

**TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE**  
**CITIZENS' OPTION MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**  
**March 29, 2020 @ 6:00pm ~ Marshwood Middle School Gymnasium**  
**COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be in place for this meeting**

- A. Meeting called to order @ 6:00pm**  
Format of meeting announced
- B. Election of Moderator for Citizen Option format**  
Select Board Chairman opens meeting for Public Hearing format
- C. Opening Ceremonies**  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence
- D. Citizen Option or Public Hearing**

**(ADVISORY ONLY)**

**ARTICLE #3:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,669,173 as established for Eliot by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding and following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit or any other property tax limit established as a result of 30-A MRSA Section 5721-A Limitation on Municipal Property Tax Levy.

**Note:** The Select Board's recommended total tax levy is \$18,070 more than the Budget Committee recommendation of \$3,488,844; but in either event, the amount in excess of LD 1 limits is \$0. This article has to be voted by written ballot.

**ARTICLE #4:** To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2021 / 2022 Estimated Revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation (fiscal year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Revenue	Amount
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 1,450,000
On-Line Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 285,000
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 17,800
Revenue Sharing	\$ 378,000
Interest (Investment/Tax)	\$ 53,000
Clerk Fees	\$ 31,000
CEO Permit Fees	\$ 104,500
Use of Sewer Fees (Bond)	\$ 98,511
Sewer Administration	\$ 36,700
Board of Appeal/Planning Board Fees	\$ 16,200
Police Fees / Grants / Details	\$ 46,170
Boat Basin Launch Fees	\$ 24,000
Tax Liens	\$ 9,000
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 800
Marijuana Licensing Fees	\$ 55,000
Pay Per Throw	\$ 63,000
GA Reimbursement	\$ 7,300
Recycling	\$ 84,000

York Hospital Grant (CSD)	\$ 11,500
CSD Program Revenue	\$ 85,000
Kids Play Program Revenue	\$ 195,500
TIF Revenues	\$ 362,400
Dog Licensing Fees / Violation Fees	\$ 4,200
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000
Mooring Fees	\$ 14,000
MDOT Road Assistance	\$ 35,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$ 3,473,081</b>

Select Board Recommends \$3,473,081 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$3,473,081 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$3,324,025)

**ARTICLE #5:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Administration.

Select Board Recommends \$1,298,722 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$1,298,722 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$1,279,397)

**ARTICLE #6:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Hearings and Elections:

Select Board Recommends \$25,625 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$25,625 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$32,970)

**ARTICLE #7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Fire Department.

Select Board Recommends \$222,301 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$222,301 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$189,988)

**ARTICLE #8:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend \$132,000 from the Town of Eliot Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reserve (balance being \$4,900,099 as of July 1, 2020) as allowed by State Law, in support of the purchase of a new fire truck to replace the 1996 pumper fire truck?

- Balance to be funded by fire truck reserve and will have no impact on the tax rate.

Select Board So Recommends (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee So Recommends (Vote: 7 – 0)

**ARTICLE #9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Police Department.

Select Board Recommends \$1,206,965 (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee Recommends \$1,206,965 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$1,200,840)

**ARTICLE #10:** Shall the Town vote to raise \$10,658 and appropriate \$106,572 to employ a Full-Time School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) to primarily serve at Marshwood Middle School during the school year to be funded with \$95,914 in revenues from the Department of Justice Grant awarded to the Town of Eliot and MSAD #35 funding?

- The Police Department applied for and was awarded a 3-year Department of Justice Grant of \$125,000 to supplement the cost of this new position. Further, MSAD #35 shall pay 50% of the local match. The grant contains a non-appropriation clause in the event the taxpayers want to terminate the new position. In year one of the grant, the total cost of the new position is \$106,572 with \$95,914 in revenue coming from the DOJ Grant and the School Department (90% subsidized).
- In year two of the grant, thirty one percent (31%) of the total cost of the S.R.O. will be funded through the DOJ Grant and School Department. In year three, the full cost of the position is to be evenly divided between the School Department and the Eliot Police Department. The School Department currently has such a cost-sharing agreement with South Berwick for the S.R.O. at Marshwood High School.
- The Board of Directors of MSAD #35 have previously voted in the affirmative to fund the S.R.O. as described above.

Select Board So Recommends (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee So Recommends (Vote: 7 – 0)

**ARTICLE #11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for services related to Public Safety.

<b>Public Safety Service</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>
Fire Hydrants	\$ 81,493
Dispatching	\$ 123,360
PSAP (911)	\$ 22,330
Harbormaster	\$ 11,763
Streetlights	\$ 14,500
Animal Control Officer	\$ 11,652
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 265,098</b>

Select Board Recommends \$265,098 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$265,098 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$268,129)

**ARTICLE #12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance for the Public Works Department.

Select Board Recommends \$918,643 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$918,643 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$942,485)

**ARTICLE #13:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Snow Removal.

Select Board Recommends \$220,293 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$220,293 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$246,554)

**ARTICLE #14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, and operation of Summer Maintenance.

Select Board Recommends \$61,496 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$61,496 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$82,776)

**ARTICLE #15:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Roads and Bridges.

Select Board Recommends \$2,000 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$2,000 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$8,000)

**ARTICLE #16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for salaries, benefits, operations, and maintenance of the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Select Board Recommends \$293,828 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$278,108 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$265,853)

**ARTICLE #17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the implementation of the Federal Storm Water Management Plan.

