

# MAPLETON TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm Frank Nunez (Deputy Clerk)

\*Presentation for Denise Hoffses' family.

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mapleton, in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2026, at three o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 2 by ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening;

And to notify and warn the inhabitants to meet at the Mapleton Lions Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, A.D. 2026, at seven o'clock in the afternoon and then and there to act on Articles 3 through 29 set out below, to wit:

**Article 1.** To elect *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Frank Caller for a Motion on electing Wesley Lavigne as the moderator for the remainder of the town meeting. Joseph Powers motioned and David Maxcy seconded it. Motion passed 11-0.*

**Article 2.** To elect *by majority on secret ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: One (1) Select Board Members for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years; and One (1) Sewer District Trustees for a term of two (3) years.

### ***Results of Ballot:***

***Select Board: Kim Archer 38-0***

***Assessor: David Maxcy 38-0***

***Sewer Trustee: Andrea Bard-Smith (Write in Majority)***

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the adoption of a new joint logo for the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman for official municipal use, and to authorize the Select Board and Town Manager to use and implement the logo.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

***Robert Bagley asked to see the new town logo, no copy was present Sandra Fournier (Town Manager) described new logo.***

***Robert Bagley motioned for this article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 7-0***

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

***Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 9-0***

**Article 5.** To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 10-0*

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much, and what date.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: 7.0% effective November 1, 2026**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. David Macy Seconded. Motion passed 11-0*

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A, interest rate may not exceed more than 4% less than the delinquent interest tax rate.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: 3.0%**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 11-0*

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2026 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**  
*Robert Bagley stated he would like to see 3%*  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 10-0*

**Article 9.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$41,177**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 7-0*

**Article 10.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Any unused appropriation of the Planning Board and Zoning Board accounts will be carried over to the next year.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$1,257**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 7-0*

**Article 11.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$167,848**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion Passed 7-0*

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the Mapleton Sewer District.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$5,000**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion Passed 8-0*

**Article 13.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$26,981**  
*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion Passed 9-0*

**Article 14.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Any unused appropriations will be carried over to the next year.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$11,500**

*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 10-0*

**Article 15.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: \$249,038**

*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 10-0*

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 275,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 46,460
Surplus Use	\$ 85,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$ 775,982</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$1,182,442

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 11-0*

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,139,149 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2026, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Select Board, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2026 PROPOSED
General Government	\$ 391,579
Highway	\$ 366,178
Fire	\$ 123,885
Recreation	\$ 55,512
Property Services	\$ 52,189
Public Safety	\$ 11,155
Community Services	\$ 895
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 137,756</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$1,139,149

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Robert Bagley motioned for article to pass. Joseph Powers Seconded. Motion passed 11-0*

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Joseph Powers motioned to combine articles 18 thru 29. Kim Archer Seconded. Motion Passed 11-0*

*Robert Bagley motioned for the articles to pass. David Maxcy Seconded. Motion passed 11-0*

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2026 budget from January 2027 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations - 50% to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club - provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Tax-Acquired real estate sales shall follow the Maine statutes 36 M.R.S §942 and §943, as amended.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town, in accordance with the Maine statutes, 36 M.R.S. §506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Question from Robert Bagley, Mapleton Cemetery Association, would like to see report of expenses. Sandra Fournier (Town Manager) clarified it is listed as a line item in the budget though a report can be made in future years.*

*Meeting was adjourned by Wesley Lavigne at 7:22pm*

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Nunez  
Deputy Clerk