

2023
Annual Report
Kingsbury Plantation



Please bring this report with you
to the Plantation Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024
At 9:30 am
Kingsbury Plantation Garage
Kingsbury Plantation, Maine

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The 2023 Report is Dedicated to Marthalie Furber

For over sixty years, Martie Furber enjoyed spending time in Kingsbury Plantation with family and friends. She was thrilled when the first 4-wheelers hit the trails and always smiled when talking about fun and adventures riding, exploring, and picnicking along the original ATV trails. She also loved the peace of exploring the woods and dreamed of building an art studio.

Throughout her professional career, Martie created innovative educational programs and taught teachers how to use the power of art to inspire learning. Dedicated to integrating the arts into education to empower innovation and creativity, she worked with The Kennedy Center, GRAMMY Foundation, Leonard Bernstein Center for Learning, OPERA America, Smithsonian Institution, Santa Fe Opera, Butler University, Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Inc., and countless higher education institutions and school districts throughout the United States.

Martie's love for education inspired her to serve on the Kingsbury School Board. Her extraordinary work on the Kingsbury Plantation Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances showcased her dedication to protecting Kingsbury for current and future generations.

Martie was proud to be one of the original members of the Planning Board, sharing her passion for caring for Kingsbury along with her love of chocolate, cookies, and anything from The Bankery by bringing treats to meetings.

Martie was larger than life and we miss her beyond words. We will remember her every day as a stylish, giving, thoughtful, amazing, inspirational woman who lived life to the fullest every day.

Annual Report
Of the Plantation Officers
of
Kingsbury Plantation, Maine
For the year 2023



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Plantation Meeting at the Municipal Building
April 20th, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.

Plantation Officers

Board of Assessors and Overseers

Of the Poor

First Assessor	Tammy Bridges	Term Expires 2025
Second Assessor	Jodie Patterson	Term Expires 2026
Third Assessor	Caitlin Machon	Term Expires 2027

Moderator

Paul Davis	Term Expires 2024
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Plantation Clerk

Michelle Nichols	Term Expires 2024
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Tax Collector

Richard "Rick" Hall Jr.	Term Expires 2024
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Plantation School Board of Directors

Beth Lorigan - Superintendent

Kara Thurlow	Term Expires 2024
Vacant	Term Expires 2025
Tamara Wederbrand	Term Expires 2026

Treasurer

Michelle Nichols	Term Expires 2024
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Appointed Plantation Officials

Planning Board

Cathy Russell—Chair

Marthalie Furber— Resigned

Kara Thurlow

James Maloy

Bette Bouchard

Board of Appeals

Greg True

David Kenney

Tami Wederbrand

Administrative Assistant

Michelle Nichols

Animal Control Officer

Joseph Guyotte

Gary Sudsbury Sr. —Retired

Constable

Jeff Bridges

Dam Attendants

Jeff Bridges

Chris Russell

Code Enforcement Officer

Keith Doore

General Assistance Director

Michelle Nichols

Health Officer

Michelle Nichols

Plumbing Inspector

Brian Turner

Road Crew

David Kenney

Jim Maloy

Sextant

Robert Trottier

INFORMATION

The Kingsbury Plantation Clerk and records are available by appointment. Please call (207) 717-6216, if no one is available to answer the telephone, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Contact email for plantation business is kingsburyassessors@gmail.com. Our mailing address is 255 Worcester Hwy, Kingsbury, Me 04942. Please be sure to visit our website at www.kingsburyplantation.com. This site is like any other-a work in progress- your feedback is most welcome!

The Plantation Assessors meet once a month. If you have any questions or concerns and would like to meet with the Assessors, please call a week in advance so you can be placed on the agenda.

Voting for State and Federal Elections is done at the Guilford Town Office. Polls open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Guilford Town Office by the Thursday before an election.

Vehicles, Boats, ATV's, snowmobiles and motorcycles need to be registered and excise paid at the Guilford Town office . To register a vehicle for the first time, you will need a bill of sale, original titles signed over to you or a certificate of application for title and proof of insurance. Vehicles from 1999 and older do not need to have a title. Vehicles aged 2000 and newer will need to have a title. Utility trailers may be registered for two years. Please note that longer term registrations are available for a reduced price at the Augusta Department of Motor Vehicles. Hunting, fishing and trapping licenses may also be obtained by the Guilford town office.

As we are currently consolidated with Brighton Plantation for Solid Waste Disposal, please keep in mind that the transfer station is open on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and from May to September on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 as well.

All emergency calls should be directed to 911. The dispatcher will ask for your 911 address, so if you are unsure of your structure number (s) please contact the plantation 911 addressing officer, Joshua Morin at 207-876-3300.

Fire permits may be obtained by calling the Central Forestry Office at 207-827-1800 weekdays or online at <http://www.maineburnpermit.com>

Welcome to Kingsbury

Assessors Report

Welcome to the Annual Meeting!

First, I would like to thank Caitlin Machon for joining our team. We all work great together. Second, I'd like to mention that the three assessors have made history, by being the first all women board of assessors for the plantation. Thank you, Ladies! Proud to be working with you both.

We have been working on some grants, for an addition to the garage, that will allow for extra storage for seasonal equipment, a larger space for meetings and for the community to utilize. We are also looking into a grant, through Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to help with the cost of rebuilding the boat ramp. A big thank you, to Alsina Brenenstuhl and Edie Smith for directing and guiding us through this process.

Also, thank you, to Steve Lawson and his crew for the work on the lower end of the Wellington Road. We are looking forward to the upper end being redone this coming year. The road will need to be dug out, some culverts replaced and new gravel needs to be brought in. The gravel that is being dug out will be stockpiled at the town garage and will be used in the dam parking lot in 2025. Our plan is to have the boat ramp and parking lot done all at once to save time and resources.

There is work scheduled for Route 16 at Center Brook. The state needs to replace the culvert with a box culvert. DOT wants to shut down Route 16 for 6 days and detour traffic through the Wellington Road. Not sure what the final decision is, but we will not agree to the detour.

We want to Thank You, the community members, for the trust you put in us to keep the plantation running smoothly. We also want to hear suggestions from you to help improve our small rural community.



Treasurer's Report

Operating

Account:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$100,000.00
Deposits	\$848,727.75
Withdrawals	-\$848,727.25
Interest:	\$0.00
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$100,000.00



Business

Account:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$1,017,586.87
Deposits	638,598.15
Withdrawals	-848,727.75
Interest:	\$28,818.47
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$836,275.74

Dam Account:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$125,887.00
Deposits	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest:	\$53.57
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$126,517.86

Education

Account:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$54,631.73
Deposits	\$24,000.00
Withdrawals	
Interest:	\$43.87
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$78,675.60



Cemetery:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$33,255.48
Deposits	\$0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest:	\$28.87
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$33,284.35

Community Benefit:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$424,353.52
Deposits	200,000.00
Withdrawals	
Interest:	\$5,038.98
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$629,392.50

Independence Day:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$3,759.76
Deposits	\$
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest:	\$0.25
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$3,762.77

General Assistance:

Beginning Balance 2-1-23	\$4,570.90
Deposits	\$500.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest:	\$0.31
Balance on Hand: 1-31-24	\$ 5,074.56

Treasurer's Report

The Citizens of Kingsbury Plantation:

I really don't have a whole lot to report for Kingsbury. Your financial situation is looking very good. We were able to move \$200,000.00 into the Community Benefit Savings Account before our books closed in January. The goal is to use the Community Benefit money to try and keep taxes down. However, we also want to put away money because at the end of the 20 year agreement (which I think you are down to 14 years left) you want to have those accounts built up a little bit to help the town in the future. No one knows what the future is going to bring.

We did a plantation wide real estate equalization which actually helped drop the mil rate when Josh was all done. This equalization also helped in bringing our real estate values closer to market value which is what the state wants to see.

This year, we also ended our agreement with Mayfield and Brighton over the Salt and Sand Shed. The final cost of leaving that contract was around \$9,000.00 with the lawyer fees compared to paying \$30,000.00. We didn't feel that the building that was built was done efficiently and we would have to replace the building or have major repairs to it in the next few years. We also didn't have a say in what building was built, the vote was 2 against 1.

Rick and I have the tax collection down to a science and have balanced the taxes within 2 cents. People are not complaining about not getting the 2 % discount. We spent a lot of time chasing taxes and over payments. We now enter the tax amount and if the person has overpaid, we send them back a check for the over payment. It does not make sense to pay \$30.00 an hour to chase overpayments. So the processing of taxes is much smoother.

