

TOWN OF
OGUNQUIT
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REPORT**

Fiscal Year 2024–2025



Beautiful Place by the Sea

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PART I

Leadership & Governance

Governance · Administration · Finance · Records · Audit · Elections

The foundation of local government: elected leadership, administration, fiscal oversight, and public records.

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Town Reference

Office hours, holidays, municipal calendar, and department leadership — FY 2024–2025

Town Office

Town of Ogunquit · 23 School Street, P.O. Box 875, Ogunquit, ME 03907

Main phone — 207-646-5139

Website — <https://ogunquit.gov>

General hours — Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Department Heads

Title	Name
Town Manager	Matthew Buttrick
Assistant Town Manager	Mandy Cummings
Town Clerk	Christine Murphy
Code Enforcement Officer	Tyler McOsker
Police Chief	John Lizanecz
Public Works Director	Thomas Torno
Fire Chief	Russell Osgood
Transfer Station Manager	Christopher Perry
Harbormaster	Erin Gott
Information Services Coordinator	Ben LaFlamme
Visitor / Community Services	Elle Zuckerman

Town Holidays — FY 2024–2025

Date	Holiday
Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day
Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Monday, October 14, 2024	Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day
Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans Day

Date	Holiday
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 17, 2025	Presidents Day
Monday, April 21, 2025	Patriots' Day
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Juneteenth

Dates to Remember

JULY 1	Fiscal year begins
SEPTEMBER	Tax bills mailed
OCTOBER	First-half tax payment due
JANUARY	Annual hunting & fishing license season opens (Clerk)
JANUARY	Annual dog licenses due (Clerk)
FEBRUARY	Late-charge period begins for unregistered dogs
MARCH	Tax-abatement filing deadline window (Assessor)
APRIL 1	Property-ownership assessment date (Assessor)
MAY	Mooring bill due period
2ND TUE · JUNE	Annual Town Meeting
JUNE 30	Fiscal year closes

Deadlines may shift slightly each year with the state election schedule and warrant timing. Confirm with the Town Clerk and Assessor for the specific deadlines that apply to your filing.

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



The Ogunquit Select Board, FY 2024–2025.

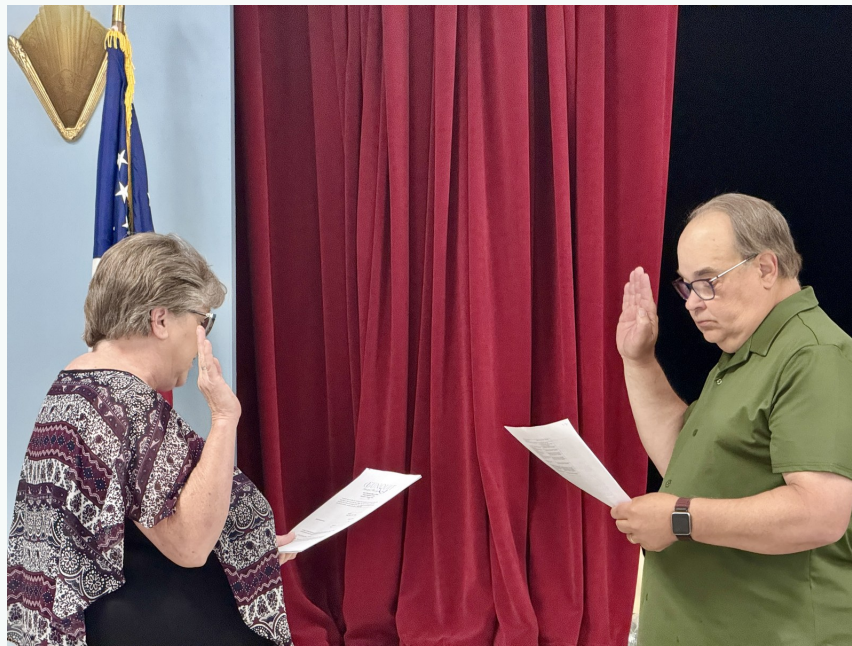
Select Board

Fiscal Year 2024–2025

FY 2024–2025 was one of the Town’s most active years for capital projects and day-to-day operations, and the Select Board provided steady, hands-on leadership throughout the year. The Board met regularly to act on appointments, licenses, warrant articles, and budget matters, with posted agendas and public deliberation that allowed residents to follow the process. Coordination with departments, committees, and residents stayed close, especially as the Municipal Campus project hit major construction milestones and transition planning began for the building’s future public use. Other capital and infrastructure priorities advanced alongside that work.

Fiscal stewardship and long-range planning shaped much of the year’s work. The FY 2026 budget cycle brought warrant articles, departmental needs, capital pressures, and the steady push of inflation against the demand for municipal services; the Board weighed each against long-term financial discipline. Liaison assignments kept the Board connected to Ogunquit’s boards, committees, and commissions — Municipal Campus, Comprehensive Planning, Planning, Harbor, Conservation, Sustainability, Parks and Recreation, Historic Preservation, Budget Review, and others — so decisions made at the Board table reflected what those volunteer bodies were seeing on the ground. The combined effort kept daily services running, kept major projects moving, and kept planning for future needs on firm footing.

Board Composition



Select Board Chair Robert Whitelaw sworn in for a new term by the Town Clerk, June 2024.

Member	Role	Email	Term Expires
Robert Whitelaw	Chair	rwhitelaw@ogunquit.gov	June 2027
Carole Aaron	Vice Chair	caaron@ogunquit.gov	June 2025
Richard Dolliver	Member	rdolliver@ogunquit.gov	June 2026
Scott Vogel	Member	svogel@ogunquit.gov	June 2027
Michael Collins	Member	mcollins@ogunquit.gov	June 2026

The Select Board thanks Town staff, fellow boards and committees, and the residents of Ogunquit for the partnership and patience that made this year’s progress possible.

Respectfully submitted, Ogunquit Select Board



Ogunquit Beach and the river mouth — aerial view.

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Town Manager

Matthew Buttrick · Town Manager · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

townmanager@ogunquit.gov

<p>Sept 2024</p> <p>Campus groundbreaking</p>	<p>Nov 2024</p> <p>Beach Resilience Reserve approved</p>	<p>March 2025</p> <p>Perkins Cove Dredge complete</p>
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Year in Review

Fiscal Year 2024–2025 was an active year for the Town Manager’s Office, with work spanning daily municipal operations, budget development, capital planning, public infrastructure, coastal resiliency, personnel support, grant and project administration, and preparation of materials for Select Board action. The Town Manager’s role is to translate the policy direction of the Select Board into daily operations, coordinate the work of departments, support employees, communicate with the public, and ensure that the Town continues to provide reliable services in a professional and accountable manner.

Capital and Infrastructure

A significant portion of the year involved support for capital and infrastructure projects. The Town Manager’s Office coordinated with consultants, contractors, department heads, and the Select Board on projects affecting public facilities, waterfront infrastructure, roads, drainage, beaches, and other Town

assets. One example was the Perkins Cove Pier Reconstruction Project, which required coordination of FEMA-related project requirements, engineering review, procurement, contractor recommendation, and timing so that work could proceed before the summer. These projects involve public expectations, regulatory requirements, funding rules, construction timing, and operational impacts, all of which require careful coordination.

In September, the Town broke ground on the new Police Station and Town Hall at the Municipal Campus — the largest single capital project of the year — and construction progressed steadily through the reporting period. The Town Manager's Office worked closely with the Select Board, the architect, the construction manager, and Town departments on schedule, scope, value engineering, occupancy planning, and resident communication as the building moved from groundbreaking to foundation and on to framing.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Police Station and Town Hall, September 2024 — Select Board members, department heads, and the Police Chief turn the first shovels of sand.



Concrete pump at work on the Municipal Campus foundation pour — the largest single capital project of the year.



Interior framing taking shape inside the new building — foundation walls in place, beams set, and rough openings ready for windows.

Annual Budget Process

The office also supported the Town's annual budget process. This included preparing and reviewing budget materials, working with department heads, responding to questions, supporting Select Board review, and helping move the budget through the Budget Review Committee and annual meeting

process. The goal was to present a budget that maintained core services, addressed operational needs, supported responsible capital planning, and recognized the financial impact on taxpayers. Budget work is more than numbers on a page. It is a statement of priorities and a plan for how the Town intends to serve the community.

Department Operations

During the year, the Town Manager's Office continued to support department operations across public safety, public works, administration, finance, code enforcement, recreation, transfer station operations, harbor and waterfront functions, and other municipal services. This included agenda preparation, policy review, procurement support, contract administration, personnel coordination, resident response, interdepartmental communication, and follow-up on Select Board direction. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it is essential to keeping municipal government moving.

Public-Facing Matters

The office also worked on public-facing matters that affect residents, businesses, and visitors, including parking and traffic policy, licensing, special events, public notices, ordinance amendments, fee schedule updates, annual town meeting preparation, and communications with outside agencies. Ogunquit's size can make the Town feel small, but its workload is not small. As a year-round municipality with a major seasonal economy, Ogunquit must provide services at a level that reflects both its resident community and its role as a destination for visitors from across Maine and beyond.

Coastal Resiliency and Storm Recovery

Coastal resiliency and storm recovery remained important themes during the year. Work connected to dunes restoration, beach management, Perkins Cove, and storm-damaged infrastructure required coordination with state and federal agencies, engineers, contractors, and Town departments. These efforts are part of a larger responsibility to protect public assets, maintain access, and plan for the increasing impacts of coastal storms and changing weather patterns.

The Perkins Cove Dredge was completed in March, restoring depth and access for the working waterfront and the visiting boats that depend on it. The project drew on years of permitting, sediment testing, and coordination with state and federal partners, and represents a meaningful investment in the long-term function of the Cove.



Perkins Cove Dredge in progress — work was completed in March 2025, restoring depth and access for the working waterfront.



The dredge bucket at work in Perkins Cove, November 2024.

Community Life

Beyond the operational work, the Town Manager's Office also helped support the events and traditions that bring Ogunquit together. From the Christmas by the Sea parade to staff appreciation gatherings and Police and Fire Department crews serving lunch at the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center, the year offered many reminders of why this community is worth the careful work required to keep it running.



Christmas by the Sea — two young parade-goers in Santa hats sharing the morning, one of the holiday weekend's most photographed moments.



Police and Fire Department staff with Town personnel at the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center — one of several lunches the departments served over the year.



Staff Appreciation Day — officers and Town staff gathered for one of the year's appreciation events recognizing the people who keep the Town's services running.

Transparency and Public Process

The Town Manager's Office also continued to support transparency and public process. Select Board agendas, packets, public hearing materials, budget documents, timelines, and supporting memoranda were prepared to help the Board and the public understand the matters before them. This work is not

always visible once a vote is taken, but it is fundamental to good local government. Clear materials, accurate records, and timely follow-up help the community participate meaningfully in Town decisions.

I am grateful to the Select Board for its guidance and support, to the Town's department heads and employees for their dedication, and to the residents, taxpayers, volunteers, and business owners who contribute to Ogunquit throughout the year. The Town's work is broad, sometimes difficult, and often more complicated than it appears from the outside. It is also meaningful work, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew Buttrick · Town Manager

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



Mandy Cummings, Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer.

Assistant Town Manager/ Treasurer's Office

Mandy Cummings · Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

treasurer@ogunquit.gov

\$13.3M

Tax commitment

Aa2 · AA+

Bond ratings

\$5.9M

Net position growth

\$11.8M

GO bond balance

Mission and Purpose

Municipal government is a service organization. The vast majority of the Town's budget is wages and benefits, because it is people who plow the roads, staff the ambulance, manage the beach, and keep the lights on at Town Hall. Every financial decision reflected in this report, from how we build reserves to how we set the tax rate, flows from that reality and from a commitment to delivering the services this community expects without asking more of taxpayers than is necessary.

Year in Review

Fiscal Year 2025 was a year of significant progress on multiple fronts: a strong general fund performance, active investment in the Town's municipal campus, and a sustained and strategic push to protect and restore Ogunquit's irreplaceable coastal resources. The Town received an unmodified audit opinion from RHR Smith & Company with no findings, no material weaknesses, and no deviations from best practice noted in the management letter for the second consecutive year.

Campus Project and Capital Investment

FY 2025 marked the first full year of active construction on the Campus Project, the Town's most significant municipal infrastructure investment in a generation. The Campus Project Fund expended \$4,378,662 in capital outlay during the year and carried a remaining restricted balance of \$7,036,545 as of June 30, 2025, with substantial construction activity continuing into FY 2026. Total capital additions across all funds reached \$7,702,314, bringing the Town's net capital assets to \$24,745,880, an increase of \$6,546,826 over the prior year. This represents a nearly 36% increase in the Town's capital asset base in a single fiscal year.

The \$11,935,000 general obligation bond that finances the Campus Project continues to carry the independent credit ratings of Aa2 from Moody's and AA+ from S&P earned at issuance in FY 2024, and remained in service at \$11,790,000 as of June 30, 2025. These ratings, among the highest achievable for a municipality of Ogunquit's size, and a milestone years in the making, reflect the confidence of national credit markets in the Town's financial management. Total outstanding debt across all obligations stood at \$17,382,069, down from \$18,905,129 the prior year as the Town continued to retire older debt while the Campus Project bond entered service.

Grow Ogunquit Village School Fund

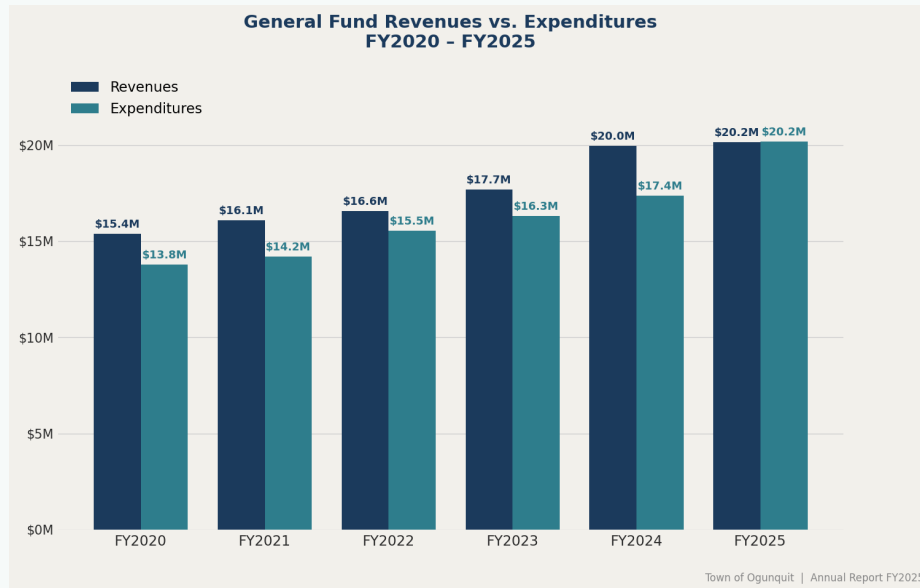
One of the most significant developments of FY 2025 was the establishment of the Grow Ogunquit Village School Fund as a major fund, with \$3,155,775 in donated revenues received during the year. The fund carries a balance of \$3,150,305 as of June 30, 2025 and represents a transformative private investment in Ogunquit's community facilities. When the Campus Project was planned, the intent was to bond the new Town Hall, Police Department, and Dunaway Community Center renovation, while pursuing a community fundraising campaign for the playground and basketball court improvements between the new buildings. When the Town Manager secured a private donor interested in making a significant gift to the Dunaway, the Town made a thoughtful financial decision: pivot the bond proceeds to fund the playground and site improvements instead, and allow the donation to go toward the Dunaway renovation.

The outcome is what was promised to the community, achieved on time and executed more creatively than originally planned. Every piece of the Campus Project is moving forward. That kind of flexibility, made possible by sound financial planning and a generous community, is exactly what allows Ogunquit to deliver on its commitments.

General Fund Performance

General fund revenues totaled \$20,158,388, exceeding the budget by \$1,619,360. Every revenue category came in above budget, with especially strong performance in charges for services (\$5,635,898 versus a budget of \$4,471,524), excise taxes (\$570,600 versus \$451,000 budgeted), state revenue sharing (\$124,750 versus \$35,000 budgeted), and interest income (\$176,870 versus \$40,000

budgeted). Property taxes were levied at \$13,346,741 and collected in excess of budget. General fund expenditures of \$20,189,478 came in \$160,900 under the final budget.



Revenues and Expenditures

Historical General Fund Comparison | FY2020 - FY2025

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Debt Service
FY2025	\$20,158,388	\$20,189,478	\$1,177,684
FY2024	\$19,965,552	\$17,356,407	\$1,161,762
FY2023	\$17,700,036	\$16,295,711	\$1,166,590
FY2022	\$16,571,762	\$15,545,505	\$1,109,504
FY2021	\$16,091,733	\$14,211,653	\$989,327
FY2020	\$15,376,173	\$13,791,433	\$919,274

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General Fund History

Fund Balance

It is useful to explain how municipal finance works, because the numbers in this section only make sense in that context. Towns are service organizations. Unlike a business that sells a product, a town exists to provide public services. Its entire purpose is delivering services: public safety, public works, beach operations, administration, emergency response. Because those services are delivered by people, wages and benefits represent the lion’s share of every municipal budget. When spending must be cut, services are cut, and sometimes the people who provide them.

This creates a genuine tension that every town must navigate. Some residents want more services. Some want lower taxes. Sometimes those goals can both be achieved. Often, they cannot. What fund balance and reserves allow the Town to do is bridge that gap thoughtfully, and for the past several years Ogunquit has been able to do exactly that, delivering strong services while maintaining financial stability.

Authorizing use of fund balance for appropriation serves two purposes. First, it allows the Town to apply available reserves toward setting the tax rate, which directly lowers the tax commitment and reduces what taxpayers are asked to pay. Second, it provides a buffer: if revenues come in at projections rather than exceeding them, the Town can draw on authorized balances to stay in balance without disrupting services. Without that authorization, the tax commitment would simply be set higher.

What authorization cannot do is cover a true revenue shortfall. The Town cannot spend money it does not have. If revenues fall meaningfully below projections, spending must be reduced, and for a service organization that means reducing services: frozen positions, reduced hours, aging infrastructure, etc.

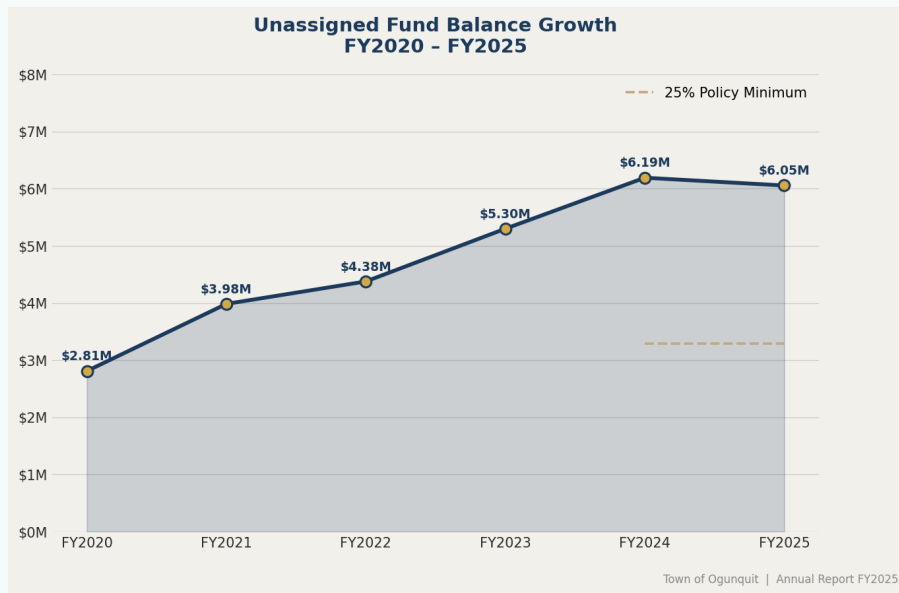
This is precisely why building and maintaining healthy reserves matters. In a difficult year, whether from a severe storm, an economic downturn, or an unexpected expense, reserves allow the Town to keep services running without interruption. That continuity matters most exactly when times are hardest and taxpayers need their local government most. A town with healthy reserves can weather a difficult year. One that has depleted its reserves cannot. The question facing every community is not whether it wants good services and low taxes. It is what services it is willing to pay for, and whether it is building the financial foundation to sustain them. For the past several years, Ogunquit has answered that question well.

In FY 2025, revenues exceeded projections across every category, meaning none of the \$626,350 in authorized fund balance draws was necessary and those balances were left fully intact at year end. The FY 2026 budget authorized approximately \$703,000, reflecting the growing demands on the Town's operating budget as capital investments and service levels expand.

The Town's total general fund balance as of June 30, 2025 was \$6,842,443. The unassigned fund balance was \$6,054,551, well above the minimum 25% of tax commitment required by the Town's Financial Policies, which were revised in March 2024. The unassigned fund balance has more than doubled since FY 2020, reflecting six consecutive years of disciplined financial management.

The 25% minimum unassigned fund balance requirement, as established by the Town's Financial Policies, is calculated against the current year tax commitment. As of June 30, 2025, the unassigned fund balance of \$6,054,551 comfortably exceeds that threshold.

The Town's total governmental net position increased by \$5,920,361 in FY 2025, closing the year at \$26,144,831. Unrestricted net position grew to \$11,187,257, reflecting the underlying financial strength of the municipality.



Unassigned Fund Balance

General Fund Balance History | FY2020 - FY2025

Fiscal Year	Total Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance
FY2025	\$6,842,443	\$6,054,551
FY2024	\$6,873,533	\$6,191,265
FY2023	\$5,497,826	\$5,298,697
FY2022	\$4,686,933	\$4,376,621
FY2021	\$4,909,747	\$3,984,109
FY2020	\$4,319,044	\$2,810,074

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Total Fund Balance History

Reserves

The Town maintained a robust system of dedicated reserve accounts which represent deliberate, voter-approved commitments to fund future capital needs without incurring debt, and their strength is a direct result of years of consistent appropriations and disciplined management.

Notable balances and activity in FY 2025:

The **Beach Resilience Reserve** was established in FY 2025 at \$800,000, approved by voters at the November 2024 Town Meeting. This entirely new reserve was created to support the long-term protection of Ogunquit Beach and the coastal infrastructure the community depends on, and it closed the year fully funded at \$800,000.

The **EcoMaine Closeout Reserve** reached \$187,652, continuing steady progress toward the Town's estimated \$397,476 share of projected landfill closure and post-closure costs. The reserve is funded at \$15,000 per year.

The **Building Improvements Reserve** received a \$35,000 appropriation in FY 2025 and stands at \$126,289.

The **Fire Equipment and Truck Reserve** funded the purchase of a new rescue boat (\$62,246) and a new command vehicle (\$76,985) during the year and received \$168,000 in new appropriations, closing at \$158,696.

The **Public Works Equipment Reserve** funded a portion of the purchase of a new Mack truck and other equipment in FY 2025 and stands at \$146,699.

The **Harbor Reserve** received new appropriations for dredge preparation and winch-house work totaling \$98,000 and funded \$64,250 in dredge preparation work at Pepperell Cove Marine during the year, standing at \$42,857.

