

**TOWN OF CHELSEA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION and  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Election**

**June 10, 2025 Tuesday  
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Chelsea Town Office**

**Business Meeting**

**June 12, 2025 Thursday  
6:00 PM  
Chelsea Elementary School Gym**

To: Dorothy Grady, a citizen of the Town of Chelsea, in the County of Kennebec:  
GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Chelsea Town Office** in said Town of Chelsea at **8:00 A.M.**, on **Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2025**, there and then to act on **Article 1**, to elect a Moderator, and then the polls will be open from **8:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** to vote on **Article 2**,

AND

to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Chelsea Elementary School Gymnasium** in said Town of Chelsea at **6:00 P.M.** on **Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2025** there and then to act on **Articles numbered 3 through 55**, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect by written ballot a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officer/Officials by secret ballot as set forth on the specimen ballot posted herewith:

**SELECTBOARD/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER of the POOR**

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

**RSU #12 SHEEPSCOT VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD of DIRECTORS**

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

- One Vacancy – Two-Year Term

**PLANNING BOARD**

- Seven Vacancies - Three-Year Term

## **BOARD of APPEALS**

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Three-Year Term

## **BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Three-Year Term

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Three-Year Term

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. Absentee ballots will be processed beginning at 10:00 A.M. and continuing at 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 8:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the amendments to the ordinance entitled ‘Town of Chelsea Land Use Ordinance’ be enacted?

NOTE: The enactment of the proposed amendment will incorporate the Town of Chelsea Subdivision Ordinance into the Land Use Ordinance, with modifications, and repeals the Town of Chelsea Subdivision Ordinance.

Note: A copy of the text of the proposed ordinance changes is available from the town clerk.

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall the amendments to the ordinance entitled ‘Chelsea Automobile Graveyard/Automobile Recycling and Junkyard Permitting Ordinance’ be enacted and the Automobile Graveyard Ordinance Moratorium be repealed?

Note: A copy of the text of the proposed ordinance changes is available from the town clerk.

**\*Budget Committee did not have a quorum due to the lack of members present. Their recommendations were still noted in each warrant article as applicable.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$273,355 for **Administration Salaries.**

| <u>FY2022</u>                | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u>  | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| \$157,450                    | \$181,056     | \$200,501     | \$252,858      | \$273,355               |
| Municipal Officers Recommend |               | \$273,355     | Vote was 3-0-0 |                         |
| Budget Committee* Recommends |               | \$267,355     | Vote was 3-0-1 |                         |

**\*Explanation: The Budget Committee did not get to vote on the new amount of \$273,355. Both were originally in favor of \$267,355, but due to the resignation of an employee, the selectboard amended the amount to cover any potential adjustments to salary of that position as a new team member is recruited.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$106,808 for **Administration Expenses.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$38,821      | \$41,853      | \$63,852      | \$80,500      | \$106,808               |

|                              |           |                |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$106,808 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$106,808 | Vote was 2-2-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$101,808 | Vote was 2-2-0 |

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$17,000 for **Town Office Expenses.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$10,920      | \$10,920      | \$21,500      | \$21,500      | \$17,000                |

|                              |          |                |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$17,000 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$17,000 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$35,940 for **Administration Miscellaneous.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$56,170      | \$44,530      | \$39,700      | \$38,550      | \$35,940                |

|                              |          |                |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$35,940 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$35,940 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$26,000 for **Assessor.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$24,788      | \$26,244      | \$27,500      | \$28,000      | \$26,000                |

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|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$26,000 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$26,000 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$4,500 for **Contracted Labor Services.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$3,520       | \$3,830       | \$16,400      | \$14,000      | \$4,500                 |

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|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$4,500 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$4,500 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$11,300 for Boards.

|               |               |               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
| \$900         | \$6,400       | \$11,700      | \$10,600      | \$11,300                |

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|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$11,300 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$11,300 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$92,836 for Employee Benefits.

|               |               |               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
| \$42,052      | \$55,733      | \$70,540      | \$92,090      | \$92,836                |

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|------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$92,836 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$92,836 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$308,110 for Winter Roads.

|               |               |               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
| \$302,320     | \$303,820     | \$252,200     | \$261,200     | \$308,110               |

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|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$308,110 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$308,110 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$707,500 for Summer Roads.

|               |               |               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
| \$600,213     | \$640,700     | \$676,500     | \$703,500     | \$707,500               |

