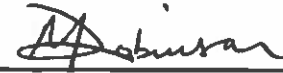


Attested as a True Copy by



Mark Robinson, Town Clerk

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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 Fayette Fire Station at 2475 Main Street in Fayette, Tuesday June 9th, 2026, 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 (8 p.m.) eight 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 on Thursday, the 11th day of June, 2026, at (6 p.m.) six o'clock in the afternoon to then and there to act on Articles 3 through 34 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; Two School Committee Members each 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

The following Articles 4 thru 20 are operational articles for the Fayette School Department.

On May 12th, 2026 the Budget Committee unanimously voted in support of the School recommendations and the Board of Selectmen also voted in support of the School recommendations 4 in favor 1 opposed (Holman).

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

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	\$ 1,133,921
Secondary Education	\$ 620,101
Gifted & Talented	\$ 17,440

School Committee Recommends \$1,771,462

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

Elementary Education Pre-K – Grade 5	\$ 123,165
Middle School	\$ 98,082
High School	\$ 222,217
Special Education Administration	\$ 38,536
Special Services	\$ 43,500

School Committee Recommends \$525,500

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

School Committee Recommends \$0.00

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

School Committee Recommends \$0.00

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	\$ 9,085
Improvement of Instruction	\$ 1,701
Library Services	\$ 8,955
Technology	\$ 109,229
Student Assessments	\$ 2,000

School Committee Recommends \$135,470

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	\$ 108,205

School Committee Recommends \$135,511

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

School Committee Recommends \$114,218

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

School Committee Recommends \$160,796

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

School Committee Recommends \$188,035

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

School Committee Recommends \$23,407

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

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 \$389,257**) 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 \$1,499,406

“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 \$1,049,967 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,049,967 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Fayette School Committee.

The Fayette School Committee recommends \$1,049,967 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,049,967

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 \$1,049,967

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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 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 \$3,088,630

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

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

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town of Fayette will authorize the School Committee to transfer \$150,000 from the school's undesignated fund balance to offset additional local funds raised.

School Committee Recommends \$150,000

**SUGGESTED TOWN ARTICLES FOR BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE MONIES AND
OTHER BUSINESS ARTICLES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town shall accept and appropriate the categories of estimated funds listed below to reduce the 2026-2027 Property Tax Commitment:

	Last Year	Proposed
Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$315,725	\$315,725
Supplemental Taxes	\$2,000	\$2,000
Interest on Taxes	\$15,000	\$15,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$100,000	\$100,000
Investment Income	\$45,000	\$45,000
Building Permit Fees/Fines	\$3,000	\$3,000
Clerk & Agent Office Fees	\$8,750	\$8,750
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$36,800	\$36,800
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	\$1,175	\$1,175
Equipment Sale	\$2,000	\$2,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$169,093	\$169,093
Workers Comp Ins Proceeds	\$2,200	\$2,200
Local Road Assistance	\$48,604	\$48,604

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 \$12.75 per \$1,000 of assessment.

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

ARTICLE 22 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 23 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 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$433,614 to support the General Government budget. Total expense to authorize \$433,614

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
General Government	\$303,455	\$409,693	\$387,179	\$407,670	\$419,721	\$432,888	\$433,614

Estimated Summary of Accounts:		Last Year	Proposed
Selectmen Stipend		\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectmen Payroll Tax		\$390	\$380
Town Manager Payroll		\$74,263	\$76,491
Town Manager Payroll Tax		\$6,424	\$6,617
Town Manager Health Ins.		\$31,656	\$34,362
Town Office Staff Payroll		\$91,879	\$82,055
Town Office Payroll Tax		\$7,948	\$7,098
Town Office Health Ins.		\$23,565	\$25,571
Code Enforcement Payroll		\$28,036	\$30,579
Code Enforcement Payroll Tax		\$2,425	\$2,647
Training		\$600	\$600
General Operations		\$57,462	\$61,414
Assessing		\$29,500	\$31,000
Record Preservation/Mapping		\$1,600	\$1,000
Elections		\$2,716	\$2,716
General Assistance		\$3,000	\$3,000
Senior Spectrum		\$500	\$500
Legal Services		\$5,000	\$2,000
Audit		\$9,000	\$8,000
Town Office Heating Fuel		\$750	\$750
Starling Hall		\$4,770	\$4,770
KVCOG memberships		\$2,429	\$2,429
MMA memberships		\$2,925	\$3,085
Insurance		\$42,650	\$43,150
Veteran's Memorial		\$400	\$400

