

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2025

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

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These notes, and the full agenda for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF.

Recordings of Selectboard meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Members Aria Ee and Katie Goodwin, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. There were 14 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2025, were tabled.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of Bronwen Tudor, Chair of the Georgetown Select Board. Flags in Georgetown should be flown at half staff per order of the Governor
- Aria Ee was elected as Select Board Chair for the remainder of 2025-26
- The Mil Rate for 2025-26 Tax Year was set at 6.28
- The Commitment Date for the 2025-26 Tax Year was set as November 21, 2025. Taxes will be due by January 20, 2026
- The Selectboard approved the purchase of a hybrid, factory refurbished compactor from Recycling Mechanical of New England as recommended by the Solid Waste Committee at a cost of \$26,480. Funds from the Transfer Station equipment reserve fund will be used for the purchase. This unit will replace the existing compactor that was installed in 1997. Citizens will not notice any difference when the new compactor is installed in January because the hopper where you throw your trash will not be replaced. The compactor sits below the hopper and is not visible to the public

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website. Members of the public may come to the Town Office to read the correspondence items listed here.

The most interesting items were:

- Office of Senator Angus King, Jr. Various Policy Updates
- Happy Veterans Day Notice
- Sagadahoc County – Notice re: Upcoming County Tax Payment Discussion
- Town of Georgetown – Office of the Clerk – Election Results
- Maine Municipal Health Trust – Notice about Insurance Rate

Public Comment:

- Lisa Sabatine, a member of the Planning Board, commented about logistical challenges facing the Planning Board

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Town Owned Property Management Board – Tuesday, November 18 – 4pm HYBRID

School Committee – Wednesday, November 19 – 5pm HYBRID

Planning Board – Wednesday, November 19 – 7pm HYBRID

Select Board – Tuesday, November 25 – 6pm HYBRID

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26 & 27 FOR THANKSGIVING

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, November 25th. The public is welcome to attend in person or on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day. The agenda and meeting packet are available, usually the Monday before a meeting, at: https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=6611

Prepared and distributed by Alison Freeman

Georgetown Community Center's

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

11 AM – 2PM

*For more information, or to reserve a table,
please reach out through our Facebook page
or email Angie at fiveislandsang@yahoo.com.
(Table fee will be \$20. Cash or check that
day, or mail a check to P.O. Box 103,
Gtown; Craft Fair in the memo.)*

Limited space available.

Handcrafted goods only.





GEORGETOWN YOGA

FREE TO RESIDENTS

Join local instructor Andrea Reazer for a free monthly yoga class
the second Sunday each month for the rest of the year!

Nov 9th
&
Dec 14th

Always at 1pm
GCS Gym
Please bring your own mat,
towel and water

Sponsored by the Georgetown Recreation Committee

Donations Welcomed

Community Navigation

Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency
and Board of Health

What can a Community Navigator do for you?

Life can get overwhelming, but you don't have to figure it out alone. A Community Navigator is here to guide you, connect you with the right resources, and empower you to be self-sustaining.

Serving the towns of:

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Bath

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Bowdoinham

Georgetown

Phippsburg

Richmond

Topsham

West Bath

Woolwich



SAGADAHOC COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

A Community Navigator can help you find:

Food & clothing
Housing & shelter
Recovery support
Childcare

Heat assistance
Transportation
Home repairs
And more!



Call our help line: **207-449-0185**



Or email us at:
mhymbaugh@sagadahoccountyme.gov

Essential Rides for Everyday Living

Georgetown has a volunteer transportation program for older residents without other transportation options. This free program is all about getting neighbors to where they need to go. Local volunteers from your community are ready to drive a registered rider to different destinations such as the grocery store, medical appointments and social activities.

To register or to learn more about these rides Georgetown residents please get in touch with James Peavey at 207-387-0440 or email gtagefriendly@gmail.com.

This program would not be possible without the continuous support from the Bath Police Department, AARP Maine, UMaine Center on Aging/Lifelong Maine, the Maine Cabinet on Aging, and Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec.



**Where every ride and
everyone matters.
Age-Friendly Georgetown**



WATER TESTING DELAYED IN ARROWSIC & GEORGETOWN

Due to a delay in grant funding, we need to postpone our water sampling program until Summer 2026. We apologize for any inconveniences that this may cause and appreciate the great response to the well survey we have had thus far.

WELL SURVEYS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.GTOWNCONSERVATION.COM





Home Energy Help Desk



Get Answers to Your Questions:

- Where Should I Start??
- How to Save \$
- Home Efficiency
- Utility Bills
- Heating & Cooling
- Insulation

First Saturday of each month
Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec 6th
at Patten Free Library Lobby 10am-12pm

*This program is presented by the Bath Climate Action Commission
in partnership with the Patten Free Library*

Technology Instruction

Internet Frauds and Scams



Fridays at 10am

October 17 | November 14 | December 5



**Registration
Required**



pattenfreelibrary.org | 207-443-5141 x1025



October 4
at Patten Free Library



October 25th
At the MerryMeeting Adult
Education Topsham



November 15
Bath
Habitat for Humanity
ReStore



December 6th
at the
Curtis Memorial Library

Why Replace when you can repair?

A Repair Cafe brings together a community of fixers willing to educate people so that they can repair their everyday items rather than throw them out

All events held on Saturday Mornings
10 A.M. till 12:30 P.M.

Our Repair Cafe will have experts able to repair:

- Electronics
- Computers
- Mending
- Small appliances
- Wooden Furniture
- Book Repair
- Leather Repairs
- Knife Sharpening
- Bike Repair

**We are always looking for
additional volunteers, if you
are interested call Curtis
Library!**

Questions? Please call the Curtis library at 725-5242 ext 4

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.

Please email gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM login info.

*indicates copy provided to Select Board

***INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE**

Call to order:

Moment of Silence in memory of Bronwen Tudor, Chair of the Georgetown Select Board

Election of a Select Board Chair for the remainder of 2025-26.

Public comment:

Items to be added to the agenda (if approved by chair and board):

Scheduled appointments:

Minutes:

- TABLE - Minutes of October 28, 2025*★

Review: *none*

Assessing items:

- Setting of Mil Rate for 2025-26 Tax Year*★
- Setting a Commitment Date for 2025-26 Tax Year*★

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Continuing Items:

- Receipts for pumping:
 - 13U-009, Georgetown Community Center
- Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:
- Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*:
- PBR / NRPA :
 - 06R-027, 121 Sagadahoc Bay Road (PBR)
 - 13U-048, 138 Old Schoolhouse Road (PBR)
 - 05R-036, 260 Marrtown Road (NRPA)

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Ms. Eee:
- Ms. Goodwin:

Town Administrator Update

Old Business:

New Business:

- Authorization for Town Administrator to attend virtual Property Tax Academy*
- Response to Solid Waste Management Committee requests re: Compactor*

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES TO REMEMBER...

