



TOWN OF KITTERY

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Committee on State and Local Government
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the time your committee recently took to review LD1196, a Resolve to Require the Towns of Kittery and York to Develop a Boundary Description.

I understand there were questions at the recent hearing on the proposed legislation, including whether the proposed resolve is supported by both the Town of Kittery and the Town of York. I am happy to report to you that the proposed resolution is in fact supported by both towns.

In late fall of 2024, the Kittery Town Council and York Selectboard decided to work together to resolve concerns that the currently acknowledged boundary line between the two towns may differ from another historical boundary line established by Massachusetts colonial authorities. When the two towns decided to work together to resolve the boundary line question, it was understood that any permanent resolution would likely entail formal action by the Legislature.

Since that time, the two towns have issued a joint Request for Qualifications for shared survey services, and we are working together to select a surveyor to complete a formal description of the currently acknowledged boundary line. We anticipate that such a description will be required before the Legislature can act to formally resolve this issue. Our intent is to provide that description on or before December 3, 2025.

Thank you for your time and consideration of LD1196. If you have any further questions, or if you would like representatives of the Town of Kittery to appear before the Committee to discuss the proposed resolve further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-475-1329 or at kamaral@kitteryme.org.

Sincerely,


Kendra Amaral
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