



Mark Robinson, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF FAYETTE
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION
AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

To: Crystal Rose, a resident of the Town of Fayette, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Fayette in the County of Kennebec, in the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Starling Hall at 2769 Main Street in Fayette, Tuesday June 10th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., there and then to act on the following Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from (8 a.m.) eight o'clock in the forenoon until (4 p.m.) four o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at 2023 Main Street in Fayette at the Fayette Central School in said Town ALSO on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 2025, at (6 p.m.) six o'clock in the afternoon to then and there to act on Articles 3 through 40 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2 To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s) – Two to the office of Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for three-year terms; One School Committee Member for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town of Fayette will vote to lapse all balances into the undesignated fund balance (surplus) with the exception of those special revenue accounts which must be carried forward by law.

Note: This applies to federally funded school programs and from year to year other federal and state funded programs for municipal operations.

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

Cost Center Summary Budget Format

ARTICLE 4 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 8	\$ 977,581
Secondary Education	\$ 603,888
Gifted & Talented	\$ 14,265

School Committee Recommends \$1,595,734
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,595,734
Selectmen Recommends: \$1,595,734

ARTICLE 5 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 5	\$ 102,776
Middle School	\$ 94,477
High School	\$ 158,341
Special Education Administration	\$ 34,766
Special Services	\$ 40,000

School Committee Recommends \$430,360
Budget Committee Recommends: \$430,360
Selectmen Recommends: \$430,360

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends \$0
Budget Committee Recommends: \$0
Selectmen Recommends: \$0

ARTICLE 7 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$0
Budget Committee Recommends: \$0
Selectmen Recommends: \$0

ARTICLE 8 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Guidance	\$ 4,500
Health Services	\$ 12,150
Improvement of Instruction	\$ 1,169
Library Services	\$ 8,168
Technology	\$ 111,368
Student Assessments	\$ 2,000

School Committee Recommends \$139,355
Budget Committee Recommends: \$139,355
Selectmen Recommends: \$139,355

ARTICLE 9 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee	\$ 27,306
Superintendent’s Office	\$ 100,553

School Committee Recommends \$127,859
Budget Committee Recommends: \$127,859
Selectmen Recommends: \$127,859

ARTICLE 10 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration. (P)

School Committee Recommends \$106,646
Budget Committee Recommends: \$106,646
Selectmen Recommends: \$106,646

ARTICLE 11 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$165,752
Budget Committee Recommends: \$165,752
Selectmen Recommends: \$165,752

ARTICLE 12 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends \$189,742
Budget Committee Recommends: \$189,742
Selectmen Recommends: \$189,742

ARTICLE 13 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends \$23,511
Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,511
Selectmen Recommends: \$23,511

ARTICLE 14 To see what sum the Fayette School Department will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures Food Service.

School Committee Recommends \$34,231
Budget Committee Recommends: \$34,231
Selectmen Recommends: \$34,231

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

PLEASE NOTE:

Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 3 must be taken by a recorded vote.

1. Fayette School Department Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

ARTICLE 15 To see what sum the Town of Fayette will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$408,902**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,364,977
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,364,977
Selectmen Recommends: \$1,364,977

“Explanation: The Fayette School Department’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

2. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town of Fayette raise and appropriate \$839,311 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$839,311 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Fayette School Committee.

The Fayette School Committee recommends \$839,311 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$839,311.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Fayette School Department’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

School Committee Recommends: \$839,311
Budget Committee Recommends: \$839,311
Selectmen Recommends: \$839,311

3. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A)) :

ARTICLE 17 To see what sum the Town of Fayette will authorize the Fayette School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Fayette School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends \$2,813,190
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,813,190
Selectmen Recommends: \$2,813,190

ARTICLE 18 In addition to the amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the Fayette School Committee be authorized to accept and expend federal or state funds and such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously anticipated.

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 19 Shall the school committee be authorized to accept all additional monies from the State Legislature to offset local taxes.

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town of Fayette will authorize the School Committee to transfer \$200,000 from the School's undesignated fund balance.

