The Town Crier

Town of Osborn-Spring 2026

Office Hours: Every Tuesday night 6-8 PM
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
And by appointment
Feel free to stop in when you see someone in the office



Upcoming Meetings

School Board Meetings @ 6:30 pm Airline School
May 27, 2026 (Budget Vote)

Selectboard Meeting @ 6:00 pm – Town Office
May 26, 2026
June 28, 2026
July 28, 2026
All meetings are open to the public. Dates are subject to change and will be posted. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

Municipal /State Election and Town Meeting
June 9, 2026 Election from 10 am-8pm at the Emery L. Jordan Community Building.
June 10, 2026 Town Meeting. Join to get election results and vote on the 2026/2027 budget.

In Loving Memory

Our community was saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Weymouth, who served as our Selectman and Fire Chief in years past. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. His service to the Town of Osborn will be remembered.

Many thanks to the volunteer fire departments who responded to the fire on Tannery Loop. The quick response definitely saved the resident's house. Thanks to Mariaville Vol. Fire Dept., Osborn Fire Dept. and Waltham Vol. Fire Dept. And also to the Aurora VFD members who responded quickly and "put the water on the fire." Note that this started as a simple grass and ground fire but spread rapidly. It is dry in the woods, so be careful with fire.





Bulky Waste Removal Returns!

Aurora Salt Sand Shed
June 13 & 14 8am-3pm

Waltham Fire Department
June 27 & 28 8am-3pm

Items will not be accepted outside of these hours!

Ripples from the Town Office

Road signs are for navigation, not camp décor

The dumpster is for household trash only. Furniture, mystery scrap piles, and "someone else will deal with it" are not accepted materials.

The deer have filed another complaint about roadside litter. Please help keep our town clean.

Your livestock may enjoy sightseeing, but your neighbors may not.



Absentee Ballots are available in the town office for the State Election and Municipal election. Contact the town clerk today if you want to vote in person or by mail.

25 Years Ago
Ellsworth American
March 29, 2001

Osborn Reins in Spending

By Stephen Fay

OSBORN—It's not easy being frugal.

The 13 voters at Monday's annual town meeting held the line on salaries and expenses, as usual.

But bureaucracy took some of the fun out of it, as usual.

For example, the voters (representing about a quarter of those registered) kept Fire Chief Allan E. Shorey's annual salary at a spare $100. But Treasurer Lorna Shorey noted that the Workers' Compensation insurance premium for the chief's post was $300. That's as low as it goes, she said.

All other levels of compensation—$150 for the town clerk, $100 for school committee members, $10 for the health officer, etc.—stayed the same.

The one stunning leap in pay came about when the voters learned that Treasurer Shorey's $400 a year worked out to around $2 an hour. Shorey said she tends to put in "umpity-ump million hours a month." A motion was made to pay her $1,200.

Motions to double the compensation for the school trustees and road commissioner generated chuckles but no new expense, as these are unpaid positions.

Voters agreed to start working on a comprehensive plan in order to comply with state stipulations. The comprehensive plan committee will seek guidance from the Maine Municipal Association, whose dues request of $848 the voters funded.

They held off on assessing interest on those owing back taxes. Town Clerk Kenneth Silsby said town officials know who owes what and why. The situations of those in bad financial shape would not be improved through the imposition of interest.

"How are you going to get blood out of a turnip?" he asked.

In all, the voters approved appropriations of $53,735 for municipal expenses and $60,000 for schooling costs.

Maine Crisis Hot line: 1-888-568-1112Child Abuse: 1-800-452-1999Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse: 1-800-624-8404
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

SAMPLE SECRET BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF OSBORN
JUNE 9, 2026

Instructions: Mark a cross (☒) or check (☑) in the square at the left of the name of the candidate or response for which you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be voted on for each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in his/her name in the proper blank space, marking a cross (☒) or a check (☑) in the proper square at the left and writing in also the municipality of residence of the person of choice. Do not erase names.

Selectman
3 year term ending 6/30/2029
(Vote for not more than one)

☐ Carter, Daryl Osborn, ME

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Write-in name & municipality of residence

Building Committee Member
3 year term ending 6/30/2029
(Vote for not more than one)

☐ Reed, Michelle

_____
Write-in name & municipality of residence

Schoolboard Member
3 year term ending 6/30/2029
(Vote for not more than one)

☐ Varney, Tim

_____
Write-in name & municipality of residence

Clerk:_____

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