The computers that Rick and I were using came to the end of their life this year. Mine was extremely slow and Rick's was changing the date and time to be an unrealistic time frame. Tammy was kind enough to take them to Staples for us and they were shocked that one of the computers hadn't crashed. They cleaned them up and they can now be used at the town garage to take classes if needed and possibly keep small bits of work on them. Rick and I have new computers and what a difference! We had no idea the others were so bad. So Thank You Kingsbury Residents!

The board has been working on trying to get grants for our little piece of paradise. We are trying to pick grants that will be something new and helpful for our citizens. There are a lot of grants and programs out there, you just need to know where to look. We have a lady from Piscataquis Economic Development, Alsina, who is helping us.

Thank you to everyone allowing me to be your treasurer and trusting me to help your plantation.

It is a pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Michelle



j.patterson

Tax Collector's Report

To the Residents of Kingsbury Plantation:

I have completed my first year being your tax collector. It has been a learning experience, but a fun one.

We have collected all of the taxes for 2021. We only have 1 taxpayer that owes for 2022. On April 1st, we will send out the 30 day notice of lien for 2023 and in May we will record our liens at the registry in Dover. A taxpayer will then have 18 months to pay that tax and added fees before the town takes that property for non-payment of taxes. The State of Maine passed a new law governing how the town proceeds to dispose of any tax acquired property. The process is a lot more complicated and time consuming. The plantation would not be allowed to make any profit on the sale of a property. Any money that is left from the sale and added costs of the tax foreclosure process would need to be given to the owner who lost their property for non-payment.

If anyone has a mortgage company that will be mailing a check to pay for your taxes out of your escrow account, please give our house a call (207-876-3223) to make sure we got the payment. Interest begins on October 1 each year and if voted through the interest in 2024 is 8.5 %. If you are unsure what the interest will be on your payment, please call we can help you figure out the price.

The plantation did away with the 2% discount a year or so ago. It became too hard to keep track of over payments, shortages on a parcel that has multiple owners, etc. So if you over pay the town, you will most likely get a check back from us. However, if you are trying to budget a monthly payment to make it easier for you, call us, if we know what you are doing then we won't send your payment back and we can keep track of the payments with no problem at all.

It has been a pleasure working with your board and your residents. If you need anything at all, please give me a call, home is 207-876-3223 or the town cell is 207-717-6216.

Sincerely,

Rick Hall Jr.



2022 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes

Paid After Books Closed	Taxpayer	Amount	Interest	Payment	Balance Due
08-30	Flickenger, Beverly	92.3	11.73	0	104.23

2023 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes

Paid After Books Closed	Taxpayer	Amount	Interest	Payment	Balance Due
***	03-05- Allen, Kenneth & Lucinda	236.67	6.48	243.15	243.15
***	02-15-01 Behari, Adriana	799.48	19.8	819.28	819.28
	08-34 Dinsmore, Dorothy	1566.58			
	08-30 Flickenger, Beverly	66.7			
	01-01-00-99 Harris, Patricia	343.11			
	04-01-01-00 Hinkley, Noel	12.79			
	04-01-02-00 Hinkley, Noel	634.75			
	2/1/2005 Knox, Isaah	5.75			
	2/4/2002 Marciello, Michael	2.98			
	01-04-00-99 Maynard, Paul	203.6			
	06-01-00 Mesmaric-Davis, Linnea	404.06			
***	01-07-05-99 Page, Deanna	256.36	7.03	263.35	263.35
	06-16 Pride, Joe	9.07			
	01-02-02 Sutherland, James	8.19			
	03-06 Sutherland, James	60.58			
	01-06-03-99 Waite, Matthew	170.71			
	02-03-47-00 White, Trisha	18.67			
	04-07 Woodman, Richard	48.76			
Totals		4848.81	34.89	1387.94	1387.94

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

Mindy J. Cyr, CPA

Kingsbury Plantation
255 Worcester Highway
Kingsbury Plantation, Maine 04942

We have been engaged to perform the audit of Kingsbury Plantation for the year ended January 31, 2024. The audit is currently in progress and the full report will be available upon completion. Should you have any questions please contact us at (207) 884-6408 or by email at maineaudits@gmail.com.

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA
Levant, Maine
March 18, 2024

PO Box 313, Levant, Maine 04456
Phone: (207) 884-6408 Email: maineaudits@gmail.com

2023-2024 Departmental Accounts

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>
<u>Plantation Charges & Salaries</u>			
Tammy Bridges	6,548.22	Carry Forward	117,596.29
Jodi Patterson	4,724.99		
Caitlin Machon	2,876.64		
Michelle Nichols	7,791.63		
Dept of Treasury	3,693.80		
Michelle Nichols, Dep. Tax Collector	120.00		
Maine Revenue Service	70.00		
Unemployment Compensation	2,002.06		
Paul Davis-Moderator	60.00		
Richard Hall Jr.	3,607.50		
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Total Expenditures	31,494.84		
Carry Forward	86,101.45		
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TOTAL	117,596.29	Total	117,596.29

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Snowman Group-Town Reports	690.30	Carry Forward	35,249.13
Rick Hall-Paper @Sames	207.11	Community Benefit	10,000.00
Registry of Deeds	252.40	Lien Charges	240.12
Eastern Gazette	108.00	Starlink Rebate	300.00
Bangor Publishing Company	265.00	Beverly Flickinger	76.05
U.S. Cellular	987.27	Beverly Flickinger-lien 22	37.16
Mountains Market	58.98		
USPS-town reports	8.34		
Dexter Print Shop	98.36		
Mille, Shay, Lexier, Talbot	1,695.00		
Deluxe Checks	364.99		
Jodi Patterson -Mileage	102.73		
Tammy Bridges-Mileage	958.22		
Staples	368.20		
Caitlin Machon -Mileage	67.47		
Michelle Nichols-Ink Cartridge	121.96		
Tami Wederbrand-GoDaddy	239.04		
Microsoft upgrade	179.33		
Michelle NicholsStaples	822.76		

General Government Continued:

USPS-Liens	102.61
Dunkin Donuts	89.05
Tammy Bridges-Walmart	7.34
David Kenney -Mileage	59.61
Rick Hall-Mileage	369.64
StarLink-Garage Internet	1,080.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	9,303.71
Carry Forward	36,598.75
TOTAL	45,902.46

45,902.46

EXPENDITURES

Plantation Audit

Maine Municipal Audit service	3,300.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	3,300.00
Carry Forward	775.00
TOTAL	4,075.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	75.00
Reserve Account	4,000.00

Total	4,075.00
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EXPENDITURES

Plantation Grounds Improvement

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	21,047.00
TOTAL	21,047.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	21,047.00
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Total	21,047.00
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EXPENDITURES

Plantation Improvements Well & Septic

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	4,536.86
TOTAL	4,536.86

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	4,536.86
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Total	4,536.86
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EXPENDITURES**RECEIPTS****Tax Assessing**

Hamlin Associates	8,500.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	8,500.00
Carry Forward	2,400.00
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TOTAL	10,900.00

Carry Forward	1,600.00
Community Benefit	9,300.00
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Total	10,900.00

Municipal Equalization Project

Hamlin Associates	25,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	25,000.00
Carry Forward	0.00
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TOTAL	25,000.00

Reserve Account	25,000.00
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Total	25,000.00

EXPENDITURES**RECEIPTS****Insurance**

Maine Munic.Assoc.	1,297.00
Maine Munic.Assoc.	3,417.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	4,714.00
Carry Forward	13,519.00
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TOTAL	18,233.00

Carry Forward	11,665.00
Reserve Account	6,000.00
MMA-PC-2022	332.00
PC Divident	197.00
WC Dividend	39.00
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Total	18,233.00

PROTECTION**EXPENDITURES****RECEIPTS****Fire Fighting Account**

Guilford Fire Department	7,500.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	7,500.00
Carry Forward	2,024.00
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TOTAL	9,524.00

Carry Forward	2,024.00
Reserve Account	7,500.00
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Total	9,524.00

SANITATION

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Solid Waste</u>	
Brighton Plantation	12,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	12,000.00
Carry Forward	4,623.00
TOTAL	16,623.00

RECEIPTS	
Carry Forward	1,623.00
Reserve Account	15,000.00
Total	16,623.00

PUBLIC WORKS

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Winter Roads</u>	
Lawson Landscape	113,804.40
David Kenney	1,049.00
David Kenney-Mileage	34.56
Robert Trottier	52.50
Robert Trottier-Mileage	61.87
New England Salt Company	15,121.99
TOTAL EXPENDED	130,124.32
Carry Forward	79,109.79
TOTAL	209,234.11

