the resident must show the sticker to the attendant upon entering the facility each time.

#### **FEE SCHEDULE**

**Tires:** Car & truck tires up to 19" are \$3 each; truck tires 20" and up are \$13 each; add \$3 to these prices with rims. Off road tires are \$ .15/lb.

**Freon Containing Devices:** Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Freezers - \$10 each - Doors must be removed.

There are no fees for other materials accepted at the Transfer Station.

#### **CURBSIDE COLLECTION INFORMATION**

The Town of Jay provides curbside collection of trash and recyclables through Archie's Inc. of Mexico, in accordance with the Town's Ordinance. The Town contracts with Archie's and provides this service through the annual town meeting budget. There is no additional fee to residents for this service.

The curbside collection service is getting an update with a new entity joining Archie's. While the company's name will remain the same, we are hopeful that residents are now seeing improvements in the service. Some new trucks are already in use, and additional ones are expected soon along with other upgrades to their business and facilities.

Archie's picks up curbside trash/recycling each week on Wednesday or Thursday, depending on your location (see attendant or call the Town Office for route schedule). Collection begins at 5:00 a.m. Trash/recyclables may be placed curbside, in proper containers, after 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to pick up or the morning of collection. All containers and any material not picked up must be removed from the curbside by 7:00 a.m. the day following collection. Residents using the curbside collection service are responsible for their trash and recyclables that may be strewn due to overweight, overstuffed bags, animals or weather. All residents must ensure that curbside materials do not create a nuisance. Trash and recyclable containers set out for pickup may not be

more than 33 gallons or 50 pounds. Bulky waste, construction debris and demolition debris will not be picked up curbside. It must be brought to the Transfer Station. For any issues with curbside collection, please contact Archie's at 1-800-364-2425.

In December, in response to concerns with the pickup of curbside recycling as well as in anticipation of tracking needed for the State of Maine's proposed Stewardship Program for Packaging, the Select Board approved a change to the Wednesday curbside recycling pickup schedule. All recycling is now picked up on Thursday. This eliminates having two collection trucks picking up on Wednesday and ensures that all recycling, that is properly separated and put out on Thursday, will be picked up by the recycling truck. Material that is put out on Wednesday will be put in the trash. Material that is properly sorted and put out on Thursday, will be picked up by the recycling truck.



#### SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING (CURBSIDE ONLY)

Single-sort recycling allows residents to place all recyclable materials into one container, separate from trash. Material must be put loose in container, not in a bag, with the exception of shredded paper. The following items only are accepted for recycling:

**#2 PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS:** Look for this symbol on the bottom. Milk and water jugs, bleach, anti-freeze, colored detergent bottles. Bottles and jugs only, no plastic tubs. Remove all caps and rings. Drain and rinse. Labels may be left on. Do <u>not</u> include: clear & glossy bottles (soft drink, cooking oil & peanut butter), plastic bags, butter & cool whip tubs, pails & toys.

**TIN & ALUMINUM CANS:** Aluminum cans, pie plates, trays & <u>clean</u> aluminum foil. Tin cans & lids, coffee, soup, tuna, vegetable, fruit, pet food cans, etc. Please rinse.

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, PHONE BOOKS & CATALOGS:** Including all glossy supplements. Do not tie with string or wrap with tape.

**CARDBOARD:** Corrugated - look for the "ribs" between the layers. Also, brown paper grocery bags, cereal boxes, other food & paperboard boxes & gift boxes are accepted. Boxes should be clean, dry & flat. Do not include waxed cardboard - throw in trash.

**MIXED PAPER:** Junk mail, letters, folders, white and colored paper and bags, cards, postcards, calendars, check envelopes, etc. Do <u>not</u> include food contaminated paper or paperboard products, foil or glitter paper products.

GLASS, PLASTIC BAGS & PLASTICS OTHER THAN #2 ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING.

# **OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES**



Sheila Lyman ~ State Representative 207-320-0588 (Cell) sheila.lyman@legislature.maine.gov

Joseph Martin ~ State Senator 207-287-1505 (State House) joseph.martin@legislature.maine.gov

> Janet Mills ~ Governor 207-287-3531 (State House) maine.gov/governor

Jared Golden ~ Representative to Congress 207-241-6767 (Lewiston Office) 202-225-6306 (DC Office) golden.house.gov

> Susan Collins ~ U.S. Senator 207-784-6969 (Lewiston Office) 202-224-2523 (DC Office) collins.senate.gov

Angus King ~ U.S. Senator 207-622-8292 (Augusta Office) 202-224-5344 (DC Office) king.senate.gov





# **Municipal Phone Numbers and Hours**

TOWN OFFICE 897-6785 FAX 897-9420
MONDAY - THURSDAY
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TRANSFER STATION
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 TO 3:00 & SATURDAY 8:00 TO 4:00
POLICE DEPARTMENT897-6766
PUBLIC WORKS
SEWER DEPARTMENT645-4246
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER778-6140
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NILES MEMORIAL LIBRARY645-4062
MONDAY, TUESDAY 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
SATURDAY9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
(CLOSED ON SATURDAYS DURING THE SUMMER)









The Spruce Mountain Ski Area was involved in an exciting renovation project this year. The Spruce Mountain Board of Directors and volunteers worked with the Maine Cabin Masters on renovations to the lodge, out building and the electrical controls for the lift. The community is now enjoying the renovated facilities along with the snow. The \$500,000 project came at no cost to the taxpayers of the 3 towns that jointly own the mountain – Jay, Livermore and Livermore Falls.





