

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Town of New Gloucester

May 6, 2024

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 6th day of May 2024 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 thirty-eight (38), 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 \$738,810 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 2		Select Board	Finance Committee
101	Select Board	\$ 56,530	\$ 56,530
102	Administration	\$ 495,065	\$ 495,065
105	Elections	\$ 17,065	\$ 17,065
106	Assessing	\$ 45,150	\$ 45,150
108	Legal	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
130	Contingency	\$ 70,000	\$ 50,000
138	Fuel/Electric Overrun	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
		\$ 738,810	\$ 718,810

The Select Board recommends passage at \$738,810.

The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$718,810.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$74,350 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 3		Select Board	Finance Committee
103	General Assistance	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
132	Animal Control	\$ 25,850	\$ 25,850
135	Cemeteries	\$ 36,500	\$ 36,500
		\$ 74,350	\$ 74,350

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$74,350.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$74,350.*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$55,760 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 4		Select Board	Finance Committee
114	Street Lights	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,400
115	Dispatch	\$ 48,360	\$ 48,360
		\$ 55,760	\$ 55,760

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$55,760.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$55,760.*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$807,537 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 5		Select Board	Finance Committee
117	Fire Rescue	\$ 807,537	\$ 795,000
		\$ 807,537	\$ 795,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$807,537.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$795,000.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$492,686 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 6		Select Board	Finance Committee
104	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 150,617	\$ 162,616
120	Transfer Station	\$ 330,070	\$ 330,070
		\$ 480,687	\$ 492,686

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$480,687.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$492,686.*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,008,520 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 7		Select Board	Finance Committee
116	Public Works	\$ 1,008,520	\$ 1,008,520
		\$ 1,008,520	\$ 1,008,520

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$1,008,520.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$1,008,520.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$81,345 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 8		Select Board	Finance Committee
113	Cable TV	\$ 81,345	\$ 81,345
		\$ 81,345	\$ 81,345

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$81,345.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$81,345.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$154,471 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 9		Select Board	Finance Committee
123	Library	\$ 154,471	\$ 154,471
		\$ 154,471	\$ 154,471

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$154,471.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$154,471.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$91,420 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 10		Select Board	Finance Committee
133	Parks & Recreation	\$ 91,420	\$ 91,420
		\$ 91,420	\$ 91,420

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$91,420.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$91,420.*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$163,139 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 11		Select Board	Finance Committee
107	Code Enforcement	\$ 85,200	\$ 85,200
122	Planning	\$ 77,939	\$ 77,939
		\$ 163,139	\$ 163,139

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$163,139.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$163,139.*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,279,300 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following:

Article 12		Select Board	Finance Committee
109	Insurance	\$ 583,050	\$ 583,050
125	Benefits	\$ 265,250	\$ 265,250
139	Debt Service	\$ 431,000	\$ 431,000
		\$ 1,279,300	\$ 1,279,300

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$1,279,300.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$1,279,300.*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$360,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for the following budgets:

Article 13		Select Board	Finance Committee
144	TIF	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000
145	Tax Abatements	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
		\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000

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

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$360,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$360,000.*

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$700,000** with \$500,000 from taxation and \$200,000 from TIF, for Morse Road, (G1-299-00 - \$1,807,530) for the ensuing year for ***Municipal Paving/Chip Seal Projects***:

Article 14		Select Board	Finance Committee
149	Paving/Chipseal	\$ 700,000	\$ 605,000
		\$ 700,000	\$ 605,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$700,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$605,000.*

CAPITAL RESERVES:

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for ***Public Works Capital Reserve Account*** (G1-389-00 - \$571,454):

Article 15		Select Board	Finance Committee
127	Public Works Capital Reserve	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$200,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$200,000.*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for ***Fire Rescue Capital Reserve Account*** (G1-388-00 - \$676,762):

Article 16		Select Board	Finance Committee
127	Fire Rescue Capital Reserve	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$200,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$200,000.*

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 - \$169,028):

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

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$50,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$50,000.*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$35,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for **Town Hall Complex (Future Buildings/Capital Reserves) Account** (G1-394-00 - \$278,986):

Article 18		Select Board	Finance Committee
127	Town Hall Complex Future Buildings Capital Reserve	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
		\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$35,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$35,000.*

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 - \$0):

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

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$50,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$50,000.*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for Parks and Recreation (Capital Reserves) Account (G1-404-00 - \$62,037):

Article 20		Select Board	Finance Committee
127	Parks and Recreation Capital Reserves	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000
		\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$50,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$25,000.*

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$225,000 from Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 - \$571,454) for the ensuing year for the purchase of a replacement Loader

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$225,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$225,000.*

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$340,000 from Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 - \$571,454) for the ensuing year for the purchase of a replacement Dump/Plow Truck

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$340,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$340,000.*

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$75,000* from Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Account (G1-404-00 - \$62,037) for the ensuing year for the Fairgrounds Bathroom/Storage (*this is contingent on Article 20 approval)

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$75,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$75,000.*

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total of \$17,000 from Taxation for the ensuing year for Library Improvements - Security System

