

**SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING: 6 P.M.**

**IN-PERSON AT 13 VALLEY STREET**

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*(Please note: Members of the public are welcome to offer comments up to 3 minutes in duration during Opening and Closing Public Comments listed on the agenda. The intent is to allow a fair and adequate opportunity for the public to be heard and to provide adequate time for the Board to obtain information and opinion on subjects before it, while ensuring that the time allowed for public discussion does not interfere with the fulfillment of the scheduled agenda. Additional information may be provided to the Board in writing, either pre and/or post meeting.)*

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**REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Pursuant to 22 MRS, §4305(1), to hear comments on amending the municipal General Assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing appendices A through H of the existing ordinance, which shall be in effect from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

**3. OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:**

**5. APPROVE THE WARRANTS**

**6. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**8. TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES UPDATE**

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Review for approval of the amended fee schedule for town properties.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Confirm appointments to the Thomaston Green Park Ad-hoc Committee.
- B. Watts Hall Community Arts Semi-Annual Report to the Select Board as presented by Ben Griffin.
- C. Discuss speed hump requests of residents Holly Mellow and Noreen Mullaney.
- D. Report statement from Atty Patrick Lyons regarding Secret Ballot voting.
- E. Review broadband improvement possibilities per the request of Bill Hahn.
- F. Discuss the Knox Museum renovation plans per the request of Bill Hahn.
- G. Confirm appointment of J.T. O'Hare as Alternate Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director.
- H. Accept with regret the resignation of Ron Porter from the OHSTT Transfer Station Board.

**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT**

**12. ADJOURN**

**Upcoming Dates**

Monday, Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM Academy Board of Trustees (Academy) 6 PM Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Town Offices open at noon
Wednesday, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM Planning Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM Watts Block Trustees (Watts Hall Meeting Rm) 4-5:30 PM Thomaston Public Library Accessibility Grant Workshop (Lura Libby Room/Municipal Building)
Thursday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9 AM Economic and Community Development Committee
Monday, Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM Select Board Executive Session 6 PM Select Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM Recreation Committee 7 PM OHSTT Transfer Station Board Meeting

[For use when adopting **updated appendices only** without amending the body of an existing GA ordinance]

MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(1), the municipal officers of the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, after notice and hearing, hereby amend the municipal General Assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing appendices A through H of the existing ordinance with the attached appendices A through H, which shall be in effect from October 1, 202\_\_ through September 30, 202\_\_. This amendment will be filed with the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(4), and a copy of the ordinance and amended appendices shall be available for public inspection at the municipal office along with a copy of the 22 M.R.S. chapter 1161.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the municipal officers:

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(Print Name)

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(Signature)

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(Print Name)

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(Signature)

{Please send a copy of the enactment page only to DHHS, 109 Capitol Street, SHS 11, Augusta, ME 04330-0011}

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Jeanne M. Lambrew, Ph.D.  
Commissioner



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To: Welfare Officials and Contracted Agents  
From: Sara Denson, Program Manager, General Assistance  
Date: August 28, 2023  
Subject: New GA Maximums for October 1, 2023

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Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024) “**General Assistance Ordinance Appendices**” (A – H).
- Recovery Residence Housing Maximums (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)
- “**GA Ordinance Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of the adoption of any updated or changed GA Ordinance. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new ordinance, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).
- “**GA Maximums Adoption Form**” which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of GA maximums adoption. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new maximums, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS. (*see “Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices” below for further information*).

### Updates

Please note that updates have been made to Appendix A (overall maximums), Appendix B (food maximums), and Appendix C (housing maximums) of the General Assistance Ordinance. There is also a new Recovery Residence Housing Maximums guide. You can find information about the MMA Model Ordinance on the Maine Welfare Director’s Association (MWDA) website at [www.mainewelfaredirectors.org](http://www.mainewelfaredirectors.org).

### Appendix A – H

The enclosed Appendices A – H have been revised for your municipality’s General Assistance Ordinance. These new Appendices, **once adopted**, should replace the existing Appendices A – G. Even if you are not updating your GA Ordinance, **the municipal officers must approve/adopt the new Appendices yearly.**

### **The Adoption Process**

The municipal officers (i.e., selectpersons/council) adopt the local General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices, even in town meeting communities. The law requires that the municipal officers conduct a **notice and hearing** prior to the adoption of the Ordinance and/or Appendices. Seven days posted notice is recommended, unless local law (or practice) provides otherwise.

At the hearing, the municipal officers should:

- 1) Allow all interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- 2) End public discussion, close the hearing; and
- 3) Move and vote to adopt the ordinance and/or appendices either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

### **Municipalities May Establish Their Own Maximums**

Municipalities may establish their own maximum levels of assistance provided that the proposed levels of assistance are reasonable and meet adequate standards sufficient to maintain the health and safety of applicants in the municipality. The municipality must submit to the Department documentation to justify these levels of assistance and verify that the figures developed are appropriate to maintain health and decency.

A municipality's maximum assistance level for Food may not be below the Department provided figures which are issued by the USDA and published annually following a study of cost of food for various family sizes. A market basket survey may be used to establish food maximums if the maximums provided by the USDA are insufficient to maintain health in the municipality. (C.M.R. 10-144, Chapter 323, Section V).

### **Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices**

Please remember that General Assistance law requires each municipality to send DHHS a copy of its ordinance once adopted, should that ordinance differ from the MMA Model. Any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that your Municipal Officers have adopted the current MMA Model GA maximums and/or ordinance. If you are not making changes to your adopted ordinance, you are only required to submit verification that the new Appendices have been adopted.

## 2023-2024 GA Overall Maximums

### Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Bangor HMFA:</b> Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	886	1,029	1,316	1,638	2,241
<b>Cumberland County HMFA:</b> Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,103	1,235	1,626	2,049	2,215
<b>Lewiston/Auburn MSA:</b> Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	853	925	1,186	1,543	1,870
<b>Penobscot County HMFA:</b> Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	846	853	1,126	1,408	1,537
<b>Portland HMFA:</b> Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,367	1,593	2,045	2,611	3,201
<b>Sagadahoc HMFA:</b> Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	938	1,118	1,360	1,857	2,219

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COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>York County HMFA:</b> Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Comish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,154	1,217	1,509	1,961	2,207
<b>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA:</b> Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,327	1,393	1,834	2,489	3,175

\*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

**Non-Metropolitan Areas**

**Persons in Household**

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
<b>Aroostook County</b>	742	812	951	1,281	1,464
<b>Franklin County</b>	781	834	1,033	1,383	1,695
<b>Hancock County</b>	965	996	1,198	1,521	1,655
<b>Kennebec County</b>	879	899	1,120	1,470	1,587
<b>Knox County</b>	905	913	1,120	1,490	1,592
<b>Lincoln County</b>	1,004	1,013	1,282	1,582	2,069
<b>Oxford County</b>	873	878	1,072	1,514	1,761
<b>Piscataquis County</b>	752	810	1,000	1,326	1,598
<b>Somerset County</b>	810	851	1,098	1,430	1,532
<b>Waldo County</b>	1,041	1,047	1,256	1,558	2,132
<b>Washington County</b>	811	816	1,060	1,328	1,453

\* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

## Appendix B

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### 2023-2024 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the [U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan](#). As of October 1, 2023, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 67.67	\$ 291.00
2	124.42	535.00
3	178.14	766.00
4	226.28	973.00
5	268.60	1,155.00
6	322.33	1,386.00
7	356.28	1,532.00
8	407.21	1,751.00

**Note: For each additional person add \$219 per month.**



## 2023-2024 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

**NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! ONLY consider adopting the following numbers if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted, and the figures altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

### Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<b>Aroostook County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	134	577	169	726	
1	139	598	185	794	
2	156	672	216	929	
3	218	940	292	1,256	
4	243	1,044	333	1,434	
<b>Franklin County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	143	616	178	765	
1	144	620	190	816	
2	175	754	235	1,011	
3	242	1,042	316	1,358	
4	296	1,275	387	1,665	
<b>Hancock County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	191	821	221	950	
1	191	821	228	979	
2	222	956	274	1,177	
3	285	1,227	348	1,496	
4	301	1,293	378	1,625	
<b>Kennebec County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	171	735	201	864	
1	171	735	205	882	
2	204	878	256	1,099	
3	274	1,176	336	1,445	
4	285	1,225	362	1,557	



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**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b>Knox County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	177	761	207	890	
1	177	761	208	896	
2	204	878	256	1,099	
3	278	1,196	341	1,465	
4	286	1,230	363	1,562	
<b>Lincoln County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	200	860	230	989	
1	200	860	232	996	
2	242	1,040	293	1,261	
3	300	1,288	362	1,557	
4	397	1,707	474	2,039	
<b>Oxford County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	169	729	200	858	
1	169	729	200	861	
2	193	830	244	1,051	
3	284	1,220	346	1,489	
4	325	1,399	403	1,731	
<b>Piscataquis County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	136	587	171	736	
1	139	596	184	792	
2	168	721	227	978	
3	229	985	302	1,301	
4	274	1,178	365	1,568	
<b>Somerset County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	155	666	185	795	
1	155	666	194	834	
2	199	856	250	1,077	
3	264	1,136	327	1,405	
4	272	1,170	349	1,502	



**Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b>Waldo County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	209	897	239	1,026	
1	209	897	239	1,030	
2	236	1,014	287	1,235	
3	294	1,264	357	1,533	
4	412	1,770	489	2,102	

<b>Washington County</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	155	667	185	796	
1	155	667	186	799	
2	190	818	242	1,036	
3	241	1,034	303	1,303	
4	254	1,091	331	1,423	

**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b>Bangor HMEA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	172	742	203	871	
1	196	841	235	1,012	
2	250	1,074	301	1,295	
3	313	1,344	375	1,613	
4	437	1,879	514	2,211	

<b>Cumberland Cty. HMEA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	223	959	253	1,088	
1	244	1,047	283	1,218	
2	322	1,384	373	1,605	
3	408	1,755	471	2,024	
4	431	1,853	508	2,185	

<b>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	165	709	195	838	
1	171	737	211	908	
2	220	944	271	1,165	
3	291	1,249	353	1,518	
4	351	1,508	428	1,840	



**Metropolitan FMR Areas**

<b>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	163	702	193	831	
1	163	702	194	836	
2	206	884	257	1,105	
3	259	1,114	322	1,383	
4	273	1,175	351	1,507	
<b>Portland HMFA</b>					
<b>Portland HMFA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	284	1,223	314	1,352	
1	327	1,405	366	1,576	
2	419	1,803	471	2,024	
3	539	2,317	601	2,586	
4	660	2,839	738	3,171	
<b>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</b>					
<b>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	185	794	215	923	
1	216	930	256	1,101	
2	260	1,118	311	1,339	
3	364	1,563	426	1,832	
4	432	1,857	509	2,189	
<b>York Cty. HMEA</b>					
<b>York Cty. HMEA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	235	1,010	265	1,139	
1	239	1,029	279	1,200	
2	295	1,267	346	1,488	
3	388	1,667	450	1,936	
4	429	1,845	506	2,177	
<b>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</b>					
<b>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</b>		<b>Unheated</b>		<b>Heated</b>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	275	1,183	305	1,312	
1	280	1,205	320	1,376	
2	370	1,592	422	1,813	
3	511	2,195	573	2,464	
4	654	2,813	731	3,145	

## 2023-2024 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

### APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

<u>County</u>	<u>Persons in Household</u>					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p><b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$75 per month.</p> <p><b>(The applicable figures from Appendix A, once adopted, should be inserted here.)</b></p>						

### APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 67.67	\$ 291.00
2	124.42	535.00
3	178.14	766.00
4	226.28	973.00
5	268.60	1,155.00
6	322.33	1,386.00
7	356.28	1,532.00
8	407.21	1,751.00
<p><b>NOTE:</b> For each additional person add \$219 per month.</p>		

### APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

<u>Number of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
<p><b>(The applicable figures from Appendix C, once adopted, should be inserted here.)</b></p>				

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## APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

### ELECTRIC

**NOTE:** For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the "maximums" established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households *Without Electric Hot Water*:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$ 85.50
2	\$22.52	\$ 96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households *With Electrically Heated Hot Water*:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

**NOTE:** For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

## APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

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**NOTE:** When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

**APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES**

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

**NOTE:** For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

## **Appendix G**

**Effective: 10/01/23-09/30/24**

### **2023-2024 Mileage Rate**

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel etc. is 46 cents (46¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8420 or visit <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>



## **Funeral Maximums**

### **Burial Maximums**

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,475**. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

### **Cremation Maximums**

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,025**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary

## **Appendix H**

**Effective: 10/01/23-9/30/24**

- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

# 2023-2024 GA Housing Maximums Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/1/2023- 9/30/2024

## Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	148.88	595.50

<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	153.00	612.00

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	183.56	734.25

<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	165.38	661.50

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	165.38	672.00

<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	186.75	747.00

<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	161.44	645.75

<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	148.50	594.00

<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	156.38	599.25

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	193.13	772.50

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	149.81	599.25

## Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	189.75	759.00

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	228.38	913.50

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	170.25	681.00

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	156.75	627.00

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	295.50	1182.00

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	206.44	825.75

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	225.00	900.00

<u>York/Kittery/S Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	258.00	1032.00

**OVERALL MAXIMUMS (A)**

**Persons in Household**

1	2	3	4	5
\$905	\$913	\$1,120	\$1,490	\$1,592

Household of 6 = \$1,667

\* Add \$75 for each additional person

**FOOD MAXIMUMS (B)**

Persons	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$67.67	\$291
2	\$124.42	\$535
3	\$178.14	\$766
4	\$226.28	\$973
5	\$268.60	\$1,155
6	\$322.33	\$1,386
7	\$356.28	\$1,532
8	\$407.21	\$1,751

Add \$219 per month for each + person

**HEATING FUEL (E)**

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	225	June - Aug	0
February	225	September	50
March	125	October	100
April	125	November	200
May	50	December	200

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane

**HOUSING MAXIMUMS (C)**

BEDROOM	UNHEATED		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$177	\$761	\$207	\$890
1	\$177	\$761	\$208	\$896
2	\$204	\$878	\$256	\$1,099
3	\$278	\$1,196	\$341	\$1,465
4	\$286	\$1,230	\$363	\$1,562

**PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES (F)**

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

**SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5**

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

**MILEAGE RATE (G)**

46 cents (\$0.46) per mile

**FUNERAL MAXIMUMS (H)**

Burial: \$1,475+; Cremation: \$1,025+

**ELECTRIC (D)**

NOTE For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need  
1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water. The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$85.50
2	\$22.52	\$96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) Electricity Maximums for Households with Electrically Heated Hot Water. The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

1-800-442-6003



13 Valley Street,  
 Thomaston, ME 04861  
 Phone 207-354-6107  
 Fax 207-354-2132  
[www.thomastonmaine.gov](http://www.thomastonmaine.gov)

# Town of Thomaston Rental Fee Schedule

## Academy Building Gym, 60 Main Street

<b>Renter:</b>	<b>Per Hour</b>	<b>Full Day</b>	<b>Cleaning Fee</b>
Business/Individual	\$25/per hour	\$150/full day	\$25.00
Non-Profit (501c3)	No fee	No fee	\$25.00

## Municipal Building Lura Libby Room, 13 Valley Street

<b>Renter:</b>	<b>Per Hour</b>	<b>Full Day</b>	<b>Cleaning Fee</b>
Business/Individual	\$25/per hour	\$150/full day	\$25.00
Non-Profit (501c3)	No fee	No fee	\$25.00

*\*Space is available during regular office hours/Other requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*

## Watts Hall, 174 Main Street

Please visit [www.wattshallthomaston.com](http://www.wattshallthomaston.com) for the current fees and application forms to rent Watts Hall or contact Charlie & Susan Grover at: Phone- 207-542-8449 or Email- [wattshallcommunityarts@gmail.com](mailto:wattshallcommunityarts@gmail.com) for more information.

## Thomaston Green Park Space & Gazebo, Main St./Wadsworth St. (Former Maine State Prison Site)

<b>Renter:</b>	<b>Half Day (1-4 hours)</b>	<b>Full Day (Over 4 hours)</b>
Resident (Personal use)	\$25/per hour	\$175/full day
Non-Resident (Personal use)	\$50/per hour	\$350/full day
Non-Profit (501c3)	\$25/per hour	\$175/full day
Business	\$50/per hour	\$350/full day

~~*\*Use of Town's parks is at the user's risk. We cannot prevent the public from having access to our parks.*~~

Reservations do not guarantee exclusive use of the public park. The application form is required for gatherings reasonably anticipated to draw over 50 attendees, and must be completed and returned with the required seventy-five (\$75) dollar fee in advance of the reservation date. In no case shall any individual or group deprive the public at large from the normal use and enjoyment of the park.



# Terms of Use

## Application & Fees

- Renter must complete an application to be submitted in advance to the Town Manager at [kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov).
- Events at the Thomaston Green requires Select Board approval.
- Rates and conditions may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis.
- All rental fees must be paid in FULL in advance of reservation date.
- There is a non-refundable \$85.00 fee for unreturned/lost building keys.

## Prohibited Activities

- Alcohol is prohibited at the Academy Building and Municipal Building.
- If Alcohol is being sold, or otherwise available at the Thomaston Green or Watts Hall, permission must be obtained through application at the Town Clerk's Office, and must be approved by the Select Board. If alcohol is sold, this requires applicable State of Maine Liquor licensing.
- Smoking and firearms are strictly prohibited at all town-owned properties.
- No nails, screws, pin tacks or paint shall be used on the premises of the Academy Building, Municipal Building, Town Gazebo or Watts Hall.

## Insurance

- The Select Board may require Tenant Users Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) Insurance when using municipal-owned property.
- Both the certificate of insurance and any additional insured endorsements shall be sent to [ibenson@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:ibenson@thomastonmaine.gov) and must state that the policy is endorsed to name the Town of Thomaston as an additional insured pursuant to the date of the event (and rain date.)

## Revocable Permits

- The Town reserves the unconditional right to control or cancel events to protect and/or prohibit damage to public property.
- The Town reserves the unconditional right to deny, revoke, or revise an application.