Conservation Commission – Monday, November 10 – 6pm ZOOM

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY – NOVEMBER 11

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Veterans Day message from Senator King

From teague_morris@king.senate.gov <teague_morris@king.senate.gov>

Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:02 AM

To GtwnME@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

Forward to a Friend

November 11, 2025

Senator King wrote:

On Veteran's Day, we honor the brave Americans who have answered the call to defend our nation and protect the values that make it great. If you have a veteran in your life, I hope you'll join me in thanking them today for their service and sacrifice.

See his recorded message [here](#):

Take care, be well,

Teague

News from Senator King's office

You can find all press releases, other news, social media and podcasts at the newsroom link on Senator King's [website](#), including [Veterans Services](#). Also, check out [Answering the Call](#), Senator King's interviews with Maine veterans.

Click [HERE](#) to read Senator King's e-Newsletter

As always, I am eager to hear from you. Please feel free to call or write. Thank you for all that you are doing!

Teague Morris

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Forward to a Friend

Aging Policy Update: Senator King's news; ICYMI; resource reminders; webinars & funding opportunities

From teague_morris@king.senate.gov <teague_morris@king.senate.gov>

Date Mon 11/10/2025 10:12 AM

To GtwnME@hotmail.com <GtwnME@hotmail.com>

Forward to a Friend

November 10, 2025

Hi Tyler,

In addition to Senator King's press release below about his vote yesterday, see [this link](#) to a message he shared on Facebook.

Be well,

Teague

News from Senator King's office

This week: **two new**, total of **six** grant/survey opportunities (**no deadlines**); eight webinars/events and more coming up. Also: Senator King's press releases, e-Newsletter, resources and policy updates.

You can find all press releases, other news, social media and podcasts at the newsroom link on Senator King's [website](#).

King: Vote Toward Ending Shutdown is "The Opening of an Opportunity"

November 9, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) today voted to advance debate on a Senate spending bill that could eventually reopen the government in a 60-40 vote. The vote comes as the shutdown became the longest federal government shutdown in American history at 40 days. From federal furloughs to cuts to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding, the shutdown caused incredible harm to Maine families and people... [Continue Reading](#)»

King, Colleagues Pressure Trump Administration to Fully — Not Partially — Fund SNAP Benefits

November 4, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for roughly 42 million Americans were stopped over the weekend due to the ongoing government shutdown, U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME), alongside, 45 of his colleagues, introduced a resolution calling on the Trump Administration to immediately use all congressionally approved funding to keep families from going hungry. Though the Trump Administration relented to court rulings yesterday and announced plans... [Continue Reading](#) »

Click [HERE](#) to read Senator King's e-Newsletter

Resource Reminders

- **NEW National Alliance for Caregiving Federal Funding Tracker**: This resource tracks federal funding allocations for critical programs that support family caregivers. Most of these programs are administered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) via the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and related agencies and the Veterans Administration (VA).

- **NEW Maine Mature Drivers Project:** Offering free, in-person presentations for older adult, family, and professional audiences statewide!
 - How do aging-related changes in health and function impact on driving safety?
 - How does Maine address medical concerns in driver licensing?
 - How can older adults remain safely mobile behind the wheel and otherwise? Learn answers to these questions & more!

Invite Dr. Tom Meuser (Tom.Meuser@maine.gov), gerontologist & driving expert, to visit your facility, organization, community, or library in 2025-2026. ***The MMDP is sponsored by the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, with assistance from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles.***

- **Medicare's Open Enrollment** is the time of year when you can make changes to your Medicare coverage. ***It's from October 15 through December 7.*** Any changes you make will take effect on January 1.
- **NEW Justice in Aging Updated Fact Sheet: Open Enrollment for 2026 Coverage through Medicare & the Marketplace—Basics for Advocates**
- **NEW the National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS) has launched a new website!** The new site makes it easier than ever to find the retirement research and data you need. It provides better search functionality, and you now can download interactive data charts for use in your own analysis or presentations.
- **NEW Preservation of Affordable Housing Toolkit 2.0:** Trauma-Informed Housing is an approach to the design and delivery of affordable rental housing that prioritizes people and their wellbeing. This toolkit provides practical tools for implementing Trauma-Informed Housing across a range of housing types.
- The **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)** provides older people with help paying for Medicare. Individuals with monthly income of \$3,261 or less, and a couple with a monthly income of \$4,407 or less may qualify. Call AgeWise Maine at 877-353-3771 or Consumers for Affordable Health Care at 800-965-7476.
- **Enrichment: Institute for Integrative Aging at St. Joseph's College of Maine; UNE Center for Excellence in Aging & Health; UMaine Center on Aging; Lifelongmaine.org**
- **988** is now the three-digit dialing code that routes callers to the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (or 988 Lifeline)**.

- **211 Maine** helps connect you to the resources you need. Find health, financial and education services, via phone, text, or by searching our online directory.
- **Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)**: TRS includes Maine Relay Services, captioned telephone services (CapTel or CTS), and 711. Monthly trainings available.
- Check out Senator King's **website**, especially **Help with a Federal Agency**.

ICYMI

(Links to the following news and research items are offered in the spirit of outreach and public education. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Senator or his staff.)

Meet 3 local groups fighting men's loneliness in Maine, **by Rose Lundy,** **themaineonitor.org, Nov. 6,** **2025**

Some gather around food or woodworking projects, but they all offer the promise of friendship.

When Mark Miller retired from being an elementary school teacher, he struggled with a loss of identity and sense of purpose. That's when he turned to the other members of the Sacopee Valley Men's Group, which formed two years ago as a place for older men in western Maine to connect.

"It was very helpful to have them there to listen and reflect back and share their experiences," Miller said.

Miller's group is one of three across the state that spoke to The Maine Monitor about their approach to bringing together men who are 65 and older, a population that experiences high rates of loneliness, isolation and suicide.