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|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$707,500 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$707,500 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$234,204 for the Fire Department.

|               |               |               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
| \$99,659      | \$104,308     | \$163,518     | \$229,590     | \$234,204               |

|                              |           |                |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$234,204 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$234,204 | Vote was 3-0-1 |

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$127,680** for **Public Safety**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$26,197</b> | <b>\$61,035</b> | <b>\$31,673</b> | <b>\$33,247</b> | <b>\$127,680</b>        |

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|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$127,680</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$ 80,880</b> | <b>Vote was 3-1-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$42,115** for **Insurances**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$28,095</b> | <b>\$28,395</b> | <b>\$30,456</b> | <b>\$32,315</b> | <b>\$42,115</b>         |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$42,115</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$42,115</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$19,570** for **Animal Control**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$10,944</b> | <b>\$11,261</b> | <b>\$15,029</b> | <b>\$17,789</b> | <b>\$19,570</b>         |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$19,570</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$19,570</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$77,795** for **Ambulance**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$37,207</b> | <b>\$56,491</b> | <b>\$60,000</b> | <b>\$84,877</b> | <b>\$77,795</b>         |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$77,795</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$77,795</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$94,944** for **Code Enforcement**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$38,000</b> | <b>\$26,860</b> | <b>\$78,576</b> | <b>\$94,090</b> | <b>\$94,944</b>         |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$94,944</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$94,944</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$27,460** for **Landfill.**

| <b><u>FY2022</u></b> | <b><u>FY2023</u></b> | <b><u>FY2024</u></b> | <b><u>FY2025</u></b> | <b><u>Requested FY2026</u></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>\$38,460</b>      | <b>\$42,006</b>      | <b>\$44,710</b>      | <b>\$44,710</b>      | <b>\$27,460</b>                |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$27,460</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$27,460</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$1,100** for **Street Lights.**

| <b><u>FY2022</u></b> | <b><u>FY2023</u></b> | <b><u>FY2024</u></b> | <b><u>FY2025</u></b> | <b><u>Requested FY2026</u></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>\$1,220</b>       | <b>\$1,356</b>       | <b>\$1,000</b>       | <b>\$1,000</b>       | <b>\$1,100</b>                 |

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|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$1,100</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$1,100</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$6,100** for **General Assistance.**

| <b><u>FY2022</u></b> | <b><u>FY2023</u></b> | <b><u>FY2024</u></b> | <b><u>FY2025</u></b> | <b><u>Requested FY2026</u></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>\$11,000</b>      | <b>\$12,100</b>      | <b>\$7,500</b>       | <b>\$5,900</b>       | <b>\$6,100</b>                 |

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|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$6,100</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$6,100</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$18,000** for **Cemeteries & Parks.**

| <b><u>FY2022</u></b> | <b><u>FY2023</u></b> | <b><u>FY2024</u></b> | <b><u>FY2025</u></b> | <b><u>Requested FY2026</u></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>\$17,045</b>      | <b>\$20,920</b>      | <b>\$18,350</b>      | <b>\$17,600</b>      | <b>\$18,000</b>                |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$18,000</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$18,000</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$7,250 for the **Donations & Contributions.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$2,500       | \$2,500       | \$7,250       | \$7,250       | \$7,250                 |

*Details:*

|                                   |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| <i>Chelsea Grange</i>             | <i>\$1,000</i>  |  |  |  |
| <i>Chelsea Historical Society</i> | <i>\$500</i>  |  |  |  |
| <i>Chelsea Food Bank</i>          | <i>\$3,000</i>  |  |  |  |
| <i>Chelsea Backpack Program</i>   | <i>\$1,500</i>  |  |  |  |
| <i>KVCAP</i>                      | <i>\$250</i>  |  |  |  |
| <i>All Seasons Trail Riders</i>   | <i>\$1,000 (Pass through funds from State of Maine for maintenance of trail system)</i> |  |  |  |

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|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$7,250 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$7,250 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$32,020 for **High School Transportation.**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$27,650      | \$29,032      | \$29,322      | \$30,788      | \$32,020                |

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than \$6,000 for the **Contingency Fund.**

**(The Selectboard feels it is in the best interest of the Town to appropriate some funds to take care of unforeseen, emergencies or unanticipated expenditures in 2025/2026.)**

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| \$3,000       | \$4,000       | \$7,500       | \$6,000       | \$6,000                 |

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|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | \$6,000 | Vote was 3-0-0 |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | \$6,000 | Vote was 4-0-0 |