## Assumption of Risk & Liability

- Users of Town owned property agree to accept grounds in an "as is" condition and shall be responsible for all risk and liability in using Town owned properties for the said event. By returning this form, the above parties agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Thomaston, its employees and agents, from and against all claims arising out of activities during said event.

**I have read and understand the Town of Thomaston's Terms of Use. I accept responsibility for compliance with Thomaston's policies and regulations contained within and payment of fees and additional assessment in the event of damages associated with the use of the facilities. Failure to do so may result in refusal of future uses of the facilities.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Town of Thomaston Property Use Application

<b>Town Property Site:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Academy Building Gym	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomaston Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building Lura Libby Room
<b>Applicant:</b>		
Name:		Email Address:
Street Address:		Home/Work Phone:
City/State/Zip:		Cell Phone:
<b>Event:</b>		
Organization/Group:		
Type of Organization:	<input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> 501c3 Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident	
Type of Event:		
Date (s):	Start Time:	End Time:
Expected Number of Attendees:		
<b>Insurance:</b>		
Insurance Company:		
Policy #:		
Limits of Liability:		
<b>Please attach a copy of certificate of insurance naming the Town of Thomaston as an additional insured policy.</b>		
<b>General Service Questions:</b>		
Are you setting up canopies or tents? What is your plan to repair any damage caused by stakes, tie-downs, etc.?		
Are you having the event catered or are you serving alcohol?		
Are you setting up a PA (sound) system? Amplified Music? Band? DJ?		
Will your event require Police, Fire, or EMS assistance? Additional fees may apply. Please describe.		
<b>Town Office Use Only</b>		
Approved _____	Denied _____	Date _____
Cleaning Fee \$ _____		
Rent Fee \$ _____	Town Official Signature	
Other Fee \$ _____		
Total Paid \$ _____	Title	

**Thomaston Green Park Committe (AD-HOC)****Members List**

<b>Total</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Thomaston Resident</b>
1		Jon Eaton, <b>Co-Chair</b>	Yes
2		Zel Bowman-Laberge, <b>Co-Chair</b>	Yes
3	Baker	Nancy	Yes
4	Barthelette	Janey	Yes
5	Blake	Alan	Yes
6	Burns	Michael	Yes
7	Carty	Jeff	Yes
8	Derene	Kathy	Yes
9	Fajardo	Julie	Yes
10	Farthing	Jane	Yes
11	FitzPatrick	Olivia	Yes
12	Gamage	Ron	Yes
13	Haimila	Sandra	Yes
14	Hubbard	Patricia	Yes
15	McGeady	Marla	Yes
16	Mullaney	Noreen	Yes
17	Norton	Kathleen	Yes
18	Paul	Shade	Yes
19	Perry	Linda	Yes
20	Rodriguez	Kendray	Yes
21	Simoneau	Valerie	Yes
22	Tlapak	Alysia	Yes



## **WATTS HALL COMMUNITY ARTS SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO THOMASTON SELECT BOARD**

**September 11, 2023**

### **1. 2022-2023 Season (September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023):**

- a. Watts Hall hosted 55 events including dance bands, orchestras, community theater, tribute bands (Johnny Cash and Elton John), book signings, photos with Santa and other children's programs, choral music and other well attended events.**
- b. Watts Block Second Floor Space was used for 29 community meetings/events including meetings of the Shellfish Committee, Conservation Committee, Watts Block Trustees, Fire and EMS Teams, Thomaston Dog Park and Thomaston Garden Club. The space also was open for five weeks this summer for Inside Vision, a display of artwork by artists from the Maine State Prison. The Exhibition was free to the public, and all donations were given to purchase art supplies for the program at the Prison.**
- c. Watts Hall was used for 106 rehearsals by the Down East Singers, The Watts Hall Band and Watts Hall Community Players.**

### **2. 2023-2024 Season (September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024):**

- a. The upcoming Season will highlight some of the best of Maine's artistic talent and bring back some fan-favorite events from last year. The Season will include a murder mystery dinner theater, comedy improv with the Doppelbloopers, dance parties, children's programs (including the Children's Museum and Theatre traveling production of Charlotte's Web) and the Watts Hall Community Players' Merry Mannequins and summer musical. We also will feature several regional musical acts including singer/songwriter Lauren Crosby, The Who tribute band Magic Bus, Celtic music by The Napper Candies, original contemporary ballet by Resurgence Dance Company, Sunday chamber music and Theater Overnight in partnership with Watts Hall Community Players.**
- b. The Second Floor Space will continue to be used to host meetings of community groups including the Thomaston Dog Park, DAR, Knox County TRIAD and the Shellfish Committee. We also have event partnerships planned with the Knox Museum and the Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery.**
- c. Watts Hall will continue to be used for rehearsals by Down East Singers, The Watts Hall Band and Watts Hall Community Players.**

### **3. Watts Hall Community Arts Contribution to Watts Hall Trustees.**

## Kara George

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**From:** Holly Merrow <hollyamerrow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 8:06 AM  
**To:** Brandon Allen  
**Cc:** Kara George  
**Subject:** Speed Humps for Roxbury St.

Dear Kara and Brandon,

I am writing to request consideration to install speed humps on Roxbury st. 500 feet apart min. Of 3 inches tall and the length of the street width with adequate signage to warn drivers, emergency vehicles and snow plow drivers. This could be done before the planned paving to make them part of the street.

We are having a lot of problems on this narrow st. (As we are in many other streets) With Speeding and ignoring stop signs and we do not have adequate police presence to solve this problem. We have many people who use this street to walk, jog and bike as well as many children who play and ride bikes at the apartments in or near the street. People are using this street to cut through from rte 1 as they do for many other side streets like this. They are speeding and not able to really pull over if someone is walking up the street due to its width. Someone is going to get hurt if we don't do something soon. Please see below some info I found about adding speed humps on local town streets. Please advise the process to bring this before the select board and or the planning board. Please forward this email to the planning board for review.

Thank you,  
Holly Merrow  
36 Roxbury  
207-838-0655

### DESCRIPTION

A speed hump is an area of raised pavement 3 inches high, and either 12 feet or 22 feet long in the direction of travel. On secondary residential streets (unless a full-time transit route), a 12-foot "standard" hump is used. Standard speed humps can be comfortably traversed at 15-20 MPH.

On primary residential streets and on any eligible street that is a full-time transit route, a 22-foot "flat top" speed hump is used. Flat top speed humps can be comfortably traversed at 20-25 MPH.

### PURPOSE

Speed humps are intended to reduce excessive vehicle speeds.

### EFFECTIVENESS

Speeds decrease at the humps and between properly spaced successive humps. Speeds of both higher and average speed motorists are reduced. This effect remains relatively constant over time. In the long-term, reduction in speeds generally has a positive effect on pedestrian and traffic safety by reducing the number and severity of accidents.

### LOCATION

Speed humps are spaced a minimum of 500 feet apart. Spacing intervals of up to 750 feet can be satisfactory depending on street characteristics. Generally, they are not placed on steep hills, on sharp curves, close to intersections, or in front of driveways. Efforts are made to select speed hump locations that are the least obtrusive to adjacent residents, such as at property lines.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Like other vehicles, emergency response vehicles must cross a speed hump at reduced speeds. The speed hump design and spacing selected for any street takes into consideration whether it is a regularly used response route. Studies have

shown delays of one to nine seconds per standard hump depending on the emergency vehicle type and the desired travel speed.

#### SNOW PLOWING

The speed humps are designed to allow snow plows to traverse them smoothly with no significant impedance. Signs installed next to each speed hump ensure that adequate warning of its location is maintained during snow events.

#### PARKING IMPACTS

It is not necessary to prohibit parking at or on speed humps, although residents may not feel comfortable parking on them.

#### NOISE/VIBRATION

Some noise is generated at the hump itself when traversed by large trucks, buses or vehicles with trailers. However, lower speeds generally result in lower noise levels between humps, so the overall noise effect may be negligible. Increased roadway vibrations near a speed hump are possible.

#### TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Traffic volumes may decrease slightly after speed humps are installed. This would be a good thing.

Sent from my iPhone

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Warmest Regards,  
*Holly Merrow*  
207-838-0655  
[hollyamerrow@gmail.com](mailto:hollyamerrow@gmail.com)

## Kara George

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**From:** Noreen Mullaney <noriemulley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 12:14 AM  
**To:** Kara George; Missy Stevens  
**Subject:** Speed hump on Beechwood at/as the crosswalk  
**Attachments:** speed\_hump\_application\_wattachments\_11.8.22.pdf

Hello Kara,

I would like to get a speed hump on the next agenda.

I live at 30 Beechwood street. There is a crosswalk on the street right near my house. Everyone speeds on this street. It is so bad...even as I type this email I can hear vehicles speeding by. Also I have had cars go right by me while on the crosswalk. I believe that if there were a speed hump as the crosswalk it could be very effective and make the crosswalk a safer place to cross the street. The speed hump would have a dual purpose. Slow down the vehicles and make the crosswalk safer.

I have attached an Application I found that another town/city uses. Maybe we can adapt it to our town?