A comprehensive policy landscape for Alzheimer's and related dementias: past, present, and future directions **Open Access, by Joanne Pike et al., Public Policy and Aging Report, visited on-line Nov. 4, 2025**

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (AD/ADRD) present a significant global public health challenge. Based on the aging rate of the U.S. population, the number of new dementia diagnoses each year is anticipated to double by 2060 (Fang et al., 2025). In the United States, the lifetime risk of a dementia diagnosis after the age of 55 years is 42% (Fang et al., 2025). In addition, 69.5% of the U.S. population has at least one major risk factor for AD/ADRD (Alzheimer's Association, 2024a). The number of Americans living with AD/ADRD is projected to rise sharply, intensifying pressures on health care systems, families, and communities. In response to this escalating public health issue, the Alzheimer's Association—as the leading voluntary health organization dedicated to AD/ADRD care, support, and research—has been pivotal in developing and driving policy advancements.

Family Caregivers: The Most Important Care We May Ever Give or Receive, by Megan DesCamps, onecountryproject.com, Nov. 3, 2025

At some point in our lives, if not already, we will all find ourselves in the position of caregiver in some capacity. A spouse with dementia, a child with special needs, an aging parent, a friend recovering from an accident.

November is National Family Caregivers Month, an

opportunity to thank those who provide unpaid informal assistance to our loved ones. Some states allow for waivers to pay for this care, but the amount of care far outweighs what is actually provided for – to the tune of \$600 billion in 2021. The definition of “family” can be broadened to include friends or neighbors who enable those facing challenges with aging, disabilities, or rehabilitating from injuries to stay happy, healthy, and safe in their homes or in care facilities with dignity.

The declining population will make it even harder to care for elders, Kristin Wright and Marisa Peñaloza, npr.org, November 2, 2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Maurice White, 75, and Renee DeVigne, 68, are among the millions of family caregivers in the U.S. whose lives center around caring for aging loved ones. The Washington, D.C. couple has gone to extraordinary lengths, into their own retirement years, to take care of family elders.

They've cared for White's mother Evelyn White in their home for 25 years. The retired teacher turned 104 in October. She's one of the last of their elders they will care for.

"There have been 12," said DeVigne. "His father, my mother, and other aunts, uncles, grandparents."

The couple also helps care for DeVigne's dad, who lives in a memory care facility.

Why Medicare Recipients Should Check Their 2026 Drug Plans Now, by Mark Miller, nytimes.com, Nov. 1, 2025

Fall enrollment is on. Some plans are raising premiums for Part D, which covers prescriptions, by \$50 or more per month, while others are lowering them.

Holly Kluck found a great price on a prescription drug plan when she signed up for Medicare last year — a premium of just \$18 a month. So she was surprised to learn recently that her premium would jump more than \$50 next year, since she doesn't take any medications. The costs for her husband, Jeff, would rise by a similar amount.

With other increases, Ms. Kluck expects that the couple's annual Medicare premium costs might have risen by \$2,000 in 2026. They are shopping for new Part D prescription plans during the annual enrollment period, which is underway and runs through Dec. 7. Ms. Kluck thinks she has some lower-cost drug plan options — although her husband's choices are restricted because he needs an expensive blood thinner.

"It's so complicated, isn't it?" said Ms. Kluck, 66, a retired teacher in New Jersey.

Webinars and other events

Tech Help for ME Info Session

**Monday, Nov. 10 from 2-
2:30pm**

Sponsor: Maine Connectivity Authority

International Internet Day on October 29 celebrates the importance of online communication and serves as a reminder of the digital divide that keeps many people from accessing the information, services and education they need. We're asking you to help bridge that gap by introducing Tech Help for ME — a free directory of resources that help people use the internet.

Over 100 Maine-based organizations, community centers, and libraries are already included in the directory as valuable local resources. Making people aware of techhelpforme.org is the next step.

We're offering several resources to help you get familiar with

the resource itself and share its availability with others, including a promotional toolkit and activities:

- Users' guide: a clear walkthrough of how techhelpforme.org works
- Promotional materials: overview flyer for posting (in multiple languages), printable bookmarks
- Social media resources: graphics, photos, and suggested posts
- Newsletter articles: short articles that you can use or adapt
- Press release template: a public announcement to share your involvement with local news outlets

Please help us highlight this important resource for people who find it hard to get online, including veterans, older adults, Wabanaki tribal members, immigrants, people with disabilities, and people who were previously incarcerated.

Clinicians' Role in Assessing Driving Fitness

Nov. 12th, 12:00 PM

Smith Hall, room 107

This event is FREE to attend, however REGISTRATION is required for virtual attendance

The Institute of Medicine and Center on Aging present: Clinicians' Role in Assessing Driving Fitness with Dr. KJ Hansmann and Dr. Tom Meuser. State driver licensing officials rely on the expertise of physicians and other clinical health professionals to assess medical fitness to drive. Certain health and functional conditions can impact driving fitness – temporarily (e.g., joint replacement, a minor stroke) or permanently (e.g., dementia, macular degeneration).

In this presentation, Dr. Hansmann, a family physician, will detail her journey to foster inclusive, person-centered, and evidenced-based approaches to driving evaluation and what follows. Balancing a patient's health and daily needs with the legal-ethical requirements of driving can be challenging, but there's always room for dialogue and reasoned compromise. Participants will learn proven ways to engage patients and families around questions of driving fitness.

SNAP Benefit Cuts
Wednesday, November 12
2:00-3:00pm, ET

Host: Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging

Join us for a community conversation as we come together to discuss the recent federal cuts to SNAP benefits for the month of November. This is a space for people across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to share their concerns, experiences, and questions about how these changes may impact our communities. This is a great opportunity to better understand these policy shifts, how they will affect people across the region, and learn how different organizations are dealing with the changes.

AARP Webinar - Bridging
Tax Policy & Real Life:
Supporting America's
Working Family Caregivers

November 12, 2025
2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Seventy percent of working-age caregivers -- and sixty percent of all caregivers-- are employed while providing care. Hear from both the caregiver and employer perspectives. Learn about new state family caregiving data and bipartisan legislation to provide financial relief to family caregivers. Learn how proposed tax policy can support these working families and the economy.

Webinar Series: Savvy
Saving Seniors Financial
Education

Thurs., November 13, 2 PM

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting a two-part webinar series for professionals interested in learning more about the Savvy Saving Seniors financial education curriculum.

Savvy Saving Seniors is an evidence-informed program that equips older adults with support and information to protect their financial security. This webinar series will follow a train-the-trainer approach, and attendees will gain access to facilitator toolkits, presentation templates, and participant handbooks to host interactive workshops in their own communities.