The **Natural Disaster Reserve** absorbed over \$366,000 in storm recovery expenditures during FY 2025, funded by its beginning balance, a \$225,000 voter appropriation in November 2024, and \$100,332 in FEMA reimbursements. It closes the year at \$77,089 with significant additional FEMA recovery anticipated in FY 2026.

Coastal Resilience: A Year of Strategic Investment

FY 2025 was the year the Town shifted from storm response to a comprehensive coastal resilience strategy, committing financial resources, grant applications, and sustained advocacy across multiple fronts simultaneously. The results speak to the value of that approach: the Town secured or had obligated well over \$600,000 in non-taxpayer federal, state, and grant dollars during FY 2025 to support coastal infrastructure, water quality, and emergency recovery work, with additional awards received just weeks after fiscal year end.

The January 2024 coastal storms caused significant damage to Ogunquit Beach's frontal dune system, the North Beach parking lot, the Main Beach walkway and Beach Street, Wharf Lane, the Footbridge area, and Perkins Cove docks and seawall. The Natural Disaster Reserve absorbed over \$366,000 in storm recovery expenditures during FY 2025 across those sites, funded by a combination of the existing reserve balance, a \$225,000 voter-approved appropriation at the November 2024 Town Meeting, and \$100,332 in FEMA Public Assistance reimbursements received during the year. The Town's total FEMA expenditures across all active disaster projects reached \$356,920 during FY 2025, spanning seven project worksheets under two separate federal disaster declarations. The 2022 disaster projects alone generated \$229,132 in FEMA reimbursements during the year for Perkins Cove dock restoration work.

A landmark milestone in FY 2025 was the final resolution of FEMA Project 63202, the South End Beach Parking Lot Revetment stemming from the March 2018 storms. After years of engineering work and scope negotiations, FEMA accepted the Town's engineer-recommended revetment design and the Town's low bid of \$341,150 as the least cost alternative, obligating an additional \$102,485 in federal assistance in July 2024. This approval, long in the making, authorizes the construction that will protect the Main Beach parking lot for decades to come. Critically, because the project cost estimate was prepared in 2021 and actual construction costs were higher, the Town intends to close out the project to actual costs. Under the federal and state cost-sharing formula of 75% FEMA and 15% MEMA, the Town anticipates recovering 90% of actual project costs, leaving the Town responsible for only 10% of the final revetment cost. That closeout was completed in FY 2026.

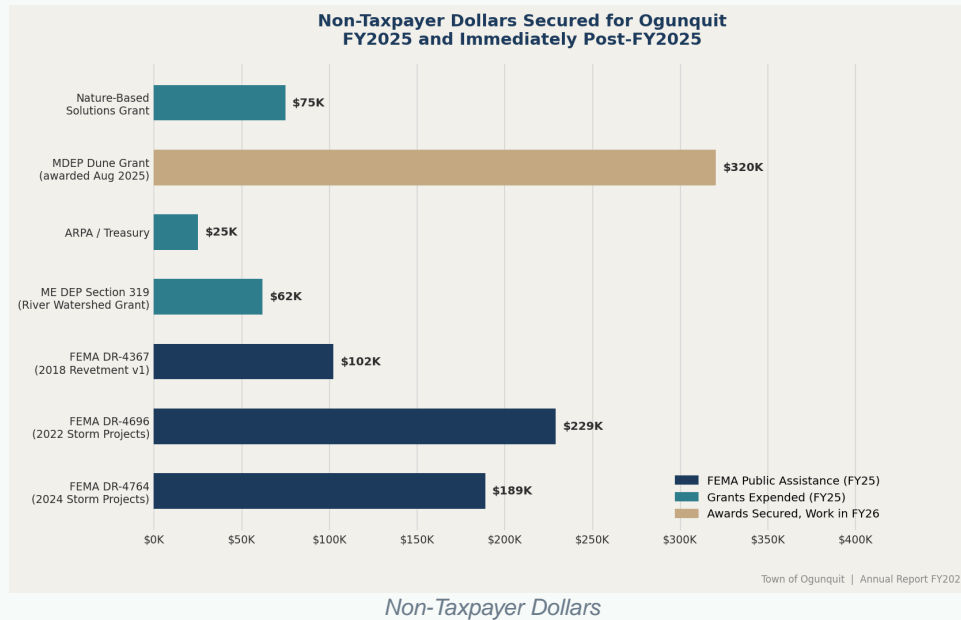
While active recovery work proceeded, the Town simultaneously built the financial and grant infrastructure for long-term dune restoration. The Select Board approved a dune restoration grant in February 2025, the voters established the \$800,000 Beach Resilience Reserve in November 2024, and the Town submitted a competitive application to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Sand Dune Restoration and Protection Grant program. That application was awarded \$320,407 in August 2025, just after fiscal year end, representing the single largest award in that grant round statewide.

Ogunquit also received a \$75,000 nature-based solutions grant, awarded June 10, 2025, for gabion basket stormwater filtration infrastructure and invasive species removal on the riverside of Main Beach. This award builds on a prior \$50,000 grant-funded concept plan and represents the next phase of the Town's long-term investment in the health of the Main Beach ecosystem. Work was delayed into FY 2026 due to staff capacity constraints, but residents should expect to see meaningful changes at the riverside of Main Beach as that project moves into construction.

FY 2025 also marked the completion of the Ogunquit River Watershed Restoration Project Phase IV, a multi-year nonpoint source pollution remediation effort funded through a Section 319 Clean Water Act grant administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The project successfully installed a stormwater catch basin retrofit at the Main Beach parking lot and a rain garden on Young's Crossing South in late 2024, together projected to reduce annual sediment loading by 0.42 tons and deliver measurable reductions in nitrogen, phosphorus, and fecal contamination to the Ogunquit River. The Town expended \$61,990 in federal grant funds and exceeded its required non-federal match, closing out a project that spanned four phases and over a decade of investment in the health of the Ogunquit River watershed.

The Town also holds a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development earmark for Perkins Cove revitalization that was in final design during FY 2025 with no expenditures yet recorded. That project is among several infrastructure and resilience initiatives positioned to move in FY 2026, a year that is

expected to be exceptionally active for grant-funded capital work across coastal, environmental, and infrastructure categories.



Financial Transparency

The Treasurer's Office is committed to making Ogunquit's financial information accessible and meaningful to residents and taxpayers. Our Financial Transparency Page on the ClearGov platform provides detailed information on revenues, expenditures, reserve balances, historical trends, and check registers. The Digital Budget Book, published annually through ClearGov, serves as both an operational planning document and a lasting record of the Town's financial condition.

Looking Ahead

The breadth and pace of FY 2025's coastal, environmental, and infrastructure work reflects what is possible when financial planning, grant strategy, and operational execution are aligned. The Treasurer's Office administered federal disaster recovery projects across three FEMA declarations, managed seven active project worksheets, closed out a multi-year EPA watershed grant, submitted and secured competitive state grants, coordinated interagency permitting and engineering relationships, and maintained full obligations of municipal finance, tax collection, and Assistant Town Manager oversight, all simultaneously. That work secured or positioned well over \$600,000 in non-taxpayer dollars for Ogunquit during FY 2025, with more arriving just after fiscal year end.

It also has limits. The \$75,000 nature-based solutions grant awarded in June 2025 was deferred into FY 2026 because there was simply no staff capacity left to activate it. That is one example of the capacity required to sustain this pace.

Towns are service organizations. The services Ogunquit delivers, and the grants it pursues, the coastal

resources it protects, and the financial stability it maintains, are only possible because people do that work. If the community values this direction, and the results of FY 2025 suggest there is a lot to value, the question worth asking is whether the staffing capacity exists to sustain it. That is ultimately a question for voters, not this report. But the answer will shape FY 2027 and the years beyond for this Beautiful Place by the Sea.

Thank you to the Select Board, the voters, and the dedicated Town staff whose work across all of these areas made FY 2025 a year of real and lasting progress for Ogunquit.

Respectfully submitted, Mandy Cummings, Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



Budget Review Committee in session, FY 2024–2025.

Budget Review Committee

Barbara Ferraro, Chair 2024–2025 · 14 meetings · 32 financial warrants reviewed

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Warrant Vote Record — FY 2024–2025

Committee votes and the corresponding Town Meeting outcomes, in brief. Full narrative follows in the sections below.

Period	Event	Committee (BRC)	Town Meeting (Voters)
November 2024	Special Town Meeting	Rejected 7 of 10 articles	Voters rejected 3 of those 7
March 27, 2025	BRC straw + formal votes	Passed 26 of 32 (21 unanimous); rejected 6	—
June 10, 2025	Annual Town Meeting	—	Voters rejected 5 of the 6 BRC-rejected articles

Committee Composition

The June 2024 election included two seats on the Budget Review Committee (BRC). The two winners were **Barbara Ferraro** and **Christopher Nobile**. The Committee Members and Alternates for the 2024–2025 Budget year were:

Member	Role	Term Expires
Barbara Ferraro	Chair	June 2027
Peter Kahn	Vice Chair	June 2026

Member	Role	Term Expires
Peter Griswold	Secretary	June 2026
Fred Lynk	Member	June 2025
Christopher Nobile	Member	June 2027
Sheldon Drucker	1st Alternate	June 2025
Rob Winchester	2nd Alternate	June 2025

During the July 11, 2024, organizational meeting, the following officers were elected: Barbara Ferraro — Chair, Peter Kahn — Vice Chair, and Peter Griswold — Secretary.

Meetings and Public Access

The Budget Review Committee conducted 14 meetings during the Fiscal 2026 Budget Year (7/1/24-6/30/25). A majority of the BRC Members decided to have meetings at 6 p.m. This decision was based on providing the best access for all taxpayers to the BRC's discussions and decisions. After an initial meeting with the Town Manager and Select Board Chair, the Chair and Vice Chair were then required to obtain their own host to manage the Zoom capability of evening meetings. Rob Winchester, the 2nd Alternate, generously agreed to provide that service.

During the first BRC meeting in August, the Chair asked each Committee Member and Alternate to share with the public, the skills and experiences each bring to this committee.

By-Law and Governance Review

During the August, September and October meetings, the BRC fulfilled its responsibility to review the Committee's By-Laws. The resultant changes included updating the language and directives as stated in the 2022 Town Charter that was approved by the voters in June 2022.

One member challenged the right of BRC members' involvement in a Citizen's petition. The Town Attorney determined, based on Maine's Statutes, that BRC Members/Alternates may be involved in Citizen Petitions as long as they act as individuals, and NOT as BRC Members/Alternates. The Town Attorney suggested that the BRC By-Laws not state anything to the contrary.

The Committee unanimously approved the By-law changes on October 22, 2024. They were sent to the Select Board. As understood in the Ogunquit Town Charter, the Select Board did not have to approve our changes.

Fall Warrants and Work Sessions

In August, the BRC discussed the November Financial Warrant Articles. During this process, the Chair expressed the difficulty in receiving answers from the Town Manager to all the BRC questions. The Chair's request to have the Treasurer available to answer questions at the September 3rd meeting was denied, as well as a request to talk with the SB Chair regarding the Budget process for the November Financial Warrants. The BRC members voted on September 3, 2024. There were 10 Financial Articles. The BRC rejected 7 of the 10 Articles. The voters rejected 3 of the 7 Warrant Articles rejected by the Budget Committee.

The September and October meetings included discussions concerning the use of Reserves, Capital Improvement Proposals (CIPs), the accounting of Tax Overlays, the use of Unassigned Funds and the 2026 Budget Process. The Budget Process was prominent in our attempt to fulfill the BRC's responsibilities to "assist the Select Board with budgets and financial planning" as stated in Ogunquit's Charter, Section 802.

FY 2026 Budget Process

In December, the BRC was told that the proposed FY 2026 Budget may not be available until mid-December. The Chair described her correspondence with the Town Manager, requesting a meeting with him and the Chair of the Select Board. Despite several email exchanges, the Chair was again denied any meeting with them, the purpose being to work out a collaborative working model for the 2026 Budget.

The BRC received from the Town Clerk the FY 2026 Budget timeline. This timeline did not include any joint BRC and Select Board meetings. Furthermore, presentations by Department Heads and Committee Chairs were videos focused only on questions asked by the Select Board.

It became clear that any collaboration with the BRC was non-existent. The BRC stated clearly we would fulfill our responsibilities and move forward. We committed to doing extensive research on Departments/Committees and prepared questions that were vetted during our BRC January and February 2025 public meetings. Each Committee Member and Alternate were assigned Department Budgets.

BRC Members were disappointed that the Budget Process was changed without an explanation.

At the February 12, 2025, meeting, BRC questions regarding the 2026 Budget were compiled, finalized and sent to the Select Board.

During this meeting, the BRC discussed the Select Board's recent decision made on January 7, 2025, to reverse the Commitment of 2.3 million for the Dunaway renovations. This vote was taken in March 2023 by the Select Board. Taxpayers approved the 11.9 million for the Campus Project based on this

decision.

The Chair read her communication sent to the Select Board Members on February 3, 2025, describing the January 30, 2025, BRC 3/2 vote. The vote asked the Select Board to reconsider its decision to reduce the Dunaway Community Center's \$2.3 million allocation of the bond proceeds by \$1.4 million to cover other Campus expenses. A response was never received.

Spring Warrant Votes

On March 27, 2025, the BRC took Straw votes followed by formal votes covering the June 2025 Financial Warrants. Overall, there were 32 Financial Warrants. The BRC passed 26 and rejected 6. The BRC passed 21 of the warrants unanimously. At the June 2025 Annual Meeting, 5 of the 6 Financial Warrants rejected by the BRC were also rejected by the voters.

The Chair sent to the Select Board, Town Manager and Treasurer copies of the following: 1) Budget Review Votes on the '26 Fiscal Budget, 2) Committee comments on the warrant articles, and 3) the Minority Report. The Chair requested that the TM include these documents in the SB packet for 4/1/25. They were not.

The Chair thanked Fred Lynk for his years of service on this board as he chose to step down this year. The Chair thanks all Committee Members and Alternates for their input and ability to work this year despite the challenges.

The Budget Review Committee thanks the Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer, Department Heads, and Committee Chairs for their video presentations. The ClearGov software continues to improve and assist with information. The BRC will continue to move forward next year in the hope of improved cooperation among all partners involved in Ogunquit's Budget Process.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Ferraro, Chair 2024–2025

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Audited Financial Statements

Independent Auditor's Report · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

The Town of Ogunquit engaged RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants, to audit the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The selected statements and schedules excerpted on the following pages received an unmodified audit opinion. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including the auditor's opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Unmodified Audit opinion	\$25.1M Revenues, all funds	\$20.2M Total fund balances	\$31.8M Total assets
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February 3, 2026

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We were engaged by the Town of Ogunquit, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Ogunquit, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be 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
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

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Unspent Bond Proceeds	Campus Project	Moved from Nonmajor Fund Grow Ogunquit Village School	Moved to Nonmajor Fund FEMA/ MEMA	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,970,359	\$ 2,068,758	\$ 10,436,009	\$ 3,015,735	\$ -	\$ 730,777	\$ 21,221,638
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):							
Taxes	736,402	-	-	-	-	-	736,402
Liens	45,515	-	-	-	-	-	45,515
Other	194,764	-	-	-	-	-	194,764
Prepaid items	84,392	-	-	-	-	-	84,392
Due from other funds	6,194,248	-	-	134,570	-	3,143,688	9,472,506
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,225,680	\$ 2,068,758	\$ 10,436,009	\$ 3,150,305	\$ -	\$ 3,874,465	\$ 31,755,217
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ 1,557,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,557,369
Accrued expenses	312,358	-	-	-	-	-	312,358
Due to other funds	3,278,258	2,058,166	3,399,464	-	-	736,618	9,472,506
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,147,985	2,058,166	3,399,464	-	-	736,618	11,342,233
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Prepaid taxes	2,177	-	-	-	-	-	2,177
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	4,360	4,360
Deferred tax revenue	233,075	-	-	-	-	-	233,075
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	235,252	-	-	-	-	4,360	239,612
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable	84,392	-	-	-	-	456,559	540,951
Restricted	-	10,592	7,036,545	-	-	79,475	7,126,612
Committed	140,500	-	-	-	-	3,025,656	3,166,156
Assigned	563,000	-	-	3,150,305	-	279,797	3,993,102
Unassigned (deficit)	6,054,551	-	-	-	-	(708,000)	5,346,551
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	6,842,443	10,592	7,036,545	3,150,305	-	3,133,487	20,173,372
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 12,225,680	\$ 2,068,758	\$ 10,436,009	\$ 3,150,305	\$ -	\$ 3,874,465	\$ 31,755,217

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

STATEMENT D

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Unspent Bond Proceeds	Campus Project	Moved from Nonmajor Fund Grow Ogunquit Village School	Moved to Nonmajor Fund FEMA/ MEMA	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Property taxes	\$ 13,401,857	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,401,857
Excise taxes	570,600	-	-	-	-	-	570,600
Intergovernmental revenues	232,392	-	-	-	-	501,054	733,446
Charges for services	5,635,898	-	-	-	-	-	5,635,898
Miscellaneous revenues	317,641	-	-	3,155,775	-	1,308,849	4,782,265
TOTAL REVENUES	20,158,388	-	-	3,155,775	-	1,809,903	25,124,066
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	1,699,961	-	-	-	-	-	1,699,961
Public safety	5,200,067	-	-	-	-	-	5,200,067
Public works and sanitation	2,222,342	-	-	-	-	-	2,222,342
Recreation and culture	108,961	-	-	-	-	-	108,961
Health and welfare	7,134	-	-	-	-	-	7,134
Social services	58,500	-	-	-	-	-	58,500
Land use	424,583	-	-	-	-	-	424,583
Education	6,175,005	-	-	-	-	-	6,175,005
County tax	849,045	-	-	-	-	-	849,045
Unclassified	480,557	-	-	2,755	-	1,202,821	1,686,133
Debt service:							
Principal	1,082,771	-	-	-	-	-	1,082,771
Interest	94,913	-	-	-	-	-	94,913
Capital outlay	-	-	4,378,662	-	-	3,293,186	7,671,848
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,403,839	-	4,378,662	2,755	-	4,496,007	27,281,263
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,754,549	-	(4,378,662)	3,153,020	-	(2,686,104)	(2,157,197)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in							
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	1,785,639	1,785,639
Transfers (out)	(1,785,639)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,785,639)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,785,639)	-	-	-	-	1,785,639	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	(31,090)	-	(4,378,662)	3,153,020	-	(900,465)	(2,157,197)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED							
	6,873,533	10,592	11,415,207	-	273,840	3,757,397	22,330,569
CHANGE IN REPORTING ENTITY							
	-	-	-	(2,715)	(273,840)	276,555	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, RESTATED							
	6,873,533	10,592	11,415,207	(2,715)	-	4,033,952	22,330,569
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30							
	<u>\$ 6,842,443</u>	<u>\$ 10,592</u>	<u>\$ 7,036,545</u>	<u>\$ 3,150,305</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,133,487</u>	<u>\$ 20,173,372</u>

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 6,873,533	\$ 6,873,533	\$ 6,873,533	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	13,356,741	13,356,741	13,401,857	45,116
Excise Taxes	451,000	451,000	570,600	119,600
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	35,000	35,000	124,750	89,750
Homestead Reimbursement	35,000	35,000	37,304	2,304
Local Road Assistance	57,788	57,788	66,529	8,741
Other	1,175	1,175	3,809	2,634
Charges for Services	4,382,235	4,471,524	5,635,898	1,164,374
Interest Income	40,000	40,000	176,870	136,870
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	17,000	17,000	33,257	16,257
Miscellaneous Revenues	73,800	73,800	107,514	33,714
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>25,323,272</u>	<u>25,412,561</u>	<u>27,031,921</u>	<u>1,619,360</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	1,753,345	1,703,345	1,699,961	3,384
Public Safety	5,243,850	5,243,850	5,200,067	43,783
Public Works and Sanitation	2,229,079	2,229,079	2,222,342	6,737
Recreation and Culture	109,697	109,697	108,961	736
Health and Welfare	2,000	2,000	7,134	(5,134)
Social Services	58,500	58,500	58,500	-
Land Use	425,810	425,810	424,583	1,227
Education	6,175,006	6,175,006	6,175,005	1
County Tax	849,046	849,046	849,045	1
Debt Service:				
Principal	953,784	953,784	1,082,771	(128,987)
Interest	223,913	223,913	94,913	129,000
Unclassified	590,709	590,709	480,557	110,152
Transfers to Other Funds	461,350	1,785,639	1,785,639	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>19,076,089</u>	<u>20,350,378</u>	<u>20,189,478</u>	<u>160,900</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 6,247,183</u>	<u>\$ 5,062,183</u>	<u>\$ 6,842,443</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,260</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 1,185,000	\$ -	\$ (1,185,000)
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	325,000	325,000	-	(325,000)
Utilization of Committed Fund Balance	301,350	301,350	-	(301,350)
	<u>\$ 626,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,350</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,811,350)</u>

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE
 SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 341,440	\$ (50,000)	\$ 291,440	\$ 242,075	\$ 49,365
Selectboard	8,612	-	8,612	8,612	-
Town manager	196,055	-	196,055	223,173	(27,118)
Town treasurer	172,871	-	172,871	178,295	(5,424)
Town clerk	147,331	-	147,331	146,366	965
Elections	12,111	-	12,111	8,080	4,031
Insurance and benefits	266,377	-	266,377	266,371	6
Administration	381,484	-	381,484	400,303	(18,819)
Information services department	227,064	-	227,064	226,686	378
	<u>1,753,345</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>1,703,345</u>	<u>1,699,961</u>	<u>3,384</u>
Public Safety -					
Police department	2,204,989	-	2,204,989	2,204,783	206
Visitor services	395,036	-	395,036	413,373	(18,337)
Fire-rescue department	2,063,065	-	2,063,065	2,047,108	15,957
Harbor master	213,727	-	213,727	192,379	21,348
Lifeguard	367,033	-	367,033	342,424	24,609
	<u>5,243,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,243,850</u>	<u>5,200,067</u>	<u>43,783</u>
Public Works and Sanitation -					
Highway department	1,477,368	-	1,477,368	1,477,130	238
Transfer station	569,256	-	569,256	541,255	28,001
Utilities	182,455	-	182,455	203,957	(21,502)
	<u>2,229,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,229,079</u>	<u>2,222,342</u>	<u>6,737</u>
Recreation and Culture -					
Recreation	36,600	-	36,600	33,278	3,322
Ogunquit Heritage Museum	11,354	-	11,354	11,165	189
Ogunquit performing arts	35,500	-	35,500	38,135	(2,635)
Sustainability	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
Conservation Commission	3,060	-	3,060	-	3,060
Shellfish conservation	8,750	-	8,750	7,630	1,120
Marginal Way committee	2,150	-	2,150	12,595	(10,445)
Bicycle - Pedestrian committee	4,300	-	4,300	208	4,092
Plover management	5,983	-	5,983	5,950	33
	<u>109,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,697</u>	<u>108,961</u>	<u>736</u>

SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Health and Welfare -					
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	7,134	(5,134)
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,134</u>	<u>(5,134)</u>
Social Services -					
Civic organizations	58,500	-	58,500	58,500	-
	<u>58,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,500</u>	<u>58,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Land Use -					
Land use	206,333	-	206,333	184,844	21,489
Code enforcement	141,282	-	141,282	140,598	684
Assessing	65,000	-	65,000	86,811	(21,811)
Planning	13,195	-	13,195	12,330	865
	<u>425,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,810</u>	<u>424,583</u>	<u>1,227</u>
Education	6,175,006	-	6,175,006	6,175,005	1
County Tax	849,046	-	849,046	849,045	1
Debt Service -					
Principal	953,784	-	953,784	1,082,771	(128,987)
Interest	223,913	-	223,913	94,913	129,000
	<u>1,177,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,177,697</u>	<u>1,177,684</u>	<u>13</u>
Unclassified -					
Facilities	448,115	-	448,115	458,841	(10,726)
Overlay	142,594	-	142,594	21,716	120,878
	<u>590,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>590,709</u>	<u>480,557</u>	<u>110,152</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds	461,350	1,324,289	1,785,639	1,785,639	-
	<u>461,350</u>	<u>1,324,289</u>	<u>1,785,639</u>	<u>1,785,639</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 19,076,089</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,289</u>	<u>\$ 20,350,378</u>	<u>\$ 20,189,478</u>	<u>\$ 160,900</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 166,125	\$ -	\$ 564,652	\$ 730,777
Due from other funds	118,032	3,025,656	-	3,143,688
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 284,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,025,656</u>	<u>\$ 564,652</u>	<u>\$ 3,874,465</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 708,000	\$ 28,618	\$ 736,618
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>708,000</u>	<u>28,618</u>	<u>736,618</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	4,360	-	-	4,360
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>4,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,360</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	456,559	456,559
Restricted	-	-	79,475	79,475
Committed	-	3,025,656	-	3,025,656
Assigned	279,797	-	-	279,797
Unassigned (deficit)	-	(708,000)	-	(708,000)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>279,797</u>	<u>2,317,656</u>	<u>536,034</u>	<u>3,133,487</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 284,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,025,656</u>	<u>\$ 564,652</u>	<u>\$ 3,874,465</u>

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF OGUNQUIT, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 113,083	\$ 387,971	\$ -	\$ 501,054
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	5,418	641,170	24,867	671,455
Other	22,166	615,228	-	637,394
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>140,667</u>	<u>1,644,369</u>	<u>24,867</u>	<u>1,809,903</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	3,293,186	-	3,293,186
Other	115,841	1,086,980	-	1,202,821
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>115,841</u>	<u>4,380,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,496,007</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>24,826</u>	<u>(2,735,797)</u>	<u>24,867</u>	<u>(2,686,104)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	1,785,639	-	1,785,639
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,785,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,785,639</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>24,826</u>	<u>(950,158)</u>	<u>24,867</u>	<u>(900,465)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	252,256	2,993,974	511,167	3,757,397
CHANGE WITHIN REPORTING ENTITY	<u>2,715</u>	<u>273,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,555</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>254,971</u>	<u>3,267,814</u>	<u>511,167</u>	<u>4,033,952</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 279,797</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,656</u>	<u>\$ 536,034</u>	<u>\$ 3,133,487</u>

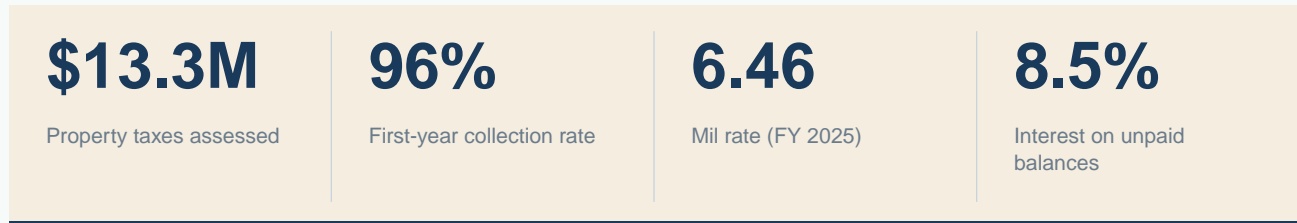
See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Tax Collector

Mandy Cummings · Tax Collector · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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About the Office

The Tax Collector's Office is responsible for the collection of all real estate and personal property taxes committed by the Town of Ogunquit. Our mission is straightforward: collect the revenue that keeps town services running, while treating every taxpayer as a person, not an account number.

We recognize that taxes are rarely simple. Buying or selling a home, changing ownership, inheriting property, or falling behind during a difficult season all create questions and complications that we are here to help navigate. Our office works with property owners, closing attorneys, and real estate professionals to ensure that tax obligations are understood and that payments change hands correctly when properties do.

For residents who prefer a more manageable payment schedule, the Town offers a Tax Club program. Rather than paying in two lump-sum installments, Tax Club members make 10 equal monthly payments and avoid interest charges as long as their balance is paid in full before the close of the fiscal year on June 30. In FY 2025, every Tax Club member met that requirement. Full program details and enrollment information are available on the Town's website.

Our goal is always to keep taxpayers out of the lien process. A lien is a last resort, not a first response. When someone is struggling, we would rather find a path forward than add legal complexity to an already difficult situation. The services this community depends on require the revenue we collect, and we take that responsibility seriously. So does our commitment to the people behind every bill.

FY 2025 Tax Commitment

During Fiscal Year 2025, the Town of Ogunquit assessed \$13,346,741 in real estate and personal property taxes. As of June 30, 2025, the first-year collection rate was 96%

Taxes were due in two installments on October 15, 2024 and April 15, 2025, with interest accruing at 8.5% per annum on unpaid balances after each due date.

Below is a historical comparison of mil rate, taxes assessed, and first-year collection rate:

Historical Mil Rate and Collection Rate

Mil rate, taxes assessed, and first-year collection rate by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Mil Rate	Taxes Assessed	First-Year Collection Rate
2025	6.46	\$13,346,741	96%
2024	6.46	\$13,169,655	95%
2023	6.34	\$12,856,977	95%
2022	8.14	\$12,068,707	95%
2021	8.00	\$11,756,467	97%
2020	8.00	\$11,662,286	92%*
2019	7.91	\$11,474,537	96%

*Tax due date was moved from May 15 to July 15 in FY 2021, shifting a portion of collections into the following fiscal year.

Unpaid Taxes as of June 30, 2025

The following real estate and personal property taxes remained unpaid as of June 30, 2025. Account numbers, names, tax year, and amount due are shown as recorded in the Town's tax-collection system.

Real Estate

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
2986	DUNCAN, KAREN & ARRON L	2021	\$16.00
2812	TIMBERLAKE, NORMAN E	2021	\$19.20
3498	MORGAN, ROBERT W.	2021	\$64.07
2840	NEWBERRY, ARTHUR F	2023	\$16.43
1320	BORGLUND, JONATHAN E. & NANCY	2023	\$93.65
1584	VILANDRY, RAYMOND	2023	\$135.69
156	HOWELL, KERRI M	2023	\$153.30
2057	GOODWIN, JANICE ARMSTRONG	2023	\$218.21

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
4106	MAHONEY, JR, ROBERT C	2024	\$15.51
889	WISER, JAMES M	2024	\$16.64
2057	GOODWIN, ESTATE OF JANICE	2024	\$184.44
843	COSO ENTERPRISES, LLC	2024	\$276.32
1330	CORMIER, EMILY	2024	\$680.73
1320	BORGLUND, JONATHAN E. & NANCY	2024	\$931.59
1619	KEONE, JUDITH	2024	\$1,377.28
1594	CALLAHAN, JEAN	2024	\$1,380.42
1584	HALL THOMAS AND LYNNE	2024	\$1,457.72
753	BETSY ABRAMS 2015 IRREVOCABLE	2024	\$4,676.61
156	HOWELL, KERRI M	2024	\$5,575.89
1091	TOTI, GAIL MCLAUGHLIN F	2024	\$5,957.16
75	HARGROVE, ROBERT AND	2024	\$5,988.98
400	MAHER-STEWART, MARILYN;	2024	\$16,426.78
1610	TANGUAY, RONALD & ANNE	2025	\$7.17
1661	KENYON, JOHN RAND ROSEMARY I	2025	\$14.65
1950	GERBER, LORI A.AND SAMUEL	2025	\$16.83
1360	LAVOIE, ELAINE	2025	\$18.68
4128	BRAUNSTEIN, IRWIN	2025	\$24.88
1952	TRAHAN, KATHLEEN TRUSTEE	2025	\$48.49
176	HAZEL, WILLIAM & NANCY	2025	\$52.51
842	HABAS, JAMES G AND JULIA M	2025	\$53.27
516	74 PROPERTY INC , GIRI OGUNQUIT	2025	\$61.13
90	KEAN, BARRY	2025	\$100.00
2057	GOODWIN, ESTATE OF JANICE	2025	\$142.12
1060	DUNES HOSPITALITY, LLC	2025	\$142.76
43	GOLDIE, KENNETH S. & AMEILA	2025	\$175.39
1361	O'KONIEWSKI,LINDA M. WALSH,	2025	\$256.46
1341	SAVINO, DONNA	2025	\$276.16

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
1316	RUDGE, DONALD V	2025	\$333.66
1314	CALLAHAN, ROBERT J. & ESTELLE J.	2025	\$347.22
1378	MILLIKAN, LAURIE J. AND STEVEN D.	2025	\$489.02
2075	FAHEY, WILLIAM M	2025	\$502.98
1398	HARRINGTON, LEO W AND CAROLYN	2025	\$512.60
637	PATELLI GROUP, LLC	2025	\$533.80
2422	GALLO FAMILY 2023 TRUST	2025	\$573.78
234	PALMER, MICHAEL A & DORAZIO,	2025	\$600.69
1330	CORMIER, EMILY	2025	\$614.99
2332	PAYEUR, RICHARD E., HEIRS OF	2025	\$625.33
4149	PAYEUR,RICHARD HEIRS OF	2025	\$629.85
633	PATELLI GROUP, LLC	2025	\$676.06
1585	DIGNUM, PATRICIA A	2025	\$716.73
1069	MASON, DANNY J & SIEBEN, JODY S	2025	\$720.61
1390	POIRIER, ZACHARY	2025	\$745.48
1623	DOUCETTE, SUZANNE	2025	\$772.61
1609	ZARR, ROBERT	2025	\$776.81
2358	GILLIS, DARCI	2025	\$828.40
1020	CARAVIELLO, CHRIS	2025	\$849.49
1418	ROBICHAUD, MICHAEL AND RUTH	2025	\$850.13
1320	BORGLUND, JONATHAN E. & NANCY J.	2025	\$854.01
2393	WOLNIK, MICHAEL & LISA	2025	\$868.22
1325	LAMBERT, MARY F	2025	\$892.13
506	MACKEY, ALLISON S & TOUZET,	2025	\$993.87
260	JARNAGIN, WILLIAM R. & LAURA Q.	2025	\$1,000.97
2421	TOCCI, PAUL L, JR.	2025	\$1,026.81
703	82 SHORE ROAD, LLC	2025	\$1,073.33
1122	GIZZI, PETER AND MARIE	2025	\$1,075.59
1161	CURTIN,JOHN T. AND WILLIAM J.	2025	\$1,123.71

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
1663	VICRIC 2016 LLC	2025	\$1,136.96
1888	TRUITT, JOHN	2025	\$1,162.31
2014	WINDWARD OGUNGUIT LLC	2025	\$1,201.56
1657	BONOMO, ANTHONY R	2025	\$1,245.16
1619	KEONE, JUDITH	2025	\$1,279.08
1594	CALLAHAN, JEAN	2025	\$1,281.66
2090	URLAGE, DANIEL JOHN	2025	\$1,314.28
1133	ENDICOTT, RUTH E	2025	\$1,342.63
307	ABBOTT, MICHAEL D. & MARGARE	2025	\$1,345.62
1584	HALL THOMAS AND LYNNE	2025	\$1,355.31
3508	STOCKHAUS, KIRK R,	2025	\$1,455.44
2148	POWER, BRIDGET	2025	\$1,552.60
2401	CARUSO, ANTHONY P AND RITA E	2025	\$1,560.53
1969	DILUZIO, VIRGINIA M	2025	\$1,562.35
1873	NELLIE LITTLEFIELD, LLC	2025	\$1,567.52
2080	DEGRAPPO REALTY TRUST	2025	\$1,590.27
889	WISER, JAMES M	2025	\$1,625.34
1171	TEWKSBARY, DAVID E AND	2025	\$1,721.26
1659	SCALESE, ANDREW	2025	\$1,733.57
1866	PAUL, RICHARD AND ANN MARIE,	2025	\$1,808.47
4132	CAMPION, KRISTI L & TWOMEY, PAUL	2025	\$1,822.36
704	82 SHORE ROAD, LLC	2025	\$1,842.71
2345	MEREDITH, BRIAN	2025	\$1,881.15
288	GARVIN, KAREN L	2025	\$1,901.18
1761	LEACH, EVERETT R JR AND	2025	\$1,992.55
1505	BARNES, CYNTHIA L AND PAUL W	2025	\$2,000.01
2112	HUTCHINS, BETH T	2025	\$2,000.21
87	KEAN, BARRY A	2025	\$2,054.93
2117	TROMBLEY, JANET	2025	\$2,148.30

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
1055	GAZEBO REAL ESTATE, LLC	2025	\$2,165.39
1951	BARONE, MICHAEL AND MARY	2025	\$2,168.86
1139	LEACH, LYNN P TRUST	2025	\$2,172.17
505	PERAKES, DANIEL S & MATEJEK, JEAN	2025	\$2,191.23
828	FITANIDES, PHILIP E. P. AND	2025	\$2,194.14
76	OCONNOR, BRIAN R AND	2025	\$2,213.06
691	NANCY E. SAVEL TRUST	2025	\$2,297.17
4080	PEPIN, LUKE D	2025	\$2,406.35
576	BELAIR RAMSAY TRUST 2017	2025	\$2,420.04
1689	HAWKINS, THOMAS W JR	2025	\$2,428.31
318	GARON, MEIR	2025	\$2,451.57
1532	MASON, WINIFRED L	2025	\$2,451.57
338	GARON, MEIR	2025	\$2,462.55
764	BARBERA, DEAN J	2025	\$2,464.60
141	CONLEY JR., THOMAS D	2025	\$2,467.54
384	MANDEL, STUART JAY	2025	\$2,473.21
245	SEITH, NANCY L	2025	\$2,474.82
378	BOHRER, CLARA E	2025	\$2,495.17
924	PETER WINN REVOCABLE TRUST	2025	\$2,561.71
56	BESSE, JONATHAN F AND	2025	\$2,662.49
702	82 SHORE ROAD, LLC	2025	\$2,675.08
2020	THE MICHAL KATCHER TRUST	2025	\$2,771.34
936	LOWELL, KIM E AND	2025	\$2,821.08
1131	DREWRICH PROPERTIES, LLC	2025	\$2,870.54
1214	COX LIVING TRUST	2025	\$2,896.29
264	ARTHUR, GREG P	2025	\$2,951.22
315	GARON, MEIR	2025	\$3,024.31
967	STULIN, JEFFREY W	2025	\$3,051.06
646	LLC, NIKANOS HOLDINGS	2025	\$3,056.55

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
792	CIAMPA,L. & LAYMAN, K., TRUSTEES	2025	\$3,087.55
799	JUSTICE, ANDREA M	2025	\$3,145.25
74	KEOUGH, MARK &	2025	\$3,329.48
1273	CLEARY, JOSEPH AND ANN	2025	\$3,499.06
2064	SIMONDS, GRAHAM J AND JUDY L	2025	\$3,545.25
1537	NERI, STEVEN AND NANCY	2025	\$3,576.25
558	MANOCHA, DUSTIN & ALICIA	2025	\$3,599.69
1262	LAFILIN PROPERTIES, LLC	2025	\$3,628.10
767	CAMMAROTA, KATHLEEN J	2025	\$3,664.11
1036	JACOBS BLOCK, LLC	2025	\$3,749.06
947	RENNER HOLDINGS LLC	2025	\$3,838.21
2208	NUDELMAN, EVA	2025	\$3,876.00
2198	ERIC M LITTLEFIELD TRUST	2025	\$4,056.88
1260	WALL RENTAL PROPERTY, LLC	2025	\$4,195.77
1188	NANCY A. BOGUE TRUST, ET AL.	2025	\$4,204.81
70	GREEN, DON H. TRUSTEE,	2025	\$4,216.44
1556	724 MAIN ST LLC	2025	\$4,356.94
838	MM 1839 LLC	2025	\$4,461.02
73	DRUCKER, SHELDON M	2025	\$4,468.69
605	ADAMS, COLIN K	2025	\$4,469.03
220	CLARK, BETSY G	2025	\$4,502.62
179	MASSACHUSETTES , PAUL V O'LEARY	2025	\$4,517.48
753	BETSY ABRAMS 2015 IRREVOCABLE	2025	\$4,536.86
569	AKINC, BRIDGET	2025	\$4,549.13
1237	SENECAL, BRUCE R	2025	\$4,633.76
434	NOVAK - TRUSTEE, BETH	2025	\$4,634.72
225	TWENTY FOUR PERKINS LLC	2025	\$4,841.12
1220	SHOMPHE, ROBERT AND CORINNE	2025	\$4,941.90
546	RIGHT COAST REALTY, LLC	2025	\$4,989.15

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
156	HOWELL, KERRI M	2025	\$5,279.11
1644	SHREE MAHALAXMI LLC	2025	\$5,360.51
2400	MITCHELL, PATRICK J. AND CHAN,	2025	\$5,366.32
556	PINEHILL REALTY TRUST	2025	\$5,404.44
54	KNIGHT, JOHN & TESSA	2025	\$5,583.38
1091	TOTI, GAIL MCLAUGHLIN F	2025	\$5,645.39
75	HARGROVE, ROBERT AND	2025	\$5,677.05
1984	NEYMAN, STEPHEN & KATHLEEN	2025	\$5,874.08
366	PETERS, EDGAR EUGENE, TRUSTEE	2025	\$5,889.58
834	DAKE, KAREN M	2025	\$5,927.05
922	HR 1925 LLC	2025	\$6,024.76
2145	CALLAWAY,AARON & TRICIA	2025	\$6,128.60
419	ALLEGNONE, LOUIS J. AND SUSAN L.	2025	\$6,151.53
995	64 BEACH STREET, LLC	2025	\$6,236.48
455	WEINSTEIN, ROBERT E AND BONNIE	2025	\$6,407.04
401	JPK REAL ESTATE TRUST	2025	\$6,597.68
1680	GAZEBO REAL ESTATE LLC	2025	\$6,698.70
1010	NL 1889, LLC	2025	\$6,793.09
2410	DICK,, JUSTIN L	2025	\$7,016.85
940	JCKB HOLDINGS, LLC	2025	\$7,429.00
1000	TERRACE BY THE SEA AT OGUNQUIT	2025	\$7,485.85
728	COLONIAL, LLC	2025	\$8,401.83
105	NL HOLDINGS, LLC	2025	\$9,258.39
990	BRIDGE TO THE BEACH, LLC	2025	\$9,336.19
6	PERKINS COVE RENTAL	2025	\$9,589.54
122	HARTWELL, JAMES H & PATRICIA	2025	\$10,014.29
843	OGUNQUIT MY JOB, LLC	2025	\$10,086.64
4146	WEINSTEIN, BONNIE S	2025	\$10,162.23
718	COLONIAL, LLC	2025	\$10,261.58

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
714	BRANDES, ADINE	2025	\$10,399.31
939	JCKB HOLDINGS, LLC	2025	\$10,739.75
405	OGT TRUST, STUART, CHRISTOPHER	2025	\$11,108.62
1059	DUNES HOSPITALITY, LLC	2025	\$11,292.72
201	BIANCHI, ALDEN J, TRUSTEE	2025	\$11,846.35
368	WINKLER PROPERTIES TRUST,	2025	\$14,043.71
400	MAHER-STEWART, MARILYN;	2025	\$15,776.61
1489	BOURNE'S MOTEL PROPERTY, LLC	2025	\$16,283.40
123	THOMPSON GREEN PARTNERSHIP	2025	\$16,660.99
1015	TERRACE BY THE SEA AT	2025	\$18,114.48
862	PANGAL, LLC	2025	\$20,748.23
438	PELOQUIN, MICHELLE C	2025	\$34,866.56

Personal Property

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
262	OTT WHITNEY	2019	\$6.01
291	MARPA EAGER	2019	\$11.66
104	SEAVEY TOBY	2019	\$12.50
223	LAPOINT, DEB	2019	\$17.31
210	ROY JR. BRUCE M.	2019	\$93.58
349	WICKERT, RICHARD	2019	\$312.45
262	OTT WHITNEY	2020	\$5.68
242	RILEY RYAN	2020	\$7.78
86	HICKEY SUSAN & KEVIN	2020	\$8.88
104	SEAVEY TOBY	2020	\$12.64
351	DANILOWICZ MARTHA & CASEY	2020	\$17.04
291	MARPA EAGER	2020	\$22.40
285	KARP AARON	2020	\$37.60
223	MCDONOUGH KRISTEN	2020	\$48.56

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
211	ABBOTT JOHN	2020	\$55.28
147	ABBOTT JOHN	2020	\$75.52
210	ROY JR. BRUCE M.	2020	\$82.40
102	66 BEACH STEET LLC	2020	\$89.76
349	VOGEL SCOTT	2020	\$306.40
262	OTT WHITNEY	2021	\$5.36
283	KING, KATHLEEN	2021	\$6.80
106	VAN DER DOES, HANS	2021	\$8.56
86	HICKEY, SUSAN & KEVIN	2021	\$8.88
104	SEAVEY, TOBY	2021	\$12.64
291	MARPA EAGER	2021	\$20.80
242	RILEY RYAN	2021	\$25.20
285	KARP, AARON	2021	\$35.20
211	ABBOTT, JOHN	2021	\$50.40
210	ROY JR., BRUCE M	2021	\$74.40
194	MOBILE MINI,	2021	\$77.52
223	MCDONOUGH, KRISTEN	2021	\$82.56
102	66 BEACH STEET, LLC	2021	\$87.36
104	SEAVEY, TOBY	2022	\$10.83
252	BROWN, KRISTIN	2022	\$19.29
242	RILEY RYAN	2022	\$21.49
219	GRIFFIN, CONSTANCE J	2022	\$22.39
319	JACK GORDON	2022	\$22.94
239	ROCOCO ICE C./ LAUREN GUPTIL	2022	\$26.62
15	SMITH, ANDREW	2022	\$44.12
210	WILLIAM MARTIN	2022	\$57.79
194	MOBILE MINI,	2022	\$63.57
223	MCDONOUGH, KRISTEN	2022	\$65.61
246	GREENERY CAFE LLC THE	2022	\$66.02