Also I have found a Youtube video about speed humps and bumps.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mRtTDLAhRI&t=10s>

My request is to get a speed hump on the agenda for the crosswalk on Beechwood Street.

Thank you

Noreen

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Noreen Mullaney  
(207) 691-5015

***Every time you spend MONEY you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.***

~Anna Lappe

# SPEED HUMP ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Fill out the following checklist; if the answer to all questions/statements is "yes", review the policies and procedures and fill out the Speed Hump Application. If you answer "no" to any of these questions/statements or are unsure about any of these questions/statements, please contact City staff at 971-204-4600.

Yes	No	
_____	_____	Is the street classified as a residential street or lesser classification in the Oregon City Transportation System Plan <a href="https://www.orcity.org/publicworks/2013-transportation-system-plan">https://www.orcity.org/publicworks/2013-transportation-system-plan</a>
_____	_____	This street does not provide a transportation service to the community beyond that of simply providing access to the immediate abutting residences.
_____	_____	Does the street carry fewer than 2,500 vehicles per day?
_____	_____	Does the street have a designated speed limit of 25 mph?
_____	_____	Does the street have no more than one traffic lane in each direction?
_____	_____	Are 85th percentile speeds less than 30 mph?
_____	_____	This street is not designated as a truck route or a transit route.
_____	_____	Are the grades on the street less than eight percent (8%)?
_____	_____	Does the street have adequate vertical and horizontal alignment and sight distances to allow for safe installation of speed humps?
_____	_____	The street is not a primary access route for emergency vehicles.

# **SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION POLICY**

## **BACKGROUND**

Speed humps are an accepted traffic calming device suitable for installation on residential streets in Oregon City. The installation of speed humps has been shown in some circumstances to slow traffic, but is not a guarantee that the street is a safe place for children to play. Streets exist primarily for the passage of motor vehicles; hence residents, both adults and children, should exercise due care when in the roadway.

Installation of speed humps on streets other than local residential streets could have potentially severe traffic safety consequences, almost certainly affect emergency services and other service delivery activities, and likely create the diversion of large amounts of through traffic onto adjacent local residential streets, which were not intended for that purpose. Therefore, speed humps will not be considered for streets that are classified as collector streets or higher in the Transportation System Plan (TSP), or which are determined to provide a transportation service to the community beyond that of simply providing access to the immediate abutting residences.

The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances and criteria under which speed humps will be considered for installation on a residential street.

## **MINIMUM CRITERIA**

The following minimum criteria shall govern installation of speed humps in the City:

- Speed humps will be considered only after other less intrusive traffic calming measures have been rejected as infeasible or ineffective.
- Speed humps will be available only on residential streets carrying fewer than 2,500 vehicles per day.
- Speed humps will be available only on streets that have a designated speed limit of 25 mph as determined in accordance with State Law, and no more than one traffic lane in each direction.
- Speed humps will not be installed on any street where 85th percentile speeds are greater than 30 mph.
- Speed humps will not be installed on any street designated as a truck route or a transit route.
- Speed humps will not be installed on a portion of any street with a grade in excess of eight percent (8%).
- Speed humps will not be installed on any street as to which there is, in the judgment of the City Engineer, inadequate vertical and horizontal alignment and sight distances to allow for safe installation.
- Speed humps will not be installed on any street that is a primary access route for emergency vehicles and would cause, in the judgment of the City Engineer, unacceptable delay in response time to emergencies.

As described in the accompanying Speed Hump Installation Procedures, speed humps will only be installed if 100% of the owners of residences immediately adjacent to the proposed speed humps (one vote per ownership) and 67% of the occupants of residences in the neighborhood signing a petition (one vote per dwelling unit) request the speed humps.

For this policy the following definitions shall apply:

**Immediately Adjacent** - Any part of a property being located within 50 feet of the location of the proposed speed hump.

**Neighborhood** - All dwelling units which take access from the street with the proposed speed hump, extending in each direction from the speed hump to the first cross street.

## **CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

The installation of speed humps and associated traffic control devices shall conform to City design standards.

Speed humps should be installed on logical segments of local residential streets, separated from each other by approximately 300 feet. Logical segments are considered to be segments between arterial streets or between natural discontinuities, such as jogs in the street. Speed humps will not be installed in isolated blocks along a continuous street, or on relatively short (less than 800 feet) cul-de-sac-streets.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD - FUNDED INSTALLATION**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will process requests for speed hump installation in the order received from petitioners that can privately finance the speed hump installation. Once a location has been approved, and only after the petitioners have committed in writing to privately fund the installation, the City will prepare a drawing indicating the number and locations of humps and warning signs. The petitioners may then retain a City approved contractor and install the speed hump, pursuant to City requirements and specifications. Speed Hump projects will be approved in the order received unless the TAC determine that conditions on a particular street, as demonstrated by speed or accident statistics, require that the street be given greater priority.

# **SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION PROCEDURES**

## **APPLICATION**

The TAC's adopted policies and procedures for the installation of speed humps will be made available to all interested parties.

A representative of a local residential street, who believes the residents on his or her street will support the installation of speed humps, shall complete a Speed Hump Application (Attachment 1) and obtain signatures from 10 resident/business owners in the vicinity of the problem street. The City Engineer will consult with the Police, Fire, and Planning Departments, as well as the City Manager, in making a determination as to whether the street in question is eligible for further consideration for the installation of speed humps based on the criteria contained in the above speed hump policy. The City Engineer will present his or her findings to the TAC who will make recommendations to the City Engineer, who will then make the final eligibility determination.

## **DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Upon determination by the TAC that a street is not eligible for speed humps, the representative(s) of the street will be notified in writing of the reason why the street is not eligible. The representative(s) of the street will have fifteen (15) days to appeal the decision to the TAC. Appeals must be timely delivered in writing to the TAC (care of the City of Oregon City, 122 S Center Street, Oregon City, Oregon 97045) and set forth the basis for the appeal. The TAC will consider the appellants' appeal in light of the speed hump policy, and either affirm, reverse or modify their decision. A further appeal may be taken from the TAC to the City Commission, in accordance with the same time and procedural requirements as set forth above. The decision of the City Commission shall be final.

Upon determination that a street is eligible for further consideration, the representative of the street will be advised to submit statements of understanding from owners of 100% of the residences immediately adjacent to the proposed speed humps (See Attachment 2) and a petition documenting support of at least a 2/3 majority of the occupants of the residences in the neighborhood requesting the speed humps (See Attachment 3). Only one vote will be counted per ownership and per dwelling unit.

## **SUBMISSION OF PETITION**

The sponsor of the petition shall contact every resident of the abutting properties on the subject street. If a resident is against the speed humps, the word "opposed" will be noted on the petition signature space. If the sponsor is unable to contact a resident, "no contact" will be noted on the petition signature space with the days and times that contact was attempted. The sponsor must make at least two (2) attempts on separate days and separate times to contact a resident.



## **VERIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF PETITION**

Upon receipt of a complete petition containing the requisite number of signatures, the proposal will be scheduled for a hearing before the TAC, which will make a recommendation to approve or deny the installation of speed humps. The TAC's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Engineer. The decision of the City Engineer shall be final.

## **PRIORITY RANKING**

Speed hump requests will be prioritized in the order received and approved, unless the TAC or the City Engineer determine that conditions on a particular street, as demonstrated by speed or accident statistics, require greater priority. Approved projects may be privately funded.

The City reserves the right to install speed humps without a resident petition, as circumstances require.

## **REMOVAL OF SPEED HUMPS**

Speed humps installed upon resident petition pursuant to this policy may be removed either by the City upon a determination that the removal is required for public safety reasons, or by petition of a substantial majority (67% or more) of occupants of residences within the same geographic area as petitioned for the humps, requesting the removal. If removal is by petition, the residents shall pay the cost of removal, which sum shall be deposited with the City prior to the removal.

## **Attachments**

1. Speed Hump Application
2. Petition Supporting the Installation of Speed Humps
3. Statement of Understanding
4. Speed Hump Specification
5. Sign Assembly Specification

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# CITY OF OREGON CITY SPEED HUMP APPLICATION

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**Sketch of Area**

**CITY AUTHORIZATIONS**

<b>Police Department</b> _____ Signature of Authorized Representative                      Date _____ Print Name    Title	<b>Comments</b> _____ _____ _____
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<b>Public Works Department</b> _____ Signature of Authorized Representative                      Date _____ Print Name    Title	<b>Comments</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>City Manager</b> _____ Signature of Authorized Representative                      Date _____ Print Name    Title	<b>Comments</b> _____ _____ _____

**PETITION SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS**

We, the undersigned residents of \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby request that the City of Oregon City install speed humps on our street at our expense. By signing below, we understand that the speed humps with related signage and street markings may be installed in front of our house and may eliminate our ability to park along the street.

The sponsor of the petition shall contact every resident of the abutting properties on the subject street. **If a resident is against the speed humps, the word "opposed" is to be noted in the petition signature space.** If the sponsor is unable to contact a resident, "no contact" will be noted on the petition signature space with the days and times that contact was attempted. The sponsor must make at least two (2) attempts on separate days to contact a resident.