Funding the Future of Rural Care: A Practical Blueprint for Telehealth Growth and Sustainability

Thurs., November 13, 2 PM

Host: National Rural Health Association

Billions in new federal funds are being directed toward modernizing rural healthcare through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). For rural and critical access hospitals, this represents a pivotal opportunity to strengthen care delivery infrastructure, expand virtual access, and build lasting sustainability.

This session brings together clinical, operational, and funding experts to help rural leaders prepare for and capitalize on upcoming funding opportunities tied to telehealth and workforce innovation. Presenters will share guidance on aligning people, process, and technology to meet RHTP priorities, from strengthening the rural workforce to creating sustainable access points for care.

Participants will learn how to:

- Identify where telehealth fits within current RHTP funding priorities and how it supports workforce resilience.
- Evaluate proven models that reduce transfers, improve margins, and strengthen local care capacity.

- Build readiness by connecting with the right state and federal resources, partners, and strategies for long-term success.

Webinar: Creating a Connected Village to Meet Medicaid Community Engagement/Work Requirements

Thurs., November 13, 3 PM

HCBS Strategies and the Village to Village Network are hosting a webinar on how states can use an approach based on the Village Model to meet the Medicaid Community Engagement/Work Requirements.

The Village Model matches volunteers with older adults and other people with disabilities who need additional support. This approach could serve as a cornerstone for state efforts to build infrastructure that allows people to meet Community Engagement requirements.

The Connected Village approach includes incorporating the ability for Villages to directly document community engagement hours and directing people at risk of losing eligibility to these organizations. The webinar will also discuss opportunities for states and villages to receive Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) to support efforts.

**Little Muskrat: A Penobscot
Indian Hero,
mainepublic.org**

Maine Public TV Air Times:

Thur., November 13 at 9:00 pm

Fri., November 14 at 1:00 am

Sat., November 15 at 2:00 pm

Sun., November 16 at 4:00 pm

This powerful short documentary traces the extraordinary journey of Penobscot tribal elder Charles Shay – from his harrowing role as a 19 year old combat medic landing on D-Day's 'Bloody Omaha' to his emergence as a revered global advocate for Indigenous veterans.

Honoring the overlooked sacrifices of Native soldiers, resilience, and one man's mission to ensure his brothers-in-arms are never forgotten. Through ceremony, memory, and defiant truth-telling, Shay carries generations of history on his shoulders – and brings them home.

This film was produced by Alejandro Torres and Millcove Studios.

AgingIN: New Webinar Series Reimagines Home Via Small House Models

Join us for a new webinar series designed to move attendees from awareness and inspiration to action.

Scheduled for Oct. 9, **Nov. 18**, and Dec. 4, each webinar will walk you through research, policy, design, and operational strategies needed to bring the small house model to life.

Register for: November 18, 2PM: Policy and Design: Creating the Conditions for Change

Register for: December 4, 2PM: From Blueprint to Reality: Making the Small House Model Work

Presenters: Maggie Calkins, PhD, M.Arch, President and Board Chair, IDEAS Institute: Designing the Future of Care: Small House Models That Change Lives

Aaron Kirkman, Senior Analyst, Value Based Care, ATI Advisory: The Four Realities Facing LTC Owners — Are You Ready?

Free webinar: Social isolation & elder financial exploitation

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

2:00 PM -3:00 PM

Host: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Social isolation can contribute to financial exploitation. Older adults are at higher risk for social isolation due to changes in health and social connections that can come with growing older.

The webinar will feature emerging research and innovative programs that shed light on interventions that may protect older adults from financial exploitation.

Capitol Coffee with Senator King and staff

Most Wednesdays, Senator King likes to open his office up from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for a "Capitol Coffee" with Maine people in the area. It's always a fun opportunity to see old friends, make some new ones, and hear about the issues that are on their minds. Along with coffee, we are proud to provide homemade blueberry bread made with real Maine blueberries!

Stop by to say hello on one of the upcoming dates:

- **November 19th**
- December 3rd, 10th and 17th

The office is located in 133 Hart Senate Office Building. RSVPs are not required. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-5344. Hope you can visit!

Webinar: From Numbers to Action: Using Data to Strengthen the HCBS Direct Care Workforce

Wed., Nov. 19, 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Administration for Community Living (ACL)

This webinar from the Direct Care Workforce Strategies Center will demystify how states can leverage what they have today, pinpoint what they need next, and connect datasets across systems to forecast demand for direct care workers and guide smarter investments and policy change to build the workforce.

Medicare Advantage Cuts **Thursday, November 20** **2:00-3:00pm, ET**

Host: Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging

Join us for an important community conversation as we discuss the recent cuts to Medicare Advantage plans and what they mean for our communities across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. This gathering offers a supportive space to share concerns, ask questions, and learn from one another about how these changes may affect access to healthcare services. This is a great opportunity to better understand these policy shifts, how they will affect people across the region, and learn how different organizations are dealing with the changes.

Webinar: Quantifying the **Economic Impact of Social** **Security Benefit Spending**

Thurs., November 20, 2 PM

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 30, 2025 – New research from the National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS) finds that Social Security benefits play a powerful role in supporting the U.S. economy, generating \$2.6 trillion in total economic output and supporting more than 12 million American jobs in 2023 alone.

Quantifying the Economic Impact of Social Security Benefit Spending examines the national and state-level economic

impact of Social Security benefits paid to retired workers, surviving spouses and children, and Americans with disabilities. The analysis shows that \$1.38 trillion in benefits paid to more than 67 million beneficiaries supported \$804.6 billion in labor income, \$1.6 trillion in value added (GDP), and \$363 billion in tax revenues for federal, state, and local governments.

The report also models what could happen if Social Security benefits were cut due to the program's projected trust fund shortfall. A hypothetical 19 percent reduction in benefits would shrink the program's economic impact by more than 16 percent, reducing GDP by hundreds of billions of dollars.

To complement the national analysis, NIRS also is releasing a series of state fact sheets highlighting the economic impact of Social Security in each state, including the number of jobs supported, total output generated, and tax revenues contributed. These fact sheets illustrate how critical Social Security is to sustaining local economies nationwide.

November Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS) Training: National Rural Age-Friendly Initiative

Thur., November 20, 3 PM

Host: Trust for America's Health

As part of the Age-Friendly Public Health Systems initiative, Trust for America's Health will hold a webinar exploring the National Rural Age-Friendly Initiative.

