



YARMOUTH MAINE

TOWN OF YARMOUTH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM WARRANT

To: Daniel Gallant, a Constable of the Town of Yarmouth, State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Yarmouth, qualified to vote in town affairs of the annual Town Meeting and the Town Referendum at the places, dates, and times set forth below:

Notice of Town Meeting: A town meeting will be held in the Yarmouth High School Performing Arts Center off West Elm Street, in said town on the 4th day of June 2024 at 7:00 P.M. to act on the following Articles 1 through 28, inclusive, as provided below.

Notice of Referendum: A referendum vote will be held at the Yarmouth High School Gymnasium off West Elm Street in said town on the 11th day of June 2024 at 6:00 A.M. to act on the following Articles 29 and 30 as provided below, with polls to be open from 6:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Regular Instruction.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$17,929,247)

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Special Education.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$6,433,381)

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Career and Technical Education.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$0)

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Other Instruction.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$1,352,257)

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Student and Staff Support.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$3,516,188)

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for System Administration.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$1,099,302)

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for School Administration.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$1,760,865)

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Transportation and Busses.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$1,140,301)

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Facilities Maintenance.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$3,478,335)

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$2,503,255)

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for All Other Expenditures.
(The School Committee and the Town Council Recommend \$65,000)

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the Town'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.
(Town Council and School Committee recommend \$39,278,131)

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town 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: \$22,537,832**) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town'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. (**Recommend: \$14,310,265**)
(Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

Explanation: The Town'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 the town must raise to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the annual debt service payments on any non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects, and minor capital projects, in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.
(Recommend: \$2,503,255)
(Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for annual payments on the town's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of the long-term debt issues was approved by the voters in 2018.

ARTICLE 16: A WRITTEN BALLOT IS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE:

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, **(Recommend: \$13,718,044)** which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **(Recommend \$13,718,044)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee and Town Council.

Required Note: The School Committee recommends \$13,718,044 for the additional local funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services model by \$13,718,044. \$13,718,044 is needed to cover the Town's share of the School budget that the Essential Programs and Services model does not recognize.

(Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

Explanation:
The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town'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 town's budget for educational programs.

Each registered voter may come to the polling station in the auditorium and mark a ballot [YES or NO] and deposit it in a box provided by the Town Clerk. Once all who wish to cast a ballot have done so, the Clerk will tally the results to be announced by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,050,997 and raise \$65,000 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.
(The Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

ARTICLE 18: In the event that the Yarmouth School Department receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized and directed to use all of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee?

(The Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Yarmouth School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the 2024-2025 fiscal year for school and/or adult education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of funds not previously appropriated. The School Committee estimates that \$454,000 will be received and applied against the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

(Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$1,790,000
Snowmobile Reimbursements	\$200
Dept. of Transportation Block Grant	\$76,500
Veterans Tax Refund	\$5,400
Court Officers	\$1,200
Welfare	\$54,600
State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds)	\$8,227,567
Civil Emergency Preparedness Funds	\$1,000
Community Development Funds	\$1,000
Maine State Housing Authority Grants	\$1,000
Homestead Exemption Refunds	\$656,599

(Town Council and School Committee recommend approval.)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,319,400 of estimated transfers, fund balance, and revenues other than property taxes and school revenues, to reduce the amount to be raised by property taxes or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,392,862 for General Government Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,973,439 for Public Safety Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,806,916 for Public Works Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,202 for Health and Welfare or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,215,595 for Public Services or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,462,969 for Debt Service or take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,005,213 for Capital Reserve Accounts or to take any action relative thereto.

(The Town Council recommends approval)

Following action on Article 28, the Town Council recommends adjourning the Annual Meeting to be continued on June 11, 2024 for voting by Secret Ballot on Articles 29 and 30. Polls will be open at the Yarmouth High School Gymnasium off West Elm Street in Yarmouth from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 29: To choose all necessary town officers including two Town Council members for three-year terms, three School Committee members for three-year terms, and one Yarmouth Water District Trustee for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 30: Do you favor approving the Yarmouth School Department budget for the upcoming fiscal year that was adopted at the most recent Yarmouth Town Meeting?

YES

NO

Explanation:

Maine law requires that the School budget be ratified by a referendum voting procedure. This Article, if approved, ratifies the votes taken on June 4, 2024 at the open format portion of this Town Meeting under Articles 2-20, inclusive.

Given under our hands at Yarmouth, Maine this Second day of May, 2024.

Zoe Wolf

Randall Bates

Heather Abbott

Michelle Cromarty

David Craig, Chair

Karin Orenstein

Meghan Casey

TOWN COUNCIL, YARMOUTH, MAINE