

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

Election

**June 9, 2026 Tuesday
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Chelsea Town Office**

Business Meeting

**June 16, 2026 Tuesday
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 9th day of June, A.D., 2026**, 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 allow a 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 **Tuesday, the 16th day of June, A.D., 2026** there and then to act on **Articles numbered 3 through 59, to wit:**

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

Action: There was a motion to nominate Lisa Erickson to be moderator, motion second. No other nominations. There was a motion for nominations to cease, motion second. All in favor. There were three ballots cast for Lisa Erickson. Lisa Erickson was declared moderator. She was sworn in and opened the polls at 8:00AM.

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

667 Total Ballots Cast
Michael Lemelin – 246
Jacob Soucy – 389
Blank – 32

SELECTBOARD/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

Action: Jacob Soucy was declared the winner of the Selectboard/Assessor/Overseer for a three-year term.

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RSU #12 SHEEPSCOT VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD of DIRECTORS

- One Vacancy – Three-Year Term

Action: No one was declared a winner due to lack of write-in candidates. All Blank Votes.

PLANNING BOARD

- One Vacancy – One-Year Term
- Two Vacancies – Two-Year Term
- Three Vacancies - Three-Year Term
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Action: No one was declared a winner due to lack of write-in candidates. All Blank Votes.

BOARD of APPEALS

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

Action: No one was declared a winner due to lack of write-in candidates. All Blank Votes.

BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

Action: No one was declared a winner due to lack of write-in candidates. All Blank Votes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Action: No one was declared a winner due to lack of write-in candidates. All Blank Votes.

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 1:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Action: at 10:30PM Lisa Erickson resigned as moderator and the meeting continued until Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00PM at the Chelsea Town Office.

Action: Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Town Clerk, Samantha Peaslee. She read the results from the June 9, 2026, Municipal Election and proceeded with nominations for moderator. There was a motion to nominate Jarrett Feyler as moderator, motion was second. No other nominations were made, and a motion for nominations to cease was made and second.

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Three ballots cast, and read Jarrett Feyler. Jarrett Feyler was declared moderator and sworn in by Town Clerk, Samantha Peaslee.

Action: The moderator called for a motion to allow non-residents Christine Landes Town Manager, Ken Mason Kennebec County Sheriff, Rick Sieberg Gardiner Fire, Sandra Devaney Finance Director, and Greg Lumbert CEO to speak. A motion was made and second.

ARTICLE 3. Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Amend the Town of Chelsea Land Use Ordinance to Impose Noise Limits” be enacted?

Note: The enactment of the proposed amendment will incorporate Imposing Noise Limits into the Chelsea Land Use Ordinance.

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 4. Shall an ordinance entitled “Business Development Ordinance” be enacted?

Note: The enactment of the proposed amendment will incorporate Business Development Ordinance into the Chelsea Land Use Ordinance.

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “Animal Control Ordinance of the Town of Chelsea, Maine”, be enacted?

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to establish the Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. 5801 for the purpose of funding capital improvements to public roads within the Town, including the reconstruction, restoration, repair, replacement and repaving of public roads, culverts and related facilities?

Action: Motioned and seconded. Discussion ensued. Approved

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ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$290,753** for **Administration Salaries**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$181,056	\$200,501	\$252,858	\$278,387	\$290,753

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$290,753	Vote was 2-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$290,753	Vote was 6-0-1

***Explanation:** The FY2027 Budget Proposal includes an extra payroll week and the start of a vacation bank to cover payouts of vacation.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$103,300** for **Administration Expenses**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$41,853	\$63,852	\$80,500	\$101,808	\$103,300

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$103,300	Vote was 2-1-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$103,300	Vote was 5-2-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$17,800** for **Town Office Expenses**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$10,420	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$17,000	\$17,800

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$17,800	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$17,800	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$38,200** for **Administration Miscellaneous**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$54,720	\$39,700	\$38,550	\$35,940	\$38,200