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$17,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$17,000.*

MISCELLANEOUS:

Article 25. 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 finds 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>
0004	0062-B	Intervale Road	Land
0007	0019	155 Gloucester Hill Road	Land and Building
0007	0020	151 Gloucester Hill Road	Land and Building
0012	0024-D	15 Olive Lane	Land and Building
0004	0030-E	304 Penney Road	Land and Building
0023	0003	14 Golden Way	Land and Building

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues for the ensuing year to reduce the tax commitment. Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Finance Committee
Capital Res. Funds for Cap Projects	\$ 640,000	\$ 640,000
	\$ 640,000	\$ 640,000

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$640,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$640,000.*

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues for the ensuing year to reduce the tax commitment. Revenue amounts shown are estimates.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Budget Committee
Building Inspection & Fees	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Transfer Station Permits	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Auto Excise Tax	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 1,375,000
Town Fees	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Fines & Reimbursements	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Clerk Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Rent Income - History Barn	\$ 1	\$ 1
Copy Fees	\$ 300	\$ 300
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
Library Revenue	\$ 50	\$ 50
Interest from Investments	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Capital Project Accounts Interest	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Animal Control	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600
Transfer Station Recycling	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
EMS Transport Fees	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Real Estate Tax Interest & Lien Costs	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
Other Misc Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Cable Grant-matches Equipment Exp Amt	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
TIF (PW Building/Pineland Admin/Paving)	\$ 297,000	\$ 297,000
	\$ 2,102,451	\$ 2,102,451

*The Select Board recommends passage at \$2,102,451.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$2,102,451.*

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues for the ensuing year to reduce the tax commitment. Revenue amount shown is an estimate.

Revenues (Use of)	Select Board	Finance Committee
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

*The Select Board recommend passage at \$500,000.
The Finance Committee recommends passage at \$500,000.*

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for Fire Rescue Engine 3 engine repairs in FY24.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$30,000.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$65,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for Public Library roof and bell tower repairs in FY24.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$65,000.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to demolish the former Public Works Sand/Salt Shed at 1036 Lewiston Road in FY25.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$40,000.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$55,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for Public Works Garage waste oil furnace replacement in FY25.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$55,000.

Article 33. BUDGET OVERDRAFTS FISCAL YEAR 2024

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of \$175,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to cover the FY24 Budget Overdrafts.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$175,000.

Article 34. 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 \$6,000 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 - \$26,282) at the end of the ensuing year.

Article 35. GENERAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

To ratify the Select Board's execution of a contract with Cumberland County for the administration of the Town's general assistance services, for a term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, with the costs of the contract to be paid out of 103 General Assistance Budget. A copy of the contract is available upon request at the Town Manager's office.

Article 36. AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW GLOUCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE

Shall an Ordinance entitled "Amendments to the New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance to Increase Housing Opportunities in Compliance with 'LD 2003'" be enacted? (Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Town Office).

Article 37. AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW GLOUCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE

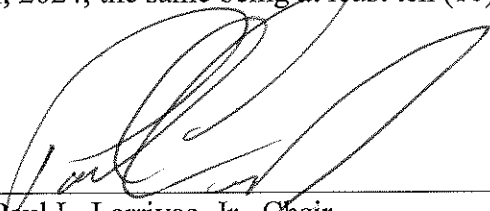
Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendment to New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance to Allow for Expedited Site Plan Review of Minor Amendments to Previously Approved Site Plans" be adopted? (A copy of the proposed revision is available at the Town Office).

Article 38. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

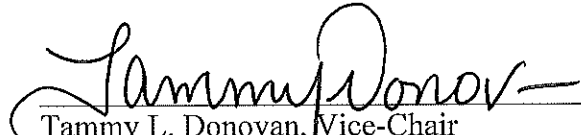
Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance" be enacted and any prior floodplain management ordinance previously in effect be repealed? The effective date of the ordinance will coincide with the effective date of the new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) which is June 20, 2024. (Copies of the Proposed Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of New Gloucester are available at the Town Office.)

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.

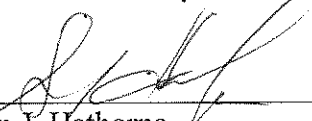
Dated in New Gloucester this 1st day of April, 2024, the same being at least ten (10) days before the time appointed for said meeting.



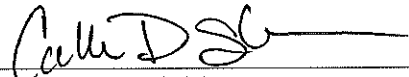
Paul L. Larrivee, Jr., Chair



Tammy L. Donovan, Vice-Chair



Stephen J. Hathorne

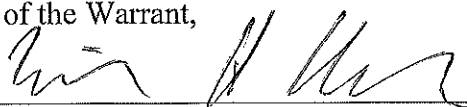


Colleen D. Strickler



Dustin R. Ward

A true copy of the Warrant,

Attested: 

William H Kerbin, Jr., Town Clerk

April 1, 2024

**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	

The same being posted in public and conspicuous places within the said Town on the 29th day of April, 2024, being at least seven (7) days before said meeting.

Dated at New Gloucester this 29th day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four (2024).



Sharlene Myers, Resident