

2026-2027 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Notes

**Fiscal Year 2027 budget represents, after factoring revenues, a net DECREASE of \$20,405**

**Fiscal Year 2026 budget, after factoring revenues, a net increase after of \$81,350**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources the sum of \$516,992 for the ensuing year for General Government (Select Board, Committees, Administration, Elections, Treasurer, Assessing, Code Enforcement, General Assistance, Contingency, Legal).

*FY 2026: \$499,798                      FY 2027: \$516,992*

*NOTES: increase in municipal software costs, cost of living increases, postage and General Assistance; decreases in payroll outsourcing, annual report, operating, and advertising. Net increase 3.44%*

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$1,259,453 for the ensuing year for Public Safety (Police Department, Fire Department, Health Officer, Hydrants, Ambulance Service, Street Lights, Animal Control).

*FY 2026: \$1,204,295                      FY 2027: \$1,259,453*

*NOTES: union wage increases, PD operating and professional fees, PD professional development (Police Academy), hydrant costs, street lights, and ambulance contract; decreases in FD equipment maintenance, and animal control operating. Net increase of 4.58%*

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$830,460 for the ensuing year for Public Works (Public Works, Roads, Buildings and Grounds, Transfer Station).

*FY 2026: \$817,738                      FY 2027: \$830,460*

*NOTES: union wage increases, electricity, water, and tipping fees; decreases in transfer station repairs, recycling tipping fee, and hauling. Net increase 1.56%*

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$984,200 for the ensuing year for Sewer Department (Sewer and Sewer Treatment).

*FY 2026: \$869,140                      FY 2027: \$984,200*

***NOTES: union wage increase, professional services, electricity, polymer, outside labor, and professional fees (increase audit expense due to federal loans). Net increase 9.83%. THIS COST CENTER IS COVERED IN ITS' ENTIRETY BY SEWER USER FEES—THERE IS NO COST IMPLICATION TO GENERAL TAXATION.***

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$219,157 for the ensuing year for Culture and Recreation (Library, Community/Parks, Summer Recreation, Town Clock).

*FY 2026: \$214,269                      FY 2027: \$219,157*

***NOTES: Increase in wages (minimum wage increases), books and periodicals, and fireworks. Net increase 2.28%***

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$847,929 for the ensuing year for Benefits (Insurances, Benefits).

*FY 2026: \$900,248                      FY 2027: \$847,929*

***NOTES: Insurance rate increases, change to MainePERS plan; decrease in accrued compensation. Removed one FTE. Net decrease 5.81%.***

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$348,320 for the ensuing year for Capital Projects.

*FY 2026: \$375,000    FY 2027: \$348,320*

***NOTES: paving, \$20k revaluation reserve, PD reserve, FD reserve, PW reserve recreation reserve, HMPG grant match. Net decrease 7.11%***

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$413,447 for the ensuing year for Debt Service.

*FY 2026: \$395,879 FY 2027: \$413,447*

*NOTES: fire station loan, fire truck loan (new loan as approved November 2025), and multiple loans for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade (Jay pays ½ and is reflected in the revenues). Net increase 4.44%*

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation and other sources \$13,500 for the ensuing year for Agencies (Cemeteries, Agency Requests)

*FY 2026: \$16,850 FY 2027: \$13,500*

*NOTES: cemetery contract, agency requests, \$8,000 for snowmobile club paid with funds from TIF. Net decrease 19.88%*

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the revenue of the Town's Tax Increment Financing District, the sum of \$8,000 for a donation to the Jug Hill Riders.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all Revenues received that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other purposes for other expenses to reduce the tax commitment. Estimated revenues \$2,403,963.

*FY 2026: \$2,210,969 FY 2027: \$2,403,963*

*NOTES: increased CEO fees, auto excise, and sewer revenue. Net increase 8.73%.*

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate estimated revenues in the sum of \$1,066,211 from State and Federal Revenue sources to reduce the property tax commitment.

*FY 2026: \$1,054,834 FY 2027: \$1,066,211*

*NOTES: increased LRAP funds and revenue sharing projection. Net increase 0.55%*