

TOWN OF MACHIAS, MAINE

WARRANT

2026 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 Ninth day of June, AD 2026, 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 Tuesday, the Twenty Third of June, AD 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Machias Memorial High School Gym, then and there to act on **Articles number 3 through 49**, 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: Two Select Board Members to serve until the 2029 Annual Town Meeting, Two School Board Members to serve until the 2029 Annual Town Meeting, One Budget Committee Member, to serve until the 2029 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$515,674.03** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$105,635.00** from the enterprise accounts listed below, for a total appropriation of **\$621,309.03** for the **Administration Account**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Administration</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Town Manager	\$92,320.00	\$97,859.00
Full Time	\$190,160.00	\$210,286.67
PT/Per Diem	\$36,200.00	\$17,000.00
Public Health Officer	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Northfield Stipend	\$1,620.00	\$2,120.00
Elections	\$3,500.00	\$3,640.00
BD of Select-People Secretary	\$7,680.00	\$7,987.20
Board of Select-People	\$14,700.00	\$14,700.00
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$347,380.00</b>	<b>\$354,792.87</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$26,575.00	\$27,141.65
Health Insurance	\$101,230.00	\$95,358.26
PFML	\$1,737.00	\$1,773.96
Worker's Compensation	\$2,200.00	\$2,600.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$468.00	\$550.00
Retirement	\$20,130.00	\$15,407.28
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$152,340.00</b>	<b>\$142,831.15</b>

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,350.00
Equipment Rental/Supplies	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,450.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equipment/Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,300.00
Computer Licensing	<u>\$13,000.00</u>	<u>\$26,641.90</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,941.90</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Cleaning Supp.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Structure Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$5,500.00
Electricity	\$2,750.00	\$3,950.00
Heating Fuel	\$3,750.00	\$3,192.00
Sewer	\$382.00	\$376.00
Water	\$400.00	\$500.00
Telephone/Cell/Internet	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$12,782.00</b>	<b>\$17,518.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Audit	\$12,000.00	\$21,305.00
Advertising	\$1,600.00	\$1,500.00
Drug Testing	\$550.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Printing/Town Report	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Tax/Sewer Bills	\$350.00	\$0.00
Professional Dues	\$5,100.00	\$6,200.00
Training/Travel/Meals	\$3,000.00	\$5,100.00
Community Engagement	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Town Manager Expense	<u>\$3,900.00</u>	<u>\$4,800.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$45,050.00</b>	<b>\$61,455.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg./Gen Liability	\$5,720.00	\$3,799.24
Public Officials Liability	\$1,650.00	\$1,540.87
Blanket Bond	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$7,920.00</b>	<b>\$5,340.11</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>		
Cleaning	\$2,400.00	\$1,480.00
Contract Services	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,480.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Capital Projects	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Computer/Software	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMIN.</b>	<b>\$596,972.00</b>	<b>\$621,309.03</b>

	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 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>\$21,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Enterprise Acct Fund Trans</b>	<b>\$104,735.00</b>	<b>\$105,635.00</b>

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,870.75** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$12,870.75** from the ambulance enterprise account for a total appropriation of **\$25,741.50** for the **Public Safety Building**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	\$8,500.00	\$8,000.00
Heat	\$9,000.00	\$8,000.00
Sewer	\$1,300.00	\$1,358.50
Water	\$1,100.00	\$1,045.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$34,900.00</b>	<b>\$24,403.50</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Building	<u>\$1,350.00</u>	<u>\$1,338.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>	<b>\$1,338.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILD.</b>	<b>\$36,250.00</b>	<b>\$25,741.50</b>

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$411,604.70** through taxation and to appropriate an additional **\$85,000.00** from the Ambulance Enterprise Account for a total appropriation of **\$509,475.45** for the **Fire Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**NOTE:** The total Fire Department Appropriation is decreased by the **\$12,870.75** which is raised under the Public Safety Building Budget and decreased by **\$85,000.00** that is appropriated from the Ambulance Enterprise Budget for dispatching services.