School Committee Recommends \$200,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$200,000
Selectmen Recommends: \$200,000

ARTICLE 21 Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a School Capital Reserve Fund to fund maintenance of school facilities, acquisition of capital equipment, and capital projects; transfer \$25,000 from Undesignated fund balance to the reserve fund; and expend from the School Capital Reserve Fund as needed in the discretion of the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends \$25,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000
Selectmen Recommends: \$25,000

ARTICLE 22 Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund to fund special education costs; transfer \$75,000 from Undesignated fund balance to the reserve fund: and expend from the Special Education Reserve Fund as needed in the discretion of the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends \$75,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$75,000
Selectmen Recommends: \$75,000

ARTICLE 23 Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a School Transportation Reserve Fund to fund transportation related costs; transfer \$20,000 from Undesignated fund balance to the reserve fund: and expend from the Transportation Reserve Fund as needed in the discretion of the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends \$20,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000
Selectmen Recommends: \$20,000

ARTICLE 24 Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a Tuition Reserve Fund to fund tuition related costs; transfer \$50,000 from Undesignated fund balance to the reserve fund: and expend from the Tuition Reserve Fund as needed in the discretion of the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends \$50,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$50,000
Selectmen Recommends: \$50,000

ARTICLE 25 Shall the School Committee be authorized to move the FY24 audited monies from the Educational Capital Reserve (less the money from insurance for pellet boiler being held there) to the School Capital Reserve and close the account.

School Committee Recommends YES
Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 26 Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend not more than \$185,660 from the School's undesignated fund balance to replace and insulate the gym roof.

School Committee Recommends \$185,660
Budget Committee Recommends: \$185,660
Selectmen Recommends: \$185,660

SUGGESTED TOWN ARTICLES FOR BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE MONIES AND OTHER BUSINESS ARTICLES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town shall accept and appropriate the categories of estimated funds listed below to reduce the 2025-2026 Property Tax Commitment:

Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$275,000
Supplemental Taxes	\$15,000
Interest on Taxes	\$10,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$110,000
Investment Income	\$50,000
Building Permit Fees/Fines	\$3,000
Clerk & Agent Office Fees	\$8,750
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$40,000
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	\$1,200
Equipment Sale	\$2,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$192,000
Workers Comp Ins Proceeds	\$1,700
Local Road Assistance	\$47,088

***Explanation:** The list of municipal revenues and estimated collections above serve as non-tax and previously raised revenue to be used to reduce the amount necessary to raise and appropriate through taxation. Current tax rate is \$13.53 per \$1,000 of assessment.*

Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to transfer excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$1,000 received from the sale of snowmobile registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Fayette Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association?

Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to transfer collected excise tax money, sum not to exceed \$4,000 received from the sale of boat registrations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the 30 Mile River Watershed Association?

Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$432,888 to support the General Government budget? Total expense to authorize \$432,888

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
General Government	\$303,455	\$303,455	\$409,693	\$387,179	\$407,670	\$419,721	\$432,888

Estimated Summary of Accounts:		Last Year	Proposed
Selectmen Stipend		\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectmen Payroll Tax		\$390	\$380
Town Manager Payroll		\$72,100	\$74,263
Town Manager Payroll Tax		\$9,120	\$6,424
Town Manager Health Ins.		\$27,518	\$31,656
Town Office Staff Payroll		\$89,203	\$91,879
Town Office Payroll Tax		\$11,284	\$7,948
Town Office Health Ins.		\$33,514	\$23,565
Code Enforcement Payroll		\$27,219	\$28,036
Code Enforcement Payroll Tax		\$3,443	\$2,425
Training		\$300	\$300
General Operations		\$45,852	\$57,772
Assessing		\$28,200	\$29,500
Record Preservation/Mapping		\$2,000	\$1,600
Elections		\$2,816	\$2,716
General Assistance		\$3,000	\$3,000
Senior Spectrum		\$500	\$500
Legal Services		\$3,000	\$5,000
Audit		\$9,000	\$9,000
Town Office Heating Fuel		\$750	\$750
Starling Hall		\$4,560	\$4,770
KVCOG memberships		\$2,429	\$2,429
MMA memberships		\$2,753	\$2,925
Insurance		\$40,500	\$42,650
Veteran's Memorial		\$400	\$400

Budget Committee Recommends: \$432,888

Selectmen Recommends: \$432,888

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$125,100 to support the Public Safety budget? Total expense to authorize \$125,100.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Safety	\$88,012	\$88,012	\$136,584	\$107,323	\$112,379	\$113,780	\$125,100

		Last Year	Proposed
Summary of Accounts:	Fire Protection	\$55,200	\$55,200
	Rural Patrol	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Street Lights	\$200	\$300
	Ambulance	\$27,782	\$31,459
	Dispatch	\$21,005	\$28,095
	Animal Control	\$4,443	\$4,846
	Humane Society	\$2,200	\$2,200

Budget Committee Recommends: \$125,100

Selectmen Recommends: \$125,100

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$26,926 to support the Recreation and Cultural Services budget? Total expense to authorize \$26,926.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Recreation and Cultural	\$12,428	\$12,428	\$12,628	\$12,628	\$17,000	\$22,129	\$26,926