Older adults comprise nearly 20% of the rural population in the United States and that statistic is projected to grow to 25 % by 2040. This training will provide an overview of the National Rural Age-Friendly Initiative and highlight how age-friendly efforts are creating supportive environments that help older adults in rural communities age in place.

Notices of Funding, Proposals, Recognition

(Funding opps listed by due date. Additional resources at bottom of this section.)

Volunteer Maine calls for Maine Service Fellows applications

Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent prior to completing the application form. LOI must be submitted by November 20th for the 2026-2027 Cohort Year.

The Maine Service Fellows program was formed to help rural communities by assigning someone to devote full-time effort to a critical need. It recognizes that some communities need one more set of hands to accomplish local goals.

The mission of the Maine Service Fellows program is to

- Provide rural, underserved communities with a resource to address critical needs;
- Increase the opportunities for recent college graduates to devote a year of service to communities and use their skills to make a difference;
- Attract and retain people with a passion for public service, especially in rural areas; and
- Strengthen civic engagement and community resilience by involving community residents as well as Service Fellows in volunteer-based solutions.

Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program

Deadline: Dec 2, 2025

***Sponsor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development***

The Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program (ROSS-SC) provides grants to fund service coordinators to assist residents of public and Indian housing in making progress towards economic self-sufficiency, including the provision of job training, employment, adult education, housing, and health resources. In the case of elderly/disabled residents, the service

coordinator links them to supportive services which enables them to age and remain in place.

NEW Call for Presentations: **2026 Age + Action** **Conference**

Applications are due Friday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has released a call for presentations for the 2026 Age + Action Conference. Held annually, this conference brings together hundreds of professionals dedicated to ensuring every person has the resources and support to age well. The agenda will highlight strategies to support health and wellness, strengthen economic well-being, promote senior centers and age-friendly communities, and build a future-ready workforce.

Preference will be given to session proposals that promote age-positive concepts, programs, and best practices across the following tracks:

- Supporting health and wellness
- Strengthening economic well-being
- Promoting senior centers and age-friendly communities
- Building a future-ready workforce

Strengthening Social **Connection in Communities** **Grant**

Application Deadline: Dec 5, 2025

Sponsors: American Hospital Association, Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, RRF Foundation for Aging, Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University, The John A. Hartford Foundation, USAging

Grant for programs to support the implementation of new or the expansion of existing social connection programs and initiatives designed to address the specific needs of older adults and/or caregivers.

NEW Jay L. Smith Family Foundation

Application deadline: December 31, 2025

Description: The Jay L. Smith Family Foundation funds U.S. nonprofits that strengthen families, advance healthcare, and support underserved communities. Grants focus on Alzheimer's and cancer research, elderly care, suicide prevention, and family violence clinics. The Foundation places particular emphasis on improving care for individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and funding research for a cure.

2026-2027 American Hospital Association Next Generation Leaders Fellowship Age-Friendly Health Systems Cohort Scholarships

Register to join an information session and Q&A on February 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. ET. with Admissions Directors, Jen Braun and Kara Schram.

Applications are due March 31, 2026.

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is accepting applications for The John A. Hartford Foundation Age-Friendly Health Systems Cohort Scholarships as part of its 2026-2027 Next Generation Leaders Fellowship.

The AHA Next Generation Leaders Fellowship focuses on developing leaders and empowering them to bring about real and lasting change in the hospital and health systems in which they serve. The program will help emerging leaders tackle key issues and challenges affecting health care affordability, cost, quality and safety.

JAHF is providing scholarships for a cohort of Age-Friendly Fellows who will participate in the Next Generation Leaders Fellowship. These applicants will be asked to implement at least one of the components of the Age-Friendly Health

Systems 4Ms Framework at their organization for their capstone project in the fellowship program.

The fellows will walk away with:

- A network with an accomplished group of peers and health care leaders
- Firsthand knowledge through a one-on-one mentoring relationship with an elite health care leader
- The skills to lead behavioral and system-based changes within your organization
- Support to execute a capstone project in their hospital or health system

Nominations are vital to help AHA identify and train the next generation of health care leaders. To nominate a fellowship candidate, please submit a nomination at aha.org/nextgennominations.

AHA also has a [call for Fellowship Mentors](#) for the 2026-2027 AHA Next Generation Leaders Fellowship.

More resources

- On Senator King's website, see the [Grants](#) page as well as info about [Congressionally Directed Spending](#).
- The [Maine Philanthropy Center](#) assists nonprofit organizations by helping them find funding sources for their organizations. They have a variety of services and resources available.
- Search [GuideStar](#) for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.

On-going opportunities:

- [Maine Philanthropy Center Rapid Response Fund](#) offers financial resources and support to help Maine nonprofits prepare for and respond to loss of federal funding, cuts to social programs, and targeted harassment of marginalized communities.
- [The American Heart Association's Social Impact Funds](#) support organizations tackling social drivers of health in the United States. Current open opportunities include general project funding, food security project funding, and calls to action that address isolation and loneliness in older adults and support for caregivers.
- [Hearst Foundations Health Grants](#) - preference for programs improving access to high-quality healthcare for low-income populations, rural populations, and/or veterans; Programs developing and providing specialized care for the complex needs of elderly populations

- **The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust** provides support to nonprofit organizations that help those in need in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Areas of interest include health and welfare, dental health, homeless shelters, and food banks and pantries.

As always, I am eager to hear from you. Thank you for all that you are doing!

Teague Morris

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Forward to a Friend

Subject of county tax apportionment - will not be on the 11-13-25 BOC Agenda

From Amber Jones <ajones@sagadahoccountyme.gov>

Date Mon 11/10/2025 2:46 PM

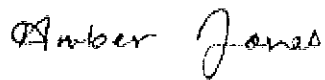
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Good afternoon,

I wanted to be sure that I notified you of this change. The Commissioners will not take up the topic of county tax apportionment this week.

I intend to put it on the next November agenda, and will confirm that when I can.

Thanks for your patience,



Amber L. Jones
Administrator
Sagadahoc County

Administration|Office: 207-443-8202 x 330

Cell: 207-607-3170

Direct: 207-386-5851



Town of Georgetown

November 4th, 2025 Election Results

Question 1:

YES: 177

NO: 463

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TOTAL: 640

Question 2:

YES: 440

NO: 198

BLANK: 2

TOTAL: 640

TRUE COPY ATTEST

Angela Mead
TOWN CLERK

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are sending this notice to you as the key official of your employer group.

