

Town of Machias
Special Town Meeting July 8, 2026
Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium

Town Clerk, Sandra N. Clifton, opened the meeting at 6:10 P.M with the Flag Salute. Ms. Clifton read the Greeting and Return of Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: Nominations were accepted for moderator and Elizabeth Fitzgerald was appointed. The meeting was turned over to the moderator after she read and signed her oath.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made by Tora Johnson and seconded by Ross Pedersen. The Town voted to approve the article as written. Chair of the Select Board, Jacob Patryn spoke in favor of the moratorium. He also would like to see more public input. Is the Marijuana Ordinance working as it is or do we need to fix something? Ross Pedersen asked how long the moratorium lasts. Mr. Patryn responded that it lasts six months and can be renewed once. David Finlay and Cody Reynolds, local non-resident shop owners as well as the land owner of one of the shops spoke in favor of the moratorium. Tora Johnson asked what the health and welfare line in the moratorium meant. Town Manager, Sarah Craighead Dedmon responded that it was written by lawyers, but she would ask and get back to her. William Merritt thought it may be referring to the cultivation of marijuana. Tora also mentioned that a Comprehensive Plan Meeting will be held on 7/20/2026 where they will be discussing land use and it may be a good place for further discussion on the subject.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ross Pedersen and seconded by Tora Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

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Sandra N. Clifton
TOWN CLERK, MACHIAS, MAINE
DATE 7/12/26