RECEIPTS	
Carry Forward	47,269.12
2023 R.E.Taxes	150,000.00
Vehicle Excise	11,964.99
Total	209,234.11

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Summer Roads</u>	
Maine Stump Removal	450.00
James Malloy	800.00
Jodi Patterson	30.00
Lawson Landscape	184,890.05
David Kenney-Mileage	109.62
Tammy Bridges	80.50
David Kenney	3,059.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	189,419.17
Carry Forward	169,857.83
TOTAL	359,277.00

RECEIPTS	
Carry Forward	350,069.00
Highway Block Grant	9,208.00
Total	359,277.00

EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Municipal Garage

McKusick Petroleum	2,045.12
David Kenney	438.00
Triangle Service Station	134.91
Tractor Supply	203.07
Riverside Garage	74.02
East Road Electric	215.00
State Surplus Store	89.50
Webber Ace Hardware	21.50
Irving Blending & Packaging	46.32

TOTAL EXPENDED	3,267.44
Carry Forward	45,679.05
TOTAL	48,946.49

Carry Forward	48,906.49
Mayfield	40.00

Total	48,946.49
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EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Municipal Garage-Addition

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	55,000.00
TOTAL	55,000.00

2023 Property Tax	55,000.00
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Total	55,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Equipment Account

Napa	17.91
Tractor Supply	86.72
Dover True Value	65.92
Hardy MotorSports	1,599.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	1,769.55
Carry Forward	41,438.77
TOTAL	43,208.32

Carry Forward	43,208.32
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Total	43,208.32
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EXPENDITURES

Street Signs

White Sign 393.31

TOTAL EXPENDED 393.31

Carry Forward 8,169.46

TOTAL 8,562.77

RECEIPTS

Carry forward 8,562.77

Lou & Nancy Sidell 58.39

Totals 8,562.77

COUNTY TAX

EXPENDITURES

County Tax

Piscataquis County Treas. 175,845.00

TOTAL EXPENDED 175,845.00

Account Balance

TOTAL 175,845.00

RECEIPTS

2023 Property Taxes 175,845.00

Total 171,436.00

EDUCATION

EXPENDITURES

Education

TOTAL EXPENDED 0.00

Carry Forward 65,576.00

TOTAL 65,576.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward-Savings 41,576.00

Reserve Account 12,000.00

Community Benefit 12,000.00

Total 65,576.00

SOCIAL SERVICES

EXPENDITURES

General Assistance

TOTAL EXPENDED 0.00

Carry Forward -Savings 4,661.00

TOTAL 4,661.00

RECEIPTS

Savings Acct Balance 4,161.00

Reserve Account 500.00

Total 4,661.00

EXPENDITURES

Social Services

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	200.00
TOTAL	200.00

RECEIPTS

Reserve Account	200.00
TOTAL	200.00

UNCLASSIFIED

EXPENDITURES

Planning Board

Cathy Russell	160.00
Jim malloy	160.00
Steve Woods	80.00
Martie Furber	80.00
Kara Thurlow	120.00
Greg True	40.00
David Kenney	20.00
Keith Doore	1,179.00
Keith Doore-CEO	3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	4,839.00
Carry Forward	5,538.37
TOTAL	10,377.37

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	3,553.57
From Reserve	5,000.00
Building Permits	1,823.80
Total	10,377.37

EXPENDITURES

Overlay

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Balance to Reserve Acct	0.00
TOTAL	0.00

RECEIPTS

Tax Commitment	
Total	0.00

EXPENDITURES

Plumbing Permits

Treasurer of state	77.50
Treasurer of state-DEP	15.00
Brian Turner	232.50
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TOTAL EXPENDED	325.00
Carry Forward	0.00
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TOTAL	325.00

RECEIPTS

Brian Turner	325.00
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Total	325.00

EXPENDITURES

Cemetery Maintenance

Dollar General	35.76
David Kenney	69.00
Robert Trottier	954.50
Robert Trottier-Mileage	64.19
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TOTAL EXPENDED	1,123.45
Carry Forward	51,520.46
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TOTAL	52,643.91

RECEIPTS

Savings Account	47,643.91
Community Benefit	5,000.00
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Total	52,643.91

EXPENDITURES

Independence Day Celebration

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TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	3,759.75
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TOTAL	3,759.75

RECEIPTS

Savings Account	3,759.75
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Total	3,759.75

EXPENDITURES

Reserve Account

Budget: Planning Board	5,000.00
Budget: Plantation Audit	4,000.00
Budget: Insurance Account	6,000.00
Budget: Fire Protection	7,500.00
Budget: Solid Waste	15,000.00
Budget: General Assistance	500.00
Budget: Service Programs	200.00
Mill, Shay, Lexier & Talbot	10,595.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	48,795.00
Account Balance	72,487.91
TOTAL	121,282.91

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	85,783.00
Homestead Funds	1,488.00
Veteran exemption Funds	9.00
Boat Excise	178.00
Burning Permits	0.00
Unappropriated Inc	0.00
Tree Growth Penalty	31,808.81
State Revenue Sharing	1,546.27
Taxpayer Interest	469.83
Overlay	

	121,282.91
	121,282.91

EXPENDITURES

Community Benefit

Budget: General Government	10,000.00
Budget: Assessing	9,300.00
Budget: Boat Launch	500.00
Budget: Cemetery	5,000.00
Budget: Kingsbury Off Grid	5,000.00
Moved to Savings Account	200,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	229,800.00
Carry Forward	101,200.00
TOTAL	331,000.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	163,000.00
Blue Sky West	168,000.00

Total	331,000.00
Total	331,000.00

EXPENDITURES

2023 PrePaiDs

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TOTAL EXPENDED	8.40
TOTAL	0.00
TOTAL	8.40

RECEIPTS

Taxpayers	
Joan Ploude	8.40

	8.40
Total	8.40

EXPENDITURES

Boat Ramp

TOTAL EXPENDED	
Carry Forward	3,585.00
Total	3,585.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	3,085.00
Community Benefit	500.00
TOTAL	
Total	3,585.00

EXPENDITURES

DAM

Lawson Landscape	1,390.00
Sebec Fence	2,800.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	
Carry Forward	153,387.50
TOTAL	157,577.50

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	127,577.50
2023 Property Tax	30,000.00
TOTAL	
Total	157,577.50

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

Building Permits

Moved to Planning Brd Acct	1,823.80
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RECEIPTS

Ronald McCullough	100.00
Robert Pettengil	50.00
Julie & Philip Wright	50.00
Martin Bates	50.00
Rodney Alderman	50.00
Michael Adams	303.00
Caitlin Machon	50.00
Greg Peacock	50.00
Ronald McCullough	50.00
Mike Kurt	50.00
Heather Washburn	50.00
Fred Erving	200.00
Richard Clary Jr.	50.00

Building Permits Continued

Lori Millertt-Gagnon	50.00
Lucas German	50.00
Greg Peacock	167.60
Ronald McCullough	50.80
Jim & Liz Morin	58.00
Jim & Liz Morin	22.00
Eric Mallett	86.40
Michelle Gajdos	216.00
Heather Washburn	20.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	1,823.80
To the Planning Board Acct	0.00
TOTAL	1,823.80

Total	1,823.80
TOTAL	1,823.80

EXPENDITURES

State Revenue Sharing

Funds moved to Reserve Acct	1,546.27
TOTAL EXPENDED	1,546.27
To Reserve Account	0.00
TOTAL	1,546.27

RECEIPTS

State of Maine-Feb	139.44
State of Maine-March	58.14
State of Maine-April	84.20
State of Maine-May	179.98
State of Maine-June	101.53
State of Maine-July	142.84
State of Maine-August	121.74
State of Maine-Sept	132.05
State of Maine-Oct	183.62
State of Maine-Nov	136.44
State of Maine-December	120.78
State of Maine-Jan '23	145.51
TOTAL	1,546.27
TOTAL	1,546.27

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Community Benefit</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	0.00
TOTAL	0.00

RECEIPTS	
Carry forward	163,000.00
Blue Sky West	168,000.00
Total	331,000.00
	0.00

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Homestead Exemption</u>	
Transfer funds to Reserve acct	1,488.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	1,488.00
To Reserve Account	0.00
TOTAL	1,488.00

RECEIPTS	
State of Maine 2023 1st	1,232.00
State of Maine 2022 2nd	256.00
Total	1,488.00
Total	1,488.00

