

Town of Machias

Results of the Special Town Meeting December 3, 2025

Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium

Town Clerk, Sandra N. Clifton, opened the meeting at 5:08 P.M. with the Flag Salute. Ms. Clifton read the Greeting and Return of Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: Nominations were accepted for moderator and Tora Johnson was appointed. The meeting was turned over to Ms. Johnson after she signed her oath.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and the town voted to approve the article as written. There was some discussion regarding the state regulations and costs associated with the Wind Ordinance. Yes 54 No 1

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and the town voted to approve the article as written. There was some discussion regarding whether this was a Commercial only Solar Ordinance and if abutters would get notified. Yes 51 No 2

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded and the town voted to approve the article as written. One resident inquired as to why we are replicating the vote here if the bond failed. Ben Edwards responded that the County TAN must be paid back. Even if this Article fails, this will be rolled into our tax bills. The Town can borrow at a lower interest rate and we intend to pay the loan off early as soon as we can determine how much money we have in the undesignated fund balance. Another resident asked what happens if we vote yes and other towns vote no. Ben Edwards explained that each town has its portion that needs to be paid back. The Town voted to allow Finance Director, Nicholas McDonald permission to speak. Mr. McDonald has been working closely with the Town's auditor to finish our audits, so the Town can determine our how much we have in our undesignated fund balance. Mr. McDonald explained that the estimated increase in the mil rate would be approximately .32. Yes 51 No 5

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and the town voted to approve the article as written. A resident asked if the long term leasing agreement is specific to the airport. Town Manager, Sarah Dedmon answered that it applied to any lease over three years.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 6:04 P.M.

ATTEST A TRUE COPY
Sandra N. Clifton
TOWN CLERK, MACHIAS, MAINE
DATE 12/14/2025