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$38,200	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee* Recommends	\$38,200	Vote was 6-1-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$65,900** for **Assessor**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$26,244	\$27,500	\$28,000	\$26,000	\$65,900

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$65,900	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$65,900	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$4,500** for **Contracted Labor Services**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$3,830	\$16,400	\$14,000	\$4,500	\$4,500

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$4,500	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$4,500	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$11,100** for **Boards**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$6,400	\$11,700	\$10,600	\$11,300	\$11,100

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$11,100	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$11,100	Vote was 4-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$99,527** for **Employee Benefits**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$55,733	\$70,540	\$92,090	\$92,836	\$99,527

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$99,527	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$99,527	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$321,760** for **Winter Roads** and to transfer any unexpended balance to the **Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$318,820	\$252,200	\$261,200	\$308,110	\$321,760

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$321,760	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$321,760	Vote was 6-0-1

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$688,000** for **Summer Roads** and to transfer any unexpended balance to the **Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$640,700	\$676,500	\$703,500	\$707,500	\$688,000

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$688,000	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$688,000	Vote was 4-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$240,009** for the **Fire Department**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$104,308	\$163,518	\$229,590	\$234,204	\$240,009

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$240,009	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee* Recommends	\$240,009	Vote was 5-0-2

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$86,541** for **Public Safety**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$61,035	\$31,673	\$121,647	\$127,680	\$86,541

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$86,541	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$86,541	Vote was 6-0-1

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$38,500** for **Insurances**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$28,395	\$30,456	\$32,315	\$42,115	\$38,500

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$38,500	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$38,500	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$23,192** for **Animal Control**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$11,261	\$15,029	\$17,789	\$19,570	\$23,192

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$23,192	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$23,192	Vote was 5-2-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$99,501** for **Ambulance**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$56,491	\$60,000	\$84,877	\$77,795	\$99,501

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$99,501	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$99,501	Vote was 6-1-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$98,653** for **Code Enforcement**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$26,860	\$78,576	\$94,090	\$94,944	\$98,653

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$98,653	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$98,653	Vote was 6-1-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$28,250** for **Landfill**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$42,006	\$44,710	\$44,710	\$27,460	\$28,250

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$28,250	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$28,250	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$1,200** for **Street Lights**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$1,356	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$1,200	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,200	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$7,100** for **General Assistance**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$12,100	\$7,500	\$5,900	\$6,100	\$7,100

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$7,100	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$7,100	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$17,350** for **Cemeteries & Parks**.

FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Requested FY2027
\$20,920	\$18,350	\$17,600	\$18,000	\$17,350

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$17,350	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$17,350	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$7,500** for the **Donations & Contributions**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$2,500	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$7,250	\$7,500

Details:

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

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$7,500	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$7,500	Vote was 6-0-1

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$33,301** for **High School Transportation**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$29,032	\$29,322	\$30,788	\$32,020	\$33,301

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 29. 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 2026/2027.)

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$4,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$6,000	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$6,000	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than **\$45,000** for **Reserve Accounts**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$53,000	\$75,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$45,000

	<u>BOS</u>	<u>BC</u>
Fire Department Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fire Station Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Office Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000
Revaluation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Equipment Replacement	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sand/Salt Shed	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$45,000	\$45,000

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$45,000	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$45,000	Vote was 5-2-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** to **Miscellaneous Accounts (TIF Consult)**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$500

Municipal Officers Recommend	\$500	Vote was 3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends	\$500	Vote was 7-0-0

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$79,358** to **TIF Transfer**.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$41583	\$134,964	\$134,867	\$79,358	\$79,358

The municipal officers and budget committee did not vote on this.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **ANTICIPATED STATE REVENUE SHARING** to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year **2026/27** as detailed below or take any action thereon. Recommended amount is \$394,735.

