

Town Meeting Warrant

Two Part Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at 7:45 AM

and

Saturday, March 7th, 2026 at 9 AM

To: William Ingraham, A citizen of the Town of Knox, in the County of Waldo.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Knox in Waldo County in Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2026 A.D. at 7:45AM then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot and on Articles 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until six o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Knox Town Office in said town on Saturday, the 7th day of March 2026, at nine o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 40 as set out below, to wit:

Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside over said town meeting.

Three residents in attendance for the begging of the meeting. A motion was made for MaryAnne Kinney to be moderator. Motion was closed, moved to secret ballot. 3 votes in total, all for MaryAnne Kinney.

Art. 2 To Elect Third Selectman by secret ballot.

Art. 3 To announce Third Selectman voting results.

William Ingraham was voted in for Third Selectman, 25 votes in total 21 for William, 1 for David Schofield, 1 for Joseph Mark Chadwick, and 2 for Michael Wlodyka

Art. 4 To fix compensation, from taxation, for the following positions:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Salaries and Wages			
First Selectman	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Second Selectman	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Third Selectman	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 61,273.00	\$ 62,400.00
Total	\$ 79,400.00	\$ 78,273.00	\$ 79,400.00

Passed

Art. 5 To see what the Town votes to raise and/ or appropriate for Payroll Taxes

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
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Payroll Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8104.17	\$ 10,000.00
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Passed

Art. 6 To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from taxation for employee ICHRA.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
ICHRA	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 19,513.35	\$ 33,600.00

Passed

Art. 7 To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from taxation for the town charges account:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Town Charges			
Assessing	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 20,000.00
Advertising	\$ 400.00	\$ 37.19	\$ 400.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,629.99	\$ 4,500.00
Auditor/CPA	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 30,580.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bank Charges	\$ 1000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Building Repairs- Office & Hearse House	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
CEO Salary	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cleaning	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Computer Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00
Copier Lease	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,136.84	\$ 3,600.00
Deeds	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Discharges	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 684.00	\$ 2,000.00
E 911 Addressing Officer Salary	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Election Workers	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,008.32	\$ 2,500.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ 208.30	\$ 250.00
Heat	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 953.46	\$ 2,000.00
Humane Society	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 846.30	\$ 1,500.00
Central Maine Power	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,636.63	\$ 4,500.00
Mapping	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,100.00
Memberships and Dues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,355.00	\$ 2,500.00
Mileage	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 624.79	\$ 1,200.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Moderator	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Mowing of the Town Office	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,200.00
Phone, Fax, Internet	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,134.17	\$ 3,300.00
Postage	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,945.59	\$ 2,600.00
Registrar of Voters Salary	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Software	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00

Supplies	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2686.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tax Liens/ Notices	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,064.00	\$ 1,200.00
Trio Software	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 19,226.57	\$ 26,000.00
Workshops and Trainings	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 1,000.00
Roadside Mowing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
Website	\$ 600.00	\$ 958.50	\$ 600.00
Security	\$ 550.00	\$ 297.23	\$ 450.00
Total	\$ 127,350.00	\$ 96,396.88	\$ 141,950.00

Passed

Art. 8 To see what the town will vote to raise/ appropriate for Liability, Property, Unemployment and Workers Comp Insurance.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Liability, Property, Unemployment, Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,168.50	\$ 12,000.00

Passed

Art.9 To see what the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the following:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
General Assistance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 3,000.00

Passed

Art. 10 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the following:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Planning Board Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 268.88	\$ 1,000.00
Board of Appeals	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 600.00	\$ 268.88	\$ 1,100.00

Passed

Art. 11 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the care of Town Cemeteries.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Care of Town Cemeteries	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,309.99	\$ 11,000.00

Passed

Art. 12 To see what the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the following:

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Donations			
Belfast Area Childcare	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ No Petition
Bum League	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ No Petition

Farm Share Assistance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mt. View Farm Team	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ No Petition
Knox Ridge Cemetery	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Knox Historical Society	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Knox Booster Club	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Life Flight of Maine	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
Midcoast Maine Community Action Partners	\$ 732.00	\$ 732.00	\$ No Petition
New Hope for Women	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 740.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 791.00	\$ 791.00	\$ 831.00
Volunteer Regional Food Pantry- Unity	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ No Petition
Pet Food Pantry	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ No Petition
Belfast Soup Kitchen	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ No Petition
Unity Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Brooks Ambulance	\$ 6,083.00	\$ 6,083.00	\$ 8,110.00
WCAP	\$ 5,467.00	\$ 5,467.00	\$ 7,556.00
Total	\$ 24,008.00	\$ 24,008.00	\$ 32,562.00

Passed

Art. 13 To see what the town would vote to raise and/ or appropriate for Fire Protection. Third year of three-year contract beginning 2024 through March of 2027.