EXPENDITURES	
<u>Veteran Exemption</u>	
Funds moved to Reserve Acct	9.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	9.00
To Reserve Account	0.00
TOTAL	9.00

RECEIPTS	
State of Maine 2022	9.00
Total	9.00
Total	9.00

EXPENDITURES	
<u>ARF-American Recovery</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	2,858.26
TOTAL	2,858.26

RECEIPTS	
State of Maine	1,429.13
Money from Dam Acct	1,429.13
Total	2,858.26
Total	2,858.26

6 EXPENDITURES

Snowmobile Refund

Kingsbury Off Grid	19,059.58
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TOTAL EXPENDED	19,059.58
To Reserve Account	0.00
TOTAL	19,059.58

RECEIPTS

State of Maine	59.58
Community Benefit	5,000.00
Snowmobile Munic. Grant	14,000.00
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Total	19,059.58

EXPENDITURES

2024 Pre-Paid Taxes

Kevin Watson	\$7.01
Doug Powers	\$37.84
Greg True	\$14.61
David Poharski	\$581.07
Fred Erving	\$42.53
Scott Jankins	\$13.00
Jennifer McCubbin	\$24.00
Mike Kennedy	\$17.98
Lorna Sherburne	\$23.73
Peter Davis	\$40.64
Donna Creamer	\$2.17
Danny Oliver	\$1.74
Linkletter	\$531.26
Virginia Ward	\$53.46
James Andrews	\$13.07
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TOTAL EXPENDED	1,404.11
Carry Forward	0.00
TOTAL	1,404.11

RECEIPTS

Kevin Watson	\$7.01
Doug Powers	\$37.84
Greg True	\$14.61
David Poharski	\$581.07
Fred ERving	\$42.53
Scott Jankins	\$13.00
Jennifer McCubbin	\$24.00
Mike Kennedy	\$17.98
Lorna Sherburne	\$23.73
Peter Davis	\$40.64
Donna Creamer	\$2.17
Danny Oliver	\$1.74
Linkletter	\$531.26
Virginia Ward	\$53.46
James Andrews	\$13.07
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Total	1,404.11

EXPENDITURES

2023 Pre-Paid Taxes

Janet Ploude	\$14.61
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TOTAL EXPENDED	
Carry Forward	14.61
TOTAL	14.61

RECEIPTS

Melanie Fudge	\$14.61
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Total	14.61

EXPENDITURES

Vehicle Excise

Budget: Winter Roads	11,964.99
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TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	11,878.10
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TOTAL	11,878.10

RECEIPTS

Town of Guilford	11,878.10
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Total	11,878.10

EXPENDITURES

Boat Excise

To the Reserve Acct	178.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	178.00
To Reserve Account	0.00
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TOTAL	0.00

RECEIPTS

Town of Guilford	178.00
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Total	178.00

EXPENDITURES

Highway Block Grant (URIP)

Moved to Summer Roads	0.00
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TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
Carry Forward	0.00
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TOTAL	0.00

RECEIPTS

Carry Forward	
State of Maine	
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Total	0.00

EXPENDITURES

Tree Growth

Moved to Reserve Acct	31,808.81
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TOTAL EXPENDED	31,808.81
To Reserve Account	0.00
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TOTAL	31,808.81

RECEIPTS

State of Maine-2022	31,808.81
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Total	31,808.81
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Total	31,808.81

2023 Real Estate Taxes

Budget: Municipal Wide Revaluation	25,000.00	Rick Hall Tax Collector	\$419,484.00
Budget: Winter Roads	150,000.00		
Budget: Municipal Garage	55,000.00		
Budget: Kingsbury Dam	30,000.00		
Budget: County Taxes	175,845.00		
Total	435,845.00	Total	\$419,484.00

Abatements:

Conlan, Tim	\$95.73
Rowell, Lary	\$83.31
Pillsbury, Adam	\$59.15
Enos, Richard	\$248.35
Shorey, John	\$7.27
Total Abatement	\$493.81

Supplemental Bill

Shorey, John	\$7.27
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Uncollected 2023 Taxes	16,847.54
TOTAL	435,845.00

\$418,997.46
418,997.46

EXPENDITURES

2022 R.E. Tax & Tax Liens

Budgeted Amounts:

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
To Reserace Acct	3,130.45
TOTAL	3,130.45

RECEIPTS

Joseph & Nina Triolo	203.95
Dave & Dawn Howarth	\$35.80
Beverly Flickinger	\$14.35
Doug Powers	\$395.23
James Fulton	\$247.09
Rick Hall Tax Collector	\$358.77
Dan Shae	\$86.16
Doug Powers	\$395.23
Noel Hinkley	\$11.62
Tax Collector	\$1,382.25

3,130.45

EXPENDITURES

2021 R.E. Tax Liens

Budgeted Amounts:

TOTAL EXPENDED	0.00
To Reserce Acct	79.18
TOTAL	79.18
TOTAL EXPENDED	79.18
To Reserce Acct	0.00
TOTAL	79.18

RECEIPTS

Beverly Flickinger	\$79.18
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	79.18

Interest

EXPENDITURES

To Reserve Account	469.83
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Total	469.83
To the Planning Board Acct	0.00
TOTAL	469.83

RECEIPTS

Joseph Triolo	2.73
Dan & Dave Howarth	2.20
Doug Powers	12.15
James Fulton	12.12
Taxpayer interest 2023	5.95
Noel Hinkley	0.40
Beverly Flickinger	7.61
Michelle Nichols, dep	27.89
Rick Hall	10.30
Rick Hall, Tax Collector	2.38
Rick Hall, Tax Collector	16.90
Danny Oliver	0.26
Burkey & McCarthy	7.02
Linkletter	348.28
Doug Powers	13.64
Total	469.83
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	469.83

WARRANT

Piscataquis:

To: Jeffrey Bridges, a constable of Kingsbury Plantation, County of Piscataquis, State of Maine.

GREETINGS,

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said KINGSBURY PLANTATION, qualified to vote in Plantation affairs to meet at the Kingsbury Plantation Garage in Kingsbury Plantation, Maine on the 20th day of April A.D. 2024 at nine thirty o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles to wit:

ART. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2 To choose all other Plantation Officers as required by law to be chosen at the Annual Plantation Meeting.

Plantation Clerk	1 Year Term
Plantation Treasurer	1 Year Term
Collector of Taxes	1 Year Term
Kingsbury Plantation School Board Member	3 Year Term
Kingsbury Plantation School Board Member	2 Year Term

Any office that may become vacant due to any of the above elections.

ART. 3 To fix Compensation of the Plantation Officers, equipment/labor and appointed positions.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING

First Assessor	\$5,000.00
Second Assessor	\$4,000.00
Third Assessor	\$4,000.00
Plantation Clerk	\$1,200.00
Plantation Treasurer	\$4,000.00
Administrative Assistant	\$1,200.00
Collector of Taxes	\$30.00 / Hour
Road Commissioner	Current State Wage
Deputy Road Commissioner	Current State Wage
Equipment and Labor	Current State Wage
Moderator	\$30.00
Planning Board Member, per meeting attended	\$40.00
School Board Members, per meeting attended	\$20.00
Sextant	Current State Wage
Constable	\$100.00
General Assistance Director	\$100.00
Health Officer	\$100.00
Animal Control Officer	Current State Wage
Dam Operator	\$500.00
911 Addressing Officer	\$500.00

ART. 4 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for **Plantation Charges** to pay the Plantation Officers for the ensuing year and to authorize the Assessors to give approval of the expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 10,000.00

ART. 5 To see if the Plantation will allow the Assessors to appoint the following:

- Animal Control Officer
- Administrative Assistant
- Constable
- Dam Operators
- General Assistance Director
- Health Officer
- Plumbing Inspector
- Registrar of Voters
- Road Commissioner
- Sextant
- Any other appointments that may be required

ART. 6 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the **Planning Board** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 2,000.00

ART. 7 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate to fund the **General Government Account**. For postage, printing of Plantation Reports, dues, workshops, travel reimbursements, supplies and any other expenditure deemed necessary for Plantation expenses, and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 10,000.00

ART. 8 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise or appropriate for **Hamlin Associates, Inc. (Assessor's Agents)** for updating of Plantation Tax Rolls, update tax maps, provide tax bills, map and lot analysis, printed and bound Valuation and Commitment Books, all legal papers for commitment of taxes, and answer questions from tax payers and all State agencies regarding the valuation of Plantation properties and to allow Assessors to give approval of the expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 8,500.00

ART. 9 To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Plantation Audit** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditure.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 4,000.00

ART. 10 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Insurance Account** for the ensuing year and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 5,000.00

ART. 11 To see what sum of money Kingsbury Plantation will raise and appropriate for the total cost of funding **Public Education** from Kindergarten through grade 12 as described in The Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, (Recommended \$12,000.00 to cover the Plantation's contribution to the total cost of funding Public Education from Kindergarten through grade 12 as described in MRS, Title 20A, § 15688).

