

TOWN OF MACHIAS, MAINE

WARRANT

2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: **LARRY ARMSTRONG**, a resident of the Town of Machias, County of Washington, State of Maine

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Machias, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, the Tenth day of June, AD 2025, at 8:00 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on **Articles 1 and 2**. (Polls will open at 8 AM and will close at 8 PM);

And to warn and notify said voters to reconvene on Wednesday, the Eleventh of June, AD 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Machias Memorial High School Gym, then and there to act on **Articles number 3 through 47**, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect the following town officials: One Selectperson to serve until the 2028 Annual Town Meeting, One School Board Member to serve until the 2028 Annual Town Meeting, Two Budget Committee Members, to serve until the 2028 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$492,237.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$104,735.00** from the enterprise accounts listed below, for a total appropriation of **\$596,972.00** for the **Administration Account**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>		
Town Manager	\$90,068.00	\$92,320.00
Full Time	\$241,083.00	\$190,160.00
PT/Per Diem	\$2,000.00	\$36,200.00
Public Health Officer	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Northfield Stipend	\$1,540.00	\$1,620.00
Elections	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
BD of Select-People Secretary	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00
Board of Select-People	<u>\$14,700.00</u>	<u>\$14,700.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$362,271.00</b>	<b>\$347,380.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$27,715.00	\$26,575.00
Health Insurance	\$108,660.00	\$101,230.00
PFML	\$0.00	\$1,737.00
Worker's Compensation	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$425.00	\$468.00
Retirement	<u>\$22,900.00</u>	<u>\$20,130.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$161,700.00</b>	<b>\$152,340.00</b>

<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Office Supplies	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment Rental/Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equipment/Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Computer Licensing	<u>\$13,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Cleaning Supp.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Structure Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$4,000.00	\$2,750.00
Heating Fuel	\$6,000.00	\$3,750.00
Sewer	\$382.00	\$382.00
Water	\$400.00	\$400.00
Telephone/Cell	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$16,282.00</b>	<b>\$12,782.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Audit	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00
Drug Testing	\$550.00	\$550.00
Bank Charges	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing/Town Report	\$1,500.00	\$1,050.00
Tax/Sewer Bills	\$350.00	\$350.00
Professional Dues	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Training	\$700.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Town Manager Expense	<u>\$3,900.00</u>	<u>\$3,900.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$43,100.00</b>	<b>\$45,050.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg./Gen Liability	\$5,200.00	\$5,720.00
Public Officials Liability	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00
Blanket Bond	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	<b>\$7,920.00</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>		
Cleaning	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Contract Services	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Capital Projects	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Computer/Software	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMIN.</b>	<b>\$635,553.00</b>	<b>\$596,972.00</b>

	2024/2025 Budget	2025/2026 Budget
<b>Enterprise Acct Fund Transfers</b>		
Tel-Center	\$18,525.00	\$18,525.00
Sewer Account	\$21,110.00	\$21,110.00
Ambulance	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Transfer Station	<u>\$20,100.00</u>	<u>\$20,100.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Enterprise Acct Fund Trans</b>	<b>\$104,735.00</b>	<b>\$104,735.00</b>

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,125.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$18,125.00** from the ambulance enterprise account for a total appropriation of **\$36,250.00** for the **Public Safety Building**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	2024/2025 Budget	2025/2026 Budget
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Heat	\$10,500.00	\$9,000.00
Sewer	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00
Water	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$36,100.00</b>	<b>\$34,900.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Building	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,350.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILD.</b>	<b>\$37,300.00</b>	<b>\$36,250.00</b>

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$391,473.00** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$30,000.00** from the Ambulance Enterprise Account for a total appropriation of **\$439,598.00** for the **Fire Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	2024/2025 Budget	2025/2026 Budget
<b>Fire Department</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>		
Fire Chief	\$15,000.00	\$15,750.00
Part-time Personnel	\$32,000.00	\$34,500.00
Stipends for Volunteers	\$58,000.00	\$60,900.00
Dispatchers	\$130,167.00	\$135,440.00
Overtime	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$255,167.00</b>	<b>\$264,590.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$19,525.00	\$20,242.00
Health Insurance	\$43,350.00	\$47,246.00
PFML	\$0.00	\$1,325.00
Worker's Compensation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Retirement	\$3,860.00	\$4,020.00
Unemployment Compensation	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$92,185.00</b>	<b>\$98,283.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$650.00	\$650.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Gas	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