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
340	DENNIS SAYWARD	2022	\$81.40
310	HAPPY HOUR	2022	\$81.40
345	KENNETH YORKE	2022	\$81.40
308	MATTHEW CHARPENTIER	2022	\$81.40
323	MIKE HORNING	2022	\$81.40
305	NORMAN BRAZIER	2022	\$81.40
326	TODD HUBBARD	2022	\$81.40
175	DRURY, SCOTT K & BEVERLE	2022	\$146.28
142	WILD BLUEBERRY CAFE, LLC	2022	\$159.46
94	HARTWELL, JAMES & PATRICIA	2022	\$163.86
54	BESSIE'S, INC	2022	\$411.07
88	GRIFFIN, CONSTANCE	2023	\$6.95
104	SEAVEY, TOBY	2023	\$9.99
89	YOUNG, THOMAS & CAROL	2023	\$10.18
216	BATTAGLIESE, HEATHER ANNE	2023	\$10.55
252	BROWN, KRISTIN	2023	\$16.37
379	VAN WARD GALLERY	2023	\$17.06
242	RILEY RYAN	2023	\$18.52
239	ROCOCO ICE C./ LAUREN GUPTIL	2023	\$21.87
231	DESISTO, RHONDA	2023	\$29.70
15	SMITH, ANDREW	2023	\$39.56
223	MCDONOUGH, KRISTEN	2023	\$50.50
210	WILLIAM MARTIN	2023	\$51.76
284	EVANS, JASON	2023	\$56.88
194	MOBILE MINI, INC. - BETE	2023	\$57.13
246	GREENERY CAFE LLC THE	2023	\$59.22
340	DENNIS SAYWARD	2023	\$63.20
310	HAPPY HOUR	2023	\$63.20
319	JACK GORDON	2023	\$63.20

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
345	KENNETH YORKE	2023	\$63.20
325	LUKE HUBBARD	2023	\$63.20
308	MATTHEW CHARPENTIER	2023	\$63.20
331	MICHAEL LORUSSO	2023	\$63.20
323	MIKE HORNING	2023	\$63.20
305	NORMAN BRAZIER	2023	\$63.20
327	ROBERT KINSMAN	2023	\$63.20
326	TODD HUBBARD	2023	\$63.20
187	EXTRAORDINAIRE GROUP, LLC	2023	\$121.46
392	NL 1989 LLC	2023	\$126.46
90	GAIER, MARK & FRASIER, CLARK	2023	\$196.43
154	MAXWELL'S PUB	2023	\$244.52
54	BESSIE'S, INC	2023	\$372.31
144	GREAT NORTH PROP MANAAGEMENT	2024	\$5.18
269	CSI LEASING INC	2024	\$5.23
88	GRIFFIN, CONSTANCE	2024	\$8.85
216	BATTAGLIESE, HEATHER ANNE	2024	\$10.79
389	DESRUISSEAU AMANDA	2024	\$13.34
220	ZERHUSEN, PAT & COOPER, ELYSA	2024	\$13.50
400	SYNCHRONY BANK	2024	\$16.28
219	GRIFFIN, CONSTANCE J	2024	\$16.54
405	CHRIS & KATIE EAGER	2024	\$23.71
231	DESISTO, RHONDA	2024	\$28.49
300	DAVIS RYAN	2024	\$37.79
15	SMITH, ANDREW	2024	\$40.44
284	EVANS, JASON	2024	\$50.90
194	MOBILE MINI, INC. - BETE	2024	\$56.33
246	GREENERY CAFE LLC THE	2024	\$59.04
161	17 GLEN AVE OGUNQUIT, LLC	2024	\$60.47

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
242	RILEY RYAN	2024	\$63.76
303	AUDET JOSHUA	2024	\$64.60
340	DENNIS SAYWARD	2024	\$64.60
310	HAPPY HOUR	2024	\$64.60
319	JACK GORDON	2024	\$64.60
345	KENNETH YORKE	2024	\$64.60
325	LUKE HUBBARD	2024	\$64.60
308	MATTHEW CHARPENTIER	2024	\$64.60
331	MICHAEL LORUSSO	2024	\$64.60
323	MIKE HORNING	2024	\$64.60
327	ROBERT KINSMAN	2024	\$64.60
326	TODD HUBBARD	2024	\$64.60
223	MCDONOUGH KRISTEN	2024	\$68.15
210	WILLIAM MARTIN	2024	\$78.36
137	JOSEPH DELOIS	2024	\$84.88
187	EXTRAORDINAIRE GROUP, LLC	2024	\$118.93
104	SEAVEY TOBY	2024	\$137.66
90	GAIER, MARK & FRASIER, CLARK	2024	\$196.58
394	SO ZAP THAI RESTAURANT	2024	\$224.94
152	P.WINN REV.TRUST/P.WINNTRUSTE	2024	\$242.38
154	MAXWELL'S PUB	2024	\$249.94
30	KJM INVESTMENTS, LLC	2024	\$257.11
151	COSO, ENTERPRISES	2024	\$271.77
5	PATELLI GROUP LLC JOE DELOIS	2024	\$346.84
141	ANCHORAGE MOTOR INN OF OGUN	2024	\$772.10
166	PATELLI GROUP LLC. DELOIS J	2024	\$1,197.88
16	74 PROPERTY INC GIRI OGUNQUIT	2024	\$1,597.95
195	TRUE PARTNERS CONSULTING, LLC	2025	\$5.04
97	ERWIN ANNE SOTHEBY'S INTL REA	2025	\$5.20

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
268	MARPA EAGER	2025	\$6.20
144	GREAT NORTH PROP MANAAGEMENT	2025	\$7.30
379	CARAVIELLO CHRIS	2025	\$8.59
85	DHINGRA KARANJIT	2025	\$10.53
170	KELLY,CAROLYN & SHANNON, SUSAN	2025	\$10.53
216	BATTAGLIESE, HEATHER ANNE	2025	\$10.79
256	DELLABERNARDA RICHARD	2025	\$11.63
83	NESTLING DUCK, INC	2025	\$13.57
148	MOULTON, BRADLEY	2025	\$14.21
181	GIRI OGUNQUIT 719, INC	2025	\$20.74
6	DANIEL ATANASOV	2025	\$22.14
231	DESISTO, RHONDA	2025	\$24.94
445	FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO	2025	\$28.42
171	WELLER, CAROLYN	2025	\$29.26
274	NOW OR NEVER MARINE LLC	2025	\$33.92
300	DAVIS RYAN	2025	\$35.72
15	SMITH, ANDREW	2025	\$40.44
169	CMC REALTY LLC	2025	\$44.19
44	DUFRESNE, JEB	2025	\$50.00
47	DELOIS, JOSEPH	2025	\$50.19
339	MIKE REMKIEWICZ	2025	\$51.94
194	MOBILE MINI, INC. - BETE	2025	\$52.26
389	DESRUISSEAU AMANDA	2025	\$53.36
419	MOLL, BRAD	2025	\$55.56
124	ANTONIUK, ANDREW	2025	\$56.14
223	MCDONOUGH KRISTEN	2025	\$59.43
242	RILEY RYAN	2025	\$60.66
303	AUDET JOSHUA	2025	\$64.60
340	DENNIS SAYWARD	2025	\$64.60

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
310	HAPPY HOUR	2025	\$64.60
319	JACK GORDON	2025	\$64.60
345	KENNETH YORKE	2025	\$64.60
325	LUKE HUBBARD	2025	\$64.60
308	MATTHEW CHARPENTIER	2025	\$64.60
331	MICHAEL LORUSSO	2025	\$64.60
323	MIKE HORNING	2025	\$64.60
327	ROBERT KINSMAN	2025	\$64.60
326	TODD HUBBARD	2025	\$64.60
78	JOSLYN RODNEY	2025	\$72.22
210	WILLIAM MARTIN	2025	\$75.32
442	JEFFREY MANCARELLA	2025	\$75.52
368	JCKB HOLDINGS, LLC	2025	\$79.78
65	LUMENELLO ALEXANDER	2025	\$83.27
416	MILA RETAIL, CORP	2025	\$84.11
137	JOSEPH DELOIS	2025	\$84.88
328	RICHARD KNIGHT ET AL	2025	\$87.21
270	OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE	2025	\$99.55
1	JCKB HOLDINGS, LLC	2025	\$108.53
405	CHRIS & KATIE EAGER	2025	\$110.85
187	EXTRAORDINAIRE GROUP, LLC	2025	\$113.24
104	SEAVEY TOBY	2025	\$134.88
434	BLACK SUSHI HOUSE	2025	\$166.09
66	NL1989 LLC	2025	\$175.52
90	GAIER, MARK & FRASIER, CLARK	2025	\$202.78
159	MOON OVER MAINE HOLDINGS LLC	2025	\$215.76
394	SO ZAP THAI RESTAURANT	2025	\$229.85
152	P.WINN REV.TRUST/P.WINNTRUSTE	2025	\$242.38
30	KJM INVESTMENTS, LLC	2025	\$257.11

Acct	Name	Fiscal Year	Amount Due
151	COSO, ENTERPRISES	2025	\$258.72
415	OGUNQUIT HOUSE OF PIZZA	2025	\$261.11
5	PATELLI GROUP LLC JOE DELOIS	2025	\$341.99
114	GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	2025	\$370.24
440	HEATH OUELLETTE	2025	\$432.63
437	JOSEPH DELOIS	2025	\$433.66
141	ANCHORAGE MOTOR INN OF OGUN	2025	\$772.10
426	SHREE MAHALAXMI, LLC	2025	\$798.91
166	PATELLI GROUP LLC. DELOIS J	2025	\$1,025.40

Thank you to the residents, property owners, and Tax Club members whose timely payments make the work of every Town department possible.

Respectfully submitted, Mandy Cummings · Tax Collector

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



Town Clerk Christine Murphy (right) administers the oath of office to Deputy Chief Wade, one of the Clerk's ceremonial duties.

Town Clerk

Christine Murphy, CMC · Town Clerk · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

Nov. 5, 2024

Presidential & Special Town Meeting Election

1,105

Ballots Cast — Nov. 5, 2024

563

Ballots Cast — June 10, 2025

2

Certified Town Clerks

Office Overview

The Town Clerk's Office provides essential services to the residents of Ogunquit. Many services are also available online for residents' convenience. Visit www.ogunquit.gov for information about online hunting and fishing licenses, dog licensing, upcoming elections, vital records requests, and business registrations.

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for a variety of in-office and online services, including:

- Election and Town Meeting preparation and administration
- Voter registration and absentee voting
- Copies of board and committee meeting minutes
- Vital records, including certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates
- Marriage licenses
- Business registrations
- ATV, boat, and snowmobile registrations
- Filing, maintenance, and preservation of municipal records
- Local liquor licenses
- State liquor license processing
- Amusement licenses
- Special amusement permits
- Dog licenses
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Town trash bags

The following statistics reflect selected services provided by the Town Clerk's Office during Fiscal Year

2024–2025:

Election

Election	Event	Ballots Cast
November 5, 2024	Special Town Meeting / State Presidential Election	1,105
June 10, 2025	Annual Town Meeting / Sewer District / W-O CSD / State Primary Election	563

Services by Fiscal Year

Service	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Birth	4	6	9	3
Death	11	13	15	14
Marriage	111	105	101	102
Dog Licenses	65	109	126	110
Boats	59	54	37	43
ATV	7	2	6	6
Snowmobiles	11	8	9	9
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	27	29	25	23
Liquor Licenses	52	57	60	58
Amusement Licenses	18	18	15	20
Business Registrations	244	253	253	243
Business Registrations (Home Rentals)	142	177	196	204
Registered Voters	1,266	1,282	1,310	1,319

Conclusion

The Town Clerk's Office remains committed to serving the residents of Ogunquit with integrity and transparency. I am grateful to the Select Board, the Town Manager, and the community for their support and collaboration over the past year. Together, we will continue supporting a vibrant, engaged, and informed community.

Acknowledgments

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff of the Town Clerk's Office for their hard work and commitment. I also congratulate Deputy Town Clerk **Sarah Weiss** on earning her Certified Town Clerk certification. Ogunquit now has two Certified Town Clerks.



Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Weiss (left), now a Certified Town Clerk, assists at the office counter, one of countless daily interactions throughout the year.

For questions about Town Clerk services, contact townclerk@ogunquit.gov or **207-646-9546**.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Murphy, CMC · Town Clerk

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



Code Enforcement Officer Tyler McOsker and Town Manager Matt Buttrick, preparing to inspect the Town Hall and Police Department construction project.

Land Use

Tyler McOsker · Director · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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During the 2024/2025 fiscal year the Land Use office saw a steady flow of permits for new homes and remodeling projects. Our office also assisted many new businesses and property owners through the Planning Board process. This demonstrates how strong and vibrant Ogunquit is as a community.

During this time, the Land Use Office issued over 167 Building Permits with total project values of over \$38,419,052; and collected Building Permit Fees of more than \$710,697. In addition, we issued over 258 other permits including: Blasting, Electrical, Excavator Licenses, Fence, Flood Improvement, Road Opening, Sign, Well, Yard Sale, Plumbing, and Home Occupation with Fees collected more than \$24,589.

Following up on all these permits keeps us busy with project reviews and onsite inspections; as well as responding to residents and contractor inquiries, telephone calls, e-mails, and office visits.

Another large part of the Land Use Office responsibilities is acting as an advisor to the Ogunquit Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee. As Code Officer I review all Planning Board Applications and attend Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee Meetings.

Along with the Ogunquit Fire Department the Land Use Office also conducts inspections for: business, liquor, and life safety code conditions for commercial and residential properties.

Other public outreach programs include monitoring for septic tank pumping compliance, information on the availability and need for Flood Hazard Insurance, vegetation removal in the Shoreland and Resource Protection Zones, Beach Water Quality Monitoring, and other issues of concern to the citizens of Ogunquit.

The Land Use Office along with the Town Clerk continues the process of issuing Business Registrations for Single Family Home Short Term Rentals (TA1). Response from the public has been positive and during this time approximately 204 property owners registered their weekly rental units. We continue to get the word out that property owners need to register their weekly rental properties with the Town.

Respectfully submitted, Tyler McOsker, Director, Land Use

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Assessing Department

Michelle McDonald · Town Assessor · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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<p>\$2.056B</p> <p>Total taxable real-estate value</p>	<p>\$6.46</p> <p>Tax rate (unchanged from prior year)</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>Certified assessment ratio (4/1/2024)</p>
<p>\$11.14M</p> <p>Total taxable personal property</p>	<p>251</p> <p>Ownership transfers processed</p>	<p>374</p> <p>Property inspections conducted</p>

Department Overview

The primary role of the Assessing Office is to discover and list all taxable real and personal property and determine a value for tax purposes. Our goal is to provide an equitable and accountable market-based assessment program that is fairly administered in accordance with state statutes. We are here to provide courteous and responsive service to the people of Ogunquit.

Valuation Year

During the fiscal year, the Assessing Department declared a certified assessment ratio of 100% for assessment date April 1, 2024. The tax rate of \$6.46 was maintained from the prior year. Real-estate valuation increased \$28,343,925 (1.4%) from the prior year, with a total taxable real-estate value of \$2,056,466,325.

Personal-property valuation increased 7.3% from the prior year, with a total taxable personal-property value of \$11,140,610. Additionally, 100 business personal-property inspections took place with the contracted assessing company Real Estate Research Consultants (RRC), which lists taxable business personal property for 25% of all businesses in Town each year, over a four-year period.

Inspections and Transfers

The Department processed 251 property-ownership transfers, including 54 “qualified sales” which are considered representative of the current real-estate market. Additionally, the Department conducted 374 property inspections.

Exemption Programs

Taxpayers are encouraged to review their eligibility for state programs such as the Homestead, Veteran, Widowed-Veteran, Blind, and Renewable Energy exemption programs that may help to reduce their tax burden. Applications for these programs are due April 1. During the fiscal year, the Department processed 40 new Homestead and 4 new Veteran exemptions.

Business owners are encouraged to review their eligibility for the taxpayer-benefit programs such as the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) and the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) programs. For more information about these programs, taxpayers may contact the Assessor.

In-House Transition

As of January 2025, the Town no longer contracts the firm Municipal Resources, Inc., for assessing services, and has an in-house Town Assessor.

Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Assessing Department. If you have a question about your assessment, an exemption you may qualify for, or the valuation cycle, please contact the Assessor's office.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle McDonald · Town Assessor

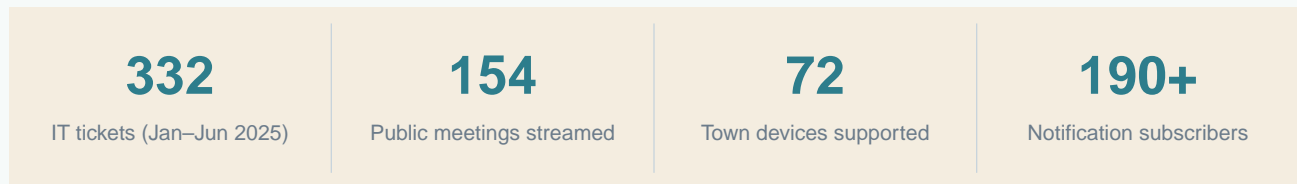
PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Information Services

Ben LaFlamme · IT Coordinator · Fiscal Year 2024–2025



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Department Overview

The Information Services Department provides timely and accurate information to residents, property owners, and visitors. Our comprehensive approach integrates public-access television, the Town website (ogunquit.gov), and IT support services to ensure a well-informed and connected community. The department is staffed by one full-time employee (IT Coordinator) and one part-time employee, Ilene Kanoff.

Key Functions

Digital Outreach. Through ogunquit.gov, the Town Facebook page, public-access channels, and the mobile app we publish current information about Town departments, meetings, voting, and other happenings — reaching over 190 subscribers with essential notification updates and more than 10,000 followers on Facebook.

IT Support. We support all Town-owned computers, printers, and networking devices. Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, we supported approximately 45 workstations, 15 printer/scanners, and 12 other devices (mostly networking). We opened 332 support tickets through our IT vendor Thrive between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, and provided IT assistance, basic training, and webpage editing to Town departments and committees.

Streaming and Public-Access Television (WOGT Channel 3 and Channel 1302). This year we streamed and recorded 154 public meetings, 63 of which were also broadcast on Channel 3. Our 24/7 bulletin board keeps the community informed alongside live board and committee broadcasts, Town-

produced informational videos, and special-interest local content.

Equipment and Inventory. The department maintains and updates essential networking hardware, keeps a backup inventory to guarantee uninterrupted operations, and tracks an inventory of department computers, printers, and other devices.

Recent Achievements

Working with our IT vendor, we delivered staff training on basic cyber-security best practices. Because of these trainings, multiple phishing attempts were — and continue to be — thwarted before they could reach Town systems.

Strategic Goals

- Security and Reliability — continue improving system security and reliability.
- AI — stay curious about AI and use it in a safe, ethical manner to improve work practices where appropriate.
- Website — improve organization and add resources so essential information stays easy to access.
- Education — continue training staff to spot phishing emails and other digital scams.
- Efficiency and Upgrades — improve efficiency and continue replacing old or outdated workstations and network hardware.
- Wait Time — continue to reduce wait time for staff needing support.

10-Year Plan

As the Town continues to evolve, the department will need additional staff to manage most day-to-day operations such as running public meetings and troubleshooting staff and committee IT issues. A second dedicated staff member would create redundancy, help manage the department, and better serve community needs — allowing full-time staff to be more available when multiple IT issues occur at once and to focus on the projects that require longer, uninterrupted attention.

Dedication: The Jordan H. Freedman IT Office



Town Manager Matthew Buttrick with Muriel Freedman during her June 2025 visit to tour the new Town Hall — home of the future Jordan H. Freedman IT Office.

The new Information Technology office in the Dunaway Center will be dedicated **to the memory of Jordan H. Freedman and in honor of Muriel Freedman.**

Jordan H. Freedman served the Town of Ogunquit with dedication, integrity, and quiet expertise as its longtime Information Technology Director. His work supported the daily operations of the Town and the people who rely on them, often behind the scenes but always essential.

Together, Jordan and his wife Muriel were a constant and valued presence in the Ogunquit community. Muriel's generosity and volunteer spirit, alongside Jordan's commitment to public service, left a lasting impact on the Town and its staff.

This space is named in recognition of their contributions, their kindness, and the enduring mark they leave on the Ogunquit community.

Thank you for the trust you place in the department. If you have a question about Town technology, a meeting broadcast, or our notification list, please reach out — we're happy to help.

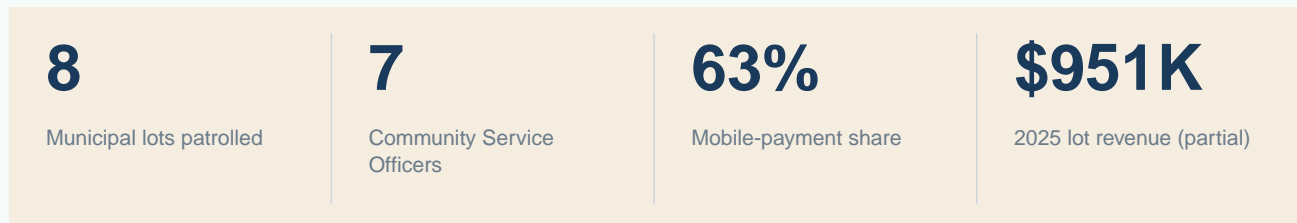
Respectfully submitted, Ben LaFlamme · IT Coordinator

PART I — LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Visitor / Community Services

Elle Zuckerman · Supervisor · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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A Year of Transition

FY 2024–2025 brought two parallel transitions to this department. Ray Hamlin and Gene McSweeney, who had served as part-time co-supervisors of Visitor Services for many years, both retired at the end of the 2024 season. Elle Zuckerman joined the Town as the full-time Supervisor for FY 2025. At the same time, Visitor Services itself was reorganized — the standalone department dissolved at the end of 2024 and its functions were absorbed into the Ogunquit Police Department's Community Service Officer (CSO) program. The pages below are Elle's report on her first year leading the new structure.

Overview

This will inevitably be one of the more unique annual departmental reports, where FY 2025 embodied the massive transition of Visitor Services, operating as an independent department, to Community Services, a division of the Ogunquit Police Department. Progressive changes to structure, protocols, business rules, and philosophy defined this shift. Where the once singular focus on parking fee collection and enforcement remained as a fundamental tenet of the new operations absorbed by the existing Community Service Officer program; a new and expanded operation was born, capitalizing on CSO's broad skillset and integration within larger Police and community operations.

With Ogunquit's seasonal employment parameters split nearly evenly by each fiscal year, it becomes important to focus on the overall picture. The end of the 2024 season marked, very much, the end of a spectacular era of visitor service and support, not detracting from but rather paving the way for the much-needed expansion of the Ogunquit Police CSO Program.

Mission Statement

Visitor/Community Services implements and manages the Town of Ogunquit's paid parking program with integrity, fairness, and consistency. Community Service Officers serve the community of Ogunquit with professionalism, pride, and a steadfast commitment to the safety of its visitors, residents, and employees, operating as a critical support extension for Ogunquit's first responders.

Visitor Services to Community Services Transition — CSO's Community Role

The transition brought about several notable changes in staffing. For Visitor Services — 2024 ended with two part-time supervisors and two assistant supervisors heading Visitor Services along with 21 Parking Lot Attendants. 2024 also ended with 14 CSO's working concurrently under the Police Department.

Fast-forward to 2025 and one can easily see the streamlining effect of consolidating these operations. Community Services began the 2025 season with 1 full-time Supervisor and 7 CSO's to carry the operation to July 1, 2025. That's it. The Parking Lot Attendant position that once staffed entrance booths had dissolved with end of the 2024 season and CSO's absorbed that ambassadorship role along with so much more.