		Last Year	Proposed
Estimated Summary of Accounts:	Books	\$3,650	\$4,500
	Staff	\$2,907	\$3,047
	Operations	\$8,770	\$8,572
	Programming	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Recreation Programming	\$5,000	\$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$26,926

Selectmen Recommends: \$26,926

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$550,589 to support the Public Works budget? Total expense to authorize \$550,589

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Works	\$467,184	\$467,184	\$508,961	\$524,793	\$476,065	\$524,976	\$550,589

Estimated Summary of Accounts:	Last Year	Proposed
Staff Payroll	\$194,000	\$199,820
Staff Payroll Tax	\$24,541	\$17,284
Staff Health Insurance	\$41,285	\$44,725
General Operations	\$16,909	\$14,560
Contracted Services	\$20,000	\$20,000
Signs	\$1,500	\$1,500
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	\$50,000	\$65,000
Sand	\$15,000	\$15,000
Gravel	\$30,000	\$30,000
Pavement Maintenance	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rental/Hired Equipment	\$15,000	\$15,000
Clothing	\$800	\$800
Hay	\$500	\$1,500
Fabric	\$500	\$500
Culverts	\$3,500	\$7,000
Discretionary Equipment Purchase	\$5,000	\$5,000
Salt	\$25,000	\$25,000
Radio/Repair	\$600	\$600
Tools	\$400	\$800
Training	\$200	\$500
Supplies	\$20,000	\$20,000
Motor Fuel	\$40,000	\$30,000
Cemeteries	\$9,000	\$11,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$550,589

Selectmen Recommends: \$550,589

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$361,057 to support the Municipal Debt Service budget? Total expense to authorize \$361,057

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Municipal Debt Service	\$215,300	\$215,300	\$153,230	\$57,220	\$41,057	\$62,806	\$361,057

Note: The Maine Municipal Bond Bank BONDS and Androscoggin Bank Loan:

1. Richmond Mill Culvert Replacement \$200,000 (0.94%) issued October 29, 2020 will be paid November 1, 2030.
2. Starling Hall bond \$100,000 **is not included** whereas FOSH raises the funds to pay the debt service on the bond that was issued October 19, 2019. at this year's rate of 1.62% will be paid November 1, 2029.
3. Town Road Paving Bond \$1,500,000 (2.71%) issued November 7, 2024 will be paid November 1, 2029.
4. AND the 2022 International Plow Truck. The total acquisition cost was \$198,742. After paying down 98,743. We have a loan for \$99,999 from Androscoggin Savings at 4.63% interest fixed for six years. \$19,471.31 per year.

Budget Committee Recommends: \$361,057

Selectmen Recommends: \$361,057

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$98,999 to support the Solid Waste budget? Total expense to authorize \$98,999

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
Solid Waste	\$73,578	\$73,578	\$75,929	\$76,231	\$88,657	\$93,740	\$98,999

Estimated Summary of Accounts: Readfield Transfer Station Partnership Share \$98,999

Budget Committee Recommends \$98,999

Selectmen Recommends \$98,999

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended “Keep Me Warm” funds raised throughout the year as will be determined with the completion of the financial audit for the year ending June 30th 2025?

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount to raise from taxation of \$145,000 to support the Capital Investment Plan to be applied anytime throughout the year as determined by the Board of Selectmen?

Funds to be distributed as follows: *\$60K for the Road Paving Reserve \$35K for Fire Equipment Reserve, \$5K for Fire Building Reserve, \$10K for Town Office Reserve \$35K for Public Works Equipment Reserve*

Budget Committee Recommends: \$145,000 (Pepper/St.Clair voted no)

Selectmen Recommends \$145,000

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Town undesignated fund (surplus) to support the Road Paving Reserve?

Budget Committee Recommends: \$100,000 (Pepper voted no)

Selectmen Recommends \$100,000

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended funds from the 2024-2025 Fire Protection Account to the 2025-2026 Fire Protection Account?

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a sum not to exceed \$1,000 to support the Neighbors Driving Neighbors program?

Motion to Adjourn.

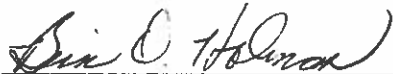
Given under our hands this 13th day of May, 2025




Lacy Badeau



Dana Curtis



Brian Holman



Toby Pond



Michael Carlson

By virtue of the written Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Fayette, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at the Fayette General Store, Underwood Memorial Library, Fayette Central School, and Fayette Town Office the same being public and conspicuous places within said Town, on the 14th of May, 2025 being at least seven days before the meeting.



Crystal Rose, Resident