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$35,000** for **Reserve Accounts**.

| <u>FY2022</u>   | <u>FY2023</u>   | <u>FY2024</u>   | <u>FY2025</u>   | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$33,000</b> | <b>\$53,000</b> | <b>\$75,000</b> | <b>\$35,000</b> | <b>55,000</b>           |

|                                  | <u>BOS</u>            | <u>BC</u>             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Mobile Equipment</b>          | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>            |
| <b>Fire Department Equipment</b> | <b>\$10,000</b>       | <b>\$10,000</b>       |
| <b>Fire Station Reserve</b>      | <b>\$5,000</b>        | <b>\$5,000</b>        |
| <b>Town Office Reserve</b>       | <b>\$25,000</b>       | <b>\$15,000</b>       |
| <b>Revaluation</b>               | <b>\$5,000</b>        | <b>\$5,000</b>        |
| <b>Equipment Replacement</b>     | <b>\$5,000</b>        | <b>\$5,000</b>        |
| <b>Sand/Salt Shed</b>            | <b><u>\$5,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$5,000</u></b> |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$55,000</b>       | <b>\$45,000</b>       |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$55,000</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$45,000</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** to **Miscellaneous Accounts (TIF Consult)**.

| <u>FY2022</u>  | <u>FY2023</u>  | <u>FY2024</u>  | <u>FY2025</u>  | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$3,000</b> | <b>\$4,000</b> | <b>\$2,000</b> | <b>\$1,500</b> | <b>\$500</b>            |

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$500</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$500</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$79,358** to **TIF Transfer**.

| <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u>    | <u>FY2025</u>    | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$134,964</b> | <b>\$134,867</b> | <b>\$79,358</b>         |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Municipal Officers Recommend | <b>\$79,358</b> | <b>Vote was 3-0-0</b> |
| Budget Committee* Recommends | <b>\$79,358</b> | <b>Vote was 4-0-0</b> |

**ARTICLE 31.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED STATE REVENUE SHARING** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2025/26** as detailed below or take any action thereon. Recommended amount is **\$394,735**.

| <u>FY2022</u>    | <u>FY2023</u>    | <u>FY2024</u>    | <u>FY2025</u>    | <u>Requested FY2026</u> |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>\$150,000</b> | <b>\$300,000</b> | <b>\$450,000</b> | <b>\$400,000</b> | <b>\$394,735</b>        |

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.



**ARTICLE 32.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2025/2026** as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

| <b>REVENUE TYPE</b>       | <b>FY2023</b> | <b>FY2024</b> | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>FY2026</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| A. Auto Excise Tax        | \$400,000     | \$450,000     | \$500,000     | \$550,000     |
| B. Boat Excise Tax        | \$ 2,000      | \$ 2,000      | \$ 2,000      | \$ 2,000      |
| C. Building Permits       | \$ 6,000      | \$ 7,000      | \$ 7,000      | \$ 7,000      |
| D. Plumbing Permits       | \$ 2,600      | \$ 3,000      | \$ 3,000      | \$ 3,000      |
| E. Motor Vehicle Agent    | \$ 7,000      | \$ 12,000     | \$ 12,000     | \$ 12,500     |
| F. Interest on Liens      | \$ 4,000      | \$ 5,000      | \$ 10,000     | \$ 2,500      |
| G. Lien Costs             | \$ 5,700      | \$ 4,000      | \$ 4,000      | \$ 4,000      |
| H. GA Reimbursement       | \$ 1,500      | \$ 5,250      | \$ 1,500      | \$ 4,270      |
| I. Local Roads Assistance | \$ 25,824     | \$ 27,450     | \$ 27,450     | \$ 30,000     |
| J. Animal Welfare Fees    | \$ 1,500      | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      |
| K. Recreation Agent Fees  | \$ 900        | \$ 750        | \$ 750        | \$ 750        |
| L. Town Clerk Fees        | \$ 1,500      | \$ 1,500      | \$ 1,500      | \$ 1,500      |
| M. Interest on Taxes      | \$ 8,000      | \$ 10,000     | \$ 10,000     | \$ 10,000     |
| N. Investment Interest    | \$ 5,000      | \$ 15,000     | \$ 35,000     | \$ 50,000     |
| O. Snowmobile Reg. Fees   | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      |
| P. Junkyard Permits       | \$ 0          | \$ 50         | \$ 100        | \$ 0          |
| Q. Dog Agent Fees         | \$ 0          | \$ 750        | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      |
| R. Marijuana License      | \$ 0          | \$ 1,500      | \$ 5,000      | \$ 5,000      |
| S. Rental Agreement       | \$ 0          | \$ 8,500      | \$ 0          | \$ 0          |
| T. Recycling Fees         | \$ 0          | \$ 2,000      | \$ 1,000      | \$ 1,000      |
| U. Misc. Revenues         | \$ 5,000      | \$ 30,000     | \$ 20,000     | \$ 25,000     |
| Total                     | \$ 476,024    | \$ 587,750    | \$ 643,300    | \$711,520     |