	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Budget
<b>Fire Department</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>		
Fire Chief	\$15,750.00	\$25,000.00
Part-time Personnel	\$34,500.00	\$36,570.00
Stipends for Volunteers	\$60,900.00	\$60,900.00
Engineers	\$135,440.00	\$143,566.40
Overtime	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Supervisor Differential/Asst Chiefs Stipend	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$264,590.00</b>	<b>\$289,036.40</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$20,242.00	\$22,111.28
Health Insurance	\$47,246.00	\$53,405.26
PFML	\$1,325.00	\$1,445.18
Worker's Compensation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Retirement	\$4,020.00	\$8,078.32
Unemployment Compensation	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$1,205.09</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$98,283.00</b>	<b>\$111,245.13</b>

<b>Fire Dept Continued</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Office Supplies	\$650.00	\$2,000.00
Building Maint/Supplies	\$0.00	\$300.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$8,500.00
Gas/Diesel	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
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>\$47,800.00</b>

<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</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	\$0.00
Building Appropriations	<u>\$18,125.00</u>	<u>\$12,870.75</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$24,425.00</b>	<b>\$18,070.75</b>

<b>Other</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Training/Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Drug Testing	\$450.00	\$450.00
Ads/Notices	\$200.00	\$150.00
Boot Allowance	\$600.00	\$600.00
Uniforms/Clothing	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
General Liability	\$1,650.00	\$2,346.51
Public Official Liability	\$0.00	\$1,134.66
Fleet	\$4,950.00	\$4,072.00
Building	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$270.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$6,900.00</b>	<b>\$7,823.17</b>

<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Grant Match - Airpacks	\$0.00	\$6,800.00
Vehicle Replacement	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,800.00</b>

<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$439,598.00</b>	<b>\$509,475.45</b>
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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any remaining balances under the 2025-2026 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 **\$785,350.20** through taxation for the **Police Department**. The Machias Select Board and The Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Police Department</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Police Chief	\$84,244.00	\$88,456.20
Officers	\$231,426.00	\$242,997.30
Reserve Officers	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00
Animal Control Officer	\$6,600.00	\$7,000.00
School Resource Officer	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Court Time	\$500.00	\$500.00
Overtime	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$387,770.00</b>	<b>\$406,953.50</b>
FICA/Medicare	\$29,665.00	\$31,131.94
Health Insurance	\$94,492.00	\$106,810.53
Maine State Retirement	\$40,075.00	\$43,493.87
PFML	\$1,940.00	\$2,034.77
Worker's Compensation	\$13,040.00	\$18,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$179,712.00</b>	<b>\$202,671.11</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$16,000.00
Gas	\$13,000.00	\$20,000.00
Equip & Supply	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tires	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Supply &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$34,100.00</b>	<b>\$52,600.00</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Equip/Supplies	\$8,500.00	\$4,750.00
Software Licensing	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Software Purchase	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Utility</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Telephone/Internet	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Advertising	\$500.00	\$200.00
Community Engagement	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Prof Dues	\$500.00	\$500.00
Training/Travel	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Evidence Collection Kits	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Firearm/Range Supplies	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Radios	\$0.00	\$500.00
Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Shoes/Boots	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

<b>Police Department Continued</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Contract Services	\$500.00	\$500.00
Cleaning	<u>\$2,700.00</u>	<u>\$2,900.00</u>
	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
General Liability	\$8,800.00	\$9,196.59
Fleet	\$3,850.00	\$5,029.00
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$12,650.00</b>	<b>\$14,225.59</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Vehicle Replacement	\$115,000.00	\$70,000.00
<b>Animal Control Supplies</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$767,482.00</b>	<b>\$785,350.20</b>

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$665,472.85** through taxation for the **Public Works Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Public Works Department</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Director	\$68,287.00	\$72,384.22
Fulltime	\$140,465.00	\$148,892.90
Overtime	\$12,500.00	\$13,250.00
Part-time	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,488.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$227,252.00</b>	<b>\$244,015.12</b>
<b>Benefits</b>		
FICA/Medicare	\$17,385.00	\$18,667.16
Health Insurance	\$94,492.00	\$106,810.53
PFML	\$1,137.00	\$1,220.08
Worker's Compensation	\$18,206.00	\$12,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$475.00	\$500.00
Retirement	<u>\$9,982.00</u>	<u>\$11,726.36</u>
<b>Ttl: Benefits</b>	<b>\$141,677.00</b>	<b>\$150,924.13</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$150.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$42,000.00	\$47,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$23,000.00	\$26,000.00
Antique Street Lights	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
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>\$76,650.00</b>	<b>\$83,150.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Contract Services	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00
Advertising	\$250.00	\$250.00
Training/Travel	\$350.00	\$750.00
Testing	\$915.00	\$915.00
Radios	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