	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Fire Protection	\$ 37,080.00	\$ 37,080.00	\$ 38,193.00

Passed

Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the collection and disbursement of town waste.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Curbside Waste Removal	\$ 47,775.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 50,175.00
MRC	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Clean Up Day	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,800.00
Total	\$ 71,275.00	\$ 71,675.00	\$ 73,975.00

Passed

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate \$15,214.98 for the operation of the Regional Recycling Center and the Universal Waste Facility for the period of April 1st, 2026, through March 31st, 2027.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Regional Recycling Center and Universal Waste Facility	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,480.61	\$ 15,214.98

Passed

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate \$4,000.00 for legal fees.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Legal Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2718.37	\$ 4,000.00

Passed

Art. 17 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for putting up the salt and sand pile in the sand shed building.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Salt and Sand Pile	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 76,818.71	\$ 90,000.00

Passed

Art. 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the third year of a three-year contract for snow plowing.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Snow Plowing Contract	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 212,500.00
Fuel Overages	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 222,500.00

Passed

Art. 19 To see what the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate from excise tax for repair and maintenance of town roads and bridges. (noted on page 15 under motor vehicle)

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Roads and Bridges	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 113,658.69	\$ 150,000.00

Passed

Art. 20 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer monies received in 2025 from the State of Maine D.O.T. Local Road Assistance Program into the Road Reserve Account? (\$38,024 as noted on page 14)

Passed

Art. 21 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for the restoration and preservation of the Town's old records books.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Book Restoration and Preservation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00

Passed

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid 2026 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and a date when taxes shall be due.

(Recommended 7.0%- December 31st, 2026)

Michael Philbrick made a motion to lower it from the recommended 7% to 3%. Amendment failed.
Article Passed as written

Art. 23 To see what the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate to pay tax abatements for taxes assessed in 2025.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Tax Abatements	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,153.11	\$ 15,000.00

Passed

Art. 24 To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. s/s 506.

(Recommended)

Passed

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize Municipal Officers to dispose of any Town-Owned personal property with a value of \$1,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

(Recommended)

Passed

Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any surplus equipment and real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes in accordance of the State of Maine law set in 2023.

(Recommended)

Passed

Art. 27 To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$5 per snowmobile registration received from the State to the Frye Mountain Riders for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

(Recommended)

Passed

Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to accept grant money from the State for the Frye Mountain Riders. The State program will only go through the town but will give the snowmobile club money above and beyond what the town has already given. This will help the club with bridge repairs and/or other such things.

(Recommended)

Passed

Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate \$800.00 for flags for the telephone poles.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Flags	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00

Travis Price made an amendment to use the \$800 to purchase up to 5 flags with veterans' photos each year to slowly replace the American flags on the telephone poles. Travis retracted his amendment and wants to revisit it at special town meeting.

Article passed as written

Art. 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of budgeted amount in each budget category, except for snow removal and sanding which Municipal Officers are authorized to spend up to 6/12 of the budgeted amount of the 2025 annual budget during the period of January 1st, 2026 to 2027 Town Meeting.

(Recommended)

Maryanne Kinney made an amendment to change the date to 2026 annual budget and January 1st, 2027. To be accurate for next years start of fiscal year. Amendment of article passed.

Article called to vote, Passed as amended.

Art. 31 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/ or appropriate for building repairs to the sand shed from the Town Municipal Building Fund.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Salt and Sand Building Repair Fund	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00

Passed

Art. 32 To see if the Town would vote to raise/ and or appropriate from excise funds for the repairing of the Shibles Road "bridge" another \$25,000.00.

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Recommended Budget
Shibles Road Repair	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 25,000.00
Total	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 25,000.00

Passed

Art. 33 To see if the town would vote in favor of removing the last Saturday of the month from the office hours for the town office.

Michael Wlodyka made an amendment to closing the office the last Saturday of the month and adding a secure drop box to the office for out-of-hours business, and for office staff to honor dates as written on documents placed in drop box. Amendment of article passed.

Article called to vote, Passed as amended

Art. 34 To see if the town would vote in favor of raising and appropriating \$164,341.30 for our 2026 bond payment.

Passed

Art. 35 Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made

A true copy of the Warrant,

Mackensie Russell, Town Clerk

Selectmen of Knox,

Joshua Larrabee

Jeffrey Stevens

William Ingraham