We also understand that installing speed humps may increase traffic noise and emergency response to our home. We agree that if, in the future, we desire to remove the speed humps, the humps will only be considered for removal after the receipt of a petition from a substantial majority (67% or more) asking for the removal, along with the sufficient funds for their removal (approximately \$1,000 per hump). Note that the City may remove any or all of the humps at any time for safety reasons at no cost to the abutting property owners.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

DATE	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	SIGNATURE	STREET & MAILING ADDRESS	DAYTIME PHONE

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

I/We understand that on \_\_\_\_\_ the City Engineer approved the installation of speed humps on \_\_\_\_\_ as a traffic calming measure.

Further, I/We understand that a speed hump will be installed adjacent to my/our driveway causing me/us to have to drive over the hump when entering and/or leaving the driveway.

I/We do/do not (circle one) object to this installation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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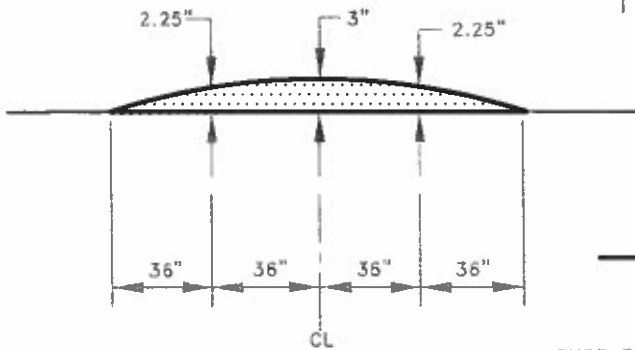
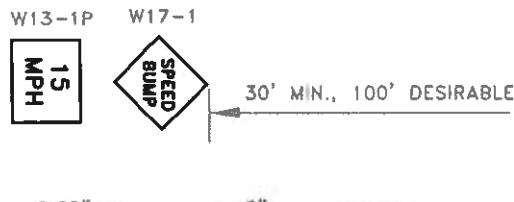
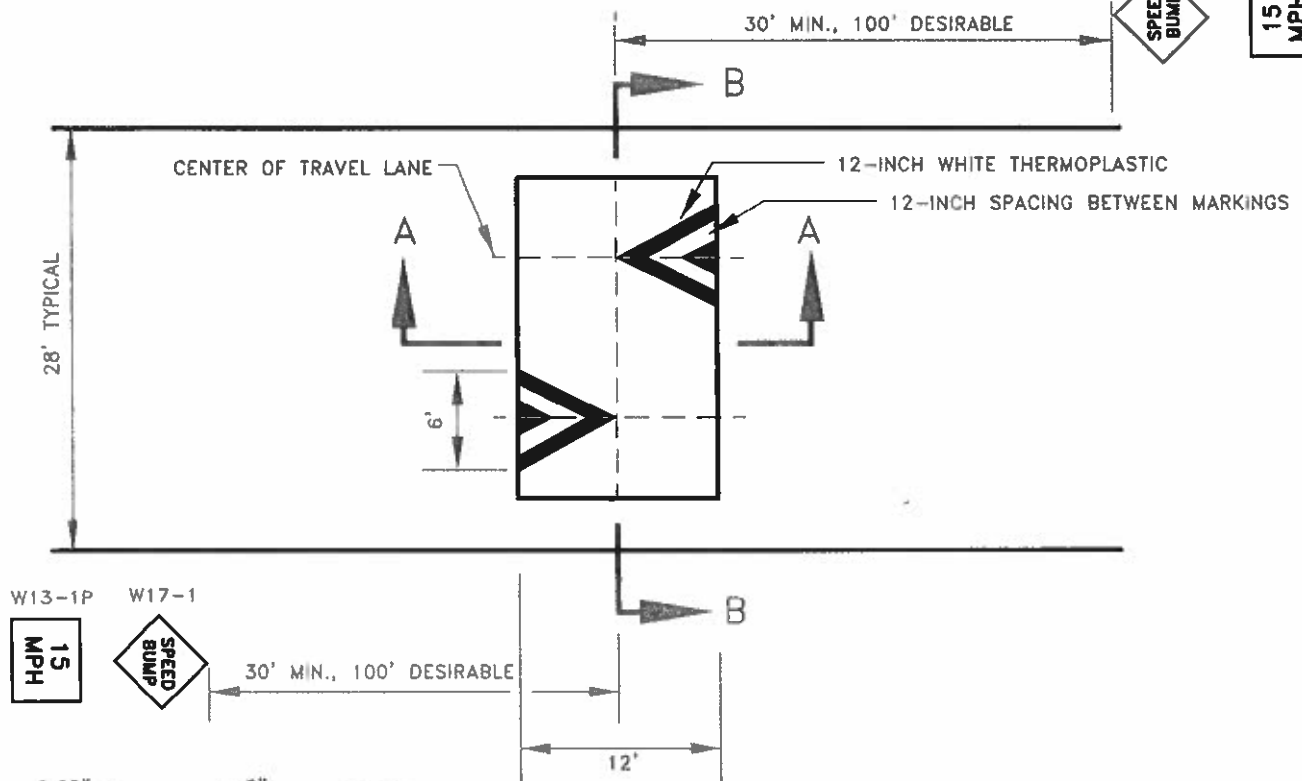
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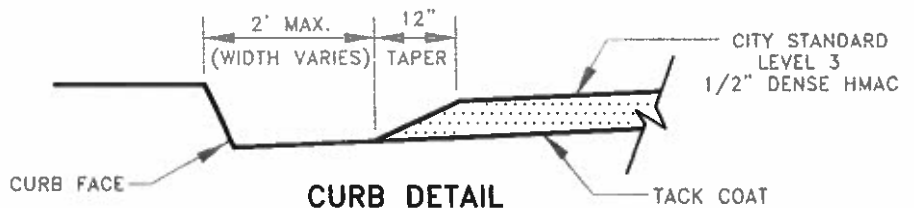
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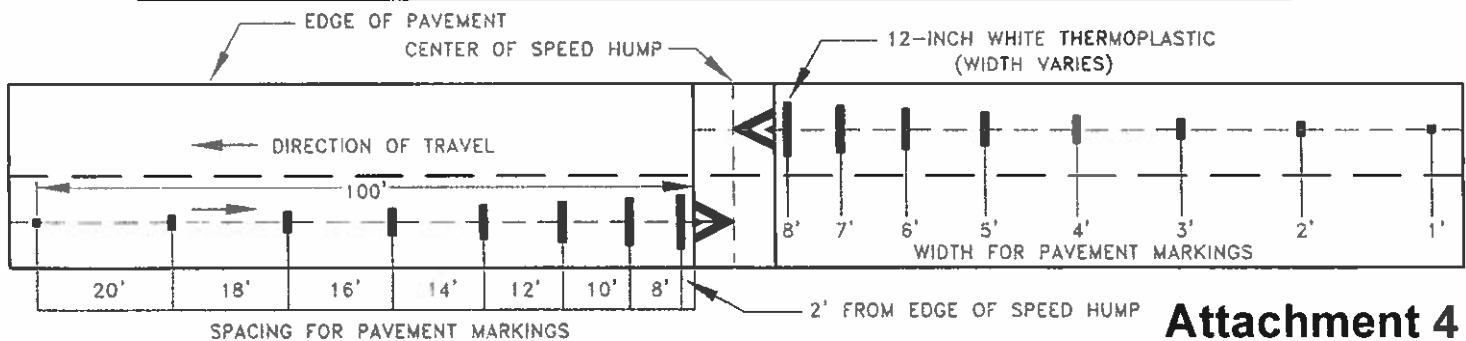


