

Results of the 2025 School Budget Validation Referendum

May 27, 2025

Town Clerk, Sandra N. Clifton, opened the meeting on June 27, 2025 at the Rose M. Gaffney Gymnasium at 6:00 P.M. Ms. Clifton read the Greeting and Return of the Warrant. Those present rose for the Flag Salute.

ARTICLE 1: Nominations were accepted for moderator and Toff Toffolon was appointed. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Toffolon after he signed his oath.

ARTICLE 2: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 2 as written.

ARTICLE 3: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 3 as written.

ARTICLE 4: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by William Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 4 as written.

ARTICLE 5: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 5 as written.

ARTICLE 6: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by Wendy Schoppee the Town voted to accept Article 6 as written.

ARTICLE 7: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by Willy Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 7 as written.

ARTICLE 8: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by Wendy Schoppee the Town voted to accept Article 8 as written.

ARTICLE 9: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by Wendy Schoppee the Town voted to accept Article 9 as written. One voted in opposition. Steven Tilney asked about the decrease in Transportation and Buses. Superintendent Scott Porter explained part of the decrease was due to paying off a bus. Mr. Tilney is a substitute bus driver and wanted some explanation as to his pay rate and when would be the correct time to ask for a pay raise. Mr. Porter explained that substitute bus drivers weren't included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. James Lenke suggested next year that Article 9 gives more detail.

ARTICLE 10: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by Jennifer Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 10 as written.

ARTICLE 11: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by Jennifer Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 11 as written.

ARTICLE 12: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by Donna Weaver the Town voted to accept Article 12 as written.

ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot) After the moderator read the Article, a motion was made by Jennifer Weaver and seconded by William Weaver. The town voted by secret ballot. The ballots were counted and the final tally was Yes 14 No 4.

ARTICLE 14: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by Donna Weaver the town voted to accept Article 14 as written.

ARTICLE 15: On a motion by Jennifer Weaver seconded by William Weaver the town voted to accept Article 15 as written.

ARTICLE 16: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the town voted to accept Article 16 as written.

ARTICLE 17: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the town voted to accept Article 17 as written.

ARTICLE 18: On a motion by Richard Larson seconded by William Weaver the town voted to accept Article 18 as written. There was some discussion as to what undesignated funds could be used for. Mr. Porter said they could be used to decrease taxes.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
Sandra M. Clifton
TOWN CLERK, MACHIAS, MAINE
DATE 6/2/2025