<b>Fire Dept</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance-continued</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Equipment Rental/Supplies	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Personal Protective Equip.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Airpacks	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$42,150.00</b>	<b>\$42,150.00</b>

<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Telephone	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Heat	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
911 Lines	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Building Appropriations	<u>\$18,650.00</u>	<u>\$18,125.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$24,950.00</b>	<b>\$24,425.00</b>

<b>Other</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Training/Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Drug Testing	\$400.00	\$450.00
Ads/Notices	\$200.00	\$200.00
Boot Allowance	\$500.00	\$600.00
Uniforms/Clothing	<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>

<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
General Liability	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00
Fleet	\$4,500.00	\$4,950.00
Building	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$6,150.00</b>	<b>\$6,900.00</b>

**TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT** **\$423,452.00** **\$439,598.00**

**NOTE:** The total Fire Department Appropriation is decreased by the **\$18,125.00** which is raised under the Public Safety Building Budget and decreased by **\$30,000.00** that is appropriated from the Ambulance Enterprise Budget for dispatching services.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any remaining balances under the 2024-2025 Fire Department budget from the following accounts: Personal Protective Equipment and Airpacks to be added to the Committed for Capital Projects: Fire Truck Replacement Account, and expend said funds for this purpose. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$767,482.00** through taxation for the **Police Department**. The Machias Select Board and The Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Police Department</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Police Chief	\$80,232.00	\$84,244.00
Officers	\$214,980.00	\$231,426.00
Reserve Officers	\$15,000.00	\$35,000.00
Animal Control Officer	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Police Department</b>		
<b>Personnel - Continued</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
School Resource Officer	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Court Time	\$500.00	\$500.00
Overtime	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$347,312.00</b>	<b>\$387,770.00</b>
FICA/Medicare	\$26,570.00	\$29,665.00
Health Insurance	\$86,700.00	\$94,492.00
Maine State Retirement	\$36,075.00	\$40,075.00
PFML	0	\$1,940.00
Worker's Compensation	\$11,650.00	\$13,040.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$670.00	\$500.00
Retirement	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$161,665.00</b>	<b>\$179,712.00</b>
	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Gas	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Equip & Supply	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tires	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$30,600.00</b>	<b>\$34,100.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equip/Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$8,500.00
Software Licensing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Software Purchase	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Utility</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Telephone	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Building Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Building Appropriations	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Advertising	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Community Policing	\$500.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Prof Dues	\$500.00	\$500.00
Training/Travel	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Evidence Collection Kits	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Uniforms	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Shoes/Boots	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>		
Cleaning	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00

<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
General Liability	\$8,000.00	\$8,800.00
Fleet	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,850.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,650.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Vehicle Replacement	\$0.00	\$115,000.00
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$595,777.00</b>	<b>\$767,482.00</b>

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$560,556.00** through taxation for the **Public Works Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Public Works Department</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Director	\$65,035.00	\$68,287.00
Fulltime	\$132,531.00	\$140,465.00
Overtime	\$11,000.00	\$12,500.00
Part-time	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$211,566.00</b>	<b>\$227,252.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$16,185.00	\$17,385.00
Health Insurance	\$86,700.00	\$94,492.00
PFML	\$0.00	\$1,137.00
Worker's Compensation	\$16,510.00	\$18,206.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$432.00	\$475.00
Retirement	<u>\$9,430.00</u>	<u>\$9,982.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$129,257.00</b>	<b>\$141,677.00</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$150.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$37,000.00	\$42,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
Antique Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Equip Rental/Supplies	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Tires	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$70,600.00</b>	<b>\$76,650.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Contract Services	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Advertising	\$250.00	\$250.00
Training/Travel	\$350.00	\$350.00
Testing	\$500.00	\$915.00
Boot Allowance	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Clothing Allowance	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$19,700.00</b>	<b>\$20,715.00</b>