<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Requested FY2027</u>
\$300,000	\$450,000	\$400,000	\$394,735	\$394,735

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 34. 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 **2026/2027** as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

<u>REVENUE TYPE</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
A. Auto Excise Tax	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
B. Boat Excise Tax	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
C. Building Permits	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
D. Plumbing Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
E. Motor Vehicle Agent	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
F. Interest on Liens	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
G. Lien Costs	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
H. GA Reimbursement	\$ 5,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,270	\$ 4,970
I. Local Roads Assistance	\$ 27,450	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
J. Animal Welfare Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
K. Recreation Agent Fees	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
L. Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
M. Interest on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
N. Investment Interest	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000
O. Snowmobile Reg. Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
P. Junkyard Permits	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0
Q. Dog Agent Fees	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
R. Marijuana License	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
S. Rental Agreement	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
T. Recycling Fees	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
U. Workers Comp Refund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
V. Misc. Revenues	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
W. Copy Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100
X. Recovery Legal	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600
Y. Non-budgeted Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
Z. Cemetery Sales	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 400
Total	\$ 587,750	\$ 643,300	\$ 711,520	\$ 744,070

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

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 35: To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to fund repairs at the Chelsea Sand/Salt Shed located at 176 Collins Road.

The Municipal Officers and Budget Committee did not vote on this. The Municipal Officers asked that the article be brought forward to the voters as a separate article.

Action: Motioned and seconded. Discussion ensued. Approved

ARTICLE 36. 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%)**.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 37. 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 **2026/2027** tax commitment.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 38. 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.)

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 39. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 40. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for **2026/2027** 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to determine a date when **2026/2027** taxes shall be due and payable and the date after which interest will accrue.

2026/2027 Recommendation:

1st Half Due Date: (Wednesday) October 14, 2026 or 30 days from commitment date whichever is later.

2nd Half Due Date: (Wednesday) April 14, 2027

(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.)

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on **2026/2027** taxes unpaid as of the due date at **seven percent (7.0%)**. All payments will be credited as of the date the town receives them.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to set an interest rate of **zero percent (0%)** on abated taxes that were prepaid.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 45. 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 non-payment 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 46. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to authorize yearly unexpended Winter and Summer Road budget surplus funds to be deposited into a dedicated capital road reserve fund intended for completing ongoing projects or future capital projects.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 48. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to use the unexpended **2026/2027** balances as carried forward in the CDBG Rehab Reserve Account.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 50. 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, 2027 to June 30, 2028** fiscal year.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 51. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 52. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 53. 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.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 54. 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
Road Reserve Capital Improvement Fund

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town shall authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with the FY2027 budget for sixty (60) days into FY2028 shall any budget article fail?

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 56. 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. (FY2026 Annual Town Meeting changed this to a 3/3 vote.)

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town shall vote to continue funding 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 \$2,250.)

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

ARTICLE 58: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector, with approval of the Selectboard, to waive the foreclosure of the tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S. 944.

Action: Motioned and seconded. No discussion. Approved.

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ARTICLE 59: To see if the Town will (i) authorize the Selectboard to convey up to 1.63 acres of Town-owned property, being a portion of Tax Map 01, Lot 089 near the Sand/Salt Building, at a price to be negotiated by the Select Board, subject to such other terms and conditions as the Select Board determines to be in the Town's best interests and to execute such documents and instruments necessary and convenient to effect such conveyance; and (ii) to appropriate the purchase price for the conveyed property, less any transaction costs incurred by the Town, to the Sand/Salt Building Reserve.

Action: Motioned and seconded. Discussion ensued. Approved.

Approximately 40 residents and 6 non-residents present.

Action: Motioned and seconded to adjourn at 6:58pm. Approved. Adjourned at 6:58pm.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2026

CHELSEA SELECTBOARD

Chair Sheri Truman

A True Copy Attest:



Samantha Peaslee, Clerk

Vice-Chair Jacob Soucy

Selectboard Member Michael Pushard