

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

May 13, 2025

6:00PM

Bear River Grange Hall

71 Bear River Road, Newry Maine

To Amy Henley, a resident in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newry in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, and, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Bear River Grange Hall at 6:00 PM in the evening to act on the following Articles 1 through 46 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Administration and Salaries. Rec. Pass \$424,203

Article 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service. Rec. Pass \$19,575

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Assessors Expense. Rec. Pass \$14,500

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Cemetery. Rec. Pass \$7,500

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Committees and Boards. Rec. Pass \$39,450

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town of Bethel Recreation for Newry Kids. Rec. Pass \$4,400

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Community Assistance.

Rec. Pass

FY-2026 ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
AGE FRIENDLY	\$500.00
RED CROSS	\$875.00
ANDRO HOME	\$250.00
BETHEL LIBRARY	\$6,000.00
BETHEL CHAMBER	\$475.00
BETHEL HISTORICAL	\$2,000.00
CANCER RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN MAINE	\$500.00
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	\$700.00
FLAGS FOR SOLDIERS	\$500.00
PROJECT GRAD	\$500.00
SR. PLUS	\$750.00
TOWN GRADUATES – no grads -	\$0
WCBB-MPBN local PBS	\$300.00
WINDY VALLEY	\$5,000.00
HARVEST HILLS	\$411.00
LIFE FLIGHT	\$2,000.00
BETHEL FOOD PANTRY	\$1,600.00
MAHOOSUC KIDS	\$2,000.00
Total	\$24,361.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the Cable Franchise Agreement to Western Maine Access Television Channel 11.

Rec. Pass

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Officers to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2025-2026

Rec. Pass \$2,000

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Grange Hall Maintenance.

Rec. Pass \$13,000

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

Rec. Pass \$839,429

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying fees or charges required for membership in the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Risk Pool and other Town insurance costs.

Rec. Pass \$134,700

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of the Municipal Building.

Rec. Pass \$34,800

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Operation and Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Rec. Pass \$197,564

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Sanitation to pay all fees and membership charges for Tri-Town Solid Waste.

Rec. Pass \$259,000

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Rec. Pass \$1,000

Article 18. Shall the Town authorize the Municipal Officers to carry forward unexpended balances as they deem necessary, all other unexpended balances to lapse to the fund balance.

Rec. Pass

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Digitizing Town of Newry Tax Maps and Revising the Paper Maps.

Rec. Pass \$6,000

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sunday River School House Account.

Rec. Pass \$4,000

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Rec. Pass \$75,000

Article 22. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding allowing the Municipal Officers to spend up to 10% of the Capital Improvement Account without seeking prior town approval.

Rec. Pass

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept donations not to exceed \$5,000 on behalf of the Town.

Rec. Pass

Article 24. To see if the Town will allow the Municipal Officers to sell or dispose of any Town property with a value of not more than \$2,000, under such terms and conditions that they deem advisable.

Rec. Pass

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to fund the following capital reserve account with undesignated reserve funds:

Fire Department Reserve Account: \$100,000 Rec. Pass

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Sunday River Hazard Mitigation.

Rec. Pass \$70,000

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Reserve Account.

Rec. Pass \$5,000

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Animal Control officer?

Rec. Pass \$3,000

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the registrations and fines of dogs to enforce the Animal Control Laws.

Rec. Pass

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for scales at the Transfer Station.

Rec. Pass \$50,000

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the updated Tri Town Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement between the Towns of Bethel, Hanover and Newry?

Rec. Pass

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to use undesignated funds for Personal Property that is uncollectable from the years 2010 to 2020.

Rec. Pass

Keith Durgin d/b/a Bear River Excavating \$25,689.96
PNC Equipment Finance \$48,511.56

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise & appropriate for Town Revaluation Reserve Account.

Rec. Pass \$50,000

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to use funds from the Town Buildings Capital Account.

Rec. Pass.

Town Office \$27,140

Bear River Fire Station \$32,941

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to use the overlay for abatements on taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes not paid before a certain date and establish the date and rate of interest. Rec. Annual rate of 7.50% on taxes not paid before September 30th and March 31st (2 installment payments)

Rec. Pass

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3% for the fiscal year.

Rec. Pass

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Rec. Pass

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Rec. Pass

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the registrations of snowmobiles and Municipal Snowmobile Grants to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining the snowmobile trails.

Rec. Pass

Article. 41. To see if the Town will vote to use \$200,000 from undesignated funds to offset taxes.

Rec. Pass

Article 42. Shall an ordinance entitled "Address Ordinance Town of Newry" be repealed and an ordinance entitled "Addressing Ordinance for the Town of Newry" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 43. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Newry Vacation Rental Registration Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 44. Shall an ordinance entitled "Amendments to Land Use and Building Code Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 45. Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Newry Town Road Entrance Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass

Article 46. Shall an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Unified Development Review Ordinance" be enacted?

Rec. Pass


Town Treasurer

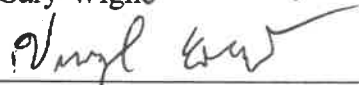
Hereof, fail not, and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the time and place of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hand at Newry, Maine this 22 day of April 2025 A.D.

Respectfully submitted,

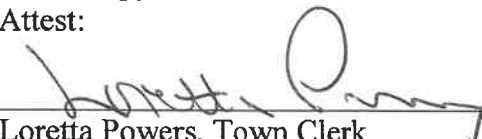

Gary Wight


Virgil Conkright


Mandy Berry

Municipal Officers of Newry

A true copy of the warrant,
Attest:


Loretta Powers, Town Clerk
Newry, Maine