**PARABOLIC CROWN  
SECTION A-A**



**CURB DETAIL  
SECTION B-B**

## SPEED HUMP ADVANCE WARNING PAVEMENT MARKINGS



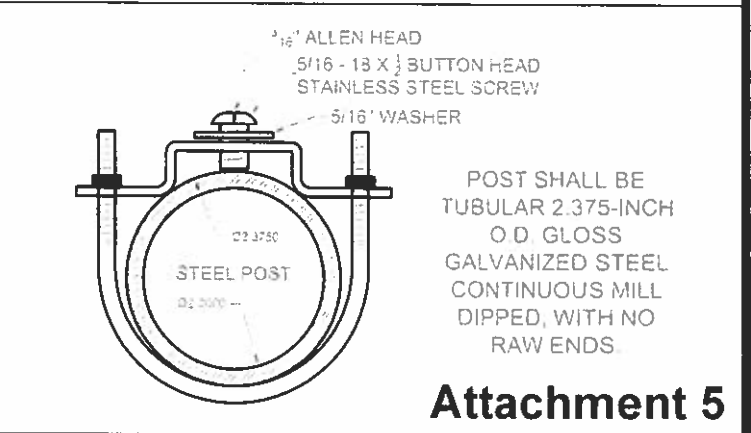
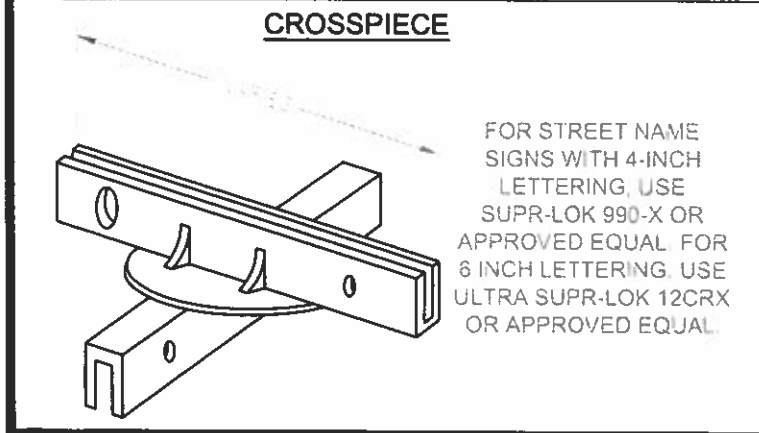
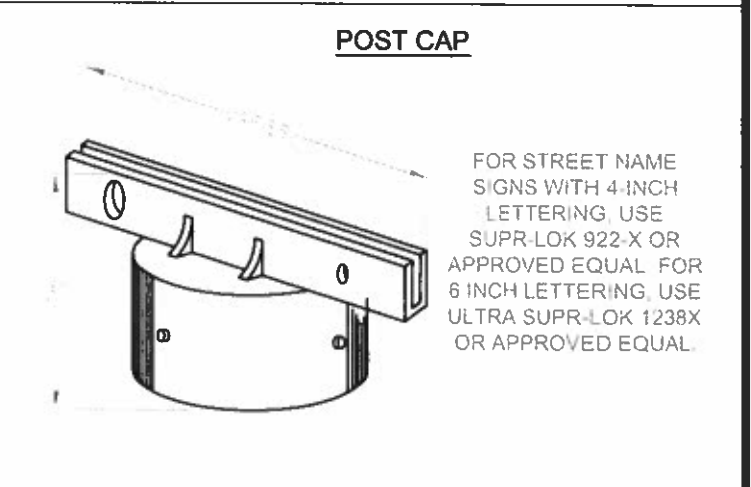
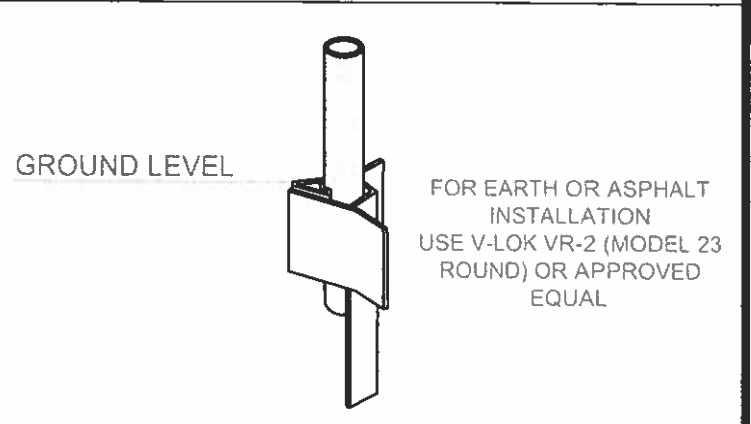
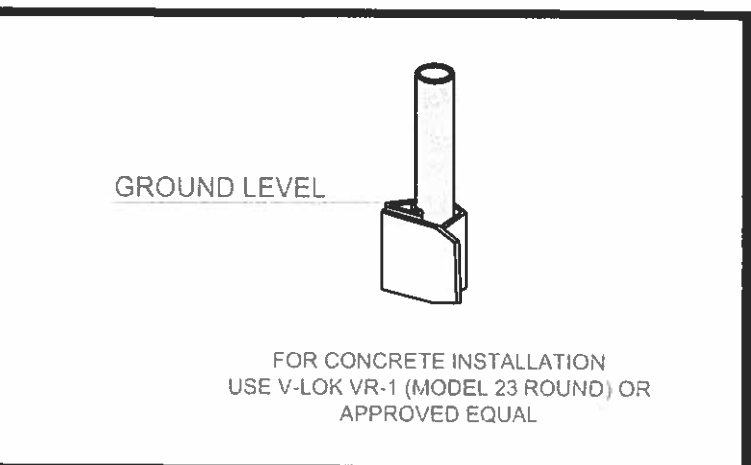
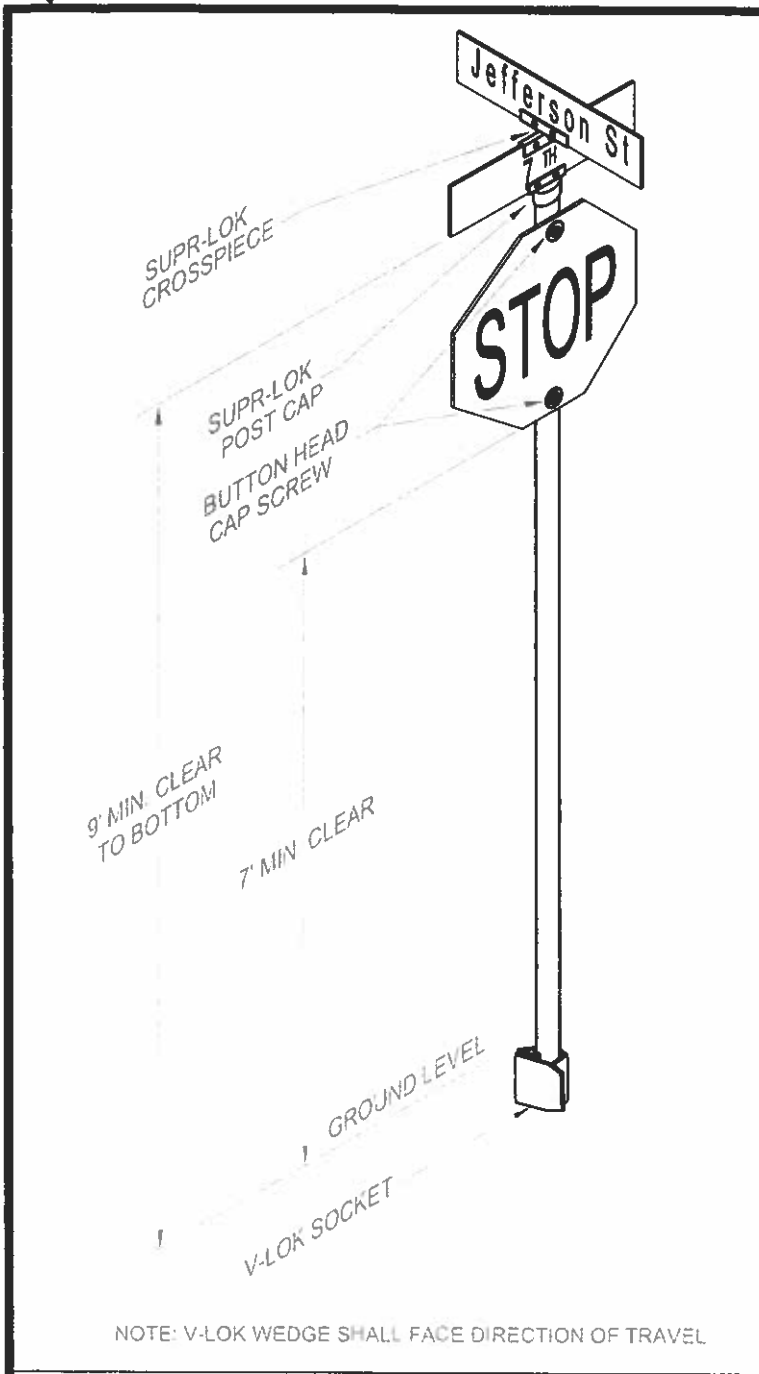
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City of Oregon City  
Public Works Standard Drawings

LOCAL RESIDENTIAL  
SPEED HUMP

SCALE	N.T.S.
DATE	JUNE 2011
APPR.	NJK
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**Attachment 5**

DRAWN	JRF		
ENGR.	NJK		
REV.	DATE	APPR.	

**City of Oregon City  
Public Works Standard Drawings**

**TYPICAL SIGN ASSEMBLY  
AND MOUNTING HARDWARE**

SCALE	N.T.S.
DATE	DEC 2007
APPR.	
DWG. NO.	523

**Kara George**

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**From:** Bill Hahn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:20 PM  
**To:** Thomaston Selectboard  
**Cc:** Senator Pinny Beebe - Center; Representative Ann Matlack  
**Subject:** Knox Museum  
**Attachments:** Museum Condition Summary 0823 p1.png; Museum Condition Summary 0823 p2.png

All,

Last week I met with Board Members of the Knox Museum and discussed their plans for renovations to the property and their inability to obtain approvals for proposed improvements from Historical Preservation. I have attached a very detailed summary prepared by Mr. Hodge, a Board member, for your review.

My understanding is that Representative Matlack is proposing legislation to remove the easement language from the Museum's agreement with the State. I will hope to have more info on that before our next Selectboard meeting.

Please review the attached. I would like to discuss at next SB meeting with you all.