Select Board Recommends \$132,500 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$132,500 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$129,430)

**ARTICLE #18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Community Service Department.

Select Board Recommends \$417,206 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$417,206 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$491,020)

**ARTICLE #19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for General Assistance.

Select Board Recommends \$20,000 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)  
 Budget Committee Recommends \$20,000 (Vote: 7 – 0)  
 (Last Fiscal Year: \$20,000)

**ARTICLE #20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Capital Improvements.

Capital Improvement	Requested Amount	Notes
Roadway Paving	\$ 440,000	Numerous Paving Projects
Boat Basin Crack Fill & Seal	\$ 25,000	Extend Parking Lot Life
Pave Fire Dept. Lot / Seal Fire & PD	\$ 15,250	Repair Old Parking Lots
Public Works Vehicle Reserve	\$ 194,510	For Future Vehicle Purchase
Roll-off Truck Lease	\$ 20,100	5 Year Lease-Purchase

Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 100,000	For Future Fire Trucks
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$ 42,000	Hybrid Police Cruiser
Records Preservation / Codification	\$ 10,000	Preservation of Old Documents
Transfer Station Vertical Balers	\$ 7,500	Replace a baler from 1970s
Fire Dept. Forest / Field UTV	\$ 18,000	An Off Road / Woods Vehicle
Public Safety Boat	\$ 35,000	Police, Fire, Harbor Boat
Transfer Station 20yd Roll-off Cans	\$ 10,000	Replace Rotted Roll-Off Cans
Structural Fire Fighting Clothing	\$ 7,500	Jackets, Gloves, Boots
Fire Dept. SCBA Bottles / Air Packs	\$ 15,000	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Updates
Police Department Roof	\$ 10,000	20+ Year Old Roofing
Skate Park	\$ 19,000	Develop a Community Pavilion
Frost Tufts Playground	\$ 16,000	Replace Old Playground
Murray Rowe & Frost Tufts Park Buildings	\$ 8,000	Repair Park Buildings
Town Office IT	\$ 8,000	Computers for Town Office
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$1,000,860</b>	

Select Board Recommends \$1,000,860 (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee Recommends \$1,000,860 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$1,048,310)

**ARTICLE #21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the operating Reserve Accounts.

Reserve Account	Requested Amount
Sick Leave Reserve	\$ 10,000
Contingency Reserve	\$ 8,000
Health Insurance Reserve	\$ 27,000
Wage Reserve	\$ 37,950
Land Bank Reserve	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 87,950</b>

Select Board Recommends \$87,950 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$87,950 (Vote 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$74,460)

**ARTICLE #22:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend \$50,000 from the Eliot Town Office Reserve Account (balance being \$78,699 as of July 1, 2020), and raise and appropriate \$15,000 from taxation, both in support of an architectural study of Town Hall expansion options and cost estimating for such a project?

Select Board So Recommends (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee So Recommends (Vote: 7 – 0)

**ARTICLE #23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for Town Standing Committees.

Committee	Requested Amount	Notes
Board of Appeals	\$ 4,300	
Budget Committee	\$ 2,400	
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,520	
Capital Improvement & Energy Commission	\$ 350	*BC Recommends \$0
Planning Board	\$ 20,000	
Aging-In-Place Committee	\$ 3,300	*BC Recommends \$1,300

Bicentennial Committee	\$ 1,500	
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 33,370</b>	

Select Board Recommends \$33,370 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$31,020\*(Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$28,470)

**ARTICLE #24:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and transfer for the William Fogg Library.

Select Board Recommends \$221,900 (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee Recommends \$221,900 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$200,600)

**ARTICLE #25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Social Service Agencies.

<b>Social Service Agency</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>
Agency of Aging	\$ 1,000
Eliot Festival Day	\$ 1,500
Historical Society	\$ 2,500
Maine Home HealthCare	\$ 1,600
Memorial Day	\$ 520
Project Share	\$ 1,000
Senior Citizens	\$ 1,500
York Community Action Corporation	\$ 1,600
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 11,220</b>

Select Board Recommends \$11,220 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$11,220 (Vote: 7 - 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$10,720)

**ARTICLE #26:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer to Fixed Assessments from the established Tax Increment Financing Account and the Eliot Sewer Fund.

Select Board Recommends \$399,100 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$399,100 (Vote: 7 – 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$199,789)

**ARTICLE #27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Debt Service.

Select Board Recommends \$115,260 (Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 absent)

Budget Committee Recommends \$115,260 (Vote: 7 - 0)

(Last Fiscal Year: \$115,271)

\*Note: \$98,500 will be reimbursed by sewer fees; the remainder is for the LED Street Light Bond and the Town Office HVAC Replacement Bond.

**ARTICLE #28:** Shall the Town vote to transfer and appropriate \$35,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (balance being \$3,646,077 as of 07/21/20) for the purpose of updating the 2009 Eliot Comprehensive Plan?

Select Board So Recommends (Vote: 5 – 0)

Budget Committee So Recommends (Vote: 7 – 0)

**ARTICLE #29:** Shall the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$20,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to implement the first year of the Senior Taxpayer Assistance Program, as detailed in the Eliot Senior Tax Assistance Program Ordinance approved by the voters on July 14, 2020.

Select Board So Recommends (Vote: 5 – 0)  
Budget Committee So Recommends (Vote: 7 – 0)

**Given under our hands this 11th day of March, 2021**

DocuSigned by:

*Richard Donhauser*

Richard Donhauser, Chairman

DocuSigned by:

*Alex Orestis*

Alexander Orestis, Vice Chairman

DocuSigned by:

*Robert McPherson*

Robert McPherson, Secretary

Philip Lytle, Selectman

DocuSigned by:

*Bill Widi*

William Widi, Selectman

**Select Board  
Town of Eliot, Maine**