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a full payback of the monies (\$5,000) that was previously approved to be borrowed from the Woodlot Reserve Fund (was used to clear the area adjacent to the town office).

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of taxes, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be **zero percent (0%)**.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use unappropriated revenues from previous fiscal year's undesignated fund balances as necessary to offset the **2025/2026** tax commitment.

- ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an Overlay in an amount not to exceed the State of Maine limitation in the calculation as set by the annual Municipal Valuation Return to cover the cost of abatements during the fiscal year.
- (The Selectboard, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA Section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay can not be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)**
- ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to the corresponding accounts.
- ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote authorize the Selectboard to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Selectboard to accept said grants and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for **2025/2026** Community Development Block Grant and if a grant is received, to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend said grant funds and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.
- ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to determine a date when **2025/2026** taxes shall be due and payable and the date after which interest will accrue.
- 2025/2026 Recommendation:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Half Due Date: (Wednesday) October 8, 2025 or 30 days from commitment date whichever is later.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Due Date: (Wednesday) April 8, 2026**
- (This article provides taxpayers with as many as 30 days to pay the first half of their taxes because occasionally the commitment date of taxes is delayed for reasons beyond the Board of Assessor's control.)**
- ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on **2025/2026** taxes unpaid as of the due date at **seven and one/half percent (7.5%)**. All payments will be credited as of the date the town receives them.
- ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of **zero percent (0%)** on abated taxes that were prepaid.
- ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable except that the Selectboard shall use the special sales process required by 36 M.R.S.A § 943-C

for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s) and to execute quit claim deeds for such property if sold, or to retain such property for town use if the Selectboard decides this is more advantageous to the Town.

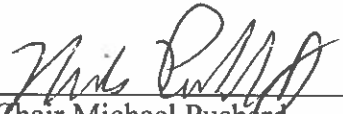
- ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and transfer funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales when applicable.
- ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to accept all funds collected through various fund-raising activities and donations and to authorize the Selectboard to expend the same.
- ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use the unexpended **2025/2026** balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.
- ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to set the date and time of the next Town Meeting to approve the municipal budget for the **July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this article is to allow the continuation of ongoing voter approved programs.
- ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter multiple-year leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions that the Selectboard deems necessary and appropriate.
- ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to accept the proceeds of any insurance claims for damage occurring to Town equipment and to allow the expenditure of funds as necessary to replace said equipment as they deem appropriate.
- ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town shall authorize the Selectboard to expend such monies as they deem necessary from the following Reserve Funds or take any action related to same.


Mobile Equipment/Investment  
Fire Department Equipment/Investment  
Fire Station/Investment  
Town Office/Investment  
Revaluation/Investment  
Equipment Replacement/Investment  
Sand/Salt Shed/Investment  
Transfer Station/Recycling/Investment  
Wood Lot Cash/Investment

- ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town shall authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with the FY2025 budget for sixty (60) days into FY2026 shall any budget article fail?
- ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town shall authorize the Selectboard, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.
- ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town shall vote to allow the Selectboard to dispose of up to twenty (20) acres near the Sand/Salt Building (Map 01 Lot 089) with net revenues to be set aside for the proposed new Town Office. (Said property contains 23.53 acres +/- with a total assessed land value of \$77,816.)
- ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town shall vote to fund half of the 1% required Maine Paid Leave Contributions requirement with the other .5% being deducted from the employee's wages. (Estimated cost amount is \$2,080.99.)

The Selectboard and Budget Committee did not vote on this article.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025  
CHELSEA SELECTBOARD**

  
Chair Michael Pushard

  
Vice-Chair Jacob Soucy

  
Selectboard Member Sheri Truman

A true copy:

Attest:   
Sally Lester  
Town Clerk