Thanks,  
Bill



## CAN THE GENERAL HENRY KNOX MUSEUM BE SAVED?

The General Henry Knox Museum is fighting for its survival. For a year and half the Board of Trustees of the Museum have been attempting to negotiate with the State of Maine and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission concerning the maintenance of the Museum. The State and the MHPC have ruled that the building is a historic site. In fact, the building is a replica of the original Henry Knox home that was demolished in 1871 due to its dilapidated condition and to make way for the railroad. The only remaining original building is now the home of the Thomaston Historical Society.

The replica built in 1929-1930 is not located on the site of the original Estate. It was built upon a hill, on donated land. The structure upon completion was owned by the Knox Memorial Association and due to enormous maintenance costs was given to the State of Maine in 1963. In addition to being a very large building, the unique construction of the building created many issues with maintenance. The building was built with steel and brick in its entirety then the exterior was clad with wooden clapboards affixed to the brick with furring strips. This allowed moisture to collect between the surfaces creating moisture issues on the interior and significant issues with paint on the clapboards. The State owned it from 1965 to 1999 when they deeded the property to the Friends of Montpelier. This is where the problem begins. The 119<sup>th</sup> Legislature during its First Regular session in July of 1999 considered LD540, a proposal to authorize the transfer of certain property associated with Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, from the State to the Friends of Montpelier. The actual enacted law summary is as follows: *Resolve 1999, chapter 10 authorizes the transfer of certain property associated with Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, from the State to the Friends of Montpelier. The deed and gift agreement provided for the property and historical collection to be used exclusively for historic preservation and public education purposes. The Resolve requires the contract conveying the property to contain a reversion clause to provide for the property to revert to the Bureau of Parks and Lands if it is not used for these purposes.* The problem that confronts the Trustees of the General Henry Knox Museum today is that a Historic Preservation Easement was added after the legislative action and made part of the deed to the Friends of Montpelier.

Our mission is twofold. Our passion is to tell the story of Henry Knox, a true American hero. A man who rose from being a humble bookseller in Boston, Massachusetts to become an amazing General in Washington's army to fight the British for independence. His contributions led him to become Washington's right-hand man. After the war was won, he went on to become the first Secretary of War for our liberated country. The story of his life is truly amazing, and it is our responsibility to make sure it is always remembered. We also have the duty to maintain the General Henry Knox Museum so that we have a location to show visitors what Henry's house was like and tell them about the man. It is the position of the Board of Trustees that we maintain the building using commonsense approaches which will enable us to achieve energy efficiency, protection of the collection of artifacts and allow us to reduce the enormous amount of maintenance that the building requires while maintaining the overall appearance of the building.

The MHPC has decided that National Park Service guidelines apply to our building even though it is a replica. They state that we are on the National Register of Historic Places. We are not listed individually on the register based on our merits. We are listed as part of the Thomaston Historic District. A district that contains many wonderful homes on Main Street, Watts Hall, and the last surviving original building of the Knox Estate. Interestingly, many of these structures are much older than the Museum but they do not have an easement. The State then takes the position that any building constructed more than 50 years ago is historic. Think about that, any building built prior to 1973 is considered historic. That premise is ludicrous.

As we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2030 we want to bring the Museum to all its glory and it will require a great deal of work, but we are willing to do what is necessary to make that 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary special. Some of the work that we must undertake is a direct result of the State's lack of maintenance during the 34 years they owned the building. Additionally, some of the work that must be done was due to poor workmanship during the period the State owned the building. An excellent example is the front porch. The front porch was rebuilt by the State in 1992-93. In their construction they used pressure treated lumber and replaced the stairs and sections of the porch railing. The columns that support the porch are hollow and do not contain a supporting beam or pipe. A recent structural engineering study showed the porch does not meet required load capacities. Therefore, we need to rebuild the porch completely and bring it up to code. To do so we must make the railing 42" inches high. Our plan was to use composite materials, Intex and Azek that will not rot, will stand the test of time and reduce our maintenance. It is indistinguishable from wood. We submitted engineered drawings of the balusters and railings using Intex. They were identical in profile shape. The only difference is the balusters would be an additional 12" taller to meet code. The MHPC denied our plan and made the following declaration. The porch railing must be restored using the current railing even though much of it is severely deteriorated and then to make it code height they are requiring stainless steel

posts be erected, connected by a stainless-steel cap at the 42" code height. Then in the 12" space between the current railing and the stainless-steel cap, install three horizontal stainless-steel cables. In essence, this creates a stainless-steel fence assembly behind the existing railing. In their opinion this is a requirement based on the NPS rules. No consideration was given to appearance. To us this would be a major alteration to the appearance of the front of the building. The list goes on and on of their inconsistent and burdensome rulings that are not based on any common sense. What makes the front porch ruling even more ridiculous is that the rear porch needed to be rebuilt and in 2006 the MHPC approved rebuilding it using composite materials to make it code compliant.

Another project that we have attempted to receive permission for is windows. Currently they are single pane windows that are 92 years old. There are 66 windows in the structure, so the loss of heat is considerable. We have suggested a combination of restoration on the large front windows which are 9 over 9 double hung and ground floor windows which are single sash. We would then replace the remaining 36 double hung windows with new energy efficient windows. The State again refuses to consider this project and insists on all the windows being restored and proposes that, if we want energy efficiency, we could add storm windows to the exterior. Again, this would be a visible exterior alteration since the structure never had storm windows. Our goal of achieving some degree of energy efficiency is denied. However, an excellent example of the double standard being applied to the detriment of the General Henry Knox Museum is the Blaine House. The Blaine House built in 1833 is on the National Register of Historic Sites on its own merits. However, to achieve energy efficiency and reduce the amount of oil used, the State installed heat pumps several years ago. Further, they are currently installing solar panels. We simply want to add energy efficient windows to reduce the amount of oil we use (which is comparable to the amount the Blaine House used) but we were denied.

We asked permission to remove the old broken and uneven front walkway and create a memorial walkway to honor all veterans serving and who have served. The project was denied based on the ruling that the existing walkway was "historic". Again, there is nothing historic about the walkway brick. When the building was constructed, they ordered additional brick to create the walkway. It was not brick that came from the original mansion nor was it historic brick that Henry Knox had made in one of his businesses. Our walkway would have been a fitting tribute to all veterans, and, after all, Henry was a veteran.

What will happen to the General Henry Knox Museum if the State refuses to budge on their unreasonable expectations concerning the building. The Trustees have certainly abided by the original intent of the legislature when they passed LD540. We have had continuous programming and educational events for the public. We have fulfilled our mission of telling the story of Henry Knox and the significant contributions he made during the Revolutionary War so that we live in a free nation today. And we have done our best to maintain a very difficult building despite a burdensome and overly restrictive easement that should never have been placed on the building. Could the State take the building back? Possibly, although what would they do with it. In 2018, Tom Desjardin, Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands stated in a newspaper article *"Desjardin commends the Friends of Montpelier for the tremendous work they've done to offer valuable programming and keep the museum going. But the State cannot take back responsibility for the building. If the building was Knox's original home, the State would be obligated to keep the museum going, even at a financial loss."* The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands would not maintain it because the building is a replica, not an original artifact. So, what would the State do with the building? Would they sell it? It would be difficult to sell with an easement that runs in perpetuity. Would they tear it down? That is a distinct possibility. As Desjardin stated, whereas it is not the original building but a replica, it is a liability. What about the collection? The Maine State Museum would be involved in the disposition of the collection, and they have indicated they would retain a few of the original artifacts that have considerable value and sell the rest to provide for conservation of the retained articles.

Does this make any sense at all since the Museum is currently being efficiently operated, fulfilling its required obligation to the intent of LD540, and willing to bring the Museum to its glory for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Any reasonable person would have to agree that the best solution is for the continued operation of the Museum for public enjoyment, enrichment and not allow the story of Henry Knox to be lost. Removing the impediment of the easement and allowing the Trustees to maintain the Museum using maintenance methods which will result in energy efficiency, protection of the collection while reducing the overwhelming maintenance and operating cost, is a sensible solution.

## Kara George

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**From:** Bill Hahn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** Kara George  
**Cc:** Thomaston Selectboard  
**Subject:** Broadband

Hi,

I spoke to Greg Hamlin about helping sort out possible ways to improve broadband across Town. He is willing to help. Perhaps a team of one or two Board members, Greg and Kara to look at possibilities??

Suggest we discuss at Monday Board meeting....

Thanks



## Kara George

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**From:** Kara George  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 2:08 PM  
**To:** Greg Hamlin  
**Cc:** Bill Hahn (bill@tidalworksthomaston.com); Chris Rector (crector@thomastonmaine.gov); Diane Giese (dgiese04861@thomastonmaine.gov); peterrlammert@gmail.com; Sandy Moore (smoore@thomastonmaine.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Debra Halls Notes

Hi Greg,

Thank you for the information. I just received an email today from GoNetSpeed with a press release draft. They are planning expansion in Thomaston with fiber available by the end of 2023.

I will take Debra up on her advice to contact CCI/Fidium, as well. The more utilities that want to come to Thomaston, the better. Competition helps keep the price down for the users.