Philosophy Shift — PLAs vs. CSOs

The pedagogy of parking operations changed during the transition as well, leaning towards efficiency and mobile payment. Beginning in April 2025, parking lots were allowed to free-flow, facilitating greater revenue by allowing spaces to become occupied instantly as the previous occupant departed. Long lines of traffic that had once plagued Marshview Lane, Ocean St., and Cottage St. — backed up due to entrance booths stopping each vehicle — ceased. Feedback from the surrounding neighborhoods, Police and Rescue, as well as returning visitors has been overwhelmingly supportive of this change. Ogunquit's paid parking program finally evolved technologically through the use of mobile, pay-by-plate payment and enforcement to allow for this major change in practice.

The role of community ambassador ballooned for Police CSO's and now encompasses eight municipal parking lots and expanded patrol zones stretching from North Beach to Perkins Cove. Because of this new, multi-faceted role, CSO's work in all weather conditions.

Examples of CSO Support

Community Service Officers are first-response ambassadors in Ogunquit and focus on using communication and building relationships to advance parking and ordinance compliance as well as

provide visitors, business owners and residents an accessible resource for information and serving as a valuable community liaison for Police and Town operations. CSO’s are loaded with helpful information and share a unified goal of helping all stakeholders have the best experience in Ogunquit possible.

Category	Activity
Lost persons	Parking enforcement
911 hang-up follow-ups	Directions & information
Found property	Traffic control
Special events & parades	Beach patrol & ordinance enforcement
Business & employee relations	Safety role models
Public and environmental education	—

2025 CSO Patrol Zones

2024 Parking Lot Attendants were given the opportunity to apply for a 2025 CSO position. Several did, were hired, and had successful summer seasons. The 2025 patrol zones are:

Zone	Coverage
The Square	Main Street Downtown, Upper Lot, Jacobs Lot, western end of Shore Rd, Obeds Lot, Lower Lot
Perkins Cove	All Places Perkins Cove
Marginal Way Trail / Stearns / Israel Head	PC to Sparhawk, Stearns Rd. and in-between
Main Beach Lot & Beach	Main Beach Lot, Riverside, Main Beach to Footbridge Beach
North End	North Beach Lot, North Beach, Footbridge Beach Lot, and Footbridge Beach
Rover Enforcement Vehicle	All 8 municipal lots and after-hours PC boat-dock checks for pay compliance

Equipment & Physical Plant

The Community Services Patrol Rover with automated license-plate-reading technology for parking enforcement, purchased in 2022 and put into operation in May 2023, continued to serve the Ogunquit community in several ways in FY 2025. Where in the past, the Rover had been used exclusively to

patrol six parking lots for payment compliance, in 2025 its service expanded by patrolling eight municipal parking lots, Stearns Road, and responding to parking complaints across Ogunquit residential and business districts — freeing patrol officers to focus on calls for service instead of parking issues.

2024 saw the inclusion of Jacobs Lot as a first-time pay-by-plate facility, mobile payment only. 2025 brought one of the Town's aging parking meters to Jacobs Lot as well as Upper Lot. Pay compliance in both lots remained exceptionally high through June 2025. Overall, the Town's parking kiosks saw a steady and marked decline in their performance and increase in their downtime and maintenance needs in their ninth year of service. Discussions began mid-2025 around the acquisition of new parking kiosks.

Citation Statistics

July 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024: 4,459 citations issued, \$143,015 collected.

April 18, 2025 – June 30, 2025: 2,140 citations issued, \$81,302 collected.

Revenue and Mobile-Payment Adoption

2025 also saw a significant shift in the use of mobile-payment options to pay for parking sessions. In 2024, mobile payment (ParkMobile and Passport Parking) was used to complete 40% of all parking-payment transactions. In the 2025 season, that number shifted to 63% — tipping the pendulum and paving the way for fully mobile-payment operations in the future, tracking in alignment with municipal parking trends nationwide.

April 18 – June 30, 2025 parking-lot revenue: \$951,349. **2024 season total parking sessions:** 271,200. **2025 season total parking sessions:** 290,000.

The eight municipal lots produced the following revenue between April 18 and June 30, 2025:

Lot	April / May	June
Main Beach Lot	\$71,739	\$195,757
Lower Lot	\$39,223	\$60,068
Footbridge Lot	\$11,985	\$73,531
North Beach Lot	\$7,288	\$47,569
Obeds Lot	\$82,235	\$126,265
Perkins Cove Lot	\$74,517	\$83,386
Jacobs Lot	\$28,932	\$13,581

Lot	April / May	June
Upper Lot	\$20,267	\$15,006

The transition of Visitor Services to Community Services within the Police Department has brought a significant amount of streamlining and efficiencies to Ogunquit's parking and larger CSO operations. CSO's have become well-known in Ogunquit as a friendly and visible resource ready to help in a multitude of ways. Their uniform has become recognizable across the community and their purpose is spreading: CSO's are ready to assist.

Respectfully submitted, Elle Zuckerman · Supervisor

PART II

Boards & Commissions

Planning · Zoning · Conservation · Community

Appointed boards and committees advising the Select Board on land use, conservation, recreation, and town policy.

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Zoning Board of Appeals

Len Pierce · Chair · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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AT A GLANCE

Quasi-judicial board of Ogunquit neighbors.
Reviews variances and administrative-decision appeals.
Meets only as needed once an application is filed.
Two member seats currently open for FY 2024–2025.

What is the Zoning Board of Appeals?

I am frequently asked, “What is Ogunquit’s Zoning Board of Appeals?”

We are a quasi-judicial board comprised of your neighbors. The ZBA functions like a court — meaning that we hold public hearings, take evidence, and issue written decisions based on findings of fact and law.

Statutory Authority

The ZBA’s authority is prescribed by the Town’s Zoning Ordinance and Maine state law, and is generally limited to:

- Granting variances from building dimensional standards (such as setbacks).
- Granting disability variances solely for access to, and egress from, dwellings.
- Deciding appeals from administrative decisions made by the Code Enforcement Officer (such as the issuance or denial of a building permit).
- Interpreting the Zoning Ordinance.

Both the Zoning Ordinance and Maine state law set the standards we must strictly apply when considering variance requests, which often makes it difficult to grant the requested relief.

For clarity, the ZBA does not have authority to hear appeals of violation notices issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. Any such appeals must instead be made to the court system.

Meetings and Workload

We meet only as necessary once someone has submitted an application to the Land Use Office. Over the past few years we have met infrequently, which I attribute to good communication between our Land

Use Office and the public as to what is and is not permitted by the Zoning Ordinance.

Membership

We currently have two unfilled positions, as a couple of our members have recently stepped down after many years of service. In that respect, I would like to personally thank **Mr. Jay Smith**, who served as our long-time Chair, and **Mr. Peter Griswold**. Both Jay and Peter have performed exemplary service and have become friends, and Jay has also served as my mentor in succeeding him as Chair — a role that I hope he continues.

If you are interested in finding out more about the ZBA or becoming a member, I would be pleased to meet with you.

Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted, Len Pierce · Chair

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



Community bike-safety outreach with Ogunquit public safety partners — spring 2024.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee

Bruce Byorkman · Secretary · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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Our goal is to make Ogunquit a safer place for pedestrians and bicyclists.

2 NEW RRFBS · GLEN AVENUE	6 TOTAL RRFBS · MAIN STREET	1 LAB BIKE-FRIENDLY APPLICATION · PENDING
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Mission

The purpose of the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee is to make Ogunquit a safer place for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our goals are to:

- Work with town, state, federal, and nongovernmental agencies to create a town where people can walk or bicycle for recreation or commuting with ease, safety, and freedom.
- Be a place where people are considered not for their means of transportation, but for their desire to safely exercise, commune with nature, and be in the company of other healthy individuals.

- Work with the Police Department to provide helmets, lights, and reflectors for people who walk or bicycle in town.
- Encourage residents and visitors to walk and bicycle while in our “Beautiful Place by the Sea” and experience the fun and enjoyment of arriving at their destination under their own power.

Main Street and the Maine DOT Village Partnership

The committee worked with Maine DOT to place two Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the Main Street crosswalks near both ends of Glen Avenue, bringing the total number of RRFBs on Main Street to six.

The committee also worked with the Town Manager to initiate a Maine DOT Village Partnership Initiative (VPI). We are now working to prioritize VHB Consulting's recommendations for review by the Select Board.

We continue to work with the Ogunquit Police Department to analyze bicycle, micromobility, and pedestrian crash incident reports and make recommendations.

Micromobility

The committee discussed the use and speed of micromobility vehicles in bike lanes and on sidewalks. This class of vehicles includes bicycles, electric scooters, Onewheels, electric skateboards, and hoverboards. Many users are seasonal employees who work in Ogunquit but live in other towns.

The committee sent correspondence to State Senator Mark Lawrence and Representative Gerry Runte on the need for regulation of micromobility vehicles at the state level.

Bike Racks

- Evaluated bike-rack locations and recommended purchasing additional racks based on input from the CSO team.
- Developed and distributed a bike-rack card identifying rack locations in town. Cards were given to the Chamber of Commerce, local bike shops, and hotels that loan bikes.
- Entered every bike-rack location into the “Bike Parking” smart-phone app and included a QR code on the cards, so riders can open the app directly.
- Laminated the rack cards and affixed one to each bike rack, so a rider who finds a full rack can immediately see where the next-nearest rack is located.

Fix-A-Bike

The committee sponsored a Fix-A-Bike session on June 3rd at the Dunaway Center. The session covered minor repairs and a safety refresher, and was attended by summer workers and locals.

League of American Bicyclists

The committee applied for Bike Friendly Community status with the League of American Bicyclists. The application is lengthy; notification is expected in December 2025.

Continuing Challenges

Two challenges continue to shape this committee's work: gaining the focus of summer workers using micromobility devices to operate them safely, and the excessive speed of vehicles endangering vulnerable road users — pedestrians, bicyclists, and micromobility riders alike.

Our work depends on close partnership with the Ogunquit Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Town Manager, Maine DOT, our state legislators, and the residents and visitors who walk and bike in Ogunquit every day. The committee thanks each of those partners and looks forward to continuing the work in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Byorkman · Secretary

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Conservation Commission

Wendy Levine · Vice Chair · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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AT A GLANCE

Advises the Planning Board on environmental impact of land development.
Protects Piping Plover nesting habitat each spring and summer.
Hands-on conservation: knotweed pulls, beach cleanups, native-seed Earth Day.
Proposed two ordinance changes this year — both rejected by the Select Board.

Mission

Our mission is to protect and safeguard the health of Ogunquit's water resources and preserve open spaces that will sustain and enhance wildlife habitats and native vegetation.

Planning Board Reviews

As a commission we attended site plan visits with the Ogunquit Planning Board. These included Senior Housing Development, Hotel/Resort Development, Cluster Developments, and other land development projects. This allowed the commission to advise the Planning Board on what may be environmental impacts to the area.

Piping Plovers

In the spring Ogunquit is home to the Piping Plovers. As soon as they arrive on our coastline, we have an obligation to protect their habitat. We work closely with the Piping Plover Coordinator and Maine Audubon to ensure their safety. Our dunes are their nesting areas as they feed along the coast.

Estuary Restoration and King Tides

Attended the GEI proposed Nature-Based Solutions workshop whose goal is to remove invasive plants and enhance the area with native species at the estuary of the Ogunquit River — shoring up the land at the mouth of the river to stop erosion.

We worked with Gulf of Maine Institute project to track the King Tides and followed the impact the high tide produced on our shores and infrastructures.

Partnerships

We support Great Works Land Trust Partnership and HeRO (Healthy Rivers Ogunquit) — enhancing the natural environment and pursuing their work by volunteering and supporting their endeavors.

Community Outreach

For our Earth Day project we had community fun: an activity for the young and old to enjoy, bringing home organic native seed balls to plant in their home gardens. We explained the need to plant local and native to support our pollinators such as bees and hummingbirds. The day ended with a beach cleanup.

Volunteering pod-picking on the Marginal Way to prevent the spread of knotweed and other invasives.

Composting Invasive Species

The composting of invasive species provided an opportunity to experiment with the destruction of the seeds through the high heat that is naturally formed at the base of a compost pile. A sample from the compost was sent away to be tested, and it was found that all pods were destroyed — proving that there are alternatives to pesticides to remedy invasive plants.

Proposed Ordinance Changes

The Commission brought two proposed ordinance changes to the Select Board this year. Both were rejected.

- To ban the use of fireworks in Ogunquit and replace them with drone or laser shows. Fireworks are extremely toxic to the environment — composed of dyes and detritus which ends up in our ocean. They also disturb the wildlife in the area, including the endangered and federally protected Piping Plovers.
- To strengthen the tree ordinances on public and private properties — saving more trees from destruction and allowing them to do their vital role in our environment.

Commission Members

Member	Role
Jennifer Walker	Chair
Wendy Levine	Vice Chair
Melinda Dolan	Member
George Blum	Member
Amy Kelley	Member

Member	Role
Jane Greene	Member

Understanding and following conservation efforts allows everyone to protect our natural resources.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Levine - Vice Chair

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



The new National Register of Historic Places plaque, installed on the Marginal Way in 2024.

Marginal Way Committee

Joan Griswold · Chair · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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100

Years since the 1925 gift

538 lbs

Pod Day 2024 haul

425,057

Walkers counted in 2024

\$87K

Volunteer-hour value

A Centennial Year

As the Marginal Way Committee quietly celebrated their 25th anniversary as a committee (the first 5 were as an ad hoc committee), the members went “all out” in celebrating the 100th anniversary of when the path was donated to the Inhabitants of Ogunquit in 1925.

The path was given to the Inhabitants of Ogunquit in 1925 by the honorable **Josiah Chase**, an act that continues to be honored and cherished by the community. After almost three years of planning, the Marginal Way Committee, led by Chair **Joan Griswold** and Vice Chair **Elaine Cooper**, planned and developed a series of five Centennial Talks attended by over 900 people in June 2025. Working with a graphic specialist, the MWC designed new signs for the eleven entrances to the Marginal Way (awaiting Select Board approval), a centennial logo, a program card, posters, an expanded email list, and event banners.

- From Dirt Path to National Register — a panel with Bryce Waldrop (Executive Director, Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit), Michael Goebel-Bain (Maine Historic Preservation Coordinator), and Elaine Cooper (MWC).
- The Science of Sea Level Rise — Hannah Baranes, PhD, Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

- Stories from Stone — Emily Peterman, PhD, Geologist, Bowdoin College.
- Nature's Best Hope — Doug Tallamy, PhD, Entomologist and author, Home Grown National Park.
- A World on the Wing — Scott Weidensaul, Ornithologist and author.

In addition, the Committee designed and oversaw the installation of the new Marginal Way plaque honoring the selection of the path for the National Register of Historic Places on March 23, 2022. The plaque was installed next to the Josiah Chase plaque.

Focus of the Committee: July 2024 to June 2025

The Marginal Way Committee continued with its mission to protect and restore the natural habitat of native plants and wildlife by implementing the four pillars of its strategic plan: restore a resilient diverse landscape, create a healthy wildlife habitat, promote and conserve native plants, manage the land ecologically, allow natural processes to evolve with minimum human input, and let the landscape heal itself.

Pod Day

In twelve years of Pod Day, volunteers have collected and removed over **8,468 lbs** of Black Swallowwort pods and vines — an estimated **12,700,000 seeds** — from the Marginal Way. The 2024 goal was an additional 400 lbs; the 28 volunteers outdid themselves, picking over **538 lbs** for a cumulative total of more than 4.5 tons. The Committee is indebted to **Brix & Brine** for again providing food for all the volunteers, and to **Jane Beck** for again taking outstanding photographs of the event.



Pod Day outreach — the Committee's community table with the season's haul of removed Black Swallowwort.

Monitors and Weed Warriors

Monitors (overseen by Vice Chair Elaine Cooper): from April through October 2024, 35 volunteers completed 102 walks, picking up 235 gallons of trash over 175 hours. For April-June 2025, 36 volunteers completed 37 walks and picked up 77 gallons of trash over 57 hours — another year-over-year reduction. Is the presence of Monitors inspiring more awareness of Leave No Trace? Now, if we can only reduce the number of dogs.

Weed Warriors (led by member Susan Drisko): in its third year, 27 volunteers — half of whom are also Monitors — continued maintaining six of the restored sites along with special weed-removal and planting days. The Warriors, along with the Monitors, continue to be incredible ambassadors for the community and the Marginal Way.

Path Repairs

To preserve the integrity of the rocky ledges of this incredible geological formation (almost 500 million years old) in the face of climate change, sea-level rise, and increasingly intensified storms, the **Marginal Way Preservation Fund** stepped up to provide \$1M in financial support to repair the major damage that occurred to the path since 2018. That first phase was completed from fall 2024 into spring 2025 with little disruption to public use of the path.

Other Highlights

Landscaper and arborist **Mike Allaire** and invasive-control specialist **Steve Brooks** focused this season on enhancing erosion control and native-plant diversity at key access points. Their collaborative projects, in partnership with local volunteers, improved slope stabilization and contributed to the overall health of the ecosystem. New interpretive signs are being considered to better inform visitors about the ongoing work.

- The Marginal Way was approved as a certified site for the Maine Master Gardener Program. Thirteen Master Gardeners now work as volunteers alongside fifteen other Weed Warriors. Thank you to new committee member Jackie Danner, Master Gardener.
- The 2024 calendar year saw 425,057 people pass the people counter — the highest count since 2018.
- For calendar 2024, volunteers contributed 2,189 hours to the Marginal Way — a labor value of \$87,108.
- Seaside, one of the largest restored sites, is undergoing intensive weed removal and replanting with native species. Sixteen volunteers, including seven from Bangor Savings Bank, did the annual spring cut-back.
- Ten members of SMIPC (Southern Maine Invasive Plant Coalition) — of which the MWC Chair and Vice Chair are also members — toured the Marginal Way restoration sites and were inspired to begin projects in their own towns.

- Shawn Jalbert (Native Haunts) completed the draft of the updated plant survey, catalogueing native, exotic, and invasive plants and highlighting the success of invasives removal over the years. The last full survey was 2014.
- Working with the Town's DPW, a professional landscaping company, and a certified spray technologist, the first phase of Knotweed removal in front of the hotels on the north side of the path was completed — funded by the Marginal Way Preservation Fund.
- Between July 2024 and June 2025, 18 truckloads of noxious weeds and invasive plants were removed from the path: Bittersweet, Knotweed, Swallowwort, Mugwort, Garlic Mustard, Barberry, Bindweed, Burning Bush, Horsetail, Vetch, Thistle, Queen Anne's Lace, Jewelweed.



Marginal Way Committee members and volunteers, spring 2025.

Looking Ahead

The Committee is drafting proposals to expand habitat restoration, improve weed management, and introduce strategies to mitigate the impact of heavy foot traffic. These initiatives reinforce the commitment to the four pillars: landscape resilience, native-species conservation, ecological management with minimal intervention, and enabling natural processes to flourish.



Sunrise over the Marginal Way, April 2025.

Committee Members

Member	Role
Joan Griswold	Chair
Elaine Cooper	Vice Chair
Joyce Fletcher	Secretary
Gail Brother	Data & Financial Analyst
Louesa Gillespie	Member
Susan Drisko	Member · Weed Warriors lead
Paul Breen	Member (retiring after 20+ years of service)
Jane Greene	1st Alternate
Jackie Danner	2nd Alternate · Master Gardener

The dedication of over 80 volunteers throughout the year is fundamental to Marginal Way’s appeal as a pristine destination cherished by visitors from around the world. Their collective efforts ensure that Marginal Way remains a vibrant natural corridor for future generations. You are our Village. “A single drop of your sweat makes the base of something else’s life.” (Adapted from a George S. Patton quote.)

Respectfully submitted, Joan Griswold · Chair

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Sustainability Committee

Marjorie Katz · Chair · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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AT A GLANCE

Nature-based dune restoration presentations after the January 2024 storms.
Electric lawn equipment + Efficiency Maine rebate briefings.
Geothermal and community solar updates for residents.
Gas leaf-blower ordinance proposed — not adopted by the Select Board.

Topics Covered This Year

The Committee opened the year with a focus on **nature-based solutions for dune restoration**. The 2024 season began with severely damaged dunes from the January 2024 storms, and Seth Wilkinson of Wilkinson Ecological presented his techniques for preventing erosion and rebuilding dunes using coir mats. His approach has been very successful at Drakes Island and offered a model Ogunquit could draw on.

Eldredges presented a full line of electric lawn equipment — no more gas — and walked the Committee through what a residential and municipal transition would look like.

Efficiency Maine updated the Committee on all of its rebates for solar installation, heat pumps, EVs, and other electrification work.

A resident described the installation of **geothermal heat pumps** at his home — a meaningful case study for neighbors considering the same approach.

Several updates covered **solar farms in Maine**: the ease of joining one, the enrollment mechanics, and the resulting savings on electric bills.

Partnerships

The Committee continued to coordinate with the **Conservation Commission** on water quality and beach-erosion issues, as well as on public education, incentives, community-action events, improved signage, and overall communication.

Leaf-Blower Ordinance

The Committee continued to promote its proposed **gas leaf-blower ordinance**, which would have restricted the dates and times when gas-powered blowers could operate (electric units would have remained unrestricted). None of the Select Board members were interested in supporting the ordinance, so it did not advance.

The Committee thanks Ogunquit residents who attended meetings, asked questions, and shared their own electrification experiences. The work continues in FY 2025–2026.

Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Katz · Chair

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



The DaPonte String Quartet — featured at OPA's 29th Annual Chamber Music Festival (photo courtesy Pierce Studio).

Ogunquit Performing Arts

Janel E. Lundgren and Terry Ann Lunt, Co-chairpersons · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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Annual Report

Ogunquit Performing Arts Report, 2024–2025

In September 2024, Ogunquit Performing Arts began its 46th Season, and its second year of being “homeless,” with the availability and reliability of the Dunaway Center remaining uncertain. But once again our friends around the community offered up their venues for our performances, and created some very special occasions in the process.

Our season opened with the 32nd ANNUAL CAPRICCIO MUSIC FESTIVAL, beginning on September 6 with a long-anticipated performance at Jonathan’s Ogunquit by the gypsy jazz band OCCIDENTAL GYPSY – a performance which had had to be cancelled the previous year for lack of venue. The internationally-acclaimed acoustic band played an exhilarating blend of gypsy, jazz and folk music that enraptured the audience with a complex acoustic sound, burnished by smooth vocals reminiscent of the first era of swing. The band stayed late as multiple encores were demanded!



Occidental Gypsy

The festivities continued next day at the 24th ANNUAL CAPRICCIO FESTIVAL OF KITES. The popular duo of JOYCE ANDERSEN and HARVEY REID provided their well-known blend of music for this event, from bluegrass to ragtime. Their upbeat songs were a perfect accompaniment for all the fun being enjoyed by hundreds of beach-goers, kite flyers, adults and children. As always, the Grand Ascension filled the sky with kites of all shapes, sizes and colors - an inspiring sight!



Joyce Andersen Harvey Reid

In October, the Barn Gallery once again became our home-away-from-home, hosting our 17th ANNUAL ELIZABETH DUNAWAY BURNHAM PIANO FESTIVAL. The opening concert on October 4 was by the virtuosic concert pianist JANICE WEBER, whose national reviews include “a pianist of cliffhanging panache and daredevil brilliance.” She did not disappoint, and most of her audience stayed to talk with

her at the post-performance reception.



Janice Weber performing at the piano.

