

TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION / REFERENDUM WARRANT
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

To Lauren Small, a Resident of the Town of Eliot, in the County of York, State of Maine

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eliot, County of York, State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Marshwood Middle School, 626 H. L. Dow Highway, Eliot, Maine, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:30AM for opening ceremonies and action on Article One, Election of Moderator. The polls for voting will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for secret ballot voting on Articles Two through Eighteen.

Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7) absentee ballots will be processed at the polling place from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM on the hour, every hour as needed.

The Town will provide any reasonable accommodations for any disabled resident to attend this Election. Please notify the Town Clerk at the Town Office of the need. This is in accordance with the ADA Law.

NOTE: Please use the Depot Road entrance to the Parking Lot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Two (2) Select Board/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term, Two (2) Budget Committee Members for a three-year term, and One (1) MSAD #35 Director for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 4,550,599 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.

Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)

Budget Committee Tabled by Vote of 6-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and apply Fiscal Year 2025 Estimated Revenues in the amount of \$3,027,601 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation (fiscal year is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).

Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)

Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 6-0

(Last Fiscal Year: \$4,803,223)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,876,517 for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Administration, to include Hearings and Elections, and General Assistance.

Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)

Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 5-0-1 (1-abstained, 1-absent)

(Last year \$2,412,574)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,800 for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Fire Department to include Fire Hydrants.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 6-0
(Last Fiscal Year: \$409,079)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,471,412 for employee salary, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Police Department to include Dispatch, Harbormaster, Animal Control.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 5-0-1 (1-abstained, 1-absent)
(Last Fiscal Year: \$1,413,424)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,412,634 for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Public Works Department to include Streetlights, Summer Maintenance, Roads & Bridges, Snow Removal, Transfer Station, and Federal Storm Management Plan.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 4-0-2. (1-abstained, 1-conflict, 1-absent)
(Last Fiscal Year: \$2,524,703)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$393,772 for the salaries, benefits, operation, and maintenance of the Community Service Department/Recreation Department.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 6-0. (1-absent)
(Last Fiscal Year: \$438,565)

ARTICLE 10: To if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$529,808 for Fiscal Operations to include, Debt Service, Town Standing Committees, Outside Agencies, and the William Fogg Library.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 5-0-1. (1-abstained, 1-absent)
(Last Fiscal Year: \$945,847)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$571,000 from undesignated fund balance for the Capital Improvement & Reserve Funds.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee took no action on article as presented
(Last Fiscal Year: \$1,960,000)

ARTICLE 12: To advise the Town that the Select Board has voted to appropriate the sum of \$964,085 from rate payer revenues for the operation of the Sewer Department. This article has no property tax impact as no amount will be raised by taxation.
Select Board so recommend 4-0-1 (1-absent)
Budget Committee Approved by Vote of 5-0-1. (1-abstained, 1-absent)
(Last Fiscal Year: \$619,870)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will allocate a maximum of 26 growth permits for new residential dwelling units for calendar year 2025, as recommended by the Eliot Planning Board, in accordance with §29-5 of the Growth Management chapter of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of Eliot, Maine?*

**Note: In the event this article does not pass, the number of growth permits allocated in 2025 will be 105% of the mean number of permits issued for new single-family residential dwelling units during the previous ten years, as required by M.R.S.A. 30-A §4360. That number is estimated to be 16.*

Select Board (5-0) and Planning Board (5-0) so recommend

ARTICLE 14 Shall an ordinance entitled Floodplain Management Ordinance be enacted?

Select Board (5-0) and Planning Board (5-0) so recommend

(A copy of this ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office and online at www.eliotmaine.org)

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town Charter "Proposed Amendments to Article 2 Select Board, Sections 2.10 Procedure, 2.11 General Administrative Ordinances, 2.13 Petition for Articles in Warrant, 2.15 Authentication and Recording of Ordinances, and 2.16 Codification of Ordinances" be enacted?

Select Board so recommend (5-0)

(A copy of this Charter Article is available in the Town Clerks Office and online at www.eliotmaine.org)

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town Charter "Proposed Amendments to Article 3 Town Manager, Sections 3.1 Appointment; Qualification; Compensation" be enacted?

Select Board so recommend (5-0)

(A copy of this Charter Article is available in the Town Clerks Office and online at www.eliotmaine.org)

ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town Charter "Proposed Amendments to Article 4 Administrative Organization, Part A General Provisions, Sections 4.1 Appointments, 4.5 Department Heads, Part D Legal, Part E Appointed Officials, and 4.13 Compensation" be enacted?

Select Board so recommend (5-0)

(A copy of this Charter Article is available in the Town Clerks Office and online at www.eliotmaine.org)

ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town Charter "Proposed Amendments to Article 6 Financial Procedures, Sections 6.3 Budget Committee, 6.5 Budget Review Process and Schedule, and 6.9 Public Records" be enacted?

Select Board so recommend (5-0)

(A copy of this Charter Article is available in the Town Clerks Office and online at www.eliotmaine.org)

Given under our hands this 11th day of April, 2024.

Richard Donhauser, Chairman

William Widi, Vice Chairman

Lauren Dow, Secretary

Stanley Shapleigh, Selectman

Bruce Cabot Trott, Selectman

Select Board

Town of Eliot, Maine