<b>Public Works</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Other Continued</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Boot Allowance	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Clothing Allowance	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$20,715.00</b>	<b>\$22,615.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Electricity	\$2,250.00	\$3,000.00
Heat	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00
Telephone/Internet	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,750.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Liability	\$1,837.00	\$2,169.73
Public Official Liability	\$1,100.00	\$1,446.87
Fleet	<u>\$11,825.00</u>	<u>\$9,802.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$14,762.00</b>	<b>\$13,418.60</b>
<b>Technology</b>		
Computer Supplies	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Technology</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Culverts	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Cold Patch	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sand/Salt	\$58,000.00	\$60,000.00
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>\$66,500.00</b>	<b>\$68,500.00</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
911 Signs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Road Repair/Maintenance	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$66,000.00</u>
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$67,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	<b>\$560,556.00</b>	<b>\$665,472.85</b>

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$42,843.05** through taxation for the **Assessing Department**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Tax Assessing Department</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Assessor Contract	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Tax File Update	<u>\$5,834.00</u>	<u>\$5,834.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Personnel</b>	<b>\$35,834.00</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>Tax Assessing Department Continued Insurance</b>	<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 Budget</b>
General Liability/Electric Data Processing	\$0.00	\$209.05
<b>Other</b>		
Professional Dues	\$700.00	\$750.00
Tax Maps	\$600.00	\$3,500.00
Postage	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,050.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSING DEPART.</b>	<b>\$39,584.00</b>	<b>\$42,843.05</b>

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,900.00** through taxation for the **Machias Valley Airport**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Machias Valley Airport Supplies &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 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>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Electricity	\$4,500.00	\$5,200.00
Heat	\$600.00	\$700.00
Telephone/Wifi	\$500.00	\$0.00
Apron Maintenance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>

<b>Insurance</b>		
Bldg/Gen Liability	<u>\$3,850.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Ads/Notices	\$175.00	\$175.00
Bank Charges	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$775.00</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>\$25,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>

<b>Other</b>		
Bush Hogging	\$0.00	\$1,500.00

	<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 Budget</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>		
Capital Improve	\$500.00	\$500.00
Reserve/UDFB	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Grant Match	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$70,000.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$72,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MACHIAS VALLEY AIRPORT</b>	<b>\$52,450.00</b>	<b>\$131,900.00</b>

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any remaining funds from the 2025-2026 Airport budget to the **Capital Projects - Airport Improvements Reserve** account and to authorize the Select Board 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 **\$35,465.90** through taxation for the **Town Activities and Facilities**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Town Planters	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Wild Blueberry Ball	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Fireworks	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
4th of July	<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Activities</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Bad Little Falls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Norman Nelson Park	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Station 1898	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Playground	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Skate Park	\$35,669.00	\$5,000.00
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>\$49,269.00</b>	<b>\$24,500.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
Bldg/Gen. Liability	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Ttl: Insurance</b>	<u>\$620.00</u>	<u>\$465.90</u>
	<b>\$620.00</b>	<b>\$465.90</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN ACT. &amp; FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$60,889.00</b>	<b>\$35,465.90</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$258,821.89** for the operation and maintenance of **Town Utilities**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Town Utilities</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Fire Hydrants	\$212,432.00	\$196,000.00
Electricity	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Street Lighting	\$40,920.00	\$56,000.00
Antique Lights Insurance	\$250.00	\$225.00
General Liability	\$0.00	\$346.89
E-911 Signs	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$253,852.00</b>	<b>\$258,821.89</b>

## NOTIFICATION TO TAXPAYERS

To notify the residents of the Town of Machias that the sum of **\$425,642.18** will be required to be raised in order to pay the **Washington County Tax Assessment**.

<b>County Tax Budget</b>	<b>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 Budget</b>
WC Tax	<u>\$389,780.00</u>	<u>\$425,642.18</u>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY TAX ASSESS.</b>	<b>\$389,780.00</b>	<b>\$425,642.18</b>

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,750.00** 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>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 Budget</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Heat/Electric	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00
Food	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Funerals	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Utilities</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>	<b>\$8,750.00</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Other Services	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Ttl: Other</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$5,850.00</b>	<b>\$8,750.00</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 **\$824.00** for a **Third Party Request** for **Community Action in Aroostook, Washington & Hancock Counties (ACAP)**, formerly the **Downeast Community Partners**. 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>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</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	\$0.00
Machias Area Little League	\$500.00	\$500.00
Porter Memorial Library	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Veteran's Graves	\$200.00	\$200.00
ACAP	\$0.00	\$824.00
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><u>\$33,805.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,629.00</u></b>