The October 6 STUDENT PIANO RECITAL as always was a charming event, with young pianists delighting in playing their best pieces on OPA's fabled Steinway. Many burst into a big smile when first hearing their music in the wonderful tone of the big concert grand! Each one was given an OPA Certificate of Merit.

On October 12, the Festival concluded with a concert by everyone's favorite, RANDALL HODGKINSON. Known to Ogunquit audiences through his acclaimed performances with Boston Chamber Music, Randy turned his attention to the solo repertoire in a special concert for OPA, which the audience rewarded with a standing ovation.

We began the new year of 2025 in January with our 23rd ANNUAL CLASSIC FILM SERIES, for which happily we were able to return to the Dunaway Auditorium. Two films per month were screened through April. Free to the public, the film series offers the best in classic films, whether from classic Hollywood or classic in topic, and is a popular Sunday afternoon winter diversion for area residents.

March saw us return to Wells Junior High School auditorium for everyone's favorite STILLSON SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE. The award-winning young dancers in their sparkling costumes always attract a large audience, which this year broke records. Extra chairs were put out until there were none left. Irish jigs and reels were performed with great skill and joyous energy – which inspired young children from the audience to join the dancers onstage for a quick dancing lesson at the end of this happy evening.

On May 16, the Ogunquit Baptist Church hosted a first installment of our 29th ANNUAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL, as we presented the DAPONTE STRING QUARTET, special friends of OPA over

the years. Their marvelous music, including works by Haydn and Korngold, seemed especially moving in the setting of the beautiful church sanctuary.

On June 6, we changed the pace and returned to the Barn Gallery to present the ZAHILI ZAMORA AFRO CUBAN TRIO. Performing in Ogunquit for the first time ever, Zahili and her trio gave us a unique and unparalleled jazz experience. In addition to music steeped in Habanera rhythms and textures, and with flourishes of American big band tradition, Zahili is also a very appealing and versatile singer. She will return to OPA, by popular demand!



Zahili Zamora

To close the Chamber Music Festival, and our season on June 13, BOSTON CHAMBER MUSIC STRING QUARTET performed a climactic program of Mozart, Puccini and Mendelssohn to a capacity audience, bringing the evening to a final and prolonged standing ovation, and a difficult but rewarding OPA season to a successful end.

Ogunquit Performing Arts' season was indeed successful in presenting a variety of the highest quality performances to appreciative audiences in multiple venues. Local businesses and patrons were there for us, boosting our efforts with generous donations and greatly appreciated in-kind support.

We are especially grateful to the Barn Gallery, Jonathan's Ogunquit, Ogunquit Baptist Church, and Wells Junior High School for their friendship and generosity in providing wonderful venues for our performances.

We are grateful for the support and encouragement of our endeavors from the Select Board and Budget Review Committee, our SB liaison Robert Whitelaw, as well as the Town Manager and Town Personnel, all of whom are partners in making all our projects and performances happen.

And special recognition goes to the devotion and hard work of the members of the OPA Committee,

listed below, who have risen to the challenges of the season in the highest professional manner.

We also greatly appreciate the partnership with our friends at our ticket sales venues: Cricket's Corner Beach and Toy, the Ogunquit Welcome Center, and the Dunaway Center. Our gratitude also goes out to our loyal volunteers who make such a difference in our progress. And heartfelt thanks most of all to our audiences and all the voters of Ogunquit. We look forward to an exciting new season in 2025-26, another year "on the road!"

Respectfully submitted, Janel E. Lundgren · Co-chairperson, Terry Ann Lunt · Co-chairperson and Acting Treasurer, Mikie Anne Boyd · Vice-chairperson, Victoria Shore · Secretary, Steve Einstein · Technical Director, Elaine Giangrande, Brenda Goodale, Sheryl Peters, Jo Resta, and Tracy Smith, Ogunquit Performing Arts

PART II — BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning Board

Steve Wilkos · Chair · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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Greetings!

The past fiscal year has been a time of increased activity for everyone, and the Ogunquit Planning Board was no exception. Meetings continued to be held in an in-person/ZOOM hybrid format and also continued to air live on the public access channel WOGT, the Town's Website. As always, Meetings are video archived on the Town's website. Agendas are posted at the Dunaway Center and Post Office as well as on WOGT, and the Town's website at www.ogunquit.gov five days prior to meeting dates.

During this period the Board held a total of 16 meetings. The Board oversaw:

- 12 Design Review Applications
- 12 Site Plan Review Applications
- 2 Site Visits
- 1 proposal to amend the Town's Zoning Map/Ordinance
- 2 Subdivision Reviews
- 3 Workshops

In addition to reviewing applications from the public the Board also worked extensively on:

- LD2003-2024 State Legislation
- FEMA Requirements for structure elevation in the Shoreland Zone.
- Reconstruction of non-conforming structures
- Tiny Homes
- Transient Accommodations (TA1)
- Rezoning.

The Board also continued ongoing work reviewing and updating the Ogunquit Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

The Board was sorry to lose board member Rusty Hayes when his term was up in August 2024. Rusty was always a thoroughly prepared Board Member who provided invaluable input and insights.

The Board was happy to welcome new Board Member Fred Kelley and to welcome back returning Board Member Mark Macleod who is Vice Chair. Both are very active in Ogunquit and are valuable

members to the Planning Board review process.

The Planning Board Members would like to continue to express appreciation for the valuable input and assistance we receive from the residents and business owners of Ogunquit, the Conservation Commission, the Ogunquit Historic Preservation Commission, Town Department Heads, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Recording Secretary Maryann Stacy, and particularly Code Enforcement Officer Tyler McOsker for his consistently invaluable support of the Board.

As always, the Planning Board exists to serve the interests of the Town of Ogunquit, and Board members welcome input from residents and business owners.

As we move forward, we as a board pledge to uphold our mission statement:

The Ogunquit Planning Board is a team of volunteer citizens who assist fellow residents and developers with their future land use planning within the Town. This is accomplished by:

- Applying the Ogunquit Zoning Ordinances, Subdivision Regulations and State Statutes,
- Considering input from the land use office, concerned residents and various town committees such as the Historic Preservation Commission and the Conservation Commission,
- Reviewing and recommending necessary changes in zoning ordinances in accordance with the Ogunquit Comprehensive Plan,
- Protecting and enhancing our historical and environmental treasures and safeguarding the visual charm of Ogunquit for generations.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Planning Board Application Packets are available for review at the Land Use Office and for viewing on the Town of Ogunquit Website at www.ogunquit.gov approximately one week prior to meeting dates.

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Steve Wilkos, Chair 14 of 16 Meetings

Leslie Olear, Vice Chair 11 of 16 Meetings

Rusty Hayes 3 of 16 Meetings (until his term was up in August 2024)

George Cundiff 14 of 16 Meetings

James Oliver, 1st Alternate 10 of 16 Meetings

Respectfully submitted, Steve Wilkos, Chair, Planning Board

PART III

Public Safety

Police Department · Fire Department · Ocean Rescue

24/7 protection for residents and visitors:
patrol, fire suppression, EMS, and beach rescue.

PART III — PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

John Lizanecz · Police Chief · Fiscal Year 2024–2025



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20,130 Total calls for service	8,484 Priority 1 calls	12 Full-time officers	4 Part-time officers
11 Community Service Officers	7,500+ Property checks	\$80,000 LETR Super Plunge raised	24/7 Patrol coverage

Introduction

The Ogunquit Police Department is responsible for protecting the lives and property of Ogunquit residents. The department serves the community by responding to calls for police service, enforcing state and local laws, conducting preventive patrol activities, performing criminal investigations, promoting traffic safety, and apprehending criminal and traffic offenders. The department’s core values are the preservation of human life, integrity, professionalism, and service.

As tourism activity returns in full, the department continues to manage increased call volume safely and professionally. Seasoned staff are accustomed to the seasonal influx and, alongside a supportive community, maintain the safety of this vacation destination. Even as roadways, sidewalks, and businesses fill up, officers remain on patrol and available to help. The return of normal seasonal activity has been welcome for the community and for the department.

The department includes 12 full-time employees, four part-time officers, a Community Services Supervisor, and up to 11 Community Service Officers (CSOs) serving the community through the divisions and units described below.

Police Department Divisions

Administrative Division

The administrative division is composed of the Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief, responsible for overseeing the operations of the Ogunquit Police Department and its staff. While handling and supervising the day-to-day operations of the agency, the command staff is also responsible for finalizing the budget, recruitment, hiring process, selection of our new summer reserve officers, and community service officers.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Ogunquit Police Department, as they are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Patrol Division has the responsibility of being the first responders to all calls for police service in the town. The Patrol Division is composed of 9 full-time patrol officers, two of which are supervisors (Sergeants) of the division. The Patrol Division has implemented Directed Patrols. Directed patrols assign officers to specific areas of town based on recent crime trends and citizen complaints.

Community Services

Community Services Supervisor, Elle Zuckerman, oversees the Community Services Division which deals with parking enforcement and general community needs.

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The SRO is responsible for investigating crimes involving juveniles as victims or offenders, managing youth-related problems, and maintaining liaison with local schools. The SRO is assigned to and works full-time at Wells Elementary School and maintains a presence in all the Wells schools, when needed. During the summer months when school is not in session, the SRO is assigned to the patrol division.

REGIONAL STAFFING NOTE

Reserve Officer recruitment has declined across the region. Many surrounding agencies have ended their Reserve programs; Ogunquit hired two new reserves and shifted weight to CSOs.

Reserve Officer Division

This summer the Police Department reverted to using fewer reserve police officers to supplement our full-time staff. Due to the lack of interest to become a police officer, we had to hire more Community Service Officers instead. Many of the surrounding agencies have also ended their Reserve program due to the staffing shortage. We were only able to hire two (2) new reserve officers for the summer. We have two new reserve officers who have completed the Advanced reserve officer training and the Law Enforcement Pre-Service school. They've already proven themselves to be essential members of our team, as call volumes rise. It's exciting to bring these new officers into the field and to watch the future of law enforcement. Ogunquit PD has a long-time history of being the "training grounds" for so many officers throughout New England and the country.

Criminal Investigations

The Investigations Unit is currently being covered by one of our full-time officers on a part-time basis. The officer is responsible for the follow-up investigation of major crimes or crimes involving long term or specialized investigative efforts, including property, drug, domestic violence, cases involving juvenile victims and offenders, child abuse or neglect, and acts as the department liaison with family service organizations throughout the state. All our patrol officers continue to meet with business owners to talk about safety plans and crime prevention. These personal connections with our community remind us of why we do what we do. Not only is crime prevented when our officers are in the know, but it's great for our community to have a friendly face they can depend on.

Property & Evidence Custodian

Detective Joe LaBier is responsible for storing and accounting for all evidence and recovered property, and for coordinating all building maintenance. The Deputy Chief oversees this division.

Community Service Officers (CSO)

CSOs are responsible for parking enforcement, traffic control and offering information to our residents and visitors. Our Community Service Supervisor, Elle Zuckerman, has done an amazing job with her staff.

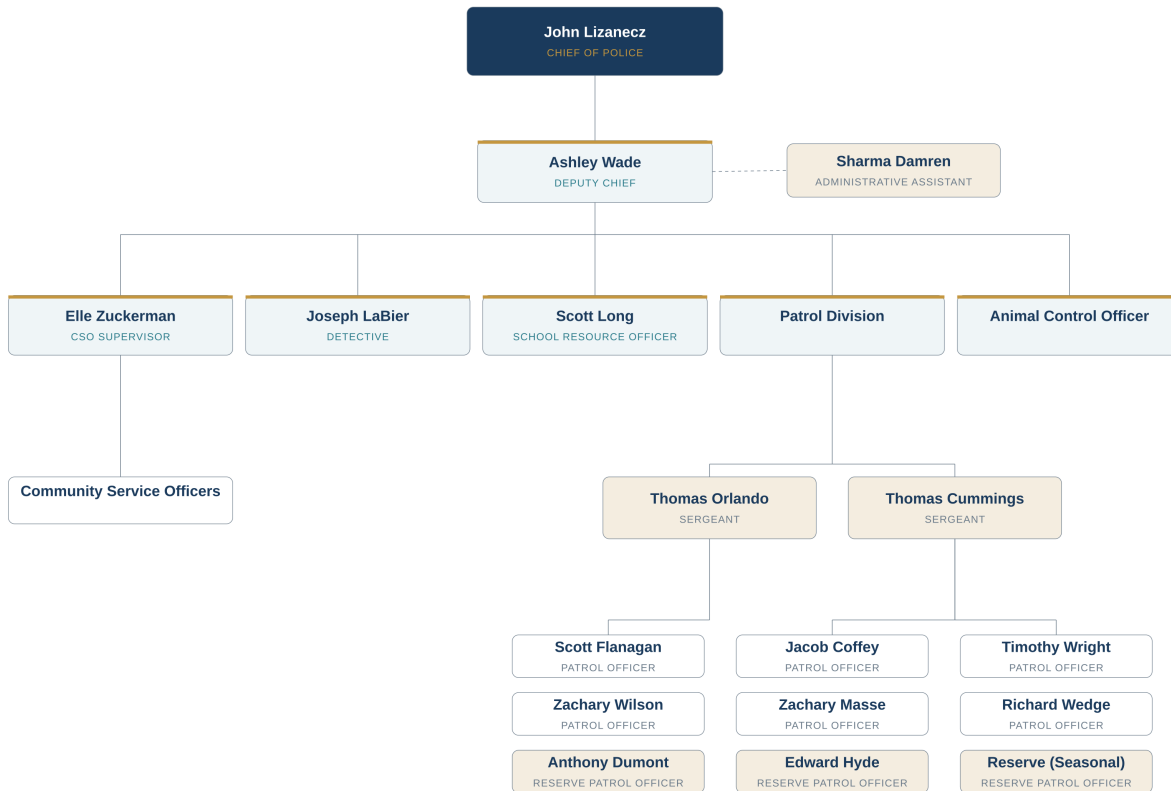
Administrative Staff

Our Administrative Staff is comprised of our long-time full-time employee Sharma Damren and part-time staff member Greg Testa. The front office handles all walk-ins or phone complaints and questions, along with court paperwork, parking ticket paperwork, mailing, payroll, records management, and many other administrative duties. Our administrative staff truly can be our first line of communication and are critical to this agency's success.

Animal Control Division

We regionalized with Wells PD and agreed to an annual contract for the Animal Control Officer position. ACO Ashley Slater of Wells PD now handles our calls for service. She has been very busy handling many animal related calls for service throughout the year. We are so fortunate with Ashley's experience, training, and availability to respond when needed.

Organizational Chart — Ogunquit Police Department



Police Department Staff Functions

Name / Title	Functions
John Lizanecz, Chief of Police	Overall Department Administration · Public Information Officer · Daily Police Operations · Training · Grant Manager · Piping Plover Coordinator · Facilities Manager · Policies and Procedures · Special Events Coordinator
Ashley Wade, Deputy Chief of Police	Daily Police Operations · Policies and Procedures · Directly Supervises Sergeants and Admin staff · Training Co-Coordinator · Facilities management · Piping Plover Coordinator · Liquor Enforcement Coordinator · Summer Staff Coordinator
Thomas Cummings, Patrol Sergeant	Patrol Supervision · Social Media Officer · EMT · Intoxilyzer Site Coordinator · Field Training Officer · MCJA Certified Instructor · Summer Staff Coordinator · Honor Guard Supervisor
Thomas Orlando, Sergeant	Patrol Supervision · Fleet Manager · EMT · Scheduling Officer · FOAA – Public Access Officer · LASO State Liaison · NIBRS Reporting Coordinator · CJIS Compliance/Training Officer · Training Coordinator · IT Administrator

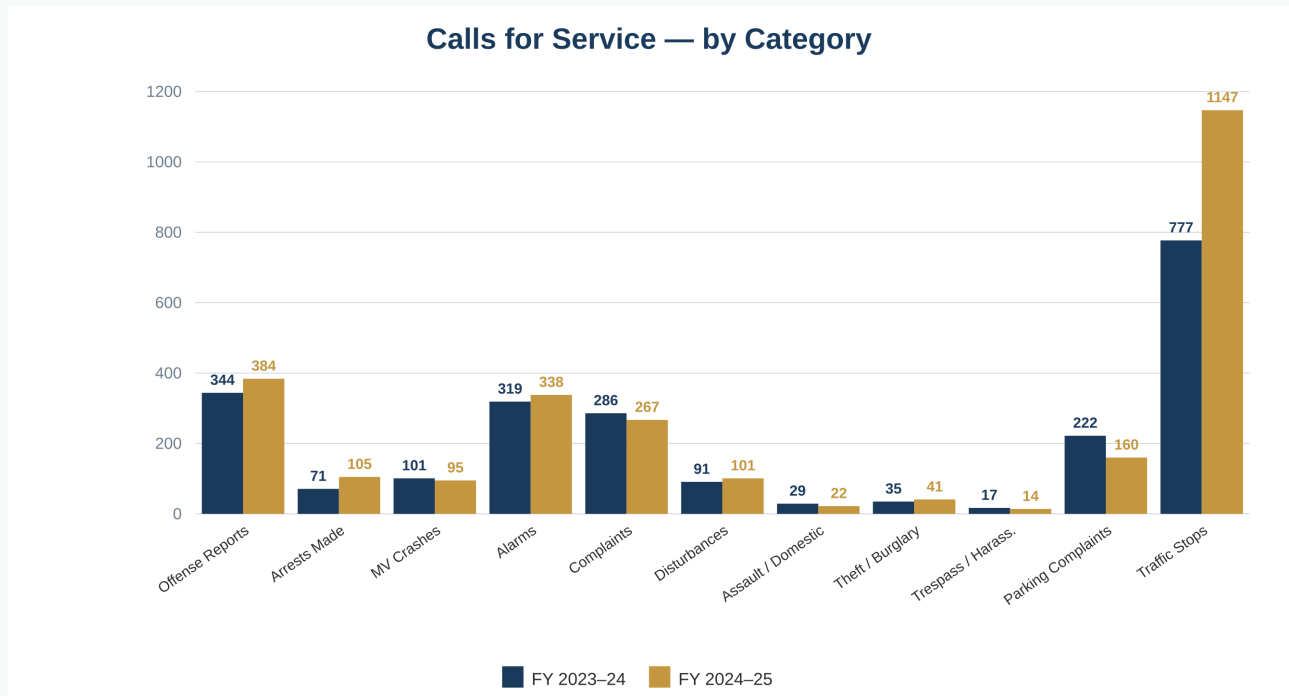
Name / Title	Functions
Jacob Coffey, Patrol Officer	Patrol Functions · Field Training Officer · Social Media Administrator · Project Lifesaver Technician / Coordinator
Scott Flanagan, Patrol Officer	Patrol Functions · Field Training Officer · Liquor Compliance Officer · Honor Guard Member
Scott Long, School Resource Officer	Patrol · Firearms Instructor / Armorer · Field Training Officer · Use of Force / MARC Instructor · OC Instructor · De-escalation Instructor · Handcuffing Instructor · MCJA Certified Instructor · Honor Guard Member
Joseph LaBier, Detective	Patrol functions · Criminal Investigations · EMT · Community Liaison Officer · Taser Instructor · Firearms Instructor · Less Lethal Instructor · Court Officer
Timothy Wright, Patrol Officer	Patrol functions · Special Olympics Coordinator · Camp Postcard Ambassador · Honor Guard Member
Zachary Wilson, Patrol Officer	Patrol functions · Speed Sign Coordinator
Zachary Masse, Patrol Officer	Patrol functions
Richard Wedge, Patrol Officer	Patrol functions
Sharma Damren, Administrative Assistant	Administrative duties handling payroll, billing, records management, court paperwork, while also handling walk in complaints, parking ticket appeals, among other community relations information activities
Elle Zuckerman, Community Services Supervisor	Parking enforcement, community liaison, and general community needs

Auxiliary Services & Statistics

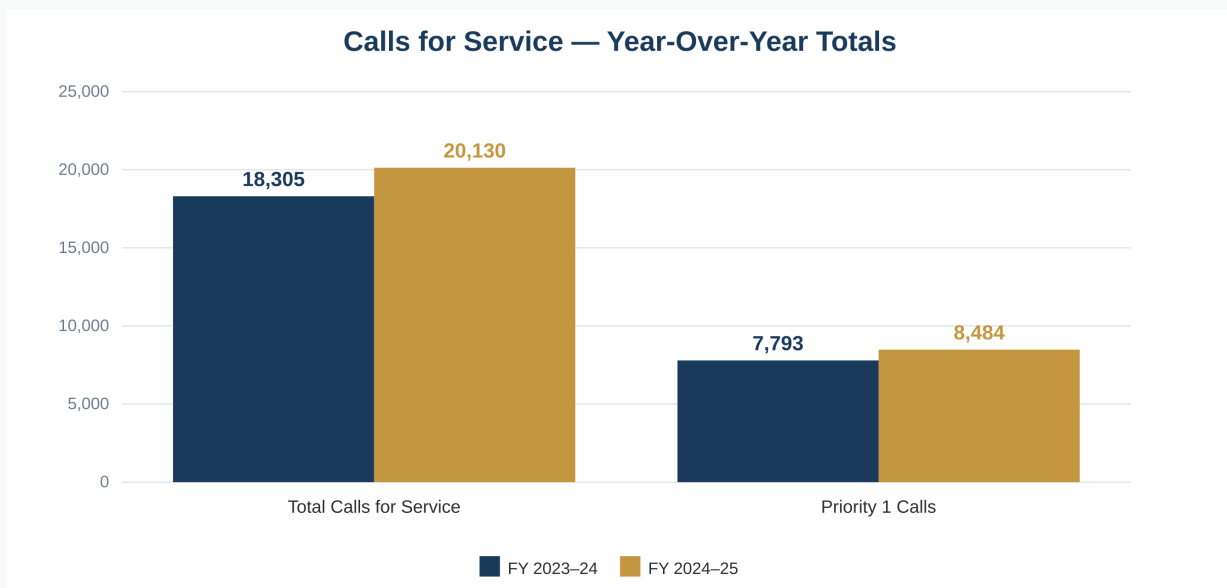
Auxiliary Services consist of both the Communications Center, located at the Wells Police Department, and in-house Police Records. The Communications Center is the Town of Ogunquit's 911 center. The dispatchers there are responsible for receiving complaints and emergency calls from citizens, retrieving information for patrol officers, and dispatching patrol officers to calls for service. The 911 center dispatches over 19,000 calls per year to our officers. In 2024-25, the police department logged 20,130 calls for service with Dispatch. 8,484 calls were priority one calls. This number is not all-inclusive, however, since calls are also filtered through the police department's in-house telephone by the department's administrative assistant. We are working to streamline all calls through dispatch in the future, for a more accurate number of calls for service, and faster response times.

The in-house records are maintained using the IMC records system and distributed to other agencies when needed and act as a central repository for all records of official activity of the Department.

Calls for Service — by Category



Calls for Service — Year-Over-Year Totals



The call types were recategorized during the last fiscal year. This had a direct impact on the Priority 1 calls for service. Previously there were call types that were not truly Priority 1 calls that were categorized as such. To be able to collect and report the most accurate data, the call types were updated, and we anticipate that future years will see Priority 1 call numbers more in line with the FY 2023–2024 numbers.

Officers completed over 7,500 property checks, including business checks, vacant house checks, and checks of various properties throughout the Town every day.