<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Electricity	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$4,250.00
Telephone	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$10,450.00</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>

<b>Insurance</b>		
Liability	\$1,670.00	\$1,837.00
Public Official Liability	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Fleet	<u>\$10,750.00</u>	<u>\$11,825.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$13,420.00</b>	<b>\$14,762.00</b>

<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Supplies	\$100.00	\$500.00
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Culverts	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Cold Patch	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sand/Salt	\$55,000.00	\$58,000.00
Sidewalk	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Sewer & Storm Drain R&M	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>\$63,500.00</b>	<b>\$66,500.00</b>

<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
911 Signs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.** **\$520,093.00** **\$560,556.00**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,584.00** through taxation for the **Assessing Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Tax Assessing Department</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Assessor Contract	\$25,200.00	\$35,834.00
Tax File Update	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,834.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$25,200.00</b>	<b>\$35,834.00</b>

<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

<b>Technology</b>		
Trio Software	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

<b>Other</b>		
Professional Dues	\$700.00	\$700.00
Tax Maps	\$600.00	\$600.00
Postage	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**TOTAL ASSESSING DEPART.** **\$28,950.00** **\$39,584.00**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,119.00** through taxation, and to appropriate an additional **\$29,331.00** from funds committed for capital project: the Marijuana Licenses for total appropriation of **\$52,450.00** for the **Machias Valley Airport**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Machias Valley Airport</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Supplies/Lights	\$225.00	\$225.00
Land Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equip Maintenance - Beacon	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Electricity	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Heat	\$500.00	\$600.00
Telephone/Wifi	\$500.00	\$500.00
Apron Maintenance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg/Gen Liability	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,850.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Ads/Notices	\$0.00	\$175.00
Bank Charges	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>		
Aviation Fuel	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Bush Hogging	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Capital Improve	\$500.00	\$500.00
Reserve/UDFB	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Grant Match	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MACHIAS VALLEY AIRPORT</b>	<b>\$51,825.00</b>	<b>\$52,450.00</b>

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any remaining funds from the 2024-2025 Airport budget to the **Capital Projects - Airport Improvements Reserve** account and to authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend the funds for airport improvements. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,220.00** through taxation, and to appropriate an additional **\$40,669.00** from funds committed for capital project: the Marijuana Licenses for total appropriation of **\$60,889.00** for the **Town Activities and Facilities**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Town Planters	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Christmas Lighting	\$11,500.00	\$0.00
Fall Festival	\$250.00	\$0.00
Wild Blueberry Ball	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fireworks	\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00
4th of July	\$750.00	<u>\$750.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Activities</b>	<b>\$22,750.00</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
Bad Little Falls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Norman Nelson Park	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Station 1898	\$100.00	\$100.00
Playground	\$2,300.00	\$5,000.00
Skate Park	\$1,000.00	\$35,669.00
Boat Dock	\$500.00	\$500.00
Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
South Side Field	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Facilities</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>	<b>\$49,269.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Bldg/Gen. Liability	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$620.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$620.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN ACT. &amp; FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$34,700.00</b>	<b>\$60,889.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$253,852.00** for the operation and maintenance of **Town Utilities**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Town Utilities</b>		
Fire Hydrants	\$156,200.00	\$212,432.00
Street Lighting	\$40,920.00	\$40,920.00
Antique Lights Insurance	\$250.00	\$250.00
E-911 Signs	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$197,620.00</b>	<b>\$253,852.00</b>

**NOTIFICATION TO TAXPAYERS**

To notify the residents of the Town of Machias that the sum of **\$389,780.00** will be required to be raised in order to pay the **Washington County Tax Assessment**.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>County Tax Budget</b>		
WC Tax	<u>\$315,116.00</u>	<u>\$389,780.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY TAX ASSESS.</b>	<b>\$315,116.00</b>	<b>\$389,780.00</b>

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,850.00** for the **General Assistance Program**. State law mandates the Town assist individuals who meet the eligibility guidelines and income limits. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Heat/Electric	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Food	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Funerals	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Other Services	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$5,850.00</b>	<b>\$5,850.00</b>