Please share this notice with the appropriate individual(s) in your office.

**2026 RATE ANNOUNCEMENT
NON-RATED (POOLED) GROUPS**

Mr Tyler Washburn, Town Administrator
Town of Georgetown
PO Box 436
Georgetown, ME04548-0436

The Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) Board of Trustees has established 2026 rates for its health, dental, life, vision, income protection, and long term disability plans. This notice contains the 2026 Rate Adjustments by Benefit Plan Type, and information about the Health Plan Benefit Changes which will be effective January 1, 2026.

The Health Trust announces the following 2026 rate adjustments by benefit plan type.

Health Plans	9.0% increase for all active health plans
Dental Plan	5.0% increase
Vision Insurance Plan	Rate decrease with new vendor, please read details below
Life Insurance Plan	No adjustment to basic or supplemental life 15% increase to dependent life rates
Income Protection Plan	No adjustment
Long Term Disability Plan	No adjustment

These rate adjustments will become effective January 1, 2026. A full 2026 Rate Sheet is enclosed.

The health plan rate adjustments listed above apply to all Non-Rated Groups – that is, employer groups with 50 or fewer covered participants. Health plan premiums for the Individually Rated Groups (groups with 51 or more covered employees) will receive different adjustments, based upon the experience of the individual group. Rate adjustments for the Individually Rated Groups depend in part upon the group's own claims experience, and in part upon the experience of the Health Trust as a whole.

During the past couple years, the Trust has been observing significantly higher medical costs due to inflation, higher hospital costs and increased utilization for health services and pharmacy. The Trust still has adequate reserves to provide stability and meet our obligations with a safety margin, as required. However, the amount that is available for mitigating premium increases is becoming limited.

The Health Trust is observing considerable increases in claims costs, which requires this higher-than-average rate adjustment. The pressures that the Health Trust faces are mirrored throughout the Maine market, where reported rates increases are even higher than for the non-profit Health Trust. The Maine Bureau of Insurance approved a 17.9% average increase for the community rated small group market in 2026.

Health Plan Benefit Changes Effective January 1, 2026

The Board of Trustees has elected to make changes to the Health Trust medical plan benefits for 2026, as a result of the increasing cost of healthcare. Affordability continues to be a concern for the Board. Benefit changes that impact fewer members help to keep premiums lower for all.

For all plans, the in-network and out-of-network deductible & coinsurance out-of-pocket maximums will be increased, effective January 1, 2026. There will also be changes specific to the Acadia plan. The \$100 copay for outpatient services will become 90% coinsurance and inpatient physician services will change from 100% to 90% coinsurance. For more details on the health plan changes for 2026, please refer to the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage available on the www.MMEHT.org website.

Employees who wish to make changes to their medical, dental or vision plan benefit elections for 2026, may do so during the Health Trust's Annual Open Enrollment period, November 15 – December 15, 2025, for a January 1, 2026 effective date. **Because of the changes listed above, all members on a health plan will receive a new ID card in January 2026.**

New Medicare Advantage Retiree Plan

Effective January 1, 2026, the Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT) will offer its Medicare-eligible retirees the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) Medical and Prescription Drug with Senior Rx Plus plan. This Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan will offer retirees meaningful financial relief relative to the current rates, while maintaining strong, comparable coverage with minimal network and formulary disruption. Maine Municipal staff will continue to support the program and provide member services. For those employers who subsidize all or a portion of the plan, you will note the new premiums on your enclosed rate sheet.

Information on the new MAPD plan was distributed to participating retirees in late October. Please have retirees or current employees who have questions or concerns contact the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) plan First Impressions Welcome Center at 1-833-848-8729 and reference the Group Code "ME002GRS" Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM ET, except holidays. The Maine Municipal Association Member Service Representatives will also be available to assist retirees with questions and issues once the new plan begins.

New Vision Vendor

The Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust is pleased to announce that we will be moving the vision plan benefits from VSP to EyeMed, effective January 1, 2026. Under EyeMed, benefits allowances will be enhanced, and premiums will be *lower*. There are also additional benefits such as extra eye exams for children and covered retinal imaging in conjunction with an eye exam. Most importantly, they offer a robust network of providers.

More information on EyeMed and the new benefits will be mailed to all participating members in early January 2026. Members will also receive an ID card directly from EyeMed. For more information, please visit the Trust website at www.MMEHT.org.

Thank You for Your Support

As a member of the Health Trust, you are part of a group self-insured plan that is committed to providing its employer groups and participants with superior customer service and quality benefit plans, and to using its strength in numbers to take full advantage of cost saving opportunities in the health care market, today and in the future. **The Board of Trustees appreciates your commitment to the Trust.**

Health Trust Board of Trustees

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MAINE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH TRUST

MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR POOLED (NON-RATED) GROUPS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

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ACTIVE EMPLOYEES & NON-MEDICARE RETIREES	ACADIA	BAXTER	KATAHDIN	MOOSEHEAD	PEMAQUID
Employee Only	\$1,476.73	\$1,405.91	\$1,359.40	\$1,254.12	\$1,206.50
Employee & Spouse	\$3,312.52	\$3,153.62	\$3,049.32	\$2,813.17	\$2,706.37
Employee with children	\$2,409.60	\$2,294.00	\$2,218.16	\$2,046.38	\$1,968.67
Family	\$3,312.52	\$3,153.62	\$3,049.32	\$2,813.17	\$2,706.37
COBRA REGULARS (18 Months)					
Employee Only	\$1,506.26	\$1,434.03	\$1,386.59	\$1,279.21	\$1,230.63
Employee & Children	\$2,457.79	\$2,339.88	\$2,262.53	\$2,087.30	\$2,008.04
Employee & Spouse or Family	\$3,378.77	\$3,216.69	\$3,110.31	\$2,869.43	\$2,760.50
COBRA DISABILITY (up to 29 Months)					
Employee Only	\$2,215.09	\$2,108.87	\$2,039.10	\$1,881.18	\$1,809.75
Employee & Children	\$3,614.39	\$3,441.00	\$3,327.25	\$3,069.57	\$2,953.00
Employee & Spouse or Family	\$4,968.78	\$4,730.43	\$4,573.98	\$4,219.76	\$4,059.56

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ANTHEM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE / PRESCRIPTION PLAN

