

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Town of New Gloucester
May 1, 2023**

To: Sharlene Myers, a resident of the Town of New Gloucester, County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of New Gloucester, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Memorial School Gymnasium, 86 Intervale Road, New Gloucester, Maine on Monday, the 1st day of May 2023 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act upon Article 1 by secret ballot. Then and there to act on articles two (2) through forty-seven (47), all of these articles being set forth below to wit:

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

OPERATIONS:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$618,200 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 2		Select Board	Budget Committee
101	Select Board	\$ 36,650	\$ 34,650
102	Administration	\$ 418,950	\$ 418,950
105	Elections	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
106	Assessing	\$ 46,100	\$ 46,100
108	Legal	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
130	Contingency	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
138	Fuel/Electric Overrun	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
		\$ 618,200	\$ 616,200

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$618,200.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$616,200.*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,350 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 3		Select Board	Budget Committee
103	General Assistance	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
132	Animal Control	\$ 21,350	\$ 21,350
135	Cemeteries	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
		\$ 61,350	\$ 61,350

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$61,350.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$61,350.*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,950 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 4		Select Board	Budget Committee
114	Street Lights	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
115	Dispatch	\$ 46,950	\$ 46,950
		\$ 51,950	\$ 51,950

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$51,950.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$51,950.*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$768,322 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 5		Select Board	Budget Committee
117	Fire Rescue	\$ 768,322	\$ 763,322
		\$ 768,322	\$ 763,322

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$768,322.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$763,322*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$470,995 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 6		Select Board	Budget Committee
104	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 138,095	\$ 138,095
120	Transfer Station	\$ 332,900	\$ 332,900
		\$ 470,995	\$ 470,995

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$470,995.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$470,995.*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$889,181 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 7		Select Board	Budget Committee
116	Public Works	\$ 889,181	\$ 889,181
		\$ 889,181	\$ 889,181

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$889,181.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$889,181.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$83,415 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 8		Select Board	Budget Committee
113	Cable TV	\$ 83,415	\$ 83,415
		\$ 83,415	\$ 83,415

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$83,415.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$83,415.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$120,008 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 9		Select Board	Budget Committee
123	Library	\$ 117,778	\$ 120,008
		\$ 117,778	\$ 120,008

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$117,778.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$120,008.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$82,975 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 10		Select Board	Budget Committee
133	Parks & Recreation	\$ 81,975	\$ 82,975
		\$ 81,975	\$ 82,975

*The Select Board recommends \$81,975.
The Budget Committee recommends \$82,975.*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$153,950 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 11		Select Board	Budget Committee
107	Code Enforcement	\$ 78,685	\$ 78,685
122	Planning	\$ 74,865	\$ 75,265
		\$ 153,550	\$ 153,950

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$153,550.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$153,950.*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,274,995 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 12		Select Board	Budget Committee
109	Insurance	\$ 587,725	\$ 587,725
125	Benefits	\$ 246,000	\$ 246,270
139	Debt Service	\$ 441,000	\$ 441,000
		\$ 1,274,725	\$ 1,274,995

*The Select Board recommends \$1,274,725.
The Budget Committee recommends \$1,274,995.*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$357,661 from taxation for the ensuing year for the following budgets:

Article 13		Select Board	Budget Committee
144	TIF	\$ 342,661	\$ 342,661
145	Tax Abatements	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
		\$ 357,661	\$ 357,661

(TIF is an estimate. Final number to be determined by Assessor's Agent at commitment.)

*The Select Board recommends \$357,661.
The Budget Committee recommends \$357,661.*

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$477,899 with \$377,899 from taxation and \$100,000 from TIF, for Morse Road, (G1-299-00 \$1,643,766) for the ensuing year for Municipal Paving/Chip Seal Projects:

Article 14		Select Board	Budget Committee
149	Paving/Chip Seal	\$ 477,899	\$ 377,899
		\$ 477,899	\$ 377,899

*The Select Board recommends \$477,899.
The Budget Committee recommends \$377,899.*

CAPITAL RESERVES:

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 – \$471,454):

Article 15		Select Board	Budget Committee
127	Public Works Capital Reserve	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

*The Select Board recommends \$100,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000.*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Fire Rescue Capital Reserve Account (G1-388-00 – \$585,216):

Article 16		Select Board	Budget Committee
127	Fire Rescue Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

*The Select Board recommends \$150,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$150,000.*

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (G1-391-00 – \$123,814):