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300.00** for a **Third Party Request** for the **Burnham Tavern**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **WIC - Nutrition Program**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Downeast Community Partners**, formerly the **Washington Hancock Community Agency**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Machias Area Little League**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,000.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Porter Memorial Library**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$200.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Veteran's Graves**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Eastern Area Agency on Aging**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$555.00** for a **Third Party Request for LifeFlight of Maine**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300.00** for a **Third Party Request for Community Health & Counseling**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Third Party Requests</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Burnham Tavern	\$300.00	\$300.00
Community Health & Counseling	\$300.00	\$300.00
WIC - Nutrition Program	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Downeast Community Partners	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Machias Area Little League	\$500.00	\$500.00
Porter Memorial Library	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Veteran's Graves	\$200.00	\$200.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$750.00	\$750.00
LifeFlight of Maine	<u>\$555.00</u>	<u>\$555.00</u>
<b>TOTAL THIRD PARTY</b>	<b>\$33,805.00</b>	<b>\$33,805.00</b>

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,704.00** for all **Other Departments**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>All Other Town Departments</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Plumbing Insp.	\$2,375.00	\$2,375.00
Code Enforcement	\$11,495.00	\$12,157.00
Planning Board	<u>\$4,962.00</u>	<u>\$8,172.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$18,832.00</b>	<b>\$22,704.00</b>

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$268,284.00** for the **Debt Service Account**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Dump Body - 60K (2024)	\$22,150.00	\$22,150.00
Public Works 530K (2025)	\$0.00	\$124,035.00
Phase III Sewer Project	\$20,515.00	\$20,515.00
Sewer Elm/Grove (2019)	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Sewer Improve	\$24,265.00	\$24,265.00
Public Safety Building (2016)	\$22,890.00	\$22,890.00
Road Loan - \$231K (2016)	<u>\$26,429.00</u>	<u>\$26,429.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$144,249.00</b>	<b>\$268,284.00</b>

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$10,000.00** for a **Contingency Account**, and to authorize the Select Board to expend funds from this account as deemed necessary and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from 2024-2025 to be used in the 2025-2026 budget. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$5,000.00** for **Downtown Revitalization** work and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from the 2024/2025 appropriation and authorize the Select Board to expend said funds in the 2025/2026 Budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$9,000.00** for **sidewalks repair and maintenance** and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from the 2024/2025 Sidewalk Repair Account and to authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend said funds in the 2025/2026 Budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Capital Projects Summary</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sidewalks Maintenance	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Machias Comprehensive Plan	\$6,300.00	\$0.00
Machias Bay Area Master Plan	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$40,300.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the monies received in the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Gen Asst. Reimbursement	\$3,990.00	\$3,990.00
Local Road Assistance	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
Snowmobile Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$605,000.00	\$675,000.00
State BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$98,380.00</u>	<u>\$101,380.00</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$725,620.00</b>	<b>\$800,620.00</b>

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the anticipated revenues in the amount of **\$545,647.00** from the **General Fund Appropriations to offset taxes**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Airport Income	\$28,445.00	\$28,445.00
Automobile Excise Tax	\$325,000.00	\$300,000.00
Bank Interest	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
<b>Categories - Continued</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Boat Excise	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Building Permits	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Clerk Fees	\$11,330.00	\$11,125.00
Fire Department Revenues	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Northfield Excise Contract	\$2,255.00	\$2,370.00
Police Department Revenues	\$22,750.00	\$21,000.00
Public Works	\$62,194.00	\$63,407.00
Registration Fees	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
Rental Income	\$2,964.00	\$0.00
CC Service Fee	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00
Tax Interest	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
In Lieu of Tax	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$577,738.00</b>	<b>\$545,647.00</b>