Participants must also have Medicare Part A & Part B

Retiree Only with Medicare	\$472.43
Retiree & Spouse with Medicare	\$944.86

SPLIT CONTRACTS

Dependent on Medicare eligibility

	ACADIA	BAXTER	KATAHDIN	MOOSEHEAD	PEMAQUID
Subscriber with Medicare, Spouse on Active Plan	\$1,949.16	\$1,878.34	\$1,831.83	\$1,726.55	\$1,678.93
Subscriber on Active Plan, Spouse with Medicare	\$1,949.16	\$1,878.34	\$1,831.83	\$1,726.55	\$1,678.93

Please contact the Health Trust for Premium Rates for Retirees with children

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DENTAL PLAN	ACTIVE	RETIREE	COBRA
Employee Only	\$46.44	\$47.37	\$47.37
Employee & Spouse	\$80.17	\$81.77	\$81.77
Employee with Children	\$153.02	\$156.08	\$156.08
Family	\$153.02	\$156.08	\$156.08

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VISION PLAN	ACTIVE	COBRA
Employee Only	\$4.31	\$4.40
Employee & Spouse	\$8.60	\$8.77
Employee with Children	\$9.21	\$9.39
Family	\$14.73	\$15.02

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INCOME PROTECTION PLAN	\$2.14	Per \$100 of coverage per month
LIFE (No Medical coverage)	\$0.30	Per \$1,000 of coverage per month
SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE	\$0.30	Per \$1,000 of coverage per month
DEPENDENT LIFE	\$2.10	for Option A \$4.50 for Option B
LONG TERM DISABILITY		
EMPLOYER PAID:	\$0.44	Per \$100 of Covered Payroll
EMPLOYEE PAID:		Age banded (Call the Health Trust for details)

9th ANNUAL MAINE PROPERTY TAX ACADEMY

Virtual Program presented by
The Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
9:00 am – 3:30 pm



REGISTRATION PACKET

December 10, 2025 - Online - Cost: \$ 25

Education Credits

6 hours of continuing education hours for Certified Maine Assessors.

Agenda

9:00-9:05 am	Introduction Michael Fortin, Division Director, MRS Compliance Division
9:05-10:05 am	Deed Refresher and Parcel Boundary Issues (1 CE) Judy Mathiau, CMA, Business Analyst, MRS Property Tax Division
10:05-10:15 am	Break
10:15 am-12:00 pm	Assessing Commercial Marijuana Facilities (2 CE) Bryan Shuck, Manager of the Personal Property Department, Cleveland County (Oklahoma) Assessor's Office
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-2:30 pm	Aerial Imagery in Disaster Assessment and Recovery (2 CE) Tim Horak, Director of Government Marketing, EagleView
2:30-2:40 pm	Break
2:40-3:30 pm	Bio-based 3D Printed Homes (1 CE) Dr. Habib Joseph Dagher, Professor of Civil/Structural Engineering and Executive Director of the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center (ASCC), University of Maine
3:30 pm	Final Evaluation and Remarks Michael Fortin, Division Director, MRS Compliance Division

Attendees do not need to attend the entire day. Attendees will earn CE hours for each completed session of the program. **To qualify, each attendee must be logged in and respond to all applicable poll questions for that session.**

Session Descriptions



DEED REFRESHER AND PARCEL BOUNDARY ISSUES (1 CE)

Presenter: Judy Mathiau

This session includes an overview of common and not-so-common deeds as well as parcel boundary issues. Starting with a refresher and ending with examples of "problem deeds" and guidance on merging parcels.

ASSESSING COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES (2 CE)

Presenter: Bryan Shuck

A real-world approach to assessing commercial marijuana facilities, this session will get into the "weeds" of each type of facility and breakdown each of the three major facility types (grower, processor and dispensary) to show what you would expect to see in a typical facility including equipment, furniture and fixtures, and inventories, and the values associated with each of them. At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant will have a working knowledge of assets involved in the marijuana industry, what to expect on a marijuana business personal property return, and how to assess the three common types of businesses in the marijuana industry.

AERIAL IMAGERY IN DISASTER ASSESSMENT AND RECOVERY (2 CE)

Presenter: Tim Horak

Natural disasters wreak havoc on properties and tax rolls. Learn how using high-resolution aerial imagery along with historical imagery can benefit assessors in post-disaster valuation, compliance, and recovery through case studies from recent disasters.

BIO-BASED 3-D PRINTED HOMES (1 CE)

Presenter: Dr. Habil Joseph Dagher

BioHome3D is the World's first bio-based 3D printed home. It is printed using wood sawmill residuals and bio resins. The presentation will describe the design, production and assembly, and next steps to help address the housing crisis.

Meet Our Presenters

MICHAEL FORTIN

Michael Fortin has worked at Maine Revenue Services for 24 years. He has worked in various leadership roles within the Compliance Division, including Division Director of the Tax Compliance Unit and Criminal Investigation Unit. Michael is the Director of Promotion for the Maine Tax Portal and serves as emcee and organizer for the annual State Tax Symposium. He is a graduate of Thomas College.

JUDY MATHIAU

Judy Mathiau is the former assessor for the town of Winslow. A Certified Maine Assessor, she has worked in the assessing industry since the late 1980s, mostly in Mid-coast Maine. Early in her career, Judy spent three years working with David Ledew and other professional colleagues at Maine Revenue Services, which contributed to her enthusiasm and desire to mentor new assessors. Now semi-retired, she has returned to Maine Revenue Services as a Business Analyst and continues to pass along the practical knowledge she has learned during her career through education and dialogue.

BRYAN SHUCK

Bryan Shuck has made a name for himself as one of the leading experts in assessing marijuana facilities across the state of Oklahoma. Bryan has worked in the assessment industry for over 13 years. He is currently the manager of the Personal Property Department for the Cleveland County Assessor's office in Oklahoma. Bryan and his team are responsible for appraising business personal property, manufactured housing and farm personal property. Prior to working for Cleveland County, Bryan worked as a Personal Property Specialist for the Oklahoma Tax Commission, where he was tasked with educating and training the county assessors and their staff across the state. He has traveled the state of Oklahoma inspecting marijuana businesses, educating business owners and making presentations at local, state, and national conferences to help educate the assessor's offices staff on appraising and assessing the marijuana businesses in their jurisdictions. Bryan has been married to his wife for over 20 years and enjoys working on his cattle ranch and spending time with his grandchildren.

Meet Our Presenters (cont.)