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
2024 Real Estate Taxes \$ 24,000.00

ART. 12 To see what sum of money the Plantation will authorize the Board of School Directors to expend for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 from Kingsbury Plantation's contribution to the total cost of funding Public Education from Kindergarten through Grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-State funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school unexpended balances, tuition receipts, State Subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 12,000.00

ART. 13 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Legal Fees Account** if approved by the inhabitants of Kingsbury and allow the Assessors to give approval of the expenditures thereof and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 5,000.00

ART. 14 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Plantation Grounds Improvement Account** and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
Carry Forward \$ 21,047.00

ART. 15 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Plantation Well & Septic Account** and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
Carry Forward \$ 4,536.86

ART. 16 To see if the Plantation will raise and appropriate \$ 7,500.00 for fire protection to be provided by the **Town of Guilford Fire Department** and allow the Assessors to give approval of the expenditure and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND:
\$ 7,500.00
Carry Forward \$ 2,024.00

ART. 17 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for **Winter Roads** for the ensuing year and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year. This amount will include salt.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
Carry Forward \$ 79,109.79
Vehicle Excise \$ 11,878.10
2024 Real Estate Taxes \$ 170,000.00

ART. 18 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Summer Roads Account** for the construction and maintenance of roads, and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND

Carry Forward	\$ 169,857.83
Highway Block Grant from State of ME	amount unknown
2024 Real Estate Taxes	\$ 180,000.00

ART. 19 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Street Signs Account** for the ensuing year and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditure and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND

Carry Forward	\$ 8,169.46
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ART. 20 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Municipal Garage** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND

Carry Forward	\$ 45,679.05
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ART. 21 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for an addition to the side of the **Municipal Garage** to cover and protect additional and supplies and allow the Assessors to give approval of the expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND

Carry Forward	\$ 55,000.00
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ART. 22 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Future Real Estate Account** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 5,000.00

ART. 23 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Equipment Account** and allow Assessors to give approval of the expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
Carry Forward \$ 41,438.77

ART. 24 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Solid Waste Account** for the ensuing year and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditure and to carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 15,000.00

ART. 25 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Plantation Boat Launch Account** and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND \$ 500.00
Carry Forward \$ 3,585.00

ART. 26 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **Cemetery Account** and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND
Carry Forward \$ 5,000.00

ART. 27 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for any labor and/or repairs to the **Robert Furber Dam**, also known as **Kingsbury Dam**, and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND

	\$ 10,000.00
Carry Forward	\$ 30,000.00

ART.28 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for an **EQUIPMENT CAPITOL SAVINGS ACCOUNT** for future equipment repairs and purchases and to allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND	\$ 5,000.00
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ART. 29 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Account** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND	\$ 500.00
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ART. 30 To see what sum of money the Plantation will raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying the **County Tax** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND	
2024 Real Estate Taxes	\$ 169,750.00

ART. 31 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to use **\$65,000** out of the **Community Benefit Account** to reduce the commitment.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND TO DO SO

ART. 32 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell or dispose of the Plantation equipment or personal property on such terms and conditions as they deem in the best interests of the Plantation.

ART. 33 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Plantation, to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Assessors deem to be in the best interests of the Plantation and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property except that the Assessors shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ART. 34 To see if the Plantation will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

Municipal Revenue Sharing

Local Road Assistance

State Aid to Education including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief.

Civil Emergency Funds

Snowmobile Registration Refunds

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Veteran's Exemption Refunds

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Funds

General Assistance Refund

Property Tax Relief

State Grants or other funds received from the State that are not included above, including funds received because of selling agreements and grants.

ART. 35 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed.

ART. 36 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12, (25%), of the budget amount in each budget category of the 2025 annual budget during the period from January 31, 2025 to the 2025 annual Plantation meeting.

ART. 37 To see if the Plantation will vote to approve an annual interest rate of 8.5% on all real and personal property taxes that become delinquent during the taxable year 2024 until those taxes are paid in full, effective October 1, 2024.

ART. 38 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors and Treasurer to produce a temporary loan or loans within the 2024 taxable year in anticipation of taxes or other means covered by security, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Plantation, or when other security as reimbursements are received by the Plantation.

ART. 39 To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to use **\$30,000** from the **Reserve Account** to reduce the commitment.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND TO DO SO

ART. 40 To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise or appropriate for the support of the listed organizations:

Maine Public Radio	\$100.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$100.00

ART. 41 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the **Kingsbury Off Grid Groomers** and allow Assessors to give approval of expenditures and carry forward the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ASSESSORS RECOMMEND	\$ 5,000.00
100 % of the State Registration Fees and any grants received.	

ART. 42 To see if the Plantation will vote to adjourn the meeting.

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Kingsbury Plantation Garage at 9:00 AM in the morning of said meeting for the purpose of registering any new residents and making corrections as needed to the voting list.

Given under our hands this ___20th_____day of April A.D. 2024

/s/ Tammy Bridges
/s/ Jodie Patterson
/s/ Caitlin Machon
Assessor's of Kingsbury Plantation

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Kingsbury Plantation qualified as therein expressed, to be at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within Warrant at the following places:

The Kingsbury Bulletin Board at the Dam
The Town Website
The Kingsbury Municipal Garage

Attest a true copy:

Michelle Nichols, Town Clerk



Robert Furber Dam



Late December was challenging, along with this spring, with all of the rain storms and melting snow. In 2023, the plantation had a fence installed around the main gate, for the safety of all. A big Thank You, to the Assessors! We are planning on fixing the third sluice this year, depending on the water level, as the pond must be lowered for two weeks to do the concrete work. So, I ask for your patience.

A big Thank you to Chris Russell for stepping in when I'm away.

Any concerns please contact me or an assessor.

Jeff Bridges

Cemeteries

Thank you, Dave Kenney and Rob Trottier, the cemeteries are looking great. The new fencing was an improvement. Besides the regular upkeep and mowing, we will be spreading some loam on the graves that have sunken down and reseeding, to keep them looking wonderful.





To: Kingsbury Plantation Assessors

Please accept this submission for our request of \$5,000, to be added to the town warrant for this year. The Kingsbury Off-Grid Groomers Snowmobile Club began in February of 2019. The club now has two grooming machines that groom more than 60 miles of trails. This year, we incurred a “new-to-us” Tucker groomer and have worked diligently to repair trails damaged due to weather. We continue to complete improvements to various local trails with the generous donations of local contractors and club members. We have 71 members and 5 business memberships. Unfortunately, our state support and memberships are not enough to bear the costs of fuel, trail and equipment maintenance. For these reasons, please consider this request to be added to the town warrant. We may be contacted at email: off.gridgroomers@gmail.com or by telephone at (207) 740-0455.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Heather Washburn

Treasurer, Kingsbury Off-Grid Groomers

President: George Hartford

Vice President: Phil Wright

Secretary: Lori Gagnon

Board Members: Chris Russell, Jim Martin, Derek Washburn

Trail Master: Jim Maloy

Groomers: George Hartford, Derek Washburn, Mark Gagnon,

Jim Maloy, Phil Wright, Heather Washburn, Lori Gagnon



Photo courtesy of Kingsbury Off-Grid Groomers

2023 GUILFORD FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Greetings fellow citizens,

Here we are with another year behind us. 2023 was a challenging year for me personally. I started the year with surgery for prostate cancer in January and ended the year with shoulder surgery in November for a torn rotator cuff. As of my most recent blood test last month the results are showing at levels considered undetectable, which is very good news. Currently I am still going through physical therapy for my shoulder. All is going as expected with my shoulder recovery, but progress is slow. A special thank you to my wife who tended to my needs at home through my recoveries. Through all of this I am proud to say that the crew here at the fire station has done a great job in covering calls and tending to tasks around the station. I can't thank them enough. I'm very proud to serve with them and look forward to what the future holds.