Best,

**Kara George**  
**Town Manager**  
**Town of Thomaston**  
13 Valley St.  
Thomaston, ME 04861  
Ph. (207) 354-6107  
Fax (207) 354-2132

**From:** Greg Hamlin <hamling123@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:22 AM  
**To:** Kara George <kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov>  
**Subject:** Debra Halls Notes

FYI, Greg

**From:** Debra Hall <debrahallgr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** Greg Hamlin <hamling123@outlook.com>  
**Cc:** Denise Munger (dkmunger@rockportmaine.gov) <dkmunger@rockportmaine.gov>; Debra J. Hall <debra.hall@midcoastinternet.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of MIDC Meeting 8-10-23 - Cancelled and their response.

Thanks Greg. I think if the town were to reach out to Fidium/CCI to ask if they might expand — it would make more sense than GoNetSpeed. For a couple or few years GoNetSpeed has been doing the same thing to Camden and then never seems to come back totem and move the ball. Since Fidium/CCI already built out from the Rockalnd central office, it would make sense for them to build out from Thomaston.

I agree that this is probably going to be a better approach than the utility/consumer owned internet given the scarcity of funding for this approach. That said, I still believe that membership in the utility is useful for the time being.

Feel free to share these thoughts with Kara — they are my own, not a MIDC Board view.

Best  
Debra

Debra J. Hall  
[debrahallgr@gmail.com](mailto:debrahallgr@gmail.com)  
86 Eastward on the Ocean  
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(m) 202-746-1303

On Aug 17, 2023, at 9:34 AM, Greg Hamlin <[hamling123@outlook.com](mailto:hamling123@outlook.com)> wrote:

FYI, Greg

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**From:** Kara George <[kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:01 PM  
**To:** Greg Hamlin <[hamling123@outlook.com](mailto:hamling123@outlook.com)>  
**Cc:** Bill Hahn ([bill@tidalworksthomaston.com](mailto:bill@tidalworksthomaston.com)) <[bill@tidalworksthomaston.com](mailto:bill@tidalworksthomaston.com)>; Chris Rector <[crector@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:crector@thomastonmaine.gov)>; Diane Giese <[dgiese04861@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:dgiese04861@thomastonmaine.gov)>; [peterrlammert@gmail.com](mailto:peterrlammert@gmail.com); Sandy Moore <[smoore@thomastonmaine.gov](mailto:smoore@thomastonmaine.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: No MIDC Meeting 8-10-23 - Cancelled

Hi Greg,

Thank you for your update. I've copied the Select Board on this email so everyone is informed.

GoNetSpeed reached out to the town in April saying that they wish to expand fiber into Thomaston this coming Fall at their expense. They showed a map that would encompass most of the denser residential areas. I have not heard from the company since then, and I believe the project was contingent on funding. They were willing to talk to the Town further if we want to expand to outlying areas that are not covered on their map. Otherwise, I have not heard from any other utility companies about expanding in Thomaston.

In my opinion, it may be more beneficial to the town to partner with an already existing utility company to expand fiber. Especially with funding for a municipally-owned utility being scarce or non-existent at this point. I was waiting to see if GoNetSpeed's proposal comes to fruition or not. I had heard a rumor of Fidium expanding into Thomaston, but I have no idea to what extent or when. CCI/Fidium has not reached out to us.

Best,

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**From:** Greg Hamlin <[hamling123@outlook.com](mailto:hamling123@outlook.com)>  
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**Subject:** FW: No MIDC Meeting 8-10-23 - Cancelled

Hi Kara, Below is about all I have to date. See the note below re: Thomaston.  
Can you poll your folks, and the board, to see if there are any other plans being considered?  
Maybe give them a copy of this email as an update. Is there anything I can do at my end.  
Personally, I'm disappointed in that the powers to be "seemingly" will not fund us, either by ignoring utility districts or setting unrealistic expectations on funding.  
Greg

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**From:** Debra Hall <[debrahallgr@gmail.com](mailto:debrahallgr@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** No MIDC Meeting 8-10-23

Board

We have **decided not to have** a MIDC mtg 8-10-23.

We have worked with GWI and they are interested in submitting a grant for Belmont and Morrill in which they would provide the matching funding and they would own the network. This will be the best way for those two towns to get broadband sooner than later and from the one of the best providers available. So both Les and Mike are working now with GWI directly on this.

Camden reports that they have fiber through LCI to their municipal offices — news to us. We don't know what that does for Camden's residents, however, we remain willing to work with Camden should they show interest in working with MIDC. In the mean time., Otelco might continue to show interest in that town - we have not heard.

With respect to Rockport, we are working with GWI to consider whether we can obtain a taxpayer-backed full faith and credit loan to build those portions not already covered by CCI/Fidium. Of course, we need to confirm that CCI/Fidius not interested in expanding their coverage. It's a work in progress.

**In Thomaston we continue to consider the best solution for them — are residents interested in fiber. CCI/Fidium built a small portion of Thomaston and we need to understand where they are going in terms of future plans.**

Of course, Rockland already is serviced with fiber.

With this status, there does not seem to be a need for a Board mtg. We can always schedule one when needed.

Let me know if you have questions.

Best  
Debra

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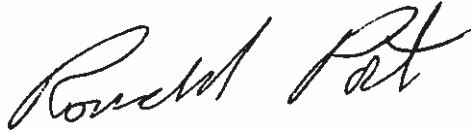
To the Thomaston Select Board:

8/28/2023

I am resigning from the OHSTT board effective immediately.

Regards:

Ron Porter:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Porter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Ron Porter:".



## Town of Thomaston

### Thomaston Green Park Ad-Hoc Committee job description, September 2023

#### Purpose

The committee's mission is to make recommendations to the Select Board for the maintenance, improvement, and desirable near- and long-term features and uses of Thomaston Green Park in order to fully realize its potential as community open space and to make it as beautiful, welcoming, functional, and well-used as possible.

#### Background

On June 14, 2023, at Thomaston's Annual Town Meeting, citizens voted to establish, in perpetuity, Thomaston Green Park, located at the former Maine State Prison property. The Thomaston Select Board subsequently authorized and appointed this ad-hoc committee to make recommendations for how the Town should proceed with the Park.

#### Mandate

The Thomaston Green Ad Hoc Committee's role is advisory. The committee does not have executive power or function; it may recommend to the Select Board that flowers be planted or that electricity and water be provided to the park, but it may not solicit proposals or take any other steps to complete the work. The committee can only propose; the Select Board and the voters will dispose. To fulfill its advisory mission, the committee may:

- Identify and evaluate park uses and features that best align with the needs and desires of the community and can be enjoyed by all;
- Review and prioritize sustainable options to fund proposed park features and uses;
- Create a plan for Thomaston Green Park that offers a shared long-term vision while retaining the flexibility to respond to grant/foundation funding opportunities if/when they arise;
- Base the plan on existing Town guidance (the Comprehensive Plan; the Parks & Recreation Master Plan of 2022; land-use ordinance; etc.) wherever possible, and recommend amendments to that guidance where necessary;
- Recommend phases (immediate; five-year; longer-term) for the implementation of the plan;
- Consider the park not only in itself but also as a central link in the town's system of public open spaces and their linking trails;

- Offer recommendations for oversight of Thomaston Green Park and perhaps all municipal parks and open spaces (e.g., should care and improvement be the responsibility of the Conservation Commission and event planning be with the Recreation Department, which becomes the Parks & Recreation Department?);
- Offer recommendations as to whether a separate Friends of Thomaston Parks group be established to serve as a 501-c(3) entity for receiving grant and foundation awards;
- Develop proposed municipal policy/ordinance language (and/or proposed amendments to existing language) to govern use of the Thomaston Green Park and other municipal open spaces;
- Offer design recommendations for Route 1 developments to enhance access and sightlines from Route 1 into the park.

### Composition

The ad-hoc committee is comprised of 22 town residents recruited through a public call for volunteers and appointed by the Select Board. The Select Board has appointed Jonathan (Jon) Eaton and Zel Bowman-Laberge as committee co-chairs. Municipal staff member Kendray Rodriguez will serve as recording secretary and a non-voting committee member, and her meeting notes will be submitted to the Select Board once approved by the committee.

### Roles and Responsibilities

It is the role of ad-hoc committee members to work cooperatively with one another toward the satisfactory resolution of issues, review and analysis of data, and compilation of the final report to submit to the Select Board.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending ad-hoc committee meetings;
- Reviewing agendas, previous meeting notes, and necessary background materials in advance of meetings;
- Relaying information provided by other interested parties to the ad-hoc committee;

### Attendance

Should a member miss three consecutive meetings, he/she will be contacted by the co-chairs as to their intent and may be asked to vacate their position on the ad-hoc committee.

### Activities

Meetings will be held at a time and location that's convenient for the majority of members. Evening meetings on the month's first and third Wednesdays are anticipated, starting September 20, but this could change by vote of the full committee once convened. Agenda content will be determined by the co-chairs in consultation with members of the ad-hoc committee and provided to the recording

secretary. The recording secretary will provide previous meeting notes and background information to all members for review in advance of each meeting.

Duration

This committee will end when its recommendations have been submitted to the Select Board in early 2024, in time for voter review at the annual 2024 town meeting.