TIM HORAK

Tim Horak is the Director of Government Marketing at EagleView, a leading provider of high-resolution aerial imagery and data analytics for government and commercial markets. In this role, Horak leads product marketing, demand generation, and go-to-market strategy, with a focus on helping local governments modernize workflows. Since joining EagleView in 2021, Horak has led award-winning campaigns, launched thought leadership initiatives across the geospatial and assessment industries, and developed educational content in collaboration with organizations such as IAAO, NSGIC, NACo, and GPN. A frequent contributor to government technology publications, Horak specializes in translating complex technical advancements into actionable strategies for public sector professionals. He holds a bachelor's degree in television and film from Syracuse University and a Master of Business Administration from Ohio State University.

DR HABIB JOSEPH DAGHER

Dr. Habib Joseph Dagher is Professor of Civil/Structural Engineering at the University of Maine, Bath Iron Works Professor of Structural Engineering, and founding Executive Director of the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center (ASCC). Under his leadership, the Center has grown from 4 to over 400 personnel and is now housed in a 100,000 square foot laboratory, the largest university-based research center in Maine. Dr. Dagher is a world-leading advocate for developing sustainable infrastructure and energy systems that simultaneously optimize structures, materials, manufacturing, construction, and maintenance. Dr. Dagher initiated a number of major research programs which have gained ASCC national and international recognition, such as large-scale bio-based additive manufacturing, floating offshore wind technology research, the Transportation Infrastructure Durability Center, and the Modular Ballistic Protection System.

Dr. Dagher received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Dayton-Ohio, Ph.D. in Civil/Structural Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.S. in Engineering Mechanics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a M.S. in Civil/Structural Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Frequently Asked Questions



When will I receive my Certificate of Completion?

After MRS has verified attendance and confirmed attendee responses to poll questions, attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion via email within 30 days, which will reflect the credit earned based on the sessions completed.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your complete and accurate first and last name and email address in Zoom, as this will be used to verify your attendance and issue credits. If you are a regular Zoom user, you may not be prompted to enter your name. Please confirm your name in Zoom by clicking on the “Participants” button at the top of the Zoom window. Next, locate your name and confirm your first and last name have been entered correctly. If you need to change it, hover your mouse over your name in the participants list on the right side of the Zoom window, then click on “Rename” to make corrections and click “OK.”

I cannot attend the entire day. Can I receive partial credit?

Yes. Credits will be earned for each individual session that was completed, dependent on your responses to poll questions. **Credits will not be issued if you log out before a session is complete, which includes entering responses to the poll questions.** In the event of technical difficulties with your device, please note that short unforeseen technical difficulties will not impact your credits in most cases. After the event has concluded, if you do not receive a certificate within 30 days, or have questions about your credits, you may email us at cma.mrs@maine.gov and we will assist you.

How do I access the event from my device?

After your registration has been processed, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the Property Tax Academy. Please save this email. Do not share your link with anyone, as it is specific to each attendee. Sharing the link will invalidate your credits. Upon entering the webinar, you will be asked to enter (or confirm) your name.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your complete and accurate first and last name in Zoom, as this will be used to verify your attendance for continuing education hours.

May I ask questions during the sessions?

Yes. During the Academy, attendees may type questions to the presenters by using the Q/A tab at the bottom of the Zoom page. If there is time, the presenter will field as many questions as possible. The “Raise Hand” feature in Zoom will not be utilized at the Property Tax Academy.

Does this event require any prerequisites or advanced preparation?

No.

How can I prepare in advance for this event?

- Confirm your web browser and Zoom software has been updated to the latest version.
- Reboot your device if you have not done so recently.
- Test your speakers to ensure your audio works properly and the volume level is set to a comfortable level.
- Locate the brochure and agenda at:
www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/property-tax/training-certification
- Locate the confirmation email with your zoom link. Do not share this link, as it is specific to each attendee, and sharing the link with another attendee will invalidate your credits.
- Although MRS is unable to provide technical support for your device, if the event link isn't working, email cma.mrs@maine.gov.

What happens if the poll question does not show on my screen?

During the event, attendees will be asked to respond to random poll questions several times each hour, throughout the entire day. Zoom users who are using an outdated web browser or have the pop-up blocker in their web browser turned on may not see the poll question. Prior to the event, check your web browser application to make sure it has been updated with the latest version and that the pop-up blocker feature has been turned off. Infrequently, some users reported that keeping the Question-and-Answer Window (Q/A window) open throughout the event can affect the polling question; therefore, please keep the Q/A window closed, unless you are asking the panelist a question. You may also try using a different web browser if you cannot see the poll question. For example, if you normally use Chrome, try switching your browser to Edge or vice versa. If you inadvertently miss one question due to a technical difficulty, this will not impact your Certificate of Completion.

Can I call into the Property Tax Academy from my analog phone?

No. Attendees must use an internet-enabled device with sound, such as a tablet, smart phone, or computer to participate in the Property Tax Academy. Attendees do not need a microphone or camera to attend. Attendees are required to use the Zoom app to respond to poll questions throughout the training.

What happens if my device is having a technical issue, or I lose Internet - will I still get credit?

If you have any technical difficulties, please reboot your device and try to re-establish a connection as soon as possible. If you change devices or reboot, make sure you log in using the same link, and confirm you are using your correct full name and email address. A short interruption with your device will not impact your Certificate of Completion. Please note that MRS is unable to provide technical support; however, we can help with registration questions. Call 207-624-5601 for assistance.

Technical Considerations for a Successful MPTA Virtual Program



Maine Property Tax Academy 2025

December 10, 2025 - 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Name: _____ CMA #: _____

Address: _____
_____, _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Municipality/Business Affiliation: _____

Course Registration:	\$ 25.00
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☐ I will submit my payment by check.

Note: If paying by check, please send a copy of this registration form to cma.mrs@maine.gov in addition to mailing with the check, to ensure timely registration.

*Checks should be made payable to: **Treasurer, State of Maine** and mailed to the address below.*

☐ I prefer to pay by credit card.

Note: Please email your registration form to cma.mrs@maine.gov. You will receive the payment link by email once your registration form has been received.

Completed registration and payment, must be received by Friday, December 5, 2025. Send registration and payment information to cma.mrs@maine.gov. Checks should be mailed with a copy of your registration form to:

Maine Revenue Services
Property Tax Division
Attn: Chief of Training and Certification
P.O. Box 9106
Augusta, ME 04332



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Questions? Call 207-624-5601 or email cma.mrs@maine.gov