Key Accomplishments — FY 2024–2025

Notable Training / Programs

Officers attended our annual in-house training which consisted of Incident Command training, Use of Force training, Active Threat training, and Supervisory and Executive Leadership training. We continued with our annual Less Lethal Use of Force training every year.

All of our supervisors have completed the FBI LEEDA Leadership series for supervision and leadership. The Chief, Deputy Chief, and the two patrol sergeants completed three weeks of FBI LEEDA Leadership training to obtain the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award. Ogunquit PD will also be receiving an FBI LEEDA Command Trilogy Award because all our supervisory staff completed this training.



Chief Lizanecz, Deputy Chief Wade, and the patrol sergeants with the FBI LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award.

Officers completed boater safety training in conjunction with Ogunquit FD, to better respond to water emergencies. Officer Wilson attended a Crisis Negotiations Training, hosted by the FBI. Several officers attended a comprehensive evidence processing training. Officer Wright attended the ALERRT Conference, which is a very well-respected program that integrates high-risk response training for all first responders, with a focus on active-shooter events.

The agency also started a Police Intern Program. This Internship allows for a more formal recruitment

tool, as well as supplementing our current staffing. This internship offers us a high yield program for virtually no cost to us. It also helps us develop relationships with local universities and technical schools and gives each intern the opportunity to learn about what local law enforcement agencies do and how we function. We are also in the infancy stages of adding a Police Chaplain to our staff on a part-time basis to assist with critical incidents, employee wellness initiatives and community support.

Chief Lizanecz was nominated and subsequently elected to serve on the prestigious Maine Chiefs of Police Executive Board as the Sergeant at Arms. This puts him on track to eventually serve as the President of the Maine Chiefs of Police, which is a tremendous honor.

STATE-RECORD FUNDRAISING

March 2025 — Ogunquit PD hosted Maine's first LETR Super Plunge, breaking the state single-event record at over \$80,000 raised for the Special Olympics.

Community Events and Social Media Outreach

We held our 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt inside the Dunaway Center, due to the weather, which was a great success. Thank you to the Ogunquit Police Association for putting this together. There was a great showing, with great community support from several local businesses that donated food, coffee and other items. The community involvement is really what makes events like this so special.

Our Good Morning Program has been an amazing way for our officers and staff to stay in touch with our local seniors that may not be in a position to have much contact with people outside their home. We've been known to change light bulbs or smoke detector batteries when we visit with them.

Project Lifesaver is still being used to locate seniors with Dementia or Alzheimer's concerns. The equipment has been utilized for years to locate vulnerable people that are missing. Just another way of keeping our communities safe.

The Ogunquit Police Association assists our community with bicycle and pedestrian safety programs purchasing lights for citizens to prevent bicycle crashes or pedestrian injuries. Working with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee, the Ogunquit Police Association ordered \$1,000.00 worth of bicycle lights and backpack lights to hand out to community members for safety. Community policing at its best!

The Police Department is proud to have a long history of involvement with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), benefiting the Special Olympics. Not only do several of our officers participate in the annual Torch Run, but we do a tremendous amount of fundraising. Officer TJ Wright is our local coordinator now, who's done a great job with organizing the Torch Run. In March of 2025, Ogunquit PD hosted our very first LETR Super Plunge, the first of its kind in Maine. We broke the state record for highest amount raised in a single LETR event at over \$80,000. We also helped host the first LETR golf tournament in the state in September, where we raised over \$15,000. We also put together a calendar,

featuring officers from all over York County, as a year-end fundraiser. In addition to the money raised, we prioritize bringing awareness to the unique relationship between law enforcement and the Special Olympics, and the incredible relationships we are able to build with the athletes.

Prescription Drug drop off program — Medication Disposal can be tricky, so rather than flushing things in the toilet and potentially contaminating our water or throwing things into the trash that could end up in the wrong hands, the police department has a drug disposal drop off location in the Dunaway Center where medications can be properly disposed of.

Many of our residents are seasonal. When summer residents leave in the fall, they can sign up for our Vacant House Check Program. This lets our officers know the house is empty and frequent checks are made to ensure its well-being in the absence of the property owner.

We also added printers to our cruisers to help with compliance with the new mandated reporting statute that went into effect on July 1st, 2024. The printers allow officers to utilize the E-citation portion through Maine BMV, which also automatically downloads monthly statistics to the state. This saves our officers from manually entering information into the system every month.

Goals for FY 2026–2027

- Executive Leadership and Supervisory Training for all officers
- Replace administrative cruisers due to high mileage and safety issues
- Updating and improving our recruitment program
- Annual policy review continuing for the MLEAP accreditation certificate through the Maine Chiefs of Police. The MLEAP status allows for reduced insurance rates through the Maine Municipal Association for municipalities.
- We will continue to assess Officer / Employee Wellness Programs for all staff to address and improve mental and physical health issues.
- Addition of a Police Chaplain Program
- Needs assessments will be completed throughout the agency for staffing, equipment, training, and how to address community issues more effectively.
- Computer upgrades for patrol and administration
- Training / Professional development assessments
- Uniform supply assessments
- Increased staffing to allow for a minimum staffing requirement of two officers, 24 hours per day — while the State of Maine currently does not have a “two-officer minimum staffing law,” it is considered best practice. Currently, OPD relies heavily on mutual aid when there is a single officer working. A two-officer minimum would improve response times, increase officer safety and ensure an adequate level of protection to our residents and visitors. Unlike in other areas, a per-capita analysis for minimum

staffing is virtually impossible, given the dramatic influx in our seasonal/holiday population and large number of visitors. We currently adjust our staffing minimums for the summer, but it puts a strain on our current full-time officers. There are safety hazards to working alone and this factor is often an obstacle when we are trying to recruit new officers. A two-officer minimum allows us to equally prioritize public AND officer safety.

- Update Taser program and equipment due to end-of-life issues

As with any successful police agency, we are only as good as the support of our community. We live and work by our core values. It is an honor to serve the staff here, and the community of Ogunquit.

Ogunquit Police Department Mission

To preserve peace, uphold the law, and provide a safe environment, while working in partnership with the community to provide an approachable, friendly, and professional department exercising compassion, integrity, fairness, and respect.

Respectfully submitted, John Lizanecz · Police Chief

PART III — PUBLIC SAFETY

Ogunquit Fire Department

Russell F. Osgood · Chief of Department · Fiscal Year 2024–2025



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We are pleased to submit the Ogunquit Fire Department Annual Report.

Since 1901, dedicated members of this community have come together to provide fire and emergency medical services to the people who live in and visit the four square miles of wonder that make Ogunquit so special. The Ogunquit Fire Department was one of the earliest organized fire departments in the region, and since that time, the demand for our services has continued to grow. This year was no exception.

Emergency medical incidents continue to make up the largest share of our calls for service. We are fortunate to have a highly trained and dedicated staff of advanced emergency medical providers and firefighters who stand ready to respond at any time, day or night.

Demand for service continues to rise, and today we are far more than a traditional fire department. We are an all-hazards public safety agency. That means your fire department is trained, equipped, and prepared to handle a wide range of emergencies beyond firefighting alone. This comprehensive approach allows us to respond effectively to the many types of incidents and challenges facing a modern community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ogunquit Fire Department is to provide professional, compassionate service to our community.

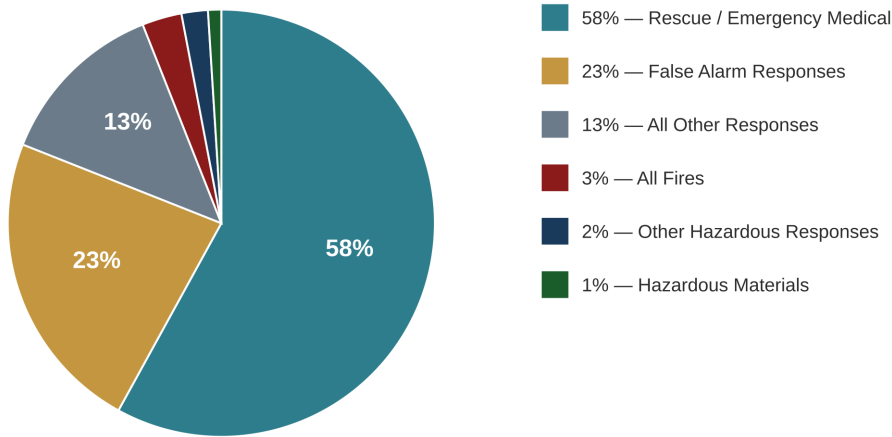
VISION STATEMENT

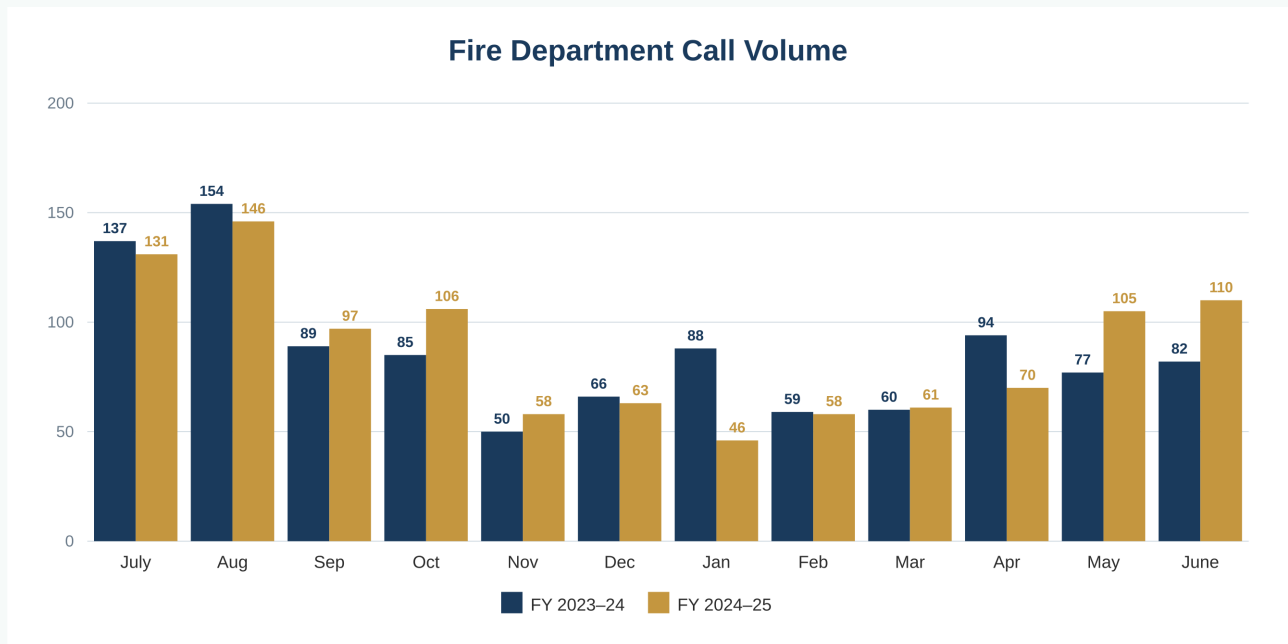
It is our vision to be known as an innovative and progressive emergency service provider. We provide our community with effective emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue services, hazardous materials operations, and quality fire prevention.

OUR MOTTO

Excellence Today – Improving Tomorrow.

Incident Types — FY 2024–2025





Call volume only reflects the incidents the public calls us for. What it doesn't show are the countless other ways your fire department serves the community every single day.

Beyond emergency calls, we provide public education, conduct inspections, and train to stay prepared. Our members are constantly engaging with the public — checking someone's blood pressure, giving directions to visitors, talking with someone walking their dog past the station who might be grabbing a biscuit from our animal outreach program, or maintaining and cleaning the station and equipment.

The work of the fire department goes far beyond the numbers on a report. Much of what we do is difficult to measure, but it matters deeply to the people we serve.

Please stop by sometime and see how your fire department is engaging with the community every day.



Members at the station — the Dog Bones courtesy box is a small piece of the daily community presence the Chief describes above.

Staffing and Mutual Aid

We faced several challenging fires this year, and those incidents highlight the ongoing strain placed on our small department. National staffing standards call for four personnel on a fire apparatus, yet Ogunquit Fire Department regularly responds with only two members. Our call-force membership remains valued, but it has declined to the point that it can no longer be relied upon to provide dependable staffing at most emergencies.

This reality leaves us heavily dependent on mutual aid to meet the operational demands of serious incidents. While our mutual aid partners are outstanding and provide critical support, their response is not instantaneous. In many cases, it can take 11 to 15 minutes for additional help to arrive from surrounding communities. During that time, our initial crew is left to manage fires and complex medical emergencies alone, during the most dangerous and time-sensitive phase of the incident. If you are interested in becoming a call firefighter, please reach out. We provide all necessary training and equipment. It is a rewarding opportunity to serve your community, build valuable skills, and make a real difference in the lives of others.



Coordinated EMS response on scene — Ogunquit firefighters and police working together.

\$3,590,520

FY 2024–2025 Fire Loss

Total dollar value of property loss to fire during the fiscal year.

Notable Incidents

In June, we faced two complex rescues on Marginal Way within just a few weeks, when two wheelchairs went off the walkway and over the edge. These incidents demonstrated the importance of our seasonal staffing. It takes a coordinated team of responders to manage an incident like this safely, including bringing a patient back up to Marginal Way so they can be transported to the hospital.



Marginal Way rescue on the rocks — responders working a patient up from the shoreline.

We respond to a wide variety of incidents, and one that drew a great deal of attention was a duckling rescue at the Beachmere Hotel. We were alerted to a duck pacing near a storm drain and responded knowing there was a strong possibility ducklings had fallen inside. Our crew carefully removed nine ducklings and reunited them with their mother, only to discover that one was nearly 200 feet away in another catch basin. That duckling was safely removed and transported to the Center for Wildlife for rehabilitation and released later in the year.



Working the catch basin (left) and the mother duck reunited with her ducklings (right) — Beachmere Hotel storm-drain rescue.

RAVE Alert System

Subscribe to Ogunquit Public-Safety Alerts

Text OGT to 226787 to subscribe.

Receive weather warnings, beach-water conditions, jellyfish-bloom notices, and other safety alerts.

Reply STOP at any time to unsubscribe.

Service provided by York County Emergency Management.

Over the summer, we used RAVE to quickly notify people about beach water conditions, the early-season jellyfish bloom, and other important public safety updates. It is a simple way to stay informed and connected to information that may affect you, your family, or your visit to Ogunquit. If you are not signed up, it is easy to do — simply complete your profile after subscribing. I encourage everyone to take a moment to sign up and stay informed.

Gold Helmet Designation

The department received the Gold Helmet designation from the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer. Ogunquit Fire Department is the only department in Maine and one of the first in the nation to receive this recognition. The NFR is a NIOSH-led national research program designed to better understand and reduce cancer in the fire service by collecting firefighters' work and exposure histories and linking that information with state cancer registry data over time. It is open to all U.S. firefighters — career, volunteer, active, retired, structural, wildland, and others — whether or not they have ever had cancer, and the information gathered will help guide future prevention, protection, and early detection efforts for firefighters nationwide.



Training

Our members are deeply committed to training, and over the course of the year we conducted several highly informative and realistic programs. One of the most notable was an October training held at 724 Main Street that simulated an active shooter incident. This exercise brought together the Ogunquit Police Department, Wells Police Department, Wells Fire Department, and Ogunquit Fire Department to practice a coordinated response consistent with national standards for law enforcement and the fire service's role in supporting those operations. The training provided members with valuable insight into a type of incident that could happen anywhere in the country and how the department must be prepared to respond.

We also worked with specialists from Boston to provide advanced pediatric emergency training in the back of the ambulance. This was an outstanding experience for our members, allowing them to train on high-fidelity mannequins that closely simulated real pediatric patients. Although these are situations no one wants to face, it is critical that the department is prepared to provide the highest level of care when they do occur.



Pediatric airway training with Boston specialists in the back of the ambulance.

Another important training opportunity was a difficult airway lab, where a physician brought in numerous mannequins designed to simulate challenging airway scenarios. Our paramedics practiced using available tools and techniques to secure a patent airway in each case. This type of hands-on, scenario-based training is invaluable.

Learning and practicing these unique, low-frequency but high-risk skills is truly the foundation of our training program. Every member of the department participated and gained important knowledge and experience through these realistic training evolutions.

Thank you for supporting the department. For questions or concerns, please contact me at any time.

Russell F. Osgood · Chief of Department

PART III — PUBLIC SAFETY



The 2025 Ogunquit Ocean Rescue staff — 27 seasonal members, including two Lieutenants and Deputy Captain Matt Pooler.

Ocean Rescue

Russell F. Osgood · Chief of Department · Summer 2025

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163,000

Beach visitors covered

30

Water rescues

3,329

Preventive actions

27

Seasonal staff

Season Summary

The 2025 season was successful for the Ogunquit Ocean Rescue program, with staff providing safety coverage for an estimated 163,000 beach visitors along Ogunquit's coastline. Throughout the summer, lifeguards performed 30 water rescues, assisted 120 swimmers in distress, responded to 345 medical incidents, and conducted more than 3,300 preventive actions aimed at reducing risk before emergencies occurred.

Ocean Rescue maintained consistent coverage across approximately two miles of beach with a roster of 27 seasonal staff members, including two Lieutenants and a Deputy Captain. On an average day, approximately 2,100 visitors used the beach, with more than 300 people in the water at any given time. South Beach and the river area accounted for more than 60% of all incidents, reflecting the challenging conditions often present in those locations.

By the Numbers

Metric	Count
Water rescues	30
Swimmers assisted in distress	120
Medical incidents	345
Major first aid (EMS involvement)	37
Preventive actions	3,329
Avg. preventive actions/day	25+
Avg. daily beach visitors	2,100
Avg. in-water at any time	300+

Weather and Surf Conditions

Weather and surf conditions varied significantly throughout the season. Early summer featured relatively calm surf and manageable crowds, allowing staff to focus on training and prevention. Conditions changed considerably in August when hurricane-generated swell created large surf and dangerous rip currents, particularly near the river mouth. During this period, Ocean Rescue personnel managed nearly 40% of the season's rescues while continuing to maintain strong response times and public safety coverage.

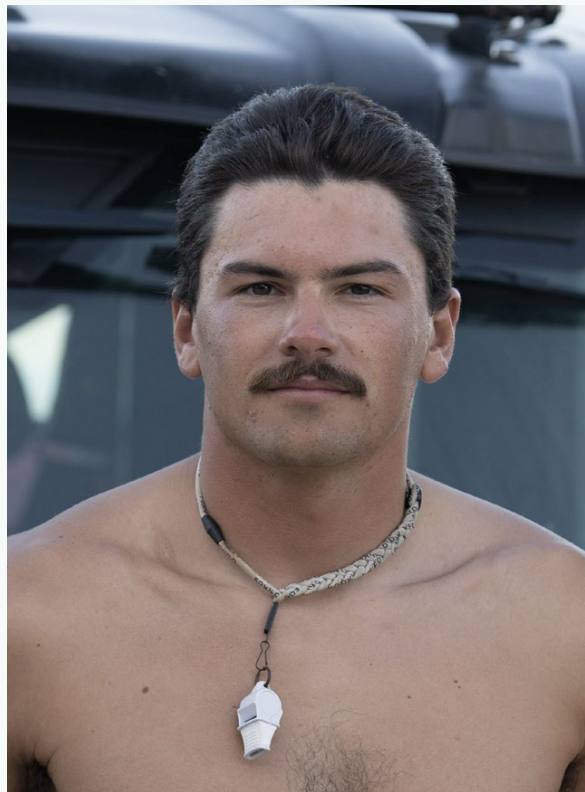


Ogunquit Beach from the air — the working coastline Ocean Rescue covers each summer.

Ogunquit Ocean Rescue Staff Training

Training and professional development remained a major priority during the season. All guards completed U.S. Lifesaving Association (USLA)-compliant first aid and CPR training, and staff participated in coordinated emergency response drills with the Ogunquit Fire Department and EMS. Two lifeguards completed advanced Personal Rescue Watercraft (PRWC) certification training, expanding the team's capabilities for large surf and multi-victim incidents. Collectively, staff completed more than 40 hours of preseason and in-service training to ensure operational readiness throughout the summer.

This year, we were fortunate to have longtime member and now Deputy Captain Matt Pooler at the helm of the team. Deputy Captain Pooler and the entire staff did a tremendous job throughout a season that presented significant challenges, including difficult surf conditions and increased marine life activity. Their professionalism, adaptability, and dedication were evident every day.

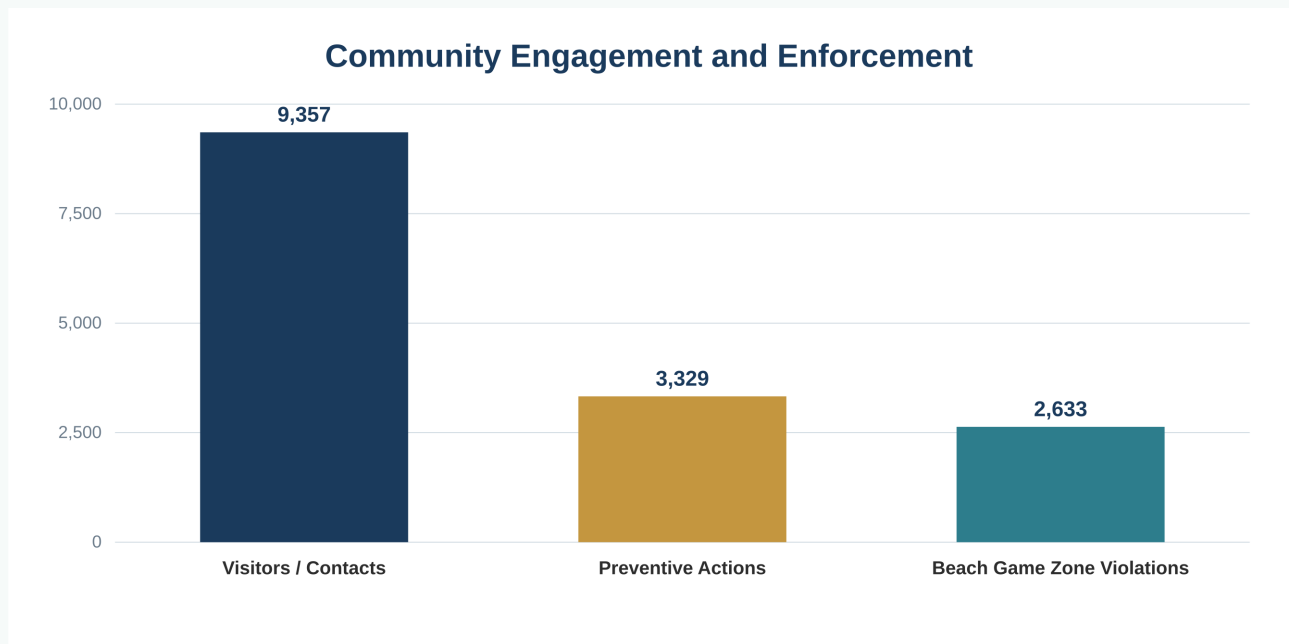


Deputy Captain Matt Pooler.