We have been involved with the creation of run cards for the Sheriff's Office to use that contain pre-determined information about which departments get called to help us in a mutual aid capacity. This effort has been county wide. We are trying to streamline the task of getting fire trucks and crews on the road quickly while reducing the amount of radio traffic. The cards have 1st, 2nd and 3rd alarms mainly for building fires but also for chimney fires and wildland fires. Each level has departments listed for response to the incident on hand whether it be to respond directly to the scene, standby by at our station for coverage or stand by at their own station in anticipation of the next level of run card being paged out by the Sheriff's Office. The run cards are set up for Guilford, Abbot, Parkman and Kingsbury. Each set of run cards is unique to the area being covered and trying to utilize the departments that make the most sense geographically. There is still a lot of work to be done and I'm sure we will find issues with what seemed to work well on paper but not so well when put into action. Overall, I'm excited to see this move forward as I think it will make responding to calls much more efficient.

We are also working on the accountability system for our members. Each member has a tag with their name on it and the fire department initials. We have an accountability board which we plan on mounting on a stand so it can be used at scenes to track what each member of our department is tasked with for a job and who they are working with. This is a very important part of any scene but especially on a building fire scene where there are multiple departments on scene and the need for accounting of each person is of utmost importance.

We are looking at different ideas on how to better utilize the space we have at the fire station. There is a lack of equipment storage. We end up with items stored around the perimeter of the truck bays. I'm not sure what the plan is at this point, but the officers and I will be discussing it further in the year to come. We have also had a couple roof leaks. One in the old town office space and the other in the old truck bay. I haven't researched the age of the roofing material on this section of the building but intend to look at quotes to see what we are up against for replacement or repair.

We still have some openings in the roster and are always interested in bringing new people on board. Currently, a lot of the crew works out of town during the day which doesn't leave many members in town to cover calls. If there is any interest out there in the community to join the fire department, please come talk to us. It is a great opportunity to work with a great bunch of people and serve your community.

On the topic of safety, I am reminded of a recent chimney fire we responded to. We found the chimney was plugged from the bottom up to a level that was above the exhaust pipe for the oil-fired furnace in the basement. There was a wood stove on the first floor which produced most of the residue that was plugging the chimney. This prevented the exhaust from the furnace from exiting the building through the chimney. Therefore, the exhaust was forced back into the basement which created a dangerous buildup of CO gas. Thankfully there was enough of a draft through the old foundation which allowed the gas to dissipate. I stressed the importance of CO detectors to the homeowners. I would caution everyone to be mindful of not only having working smoke detectors in your homes but also CO detection as well. It is the silent killer as the CO gas is odorless and tasteless. Please be safe with your heating appliances.

Thank you once again for allowing me this opportunity to serve you as your fire chief.

Respectfully

Keith Kendall

Guilford Fire Chief

Plantation Clerk's Report

Birth	0
Marriages	0
Deaths	1

2023 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Kingsbury,

First and foremost, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the Martie Furber family.

Martie has been the backbone to say the least of this board and was instrumental in writing the Comprehensive plan. Without her this board would have never existed. Her knowledge, perseverance, support, dedication, sense of humor, wisdom and countless hours will always be remembered.

She had a very special place in her heart for Kingsbury and she will be missed.

I would like to thank our planning board members Jim Maloy, Steve Woods and Kara Thurlow as well as Keith Doore our Code Enforcement Officer.

Thank you to our Board of Appeals members Tammy Wederbrand, Dave Kenney and Greg True.

I would also like to thank our Kingsbury Assessors and treasurer for their support this past year.

We encourage folks to come to our meetings which run from March thru November. We meet at the town garage on the second Sunday of the month at 0900.

We are a friendly group to work with and look forward to meeting you. We all love this area and want to keep the community safe, clean and beautiful.

Thank you for your support obtaining the necessary permits for all your building and construction projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Russell Chair



Code Enforcement Officer

Keith J. Doore
Code Enforcement Officer
Kingsbury Plantation
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December 6 2023

Re: 2023 Town Report

Kingsbury Plantation
255 Worcester Highway
Kingsbury, Maine 04942

Dear Kingsbury Residents:

If you have any questions call me at 207-343-1669 or 207-564-8232 after 6 PM. If you leave a message, please speak clearly. Also, feel free to email me at keithjdoore@gmail.com. I will try to get to your problem as soon as possible. Remember little problems are easy to fix: give me a call before they become big issues. . Pick one up before you start your project. All buildings need to meet state building codes.

Total Permits Issued: 18

3	Additions	0	Change of Use Permits	2	Solar Racks
1	Culverts	2	Decks	0	Demolitions
1	Driveways	1	Fences	0	Fuel Tank Replacements
4	Garages	1	Letters	1	work on dam
10	Meetings	0	New Steps	18	Phone Calls
1	Sheds	0	Signs	1	10 Yards of Gravel/more
0	Mobile home slab	3	Camp	2	permit by rule
18	Visits				

Keith Doore CEO

Road Crew Report

In 2023, Steve Lawson and his crew completed the south end of the Wellington Road. This year, as long as the rain holds off, we hope to finish the north end, near Howard Lane to the Dam.

I would like to say Thank you, to Jim Maloy for stepping in to help out with the road work and maintenance of equipment. I have taken a full-time job with DOT and time is limited. I still plan on working for the plantation, but some pressure has been relieved.

Any concerns or requests, please contact an assessor.

Dave Kenney



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

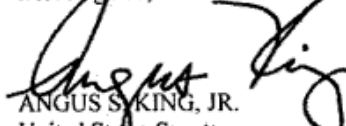
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,


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Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

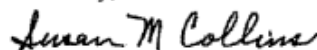
These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Kingsbury Plantation

MORATORIUM ORDINANCE ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR ARRAYS

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature recently enacted several laws intended to encourage development of renewable energy projects in the State of Maine;

WHEREAS, as a result of these new laws, developers are proposing unprecedented numbers of commercial solar arrays throughout the state;

WHEREAS, the ordinances of the Kingsbury Plantation do not include any regulations related to commercial solar arrays, or site planning regulations generally; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated location and operation of commercial solar arrays within the Kingsbury Plantation raises legitimate and substantial concerns about environmental, health and safety impacts of such uses, as well as visual impacts and other considerations related to the appropriate siting of these arrays;

WHEREAS, the Plantation's current ordinances are insufficient to prevent serious public harm that could be caused by the unregulated development of commercial solar arrays;

WHEREAS, a moratorium is necessary to allow the Plantation to analyze and plan properly for the increased development of commercial solar arrays; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessors, Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer shall study the current Plantation ordinances to determine appropriate amendments to address commercial solar arrays; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that such a study, review, and development of recommended Ordinance, change will take at least one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the Plantation enacts this Moratorium Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Plantation meeting of Kingsbury Plantation, that the following Moratorium Ordinance on Commercial Solar Arrays be, and hereby is, enacted and, in operation or licensing of commercial solar arrays within the Plantation.

For the purposes of this Moratorium, "commercial solar array" is defined as a solar energy collection structure of any size that is primarily serves an offsite user such as the electric power grid or a use on a non-adjacent parcel.

This Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect once enacted by the Plantation meeting. The moratorium shall remain in effect for the one hundred and eighty (180) days from the effective of this Ordinance, unless extended, repealed, or modified by the Board of Assessors, for the express purpose of drafting an amendment or amendments to the current Plantation ordinances to protect the public from health and safety risks including, but not limited to, compatibility of commercial solar arrays with existing and permitted uses in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Moratorium Ordinance shall apply to commercial solar arrays that are proposed to be located within the Plantation on or after the effective date of this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that notwithstanding the provisions of 1 M.R.S.A 302 or any other law to the contrary, this Moratorium Ordinance, when enacted, shall govern any proposed commercial solar array for which an application for a building permit, Certificate of Occupancy, shoreland zoning approval, site plan or any other required approval has not been submitted to and granted final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board or other Plantation officials or board prior to the effective date of this Moratorium Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no person or organization shall develop or operate a commercial solar array within the Plantation on or after the effective date of this Moratorium Ordinance without complying with whatever ordinance amendment or amendments the Plantation meeting may enact as a result of this Moratorium Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that during the time this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, no officer, official, employee, office, administrative board or agency of the Plantation shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a license, building permit or any other type of land use approval or permit and/or any other permits or licenses related to commercial solar array; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that those provisions of current Plantation ordinances that are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent that they are applicable for the duration of the moratorium hereby ordained, and as it may be extended as permitted by law, but not otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if commercial solar arrays are established in contravention of this Moratorium, each day of any continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation of this Moratorium Ordinance, and the Plantation shall be entitled to all rights available to it in law and equity, including, but not limited to, fines and penalties, injunctive relief, and its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting and such violations; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that should any section or provision of this Moratorium Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such as a declaration shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

Date of Enactment (Effective Date):

Kingsbury Plantation
Solar Array Energy Systems Ordinance

Article 1. Title, Authority, Purpose and Applicability

1.1 Title

This Ordinance shall be known as, and may be cited as, the **Kingsbury Plantation Solar Array Energy Systems Ordinance**.