Budget Committee Recommends: \$431,193
Selectmen Recommends: \$433,614

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$142,969 to support the Public Safety budget. Total expense to authorize \$142,969.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Safety	\$88,012	\$136,584	\$107,323	\$112,379	\$113,780	\$125,100	\$142,969

		Last Year	Proposed
Summary of Accounts:	Fire Protection	\$55,200	\$55,200
	Rural Patrol	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Street Lights	\$300	\$300
	Ambulance	\$31,459	\$41,539
	Ambulance CIP	\$0	\$13,244
	Dispatch	\$28,095	\$22,640
	Animal Control	\$4,846	\$4,846
	Humane Society	\$2,200	\$2,200

Budget Committee Recommends: \$142,969
Selectmen Recommends: \$142,969

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$27,831 to support the Recreation and Cultural Services budget. Total expense to authorize \$27,831.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Recreation and Cultural	\$12,428	\$12,628	\$12,628	\$17,000	\$22,129	\$26,926	27,831

		Last Year	Proposed
Estimated Summary of Accounts:	Books	\$4,500	\$4,500
	Staff pay/benefits	\$3,311	\$7,216
	Operations	\$11,115	\$8,115
	Programming	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Recreation Programming	\$5,000	\$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$27,831
Selectmen Recommends: \$27,831

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$554,078 to support the Public Works budget. Total expense to authorize \$554,078

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Public Works	\$467,184	\$508,961	\$524,793	\$476,065	\$524,976	\$550,589	\$554,078

Estimated Summary of Accounts:		Last Year	Proposed
	Staff Payroll	\$199,820	\$195,818
	Staff Payroll Tax	\$17,284	\$16,978
	Staff Health Insurance	\$44,725	\$44,725
	General Operations	\$14,560	\$22,357
	Contracted Services	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Signs	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Equipment Repair/Maintenance	\$65,000	\$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	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Fabric	\$500	\$500
	Culverts	\$7,000	\$7,000
	Discretionary Equipment Purchase	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Salt	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Radio/Repair	\$600	\$600
	Tools	\$800	\$800
	Training	\$500	\$500
	Supplies	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Motor Fuel	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Cemeteries	\$11,000	\$11,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$554,078
Selectmen Recommends: \$554,078 Vote 4-1 (Holman)

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$361,055 to support the Municipal Debt Service budget for a total expense to authorize \$361,055.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Municipal Debt Service	\$215,300	\$153,230	\$57,220	\$41,057	\$62,806	\$361,057	\$361,055

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: \$361,055

Selectmen Recommends: \$361,055

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$101,077 to support the Solid Waste budget. Total expense to authorize \$101,077

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Solid Waste	\$73,578	\$75,929	\$76,231	\$88,657	\$93,740	\$98,999	\$101,077

Estimated Summary of Accounts: Readfield Transfer Station Partnership Share \$101,077

Budget Committee Recommends \$101,077

Selectmen Recommends \$101,077

ARTICLE 30 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 2026.

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount to raise from taxation of \$245,000 to support the Capital Investment Plan to be applied anytime throughout the year as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Note: Funds to be distributed as follows: \$160K 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

As of May 8, 2026 the status of “estimated” capital reserve funds available are as follows:

Road Paving \$291,367

Fire Equipment: \$200,619

Fire Building: \$3,073

Town Office \$78,318

Public Works Equipment \$157,513

Budget Committee Recommends: \$245,000

Selectmen Recommends \$245,000

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to carry forward unexpended funds from the 2025-2026 Fire Protection Account to the 2026-2027 Fire Protection Account.

Budget Committee Recommends: YES
Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to accept proposed amendments to Fayette's Land Use Ordinance approved June 13, 2024.

Selectmen Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to include language in the Town's Traffic Ordinance that prohibits parking parallel to Route 17 in front of the Fayette Central School so that the Maine Department of Transportation may appropriately sign the area between the split rail fence and route 17 for the safety of motorist exiting the school parking lot

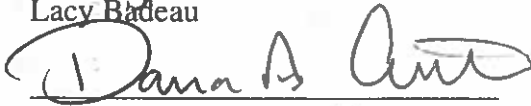
Selectmen Recommends: YES

Motion to Adjourn.

Given under our hands this 12th day of May, 2026



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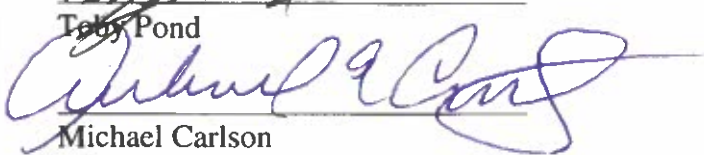
Dana Curtis



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 13th of May, 2026 being at least seven days before the meeting.



Crystal Rose, Resident