

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION &
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Friday, May 2, 2025
And
Saturday, May 3, 2025**

To: Freeman Ramsdell, a resident of the Town of Hartland, County of Somerset, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hartland in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the *Irving Tanning Community Center*, in said Town on Friday, May 2, 2025 A.D. at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the *Irving Tanning Community Center*, in said Town on Saturday, May 3, 2025 A.D. at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 27 as set out below, to wit:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To elect (1) Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of Poor for a 3-year term;
To elect (3) Budget Committee Members for a 3-year term.
To elect (1) RSU 19 Director for a 3-year term.

Art. 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply \$200,000 of the undesignated fund balance to reduce the 2025-2026 tax mil rate.

Art. 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply \$10,000 of the undesignated fund balance to the Fire Department reserve account.

Art. 5: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept and expend any or all funds or property from federal, state or private funding in the form of grants or donations, public or anonymous that the Municipal Officers deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of tax-acquired property for Real Estate Lien via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and cost; or (B) using the process required by 36 M.R.S., § 943-C, provided that if the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county for sale other than to the former owner. Excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C shall be returned to the former owner.

Art. 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Sewer Acquired properties for non-payment of sewer fees liens thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute a quitclaim deed without covenant for such property or mobile home.

Art. 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of equipment, vehicles or furniture no longer necessary to Town operations that the Municipal Officers deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town.

Art. 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish Sept 15 & Mar 1 due dates on taxes, and set the interest rate at 7% that shall start accruing and being applied the day after these due dates.

Art. 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., sec 506.

Art. 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the ensuing year's taxes, if necessary.

Art. 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Art. 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *General Governmental* accounts:

Request:

Pay to Officers	\$ 9,000
Administration	\$ 302,410
Town Office	\$ 11,300
Assessing	\$ 30,000
Office Equip/Tech	\$ 28,000
Social Security	\$ 36,830
Contingent	\$ 9,000
Abatements	\$ <u>4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 430,540

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$430,540

PROTECTION

Art. 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Public Safety* accounts:

Request:

Fire Department	\$ 51,750
Street Lights	\$ 14,500
Dam	\$ 800
Hydrant Rental	\$ 115,000
Animal Control	\$ 8,800
Insurance	\$ <u>153,625</u>

TOTAL \$ 344,475

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$344,475

HEALTH & WELFARE

Art. 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Health & Welfare* accounts:

Request:

General Assistance	\$ 12,000
Tri Town Food Bank	\$ <u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 14,500

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$14,500

PUBLIC WORKS

Art. 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Public Works* accounts:

Request:	
Roads	\$ 296,000
Snow Removal	\$ 297,000
Town Truck	\$ 5,000
Public Works Building	\$ 22,200
Cemeteries	<u>\$ 37,700</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 657,900

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$657,900

SANITATION

Art. 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Health & Sanitation* accounts:

Request:	
Transfer Station	\$217,325
Code Enforcement	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$237,325

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$237,325

RECREATION

Art. 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Recreation* accounts:

Request:	
I.T.C.C.	\$ 10,000
Library	\$ 54,000
Pool	<u>\$ 25,150</u>
TOTAL	\$ 89,150

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$89,150

PUBLIC SERVICE

Art. 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Public Service* accounts:

Request:

KVCOG	\$ 2,515
MMA	\$ 3,100
SEDC	\$ 100
First Park	\$ 8,020
G M L A	\$ 3,000
Flag Committee	\$ 1,000
Historical Society	\$ 5,000
American Legion	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 23,235

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$23,235

DEBT SERVICE

Art. 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the following *Debt Service* accounts:

Request:

Maine Bond Bank	
Salt/Sand Shed	\$ 5,910
TOTAL	\$ 5,910

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommends \$5,910

Art. 21: To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2025/2026 operational revenues in the estimated amount of \$470,000 which may include revenues from Excise Tax, Tree Growth, Interest Income, Building Permits, Renewable Energy Reimbursement and Transfer Station accounts to offset the FY 2025/2026 appropriations. **(Selectmen Recommend)**

Art. 22: To see if the Town will vote to allocate the snowmobile registration funds received from the State of Maine to Smokey's Angels Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of snowmobile trails for the benefit and use of the public. **(Selectmen Recommend)**

Art. 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept, expend, and carry forward in a separate account a sum that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$20,000. **(Selectmen Recommend)**

Art. 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 5% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2025/2026. **(Selectmen Recommend)**

Art. 25: Shall the Town adopt a document and identified changes entitled Municipal Code of Ordinances that was created to organize, codify, and improve the Town's many ordinances to create a better reference document.

****** A copy of the Municipal Code of Ordinances is available at the Town Office to review and electronic copies maybe requested.

Art. 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers, on behalf of the Town to negotiate with the Hartland Public Library and the Tri Town Food Cupboard on a long-term lease (that is approved by our insurance company) or the sale of the properties to them in the amount of a \$ 1.00.

(Selectmen Recommend)

Art. 27: To see if the Town will vote for the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department to use a piece of land located off the Canaan Rd on the Landfill property to operate a fire training facility. Facility will be a container with approval from DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and following the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) rules.

The Registrar will be in session for the purpose of maintaining the list of voters Friday, May 2, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. at the Election and Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this 22 day of APRIL A.D. 2025

A True Copy
Attest:

Holly Bubar
Holly Bubar, Town Clerk

John Hikel
John Hikel, Selectman

Mark Brooks
Mark Brooks, Selectman

Jerry Martin
Jerry Martin, Selectman