1.2 Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Home Rule Authority granted to Kingsbury Plantation in accordance with the provisions of M.R.S.A. Title 30-A, Chapter 141 3001-3014.

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the installation of solar energy systems by providing standards for the siting, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification, and removal of such facilities, and to address public safety.

1.4 Applicability

1.4.1 This Ordinance shall be applicable to all Solar Array Energy Systems, as defined herein, in Kingsbury Plantation. Solar Array Energy Systems shall be reviewed in accordance with the procedures and standards for the development review or use review, as applicable under any other Plantation Ordinance, as well as the applicable standards of this Ordinance. **Home Scale Solar Array Systems shall be exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance.** To the extent there is conflict between this Ordinance and any other ordinance, this Ordinance shall control.

1.4.2 This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Kingsbury Plantation Annual Meeting and, notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. 302, shall be applicable to any MSAES or LSAES that has not been substantially started (defined as completion of actual physical improvements to and installations on the site totaling at least 15% of the total project cost of all physical improvements and installations). The provisions of Articles 4, 5 and 7 of this Ordinance shall apply to all MSAES and LSAES on an ongoing basis, regardless of the date of construction.

Article 2- Definitions:

Solar Array Energy Systems: installation of solar panels designed to generate electricity.

Solar Array Energy Systems shall be classified as follows: For the purpose of this classification, an array shall be measured base upon the total square footage of panels, not to include any areas between panels in the same array.

Home Scale Solar Array Energy Systems (HSAES): A solar array in which the total square footage of the panel(s) area combined does not exceed 1,000 sf. *With or without any electrical storage capabilities on site.*

Medium Scale Solar Array Energy Systems (MSAES): A solar array in which the total square footage on the panel(s) are combined does not exceed 15,000 sf., *with or without any electrical storage capabilities on site.*

Large Scale Solar Array Energy Systems (LSAES): A solar array in which the total square footage of the panel(s) area is in excess of 15,000 sf., *with or without any electrical storage capabilities on site.*

Electrical Storage Unit(s): Shall include, but not limited to, any battery types or similar designed electrical energy storage devices or units that store the electrical energy developed by the solar array and allows for the discharge of this electrical energy into an electric grid operated for the purpose of supplying electricity. Units of this type may be self-contained or constructed or placed within a building or container.

Article 3- Design and Construction Standards for all Medium Scale Solar Array Energy Systems (MSAES) and Large Scale Solar Array Energy Systems (LSAES):

The following Design and Construction standards shall apply to all Medium and Large Scale Solar Array Energy Systems and shall be applied by the Planning Board in addition to standards applicable under any other Plantation Ordinance.

3.1 In all cases, the solar arrays must be designed and engineered to meet the then current standards of the industry assuring that all components have been properly tested, certified, and approved for use in a solar array configuration including, but not limited to, newly designed and engineered components for the safe and efficient generation, storage, and transmission of solar power and its consumption.

3.2 Any physical modification to any existing MSAES or LSAES, whether or not existing prior to the effective date of this section, that expands the MSAES or LSAES, shall require approval under this Ordinance. Routine maintenance or replacements do not require a permit.

3.3 MSAES or LSAES layout, design, and installation shall conform to applicable industry standards, such the National Electric Code (NEC). Information regarding the key components of the system shall be submitted as part of the application.

3.4 All on-site utility transmission lines and plumbing shall be placed underground. If, however, the applicant can demonstrate that this would not be technically feasible, or

allowable under applicable interconnection standards or agreements, then the applicant may be considered for a waiver of this requirement as determined by the Planning Board.

3.5 The owner of a MSAES or LSAES shall provide the Code Enforcement Officer written confirmation that the public utility company to which the MSAES or LSAES will be connected has been informed of the customer's intent to install a grid connected system. The owner shall provide a copy of the final inspection report and connection approval from the utility company to the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the issuance of a certificate of use and occupancy for the MSAES or LSAES.

3.6 If a MSAES or LSAES is being used as an accessory use to commercial/ industrial activity on another property, the application shall provide information on the intent of the MSAES or LSAES.

3.7 Signage shall comply with the Plantation's applicable sign regulations.

3.8 All MSAES or LSAES shall be situated to eliminate concentrated glare onto nearby structures or roadways.

3.9 MSAES or LSAES shall be designed and located to ensure solar access without reliance on and/or interference from adjacent properties unless an easement or right of way has been obtained via a legal document.

3.10 All energy storage units or facilities shall also comply with the same design standard as set forth in this section.

3.11 Standards Specific to Ground-mounted MSAES and LSAES: (A) The lot on which the MSAES or LSAES is located shall meet lot size requirements of the applicable zoning district.

(A) MSAES or LSAES shall be exempt from the applicable zoning district's lot frontage requirements and shall instead have minimum road frontage of 33 feet.

(B) The applicant must provide proof that the Owner/Operator has authorization to construct (if necessary), use and maintain the access drive for the life of the project, including decommissioning

(C) MSAES or LSAES shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from all property lines (see specific standards for LSAES).

(D) Ground-mounted MSAES or LSAES shall comply with the building height restrictions for principal buildings of the applicable zoning district.

(E) Access drives shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and designed to accommodate occasional heavy truck traffic.

(F) Ground-mounted MSAES and LSAES shall not be placed within any legal easement right-of-way location, or be placed within any stormwater conveyance system, or in any other manner that would alter or impede stormwater runoff from collecting in a constructed stormwater conveyance system. Exception: MSAES or LSAES may be placed within a legal easement that specifically provides for MSAES or LSAES.

(G) The Applicant shall submit a Stormwater Management Plan, certified by a licensed engineer, that demonstrates stormwater from the MSAES or LSAES will infiltrate into the ground beneath the MSAES or LSAES at a rate equal to that of the infiltration rate prior to the placement of the system. If this infiltration rate cannot be achieved for all of the MSAES/ LSAES, that area may be considered impervious.

(H) Ground-mounted MSAES/ LSAES shall be reasonably screened from view from any adjacent property, including property located across a public or private way from the MSAES/ LSAES, that is residentially zoned or used for residential purposes. The screen shall consist of a vegetation barrier which provides a visual screen. In lieu of a vegetation barrier, the Planning Board may permit use of a fence that provides screening and meets requirements of the controlling ordinance.

(I) All ground mounted MSAES/ LSAES shall be completely enclosed by 'Solid Lock Game Fences'. Such fencing would start w 8 by 12-inch openings at the bottom (ground) with progressively smaller openings at the top of the fence. This type of fencing meets the National Electric Code for human safety. Fences should be elevated by a minimum of 5 inches to allow for passage of small terrestrial animals. Five- inch or large diameter wood escape poles shall be placed in two or more corners of the perimeter fence as an alternative means for wildlife to escape the enclosed area. fencing shall consist of a minimum 8-foot-high fence with a locking gate, or as designated by the permitting authority.

(J) Lighting shall be consistent with local, state, and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as accessory structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be shielded from interference with abutting properties. The lighting of the solar energy system shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

(K) Control of Noise. Inverters and Transformers must be at least 300 feet from any residence.

(L) Energy Storage Facilities shall comply with the same design and construction standard set forth in this Section 3.11.

3.12 Standard specific to ground mounted capital LSAES

(A) LSAES shall have a 30' vegetative buffer from the property line inward. Fencing shall be a minimum of 20' from the property line inward, and there shall be an additional clear space of 20' to the solar panel from any fencing shielding any line-of-sight visibility from any home or roadway.

3.13 Standards specific to roof mounted MSAES and LSAES:

(A) The owner shall provide evidence certified by an appropriately licensed professional engineer that the roof is capable of supporting the collateral load of the MSAES/LSAES.

(B) MSAES or LSAES mounted on roofs for any building shall be subject to the maximum height regulations specified for principle and accessory buildings within the applicable zoning district.