Notable Rescue

One of the most significant rescues of the season occurred near the river mouth during rough surf conditions when six swimmers became stranded on an overturned paddleboard. Lifeguards quickly stabilized the victims while PRWC operators navigated difficult surf conditions to safely remove all individuals from the water. The incident demonstrated the value of advanced training, teamwork, and

coordinated response efforts between Ocean Rescue personnel and emergency medical services.



Community engagement and enforcement, FY 2024–2025 — source: submitter data.

RIP CURRENTS

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.
- Don't swim against the current.
- Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.

Rip current safety — National Weather Service / NOAA (public domain).

BEACH SWIM SAFETY

- Know how to swim.
- Never swim alone.
- If in doubt, don't go out.
- Swim near a lifeguard.

Operational Challenges

The season also highlighted ongoing operational challenges. Staffing shortages required the temporary removal of one lifeguard stand during portions of the summer, reducing flexibility in coverage. Delays in budget approval also postponed replacement of the aging beach public address system, limiting the department's ability to effectively communicate emergency information and safety messaging across the beach. Despite these challenges, Ocean Rescue personnel maintained a high standard of service and ensured beachgoers remained safe throughout the summer.

Beyond rescues, guards responded to 345 medical incidents, including 37 major first aid cases requiring EMS involvement. Preventive actions totaled 3,329 — averaging over 25 proactive interventions per day. These numbers reflect a strong culture of prevention and public engagement that reduces risk and enhances safety.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, the department plans to focus on increasing staffing levels, replacing aging infrastructure, improving emergency communications systems, and continuing to advance medical and rescue training capabilities. The program is also preparing for renewal of its USLA certification, reinforcing Ogunquit's continued commitment to maintaining nationally recognized beach safety standards.

Our priorities moving into the next season are to expand staffing to 28 guards including three lieutenants, repair or replace the PA system, and invest in the replacement of aging stands. We aim to continue advancing medical readiness, with additional medical training and advanced rescue operations. Our USLA certification renewal is pending approval this fall and will reaffirm our commitment to maintaining national standards of excellence.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for supporting our lifeguards. If you have a question or a concern, please feel free to contact me or Deputy Captain Pooler any time.

“The success of the season reflects the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork of the Ocean Rescue staff. Their efforts ensured that residents and visitors could safely enjoy Ogunquit Beach throughout one of the busiest and most challenging summers in recent years.”



Russell F. Osgood · Chief of Department – Fire and Ocean Rescue

PART IV

Infrastructure & Environment

Transfer Station · Department of Public Works · Harbor

The operational backbone: roads, waste, recycling, beaches, storm response, and the working waterfront.

PART IV — INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT



Christopher Perry, Transfer Station Manager

Ogunquit Transfer Station

Christopher Perry · Transfer Station Manager · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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Municipal Solid Waste	Construction & Demolition	Metal Recycling	Cardboard Recycling
<p>506.94</p> <p>tons 38 loads \$65,902.20 cost -21.8 tons vs prior</p>	<p>445.93</p> <p>tons 73 loads \$57,947.50 cost +11.91 tons vs prior</p>	<p>67.55</p> <p>tons 12 loads \$10,347.48 revenue +8.08 tons vs prior</p>	<p>153.62</p> <p>tons 40 loads \$5,816.24 revenue +14.84 tons vs prior</p>



Ogunquit Transfer Station, June 2025.

A Year of Transition

FY 2025 marked an important transition for the Transfer Station. The Town recognizes the retirement of former Transfer Station Manager **John Fusco**, and extends sincere gratitude for his more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Town. John's knowledge, leadership, and commitment helped shape the operation into what it is today, and his contributions will have a lasting impact on the community.

As I begin serving as Transfer Station Manager, I am grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation that John established. I learned a great deal from working alongside him and will continue to apply those lessons. I am committed to serving the Town with the same level of professionalism, dedication, and focus on best practices to ensure the continued success of our programs.

The past year continued to show the positive impact of waste reduction and recycling efforts. The Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program remains an important tool in encouraging residents to be mindful of their disposal habits and to prioritize reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Disposal Year in Review

Municipal solid waste (MSW) totaled 38 loads, or 506.94 tons, with a total disposal cost of \$65,902.20. Compared to last year, this represents a decrease of 1 load and 21.8 tons. Despite the reduction in volume, disposal costs increased by \$16,755.57, reflecting rising costs associated with waste management.

Construction and demolition (C&D) debris totaled 73 loads, with a combined weight of 445.93 tons and a total disposal cost of \$57,947.50. This represents a decrease of 1 load but an increase of 11.91 tons over the previous year. Disposal costs for C&D also rose significantly, increasing by \$16,637.49. This continued growth in tonnage highlights ongoing development activity in the community and reinforces the importance of responsible disposal practices.

In addition, our food composting program continues to gain traction and plays an important role in reducing the amount of organic waste entering the waste stream. By diverting food scraps from disposal, we are able to lower overall tonnage while supporting more sustainable waste management practices. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this program and make food composting a regular part of their routine. Increased participation not only benefits the environment but also helps reduce long-term disposal costs for the community. For more details about this program, please see an attendant at the Transfer Station.

Recycling

On the recycling side, we continue to see strong performance and community participation.

Metal Recycling: A total of 12 loads were shipped, totaling 67.55 tons and generating \$10,347.48 in revenue. While this is 1 load fewer than last year, tonnage increased by 8.08 tons, and revenue rose by \$3,008.30.

Cardboard Recycling: We shipped 40 loads totaling 153.62 tons, generating \$5,816.24 in revenue. Although this reflects a decrease of 4 loads and an increase of 14.84 tons, unfortunately the price for cardboard has dropped significantly, impacting overall revenue despite the higher tonnage.

These recycling efforts continue to play a critical role in offsetting operational costs while reducing the amount of material sent to the landfill. The increase in tonnage and revenue, despite fewer loads, demonstrates improved efficiency and continued commitment from our residents.

Outlook

Overall, while disposal costs continue to rise across all waste streams, the reduction in MSW and the strength of our recycling programs highlight the effectiveness of our current approach. We remain

committed to maintaining and improving our operations, supporting waste reduction initiatives, and providing reliable service to the community. We will also continue to monitor recycling market conditions, including fluctuations in commodity pricing, to ensure we are maximizing the value and efficiency of our programs.

I would like to thank all residents for their continued participation and support, as well as our dedicated staff and Town departments whose efforts keep the Transfer Station running efficiently every day. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to my team members, Steve Twombly and Paul Jean, for their hard work, professionalism, and cooperation during this year's transition. Their support has been invaluable, and I greatly appreciate their commitment to the continued success of the Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher Perry · Transfer Station Manager

PART IV — INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT



DPW crew working on a road project during the fiscal year.

Department of Public Works

Tom Torno · Director · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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19

Severe weather events

10

Full-time employees

4

Seasonal employees

8

Vandalism incidents repaired

The Town of Ogunquit Public Works Department has had another remarkably busy year. The department was tasked with moving everything out of Dunaway and into the new Town Hall and into storage units until the Dunaway remodel is complete. The crew also managed nineteen severe weather events including flooding, high wind damage and snow and ice. North Beach, Footbridge, and Jacobs Lot have received a fresh coat of interior paint. Damage to the exhaust system at the Footbridge restroom was repaired. Multiple departments' vehicles were serviced and repaired by the Department of Public Works. The department witnessed an increase in trash throughout the town and had to make overtime adjustments to keep up with the need. The department also had to repair and clean up after 8 acts of vandalism to the public restrooms. These are a few of the examples of the many services the department provides to the town. At DPW we appreciate everything the town provides us with to complete our mission to make the Town of Ogunquit the best place it can be for our residents and visitors.

Staffing

The Public Works Department has ten full-time employees and four seasonal employees.

Full Time: DPW Director · DPW Deputy Director · Fleet Mechanic · Seven Driver/Operator positions.

Seasonal: One Trash Truck Driver · Three Cleaners.



Director Tom Torno at Christmas by the Sea — DPW coordinates the annual parade among many other duties.

Duties of the Public Works Department

The duties of the Public Works Department include but are not limited to:

- Maintenance of roads, catch basins, ditches
- Maintenance of beaches
- Maintenance of Town buildings and public restrooms
- Winter storm operations
- Landscaping and mowing Town property and parks
- Maintenance of boardwalks and ramps
- Maintaining and installing all the Town signage
- Maintain the Town's fleet of vehicles
- Collaborate with plumbers, electricians, and other tradesmen for Town projects
- Install, remove, and maintain all parking meters
- Set up and breakdown for all weekend and Town events
- Set up the Dunaway auditorium weekly for meetings, OPA, and various other events daily
- Emergency year-round storm management
- Coordinated and planned the Christmas by The Sea Parade each year

I am grateful for all the dedication that the department staff has to the Town of Ogunquit.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Torno · Director

PART IV — INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT



Perkins Cove footbridge at winter sunset, 2024–2025

Harbor

Erin James Gott · Harbormaster · Fiscal Year 2024–2025

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Year in Review

The Perkins Cove Harbor Department had another busy and successful year during Fiscal Year 2024–2025. Several major infrastructure and maintenance projects were completed that will help improve the long-term resiliency, safety, and functionality of the harbor.



The Harbor Department team — Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster on the working waterfront.

One of the largest projects completed this year was the installation of new pilings within the inner dock system. These new piles will better secure the harbor floats and mooring chains during storm events and periods of severe weather, helping make the harbor more robust and resilient for the future. In addition, the department constructed and replaced six new docks to replace aging and failing infrastructure throughout the Cove.

The department also completed a full rebuild of the icebreaker's engine this past year. The timing proved extremely important, as the harbor experienced one of the busiest ice seasons in recent memory. The icebreaker was utilized 57 times during the winter season, compared to fewer than 10 ice-breaking events the previous year. The newly rebuilt engine performed exceptionally well throughout the season with no operational issues.

The Perkins Cove drawbridge continued to operate reliably this past year, experiencing only one breakdown, which was repaired and brought back online quickly. Through constant monitoring, preventative maintenance, and biannual professional inspections and tuneups, the department has continued to stay ahead of major mechanical issues. At this time, the bridge rebuild project is roughly estimated to begin in the fall of 2027.

Engineering firm VHB has continued working through the federal environmental permitting process required for the bridge replacement project. Currently, efforts are focused on obtaining NEPA approval as part of the environmental review process mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This process requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of proposed projects before final decisions can be made. Depending on the scope of impacts, the process may involve Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), including public comment periods and mitigation measures. Until NEPA approval is obtained, VHB cannot

proceed with final design and engineering work for the bridge replacement project.

Following last year's harbor dredging project, the department spent considerable time reorganizing the mooring field, replacing mooring lines, and shifting mooring chains in order to return vessels to an orderly and efficient layout within the harbor.

Transient boating activity remained steady throughout the 2025 season and was generally consistent with Fiscal Year 2024 numbers. The harbor experienced one turnover in a large boat mooring this year, while all remaining moorings are currently filled for the upcoming season.

The department also completed its annual Harbormaster training and certification program this year, continuing its commitment to professional development, operational readiness, and harbor safety.



Harbormaster Erin James Gott aboard the Harbormaster patrol boat, Perkins Cove, October 2024.

Goals for FY 2027

Looking ahead to Fiscal Year 2027, the Harbor Department's primary goals will focus on continued preparation for the upcoming Perkins Cove drawbridge rebuild project and further strengthening the Cove's marine infrastructure. Efforts will include continued coordination with engineers, contractors, state and federal agencies, and local stakeholders to help ensure the bridge project progresses smoothly and with minimal disruption to harbor operations and the surrounding community.

Additional goals include continuing to improve and modernize harbor infrastructure through dock repairs and replacements, mooring system improvements, and ongoing preventative maintenance to ensure the long-term safety, reliability, and resiliency of Perkins Cove during increasingly challenging weather conditions and year-round operations.

Thank you to the harbor users, commercial fleet, dock crews, and Town departments who supported a busy maintenance year in Perkins Cove. The Harbor Department remains committed to keeping the working waterfront safe, accessible, and ready for the seasons ahead.

Respectfully submitted, Erin James Gott · Harbormaster

PART V

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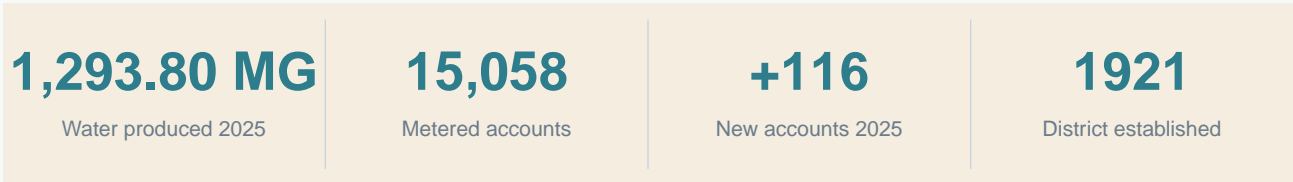
Annual letters and reports from elected officials and regional bodies whose work shapes Ogunquit's services, water, and civic life.

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Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District

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The Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District is the public water utility serving Ogunquit and three neighboring towns. The District’s 2025 annual report — covering record water production, finances, customer growth, safety certification, and PFAS monitoring — follows on the next pages.



2025 Annual Report

Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District

The Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District (KKW) is a non-profit, quasi-municipal public water utility established in 1921 by an act of the Maine State Legislature.

The District provides reliable drinking water service to the communities of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, Ogunquit, Arundel, and portions of Biddeford and York.

KKW serves a highly seasonal population, ranging from approximately 30,000 residents during the off-season to more than 100,000 during the summer months. Governance is provided by a four-member Board of Trustees, with one representative elected from each of the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, and Ogunquit.

Water Production and Demand

In 2025, KKW reached a new all-time high in water production, delivering 1,293.80 million gallons (MG), surpassing the previous record of 1,265.05 MG set in 2024. This increase reflects both a warm, dry summer and continued growth in baseline demand.

Notably, off-season demand continues to rise at a faster pace than peak summer usage.

Contributing factors include increased irrigation, a shift toward year-round residency, and evolving work patterns such as remote employment. While production has increased, the

District also experienced rising operating costs across all areas of service.

Financial Performance

The District's financial position improved significantly in 2025. Total revenues reached \$10.9 million, including \$9.1 million in metered revenue, compared to \$9.1 million in total revenue (\$7.4 million metered) in 2024. Preliminary (unaudited) net income for 2025 is projected at approximately \$710,000, a notable improvement from a \$571,000 loss in the prior year.

This positive result reflects both record water consumption and the full-year impact of the August 2024 rate adjustment. Revenue performance continues to be influenced by weather patterns and steady customer growth, which has averaged approximately 1% annually.

While no rate increases were implemented in 2025, the District will transition to monthly billing beginning in 2026. This change will better align revenues with operating expenses and standardize billing in accordance with the 2024 rate schedule. Additionally, the District anticipates pursuing a 1.5% adjustment under Section 6104-B to help offset rising operational and maintenance costs.

Customer Growth

Customer growth remained stable in 2025 despite a slowing real estate market, with a net increase

of 116 new accounts. This follows similarly strong growth in 2024 (139) and 2023 (138). At year-end, KKW served 15,058 metered accounts, maintaining its position as the third-largest water utility in Maine.

Safety and Recognition

KKW's commitment to workplace safety continues to be recognized at both the state and industry levels. In 2025, the District renewed its SHAPE (Safety and Health Award for Public Employers) certification through the Maine Department of Labor for the sixth consecutive cycle since first earning the designation in 2009.

The District also maintained a strong experience modification factor of 0.69 through MEMIC, resulting in a \$3,076 insurance dividend. Since 2016, KKW has received cumulative dividends totaling \$37,360—an indicator of sustained excellence in safety performance.

PFAS Mitigation Efforts

KKW remains proactive in monitoring and protecting water quality in response to evolving regulatory standards. Under the State Drinking Water Program, quarterly sampling is conducted at the Kennebunk well source, along with periodic testing across all other source waters.

All finished water produced by KKW continues to show non-detect levels of PFAS. The District has also implemented dual-media filtration technology designed to capture potential contaminants. With these safeguards in place, KKW is well-positioned to maintain compliance and protect water quality well into the future.

Infrastructure Investment

The District continues to prioritize long-term system reliability through strategic infrastructure investment. Water main replacements are guided by condition, age, leak history, water quality considerations, and future growth needs, while also coordinating with roadway projects to reduce costs and community disruption.

Over the past 30 years, KKW has replaced an average of 0.86% of its distribution system annually, approaching the industry benchmark of 1%. Since 2006, the District has replaced 27.9 miles (147,108 feet) of aging water mains—all while maintaining rates below the state average. In 2025, the system experienced just 7 water main breaks, matching a 30-year low and remaining well below the national average of 11.1 breaks per 100 miles of pipe annually.

Notable 2025 Projects:

- Western Avenue (Route 9), Kennebunk: Installation of approximately 2,270 feet of 16-inch PVCO pipe, replacing 1913-era 10-inch cast iron main. This project marked the final phase

of a three-year upgrade.

- Wildes District Road, Kennebunkport: Installation of 900 feet of 12-inch PVC pipe, replacing 1930-era infrastructure previously located outside the road right-of-way.

In addition, developers funded 7,189 feet of new water main installation in 2025, continuing a steady upward trend in private infrastructure investment observed since 2013.

Water Quality and Source Protection

Maintaining high-quality drinking water remains the District's foremost priority. Through the strategic blending of groundwater and surface water sources, KKW consistently meets or exceeds all State and Federal drinking water standards.

The District works collaboratively with neighboring utilities to ensure system compatibility and maintain reliable interconnections. In 2025, KKW successfully renewed its 0.5 Log

Reduction Credit (LCR) for disinfection under the EPA's framework, supported by its Branch Brook Watershed Control Program. This program enhances operational flexibility, particularly during colder months when disinfection efficiency is reduced.

Stay Connected

KKW encourages customers and stakeholders to stay informed and engaged. The District can be reached by phone at (207) 985-3385, by email at info@kkw.org, or through its website at www.kkw.org. Customers may also follow KKW on Facebook and LinkedIn for updates.

Online billing, electronic notifications, and archived editions of the District's newsletter, What's on Tap, are available on the website.

In Closing

The Trustees of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District extend their sincere appreciation to our employees, customers, contractors, and municipal partners.

Your continued support and collaboration are essential to our success.

As we look ahead, the District remains focused on balancing growth with sustainability— investing in infrastructure, strengthening system resilience, and adapting to changing patterns of water use.

We are committed to responsible stewardship of our resources and to delivering safe, reliable, and high-quality water service to the communities we serve— today and for generations to come.

Respectfully Submitted

Frederick A. Lynk, President

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Maine House of Representatives

Representative Gerry Runte

The Representative's annual letter to constituents follows on the next page.



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Dear Ogunquit Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

Since taking office, one of the biggest issues I've heard loud and clear from constituents is that the rising cost of living is making it harder for working families to make ends meet. Household budgets just aren't going as far as they used to, and it's making it difficult for everyday Mainers to afford to build their lives here.

In 2025, the Legislature put working families first by passing measures to protect critical investments in health care, food security, education, child care and housing. But we still have a lot more work to do. This year, I will continue fighting for real solutions to help address the problems facing families here in our district and across the state, including tackling the rising costs of housing, health care, child care and energy.

As of this writing, we have just begun the second year of the two-year term. Over the next few months, we will consider hundreds of bills before we adjourn, which will likely be in mid-April. Once again, I am proud to serve on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, where we will continue to work to meet our state climate goals and improve the efficiency and reliability of our electricity system, while lowering costs for ratepayers.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family, please feel welcome to reach out. I always enjoy connecting with constituents – whether you have concerns about local matters, questions about state programs or would like to discuss your thoughts on legislation. I can be reached at gerry.runte@legislature.maine.gov and 207-361-7143.

I also send out monthly e-newsletters that provide updates on our work at the State House and offer helpful information and resources. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry Runte".

Gerry Runte
State Representative

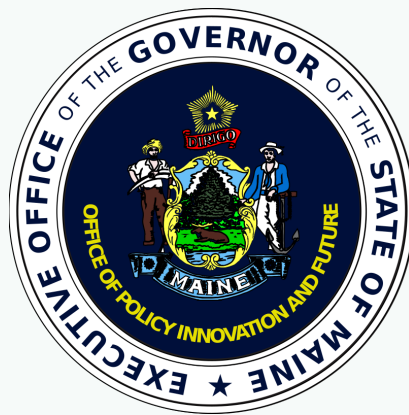
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Office of the Governor

Governor Janet Mills

The Governor’s annual letter to Maine residents follows on the next page.



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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your governor for the past seven years. We have faced many challenges together, from confronting a global pandemic, to healing from a horrific tragedy in Lewiston, to rebuilding from unprecedented storms that damaged homes and businesses across the state. But we have done so with the strength, courage, and kindness that is at the essence of Maine people, the same community spirit that will sustain us in the years to come.

Our towns and cities are the essence of community and the foundation of our democracy. In my last year as governor, I will push to continue fully funding revenue sharing and public schools so those costs are not added to the property tax bills. We will continue to make record investments in housing to bring down the cost of home ownership. We will continue to deliver tax relief to working people and lift the burden of student debt off the shoulders of younger people to encourage them to stay here, pay taxes here and invest in our state.

I fundamentally believe that our strongest asset is you – the people of Maine – which is why my Administration’s approach has always been, and will always be, to make this state the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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York County Commissioners

Commissioner Richard Clark

The Commissioner's annual letter to the towns of District 5 follows on the next pages.





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Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as your York County Commissioner and with this message, give you a glimpse of some of our initiatives.

It has been an action-packed year.

Classes at York County Regional Training Center, built to help local communities hire and retain qualified first responders by providing quality training close to home, have begun! The calendar is brimming with classes for police, correctional staff, dispatchers, emergency medical providers and firefighters. We broke ground for this project, largely financed by York County's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds, Congressionally designated contributions, grants, and county funds, in the fall of 2024. Roger Hooper, York County's first fire administrator is director.

Construction continues on the 58-bed recovery center, expected to be complete in the fall of 2026. York County Jail aced its biennial state inspection, earning 100 percent compliance with jail standards. The perfect score is believed to be a first for our jail – great job!

In November, York County Commissioners presented 21 Spirit of America Awards to residents representing the outstanding volunteerism of individuals and organizations in 16 of York County's 29 municipalities. We welcome nominations for future awards.

A food pantry operated by a private nonprofit and in danger of closing is now operated by First County Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of York County government. First County Food Pantry is open from noon to 3 p.m. (11 am to 3 pm beginning in February) on Tuesdays and Fridays, with special distributions at Thanksgiving and Christmas. About 1,000 families rely on the pantry each month.

The York County Sheriffs' Office received 25,682 calls for service in the 2025 calendar year, as compared to 25,336 in 2024.

York County Sheriffs' Office deputies were issued automated external defibrillators, called AEDs, in 2025 to aid people experiencing cardiac arrest. The AEDs were received through a grant.

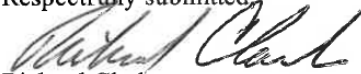
York County Commissioners

A dune restoration project by York County Emergency Management Agency in three coastal communities received clearance to proceed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Lastly, York County, in concert with others, is in discussions on regional matters like general assistance and on potential homelessness solutions.

Please know we at York County government strive to provide high quality services at reasonable cost to our valued constituents. I will do my utmost to represent you well in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Clark
York County Commissioner, District 5



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