Our Town Belfast, A Main Street Community

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Belfast Maine sits on a hill overlooking the breathtaking tidal waters of Penobscot Bay. Settled in 1765, Belfast's past and present speak of its creativity, innovation, tradition, community, and independence. It is the economic hub and county seat of Waldo County with a dynamic working waterfront, picturesque sea captains' mansions, the country's oldest shoe store, and more art galleries than any city of its size in the state. In March of 2010, Our Town Belfast became a Maine Downtown Network Community and continued the efforts, becoming Maine's only Main Street community in June of 2011. There are nine communities in Maine with the Main Street designation!

Our Town Belfast is a vibrant and inclusive social, arts and cultural effort that initiates and supports community and creative sustainability in downtown Belfast following the National Trust Main Street Four-Point Approach®:

• Organization: Overseeing the internal operations of the organization by assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities for governance and attracting people and funding to the organization.

• Design: Developing guidelines that shape the physical image of downtown Belfast based on its unique assets and architectural heritage.

• Promotion: Marketing downtown Belfast's unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, new businesses, visitors and others.

• Economic Restructuring: Strengthening and diversifying the economic base of downtown Belfast.

The board of directors meets the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 in the office at 171 High Street, Suite 6. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

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