Article 4- Performance Parameters for all Medium and Large-Scale Solar Array Energy Systems

The following Performance Perimeters shall apply to all Medium and Large-Scale Solar Array Energy Systems. They shall be reviewed by the permitting authority for compliance during review of the initial request for approval and shall be considered ongoing performance requirements that must be met by all MSAES and LSAES throughout the life of the project and decommissioning. The Code Enforcement Officer shall review all MSAES and LSAES for compliance with these Performance Perimeters during each annual inspection.

4.1 MSAES and LSAES shall be properly maintained, including but not limited to painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Facilities shall be kept free from all hazards including, but not limited to, faulty wiring, loose fastenings, being in an unsafe condition or detrimental to public health, safety or general welfare. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar energy system and any access road(s).

4.2 Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to Plantation public safety officials. Access drives shall be maintained with adequate gravel base to allow for access by Emergency Management vehicles.

4.3 A “Knox Box”, as approved by the Fire Chief, shall be provided and installed by the operator to be used to allow emergency service personnel continuous access. All means of shutting down the solar energy system shall be clearly marked. The owner, or operator, shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

4.4 A clearly visible warning sign shall be placed at the base of all pad mounted transformers and substations and on the fences surrounding the MSAES informing individuals of potential voltage hazards.

4.5 All MSAES and LSAES shall eliminate concentrated glare onto nearby structures or roadways. The code of enforcement officer may require additional plantings or screening to avoid glare.

4.6 If a ground mounted MSAES or LSAES, or any portion thereof, is removed, ANY earth disturbance must be graded and reseeded with native seedings, wildflowers, and meadow grasses.

4.7 All energy storage units or facilities shall also comply with the same performance standards as set forth in this section.

4.8 Any material modifications to a MSAES or LSAES made after issuance of the required Plantation permit(s) shall require approval by the Planning Board. The Code Enforcement Officer may approve minor modifications to a MSAES or LSAES if, in his

or her discretion they do not materially impact any of their approval or performance standards set forth in this ordinance.

4.9 Permit Duration. Planning Board issued permits for MSAES and LSAES, including those permits issued prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, will be valid for a two-year time period from the date of Planning Board approval. If substantial groundbreaking has not occurred within that two-year time period, request for an extension may be reviewed/ approved by the Planning Board if evidence is presented to the Planning Board showing reason(s) beyond the applicant's control for the project delay. Extension of the project beyond the two-year permitted timeframe may be allowed in one-year intervals, not to exceed a total of five years from the approval date, with an extension fee of half the Application Fee to be paid for each single year extension.

Article 5 Decommissioning

5.1 Decommissioning Plan. All applicants seeking approval of an MSAES or LSAES shall submit a decommissioning plan that shall meet the requirements set forth in 35-A M.R.S. Sections 3491 through 3496, as may be amended, and pertinent regulations promulgated by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The decommissioning plan shall provide a statement by the owner of the real property that in the event the owner/ operator of the MSAES or LSAES does not perform its obligations under the plan, the owner of the real property shall be secondarily responsible to do so.

5.2 Performance Guarantee. The owner/ operator of MSAES or LSAES shall submit to Kingsbury Plantation a financial guarantee in the form of an escrow deposit, performance bond, surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or other form of financial assurance acceptable to the Planning Board, to provide assurance to the Plantation that the facility will be properly removed and remediated upon abandonment or termination of production.

The amount of financial guarantee shall be 150% of the estimated decommissioning cost as of the anticipated end of the useful life of the system based upon information provided by a competent professional. If the term of an offered performance bond or letter of credit is not for the full operational life of the system, the bond or letter of credit shall be automatically renewable for successive terms to account for the full operational life of the system.

5.3 Plantation as Named Beneficiary. If a bond or letter of credit is provided as a financial guarantee, Kingsbury Plantation shall be listed as a co-beneficiary, and the Plantation Assessors shall be listed as a designated point of contact on behalf of the Plantation.

5.4 Suspension or Termination of Financial Guarantee. Failure of the owner/ operator to maintain any submitted performance guarantee, through nonpayment of premiums or otherwise, shall be evidence of a breach of the approval which, if not remedied within thirty (30) days shall require the project owner to notify the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), and any fiscally connected party, that they are in breach of their Plantation approval. Production from the MSAES or LSAES shall be suspended beginning on the 30th day following expiration or termination of a performance bond or

letter of credit and until the Plantation certifies that the guarantee has been properly reestablished. Any proceeds from solar production improperly generated during a required period of suspension shall be forfeited to Kingsbury Plantation as a penalty for noncompliance.

5.5 Transfer of Ownership. The financial guarantee shall be transferred to or replaced by any new owner/ operator of the MSAES or LSAES, and all relevant documents and signatures shall be updated within thirty (30) days of transfer. On or before the same date, the new owner/ operator shall provide information regarding that entity's financial and technical capacity to construct and/ or operate the MSAES or LSAES, which information shall be reviewed by the Code Enforcement Officer, who may submit the information for the Planning Board approval if, in his or her discretion, there is a material difference from the information provided by the original applicant.

5.6 Removal, Abandonment and Decommissioning. MSAES or LSAES that have failed to operate for more than one year shall be decommissioned by the owner/ operator in accordance with the approved decommissioning plan, or for MSAES or LSAES constructed before the effective date of this Ordinance, in accordance with standard requirements as enforced by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Decommissioning shall include:

- Physical removal of all components of the system, including structures, equipment, security barriers, and transmission lines;
- Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations; and
- Stabilization and revegetation of this site is necessary to minimize erosion. Native seed mixtures shall be used to the extent possible.

Failure of the owner operator to properly and fully decommission the MSAES or LSAES within one year of the last date of production shall entitle the Plantation to access any provided financial guarantee and to enter the property and conduct all the commissioning activities necessary. The deadline for decommissioning may be extended for no more than a one-year period, if the owner/ operator provides information to the Code Enforcement Officer certifying that the cease in production is temporary and will be resumed within that year.

Article 6-Application and Fee

6.1 Application. Kingsbury Plantation, through its Code Enforcement Officer, shall provide each applicant with an application form designed to start the process of review of any proposed solar array and/ or storage facility. The applicant shall provide all materials required by any other Plantation ordinance, as well as any specific submission requirements of this ordinance.

6.2 Fee. The application fee is intended to cover the expenses to Kingsbury Plantation which include, but not limited to, the cost of advertisement, hiring of consultants to guide the review process by the Planning Board and/ or the Code Enforcement Officer, and administration and supervision of any approved project by the Consultant(s) as

authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer, in their administration and enforcement of this Ordinance, require expert assistance that exceeds the application fee, the cost of such assistance shall be borne by the Applicant or Owner/ Operator and shall be deposited into escrow upon request, with any balance to be promptly returned to the Applicant, Owner or Operator.

Application Fees:

Medium Scale Solar Array Electrical Systems: \$12,000

Large Scale Solar Array Electrical Systems: \$15,000 plus \$1.00 per sf above 15,000 square feet.

Electrical Storage Unit(s): \$5,000 plus \$1.00 per sf exceeding 1,000 square feet.

Article 7-Annual Inspection and Permit

7.1 Annual Inspection. All MSAES and LSAES shall be required to receive an annual inspection to confirm ongoing compliance with Articles four and five of this ordinance. This annual inspection requirement shall apply to all MSAES and LSAES, whether constructed or approved before or after the effective date of this ordinance.

7.2 Inspection Fee. An annual inspection fee shall be required. This fee is intended to account for the cost of providing the annual inspections by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief, or their consultant. The inspection fee shall be submitted by April 1st of each calendar year.

Inspection Fees:

Medium Scale Solar Array Electrical Systems: \$2,500 plus \$600 per MW installed for Fire and Safety inspections by the CEO and the Fire Chief or their consultant.

Large Scale Solar Array Electrical Systems: \$4,000 plus \$1.00 per square foot above 15,000 sq ft plus \$600 per MW for Fire and Safety inspections by the CEO and the Fire Chief or their consultant.

Electrical Storage Unit(s): \$2,000 plus \$600 per MW of storage capacity for Fire and Safety inspections by the CEO and the Fire Chief or their consultant.

Article 8- Enforcement

Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to all enforcement procedures, penalties and remedies as set forth in 30-A M.R.S 4452, as well as any other more specific penalties set forth in this Ordinance.

Article 9-Separability

Should any portion of this Ordinance be found to be in violation of any state or federal law, only that portion shall be deemed null and void and it shall not relieve the owner/ operator(s) from the standards and requirements imposed by this ordinance on the Permittee(s) or Signatories to the Permit.

On _____, 2024, Kingsbury Plantation, by action of its Plantation Annual Meeting, approved and adopted this Ordinance as a matter of record.



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