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,986.83** for all **Other Departments**. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>All Other Town Departments</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Plumbing Insp.	\$2,375.00	\$2,262.59
Code Enforcement	\$12,157.00	\$12,701.21
Planning Board	<u>\$8,172.00</u>	<u>\$14,023.03</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$22,704.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,986.83</u></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>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>		
Dump Body - 60K (2024)	\$22,150.00	\$22,150.00
Public Works 530K (2025)	\$124,035.00	\$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>\$268,284.00</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 2025-2026 to be used in the 2026-2027 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 2025/2026 appropriation and authorize the Select Board to expend said funds in the 2026/2027 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 **\$12,000.00** for **sidewalks repair and maintenance** and to carry forward any and all unexpended funds from the 2025/2026 Sidewalk Repair Account and to authorize the Board of Selectpeople to expend said funds in the 2026/2027 Budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$20,000.00** for **Heating and Vehicle Fuel Costs** and to authorize the Select Board to expend said funds in the 2026/2027 Budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Capital Projects Summary</b>		
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sidewalks Maintenance	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00
Heating and Vehicle Fuel	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$47,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 30:** 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>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Gen Asst. Reimbursement	\$3,990.00	\$5,250.00
Local Road Assistance	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
Snowmobile Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$110,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$675,000.00	\$807,025.32
State BETE Reimbursement	<u>\$101,380.00</u>	<u>\$101,380.00</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$800,620.00</b>	<b>\$1,045,905.32</b>

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the anticipated revenues in the amount of **\$672,480.00** from the **General Fund Appropriations** to offset taxes. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Airport Income	\$28,445.00	\$25,645.00
Automobile Excise Tax	\$300,000.00	\$310,000.00
Bank Interest	\$65,000.00	\$175,000.00
Boat Excise	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
Building Permits	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Clerk Fees	\$11,125.00	\$11,610.00
Fire Department Revenues	\$18,000.00	\$22,000.00
Northfield Excise Contract	\$2,370.00	\$2,870.00
Police Department Revenues	\$21,000.00	\$1,705.00
Public Works	\$63,407.00	\$63,500.00
Registration Fees	\$8,400.00	\$8,450.00
Rental Income	\$0.00	\$15,600.00
CC Service Fee	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00
Tax Interest	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00
In Lieu of Tax	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$545,647.00</b>	<b>\$672,480.00</b>

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds received from the State of Maine (**approximately \$118,000.00**). Reimbursement from the Homestead Exemption Program (**approximately \$110,000.00**), 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 33:** 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 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$169,950.00** to offset the **Ambulance Dept** operating budget. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 35:** 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>2025/2026 Budget</b>	<b>2026/2027 Budget</b>
Ambulance Department	\$93,125.00	\$142,780.75
Sewer Department	\$21,110.00	\$21,110.00
Telecommunications Building	\$18,525.00	\$18,525.00
Transfer Station	\$20,100.00	\$21,000.00
<b>TOTAL INTERFUNDS</b>	<b>\$152,860.00</b>	<b>\$203,415.75</b>

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the **Undesignated Fund Balance** the sum of **\$300,000.00** to offset the amount to be raised through taxation for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. The Machias Select Board and Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to have the fiscal year 2026/2027 taxes due in two increments: **one-half to be due 30 days from commitment date, and one-half on or before March 15, 2027;** and to have interest charges at the annual rate of **7%** on any taxes paid after the due dates. Any amounts unpaid as of April 15, 2027 will be included in the annual report. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 38:** 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 2026 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 **\$41,174.07** last year. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 39:** 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 40:** 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 41:** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at a rate of **7%** 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%** 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 42:** 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 43:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or wastewater charges thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds without covenants for the property in accordance with state law and procedure.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Town's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2027 to the 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

*This article would allow the Town to continue normal operations for a limited period if the Annual Town Meeting is moved into the next fiscal year. Spending would be limited to no more than three months of the prior year's approved budget amounts.*

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to exceed the gross appropriation for any municipal department level budget by 10%, so long as the gross overall municipal budget amount is not exceeded.

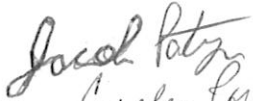
*This article would authorize the Select Board to transfer a limited amount of funds between departmental budgets when necessary, provided that the overall voter-approved municipal budget is not exceeded.*

**ARTICLE 47:** 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.

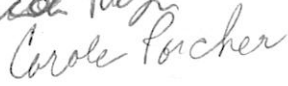
**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to close streets/roads or to post streets/roads, when appropriate or necessary. The Machias Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend.

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$120,000.00** 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.

JACOB PATRYN /s/



CAROLE PORCHER /s/



SANDRA SINFORD /s/

BENJAMIN EDWARDS /s/



MICHAEL HINERMAN II /s/

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