Article 17		Select Board	Budget Committee
127	Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

*The Select Board recommends \$50,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$50,000.*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Town Hall Complex (Future Buildings/Capital Reserves) Account (G1-394-00 - \$178,986):

Article 18		Select Board	Budget Committee
127	Town Hall Complex Future Buildings Capital Reserve	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

*The Select Board recommends \$100,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$100,000.*

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Town Hall Complex (Repairs /Capital Reserves) Account (G1-395-00 - \$25,000):

Article 19		Select Board	Budget Committee
127	Town Hall Complex Repairs Capital Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000
		\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000

*The Select Board recommends \$50,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000.*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$75,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for **Transfer Station Safety (Capital Reserves) Account** (G1-390-00 - \$50,000):

Article 20		Select Board	Budget Committee
	Transfer Station Safety		
127	Capital Reserves	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
		\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

*The Select Board recommends \$75,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$75,000.*

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for **Parks and Recreation (Capital Reserves) Account** (G1-404-00 - \$37,037):

Article 21		Select Board	Budget Committee
	Parks and Recreation		
127	Capital Reserves	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

*The Select Board recommends \$25,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000.*

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$60,000** from **Fire Rescue Reserve Account** (G1-388-00 - \$585,216) for the purchase of a Command Vehicle (replacing Squad 1 and stationed in New Gloucester).

*The Select Board recommends \$60,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$60,000.*

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$20,236** from **Transfer Station Reserve Account** (G1-390-00 - \$123,813.58) for the balance of bid amount (\$170,236) for the Pac-Moore Trailer (\$160,000 was approved at 2023 Annual Town Meeting)

The Select Board recommends \$20,236.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total of **\$160,000** from **Taxation** for the Cemetery Expansion for the Cemetery Association from two Fiscal Years (FY23 and FY24) with Select Board recommending **\$50,500 from FY23**.

*The Select Board recommends \$50,500 from FY23.
The Budget Committee recommends \$160,000 from FY24.*

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$95,000** with \$75,000 from **Town Hall Complex/Repairs Reserve** (G1-395-00 - \$25,000*) and \$20,000 from **Taxation** for Repaint/Stain of Town Hall, Community Building, Library, Meetinghouse and Storage Garage (*This is contingent on Article 19 approval).

*The Select Board recommends \$95,000.
The Budget Committee recommends \$75,000.*

MISCELLANEOUS:

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend the following categories of **State and Federal Revenue funds** during the ensuing year:

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. MDOT LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program)
3. MDOT MPI (Municipal Partnership Initiative)
4. Tree Growth Reimbursement
5. General Assistance Reimbursement
6. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
7. Snowmobile Registration Funds (Pass thru account)
8. Public Library State Aid
9. Emergency Management Assistance/Homeland Security Grants
10. Other State Aid (*pass-through funds and property tax relief*)
11. State and Federal Grants or Other Funds (*not included in items 1 – 10 above.*)

The Select Board recommends passage.

Article 27. DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the following foreclosed properties in such manner and on such terms as the Select Board find to be in the best interests of the Town except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

<u>MAP</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND/BUILDINGS</u>
0007	0114-B	208 Weymouth Road	Land and Buildings

Article 28. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF MONEY, REAL PROPERTY, OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money, real property, or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Article 29. ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL GIFTS OF MONEY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the legal purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the legal manner specified by the donor.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$230,000** from *ARPA Funds (G1-424-00)* for the following projects:

Town Hall Upgrades and Planned Expansion	\$125,000
Fairgrounds Bathrooms and Storage	\$ 75,000
Internet and Broad Band Systems	\$ 25,000
Yellow Reflective Striping for Stop Signs	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	\$230,000

The Select Board recommends \$230,000

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following *ARPA Funds* as use of Revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Budget Committee
ARPA Funds (G1-424-00)	\$ 230,000	\$0
	\$ 230,000	\$0

The Select Board recommends \$230,000.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues to reduce the tax commitment. Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Budget Committee
Capital Res. Funds for Cap Projects	\$ 155,236	\$ 135,000
Stevens Brook (G1-429-00)	\$ 32,899	\$ 32,899
	\$ 188,135	\$ 167,899

*The Select Board recommends \$188,135.
The Budget Committee recommends \$167,899.*