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds received from the State of Maine (approximately \$163,780.00). Reimbursement from the Homestead Exemption Program (approximately \$155,780.00), Tree Growth Reimbursement (approximately \$5,000.00), and Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement (approximately \$3,000.00). The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00 to offset the Machias share of the Bay Area Transfer Station operating budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$142,450.00 to offset the Ambulance Dept operating budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following interfund transfers to offset taxes. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Interfunds</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Ambulance Department	\$80,200.00	\$93,125.00
Sewer Department	\$21,110.00	\$21,110.00
Telecommunications Department	\$18,525.00	\$18,525.00
Transfer Station	\$20,100.00	\$20,100.00
<b>TOTAL INTERFUNDS</b>	<b>\$139,935.00</b>	<b>\$152,860.00</b>

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$400,000.00 to offset the amount to be raised through taxation for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to have the fiscal year 2025/2026 taxes due in two increments: **one-half to be due 30 days from commitment date, and one-half on or before March 13, 2026;** and to have interest charges at the annual rate of **7.5%** on any taxes paid after the due dates. Any amounts unpaid as of April 13, 2025 will be included in the annual report. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to grant a **2% discount** on any taxpayer's annual tax obligation when said taxpayer remits payment of his/her entire 2025 annual tax obligation with cash or check only (not available with credit card) by 30 days from the tax commitment date and to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount to cover the discount amount, which was **\$41,882.70** last year. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment (i.e. prior to the date of commitment) of taxes and to vote to pay **0%** interest on said payments. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Chapter 105 Section 506-A, at a rate of **4%** per annum. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at a rate of **7.5%** per annum, on all unpaid non-property tax accounts (i.e. sewer bills, airport tie-downs, miscellaneous fees, legally binding contract agreements, etc.) owed to the Town of Machias; **7.5%** interest representing the "highest conventional interest rate allowed to be charged" as currently determined by the Treasurer of the State of Maine for the forthcoming fiscal year. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept, on behalf of the Town, for the general account, and any and all enterprise accounts, unconditional gifts of property, money, and/or donations, which they feel, are in the Town's best interest to accept. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, unless state law determines the disposal process, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to all back taxes, interest, lien fees, and costs involved in the sale; and the balance unless specified by law shall be placed in a general Capital Projects Fund to be established for future municipal projects. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned personal property on such terms they deem advisable. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to close streets/roads or to post streets/roads, when appropriate or necessary. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the Machias Revitalization Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program, as agreed on at the Special Town Meeting held on February 7, 2019.

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to repeal the Residency Requirements Ordinance of 1979, which stipulates all full-time public safety and public works employees must live "within the corporate limits of Machias, or a 5-mile radius from the concrete bridge."

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure on property in any manner in which the Machias Select Board deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

JACOB PATRYN /s/ *Jacob Patry*

CAROLE PORCHER /s/ *Carole Porcher*

SANDRA SINFORD /s/ *Sandra Sinford*

BENJAMIN EDWARDS /s/ *Benjamin Edwards*

MICHAEL HINERMAN II /s/

A majority of the municipal officers of the Town of Machias.

Officer's Return

Pursuant to the above warrant directed to me, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Machias, qualified herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, for the purposes therein named, by posting one attested copy of the warrant on the front of the Town Office Building, one attested copy at the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium and one attested copy at the Machias Bay Area Transfer Station, in said town, being a conspicuous place, on the 5 day of May 2025.

DATED: 5/5/2025

LARRY ARMSTRONG /s/  
Resident



**Treasurer's Debt Statement**

	June 30, 2025	Proposed New Debt	Balance with Proposed New Debt
<b>Governmental Debt</b>			
<b>General Obligation Bonds and Notes</b>			
Town of Machias	\$ 666,002.50		\$ 666,002.50
Machias School Department	237,670.64		237,670.64
Total General bonds and notes	\$ 903,673.14	\$ -	\$ 903,673.14
<b>Business-Type Debt</b>			
<b>Proprietary Funds Bonds and Notes</b>			
Ambulance Bonds and Notes	176,300.00		176,300.00
Sewer Bonds and Notes	770,903.83		770,903.83
Telebusiness Bonds and Notes	-		-
Total proprietary bonds and notes	\$ 947,203.83	\$ -	\$ 947,203.83
Total General and Proprietary	\$ 1,850,876.97	\$ -	\$ 1,850,876.97
<b>Authorized and Outstanding</b>			
N/A			
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,876.97</b>