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues to reduce the tax commitment. Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Budget Committee
Building Inspection & Fees	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Transfer Station Permits	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Auto Excise Tax	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,275,000
Town Fees	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
Recreation Program Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Fines & Reimbursements	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Clerk Fees	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Rent Income - History Barn	\$ 1	\$ 1
Copy Fees	\$ 250	\$ 250
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Interest from Investments	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Capital Project Accounts Interest	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Animal Control	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Transfer Station Recycling	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
EMS Transport Fees	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Real Estate Tax Interest & Lien Costs	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
Other Misc Income	\$ 100	\$ 100
Cable Grant-matches Equipment Exp Amt	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
TIF (PW Building/Pineland Admin/Paving)	\$ 197,000	\$ 97,000
	\$ 1,863,851	\$ 1,763,851

*The Select Board recommends \$1,863,851.
The Budget Committee recommends \$1,763,851*

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$187,928 from *Undesignated Fund Balance* for the current year (FY23) for the six (6) month tax assessment (1/1/23-6/30/23) from Cumberland County due to their change from calendar year to a fiscal year accounting cycle.

The Select Board recommends \$187,928.

Article 35. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT BUDGETED

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to accept revenue in excess of amounts budgeted on behalf of the town.

Article 36. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations for municipal purposes; including, when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and matching funds required for the authorized purposes.

Article 37. RETURNING UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to return unexpended capital improvement funds to their corresponding capital reserve accounts.

Article 38. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR LATE TAX PAYMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to fix a date and terms when taxes shall become due and payable, and set an interest rate of eight-percent (8.00%) per annum. The eight-percent (8.00%) interest rate is authorized under Title 36 M.R.S. Section 505.4.

Recommendation: The first Thursday of October and April; Thursday, **October 5, 2023**, and Thursday, **April 4, 2024**, be established as the dates taxes are due and payable, and that interest at the rate of eight-percent (8.00%) per annum will be charged after such dates.

Article 39. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR ABATED TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate at four-percent (4.00%) per annum to be paid by the Town on prepaid abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S. Section 506.

Article 40. ACCEPTANCE OF TAX PREPAYMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S. Section 506.

Article 41. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY AND REAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of surplus Town-owned personal and real property on such terms and conditions as the Select Board finds to be in the best interest of the Town and to deposit proceeds from such sales in the corresponding capital reserve accounts or Undesignated Fund.

Article 42. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE PER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR “PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES”

To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation of \$13,000 from the Cable Grant Account for the ensuing year for the following: unanticipated maintenance of cable TV production and broadcast equipment. All unused funds will be returned to Cable Grant Account (G1-203-00 - \$34,418) at the end of the ensuing year.

Article 43. NEW GLOUCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY DONATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize Library Staff to sell, donate, or dispose of books and media that are no longer needed in the collection.

Article 44. SPENDING AUTHORITY

Should a budget article fail, do you authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with the FY23 budgeted amount for sixty (60) days into FY24?

Article 45. MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MePERS)

To See if the Town of New Gloucester will vote to change its plan under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MePERS) for its firefighters to Special Plan 3C for future service only effective July 1, 2023.

The Town agrees to:

- a) Adopt Special Plan 3C for its regular, full-time firefighters for service accrued after June 30, 2023. Service for firefighters accrued during the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2023 remains under Regular Plan AC and service for firefighters accrued before July 1, 2007 remains under Regular Plan AN.
- b) Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MePERS).

Article 46. BUDGET OVERDRAFTS FISCAL YEAR 2022

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses and budget overruns that occurred during fiscal year 2022.

Article 47. BUDGET OVERDRAFTS FISCAL YEAR 2023

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses and budget overruns that occurred during fiscal year 2023.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that voter registration will be accepted at the Town Office during regular office hours and at the meeting.

Dated in New Gloucester this 18th day of April, 2023, the same being at least ten (10) days before the time appointed for said meeting.

Paul L. Larrivee, Jr., Chair

Stephen J. Hathorne, Vice-Chair

Peter R. Bragdon

Tammy L. Donovan

Dustin R. Ward

A true copy of the Warrant,

Attested: _____ April 18, 2023
William H Kerbin, Jr., Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER
SELECT BOARD**

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of New Gloucester, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at the following places:

New Gloucester Town Hall	New Gloucester Post Office
New Gloucester Public Library	Link's Variety
Pineland Market	Intervale Pizza

The same being posted in public and conspicuous places within the said Town on the _____ day of _____, 2023, being at least seven (7) days before said meeting.

Dated at New Gloucester this _____ day of _____, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three (2023).

Sharlene Myers, Resident