

**STATE OF MAINE
AROOSTOOK, SS**

TO: Annette Watrous, a resident and citizen of the Town of Haynesville, County of Aroostook, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Haynesville, in said county, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to **MEET** at the **HAYNESVILLE TOWN OFFICE, IN SAID TOWN, ON MARCH 27, 2026, FROM 3:45 TO 8:00 PM** to act on articles 1 through 2.

- Art. #1 To choose from the floor a **MODERATOR** to preside at the Municipal Election and at the Town Meeting.
- Art. #2 To elect one **SELECTBOARD MEMBER** for a term of *three* (3) years. The *three* (3) year term of **DOUG WILLIAMS** having expired.

The election for the Municipal Office will be held at the HAYNESVILLE TOWN OFFICE, IN SAID TOWN, ON MARCH 27, 2026 FROM 4:00 TO 8:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 9 AM ON MARCH 28, 2026, at the Town Fire Dept. to act on Articles 3 through 23, to wit:

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| Art. #3 | To see if the Town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due as due upon receipt , and to fix the rate of interest at 6% for unpaid amounts beginning <u>sixty</u> (60) days after the commitment date, and to fix the rate of interest paid for <u>overpayments</u> at 0% per annum. |
| Art. #4 | To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment for taxes that are not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at a rate of 0% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506. |
| Art. #5 | To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town, for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for same; except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale 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, at their discretion, may retain such property; and further allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. |
| Art. #6 | To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer unexpended balances from last year's accounts to the current years account by the same name, for the purpose of retaining surplus in those accounts. |
| Art. #7 | To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow or appropriate from unexpended funds, as they deem advisable to meet unexpected expenses or emergencies that occur during the calendar year 2026.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2025 \$6000.00 2026 Recommendation \$6000.00 </div> |
| Art. #8 | To see if the Town will vote to allow municipal officers to spend 3/12 of the following fiscal year expenses from January through March until the next town meeting. |
| Art. #9 | To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay for discounts, approved tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the calendar year of 2026. <i>(Explanation: The Selectboard, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.)</i>
<div style="text-align: right;">2026 Recommendation: Yes</div> |

ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES WILL BE VOTED AS A TOTAL OR INDIVIDUALLY IF DIRECTED FROM THE FLOOR TO THE MODERATOR. All budget items this year are for dollar amounts only (TRIO does not accept cents in the budget)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Art. #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government Salary/Wages, Payroll Taxes and Insurance for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.
2025 Budget: 75,344.00 (Rec 61,380.00) 2026 Recommended: 51,799.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
10 - General Government				
100 - Salary/Wages			58,128.00	
10 - Selectmen	4,386.00	4,500.00	4,614.00	114.00
25 - Town Clerk	28,884.00	32,600.00	32,528.00	3,716.00
28 - Registrar of Voters	0.00	500.00	1,178.00	877.00
30 - Welfare Director	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
35 - Part Time	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
40 - Fire Chief	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	(57.38)
50 - Road Commissioner	127.00	500.00	873.00	373.00
60 - Animal Control	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
70 - CEO/LPI†	2,475.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,025.00
80 - School Board Member	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
90 - Ballot Clerk	1,095.00	1,100.00	1,085.00	5.00
95 - Moderator/Warden	578.00	600.00	600.00	22.50
150 - Payroll Taxes			4,697.00	
10 - Unemployment	520.00	1,070.00	1,069.00	550.82
15 - FICA	2,416.00	2,700.00	2,658.00	284.05
20 - Medicare	557.00	720.00	720.00	163.74
23 - PFML	178.00	250.00	250.00	72.70
200 - Insurance			12,519.00	
10 - lability/Property/Caualty	6,333.00	8,100.00	8,057.00	1,767.50
20 - Workers Comp	0.00	4,590.00	4,462.00	4,590.00
Above Totals	51,799.00	74,480.00	75,344.00	

† This budget item was added by vote in June of 2025

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government Operation Expenses, Utilities and Property Maintenance for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.

2025 Budget: 78,469.00 (Rec 60,728.03)

2026 Recommended: 47,653.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
10 - General Government				
300 - Operation Expenses			59,596.00	
10 - Auditor	9,000.00	9,000.00	24,500.00	(7,900.00)
15 - Advertising	764.00	1,000.00	636.00	236.00
20 - Assessor	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	(100.00)
25 - Abatements	502.00	2,600.00	2,594.00	2,098.62
30 - Attorney	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
35 - Accountant	1,575.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
40 - Dues Organizations	1,551.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	449.00
50 - Mileage/Lodging	1,632.00	3,000.00	3,068.00	1,368.79
60 - Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	781.00	(139.04)
70 - Assessor's Run	117.00	600.00	634.00	483.77
75 - TRIO Software	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,000.00	(1,322.45)
80 - Supplies	0.00	3,995.00	6,613.00	1,243.47
85 - Maintenance	70.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,430.00
90 - Training/School	1,000.00	1,370.00	1,270.00	370.00
400 - Utilities			10,123.00	
10 - Electric	1,030.00	2,100.00	2,195.00	1,070.58
20 - Heating Fuel	0.00	2,646.00	5,308.00	2,646.37
30 - Phone/Internet	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,145.00	(107.71)
50 - Security Lights	112.00	350.00	475.00	238.90
600 - Property Maintenance			14,924.00	
10 -MUN Mowing*	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
15 - Ann. Mowing*†	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,250.00	(2,500.00)
20 - MUN Plowing*	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
40 -Green Spaces††	0.00	0.00	574.00	0.67
45 - Office Chimney†††	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
50 - Office Electrical††††	0.00	0.00	5,600.00	0.00
Above Totals	47,653.00	61,961.00	84,643.00	

*2025 was the second year of 2-year contract.

† This account received an additional \$2,000 in 2025 from Article 13 for mowing landfill

†† COMMITTED FUND Green Spaces (was tennis court), balance: \$6,426.67 on 1/1/2026

††† COMMITTED FUND Office Chimney, balance: \$2,000.00 on 01/01/2026

†††† COMMITTED FUND Electrical Upgrades Office / Fire Dept, balance: \$9,400.00 on 01/01/2026

Art. #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government Operation Expenses, for the purpose of re-valuation of Town properties in 2026 the recommended amount below. These funds will be directed to the 10-300-20 account. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus. (\$20k for re-val, additional \$10k unseen expenses, per Assessor).
2025 Budget: 0.00 **2026 Recommended: 30,000**

Art. #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government Operation Expenses, for the purpose of acquiring new Tax Maps for the Town properties in 2026 the recommended amount below. These funds will be directed to the 10-300-20 account. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus. This article will also give the Selectboard authority to use excess funds from the previous article 12's "\$10k for unseen expenses."
2025 Budget: 0.00 **2026 Recommended: 14,000.00**

Art. #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government Donations and Food Bank for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.
2025 Budget: 12,270.00 (Rec 6,091.00) **2026 Recommended: 5,541.00**

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
10 - General Government				
800 - Donations			1,891.00	
10 - ACAP	42.00	42.00	42.00	0.00
15 - American Red Cross	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
20 - Aroostook Agency On Aging	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
25 - Cary Library	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
35 - Healthy Families/Aroostook	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
40 - Hodgdon Dollars/Scholars	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
45 - Hodgdon Sports	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
55 - Life Flight	121.00	121.00	121.00	0.00
60 - VA Cemetery	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
65 - Houlton Humane Society	558.00	558.00	558.00	0.77
70 - SA Water and Soil	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
850 - Food Bank			4,379.00	
10 - Food Run Mileage	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,250.00	50.00
20 - Catholic Charities	0.00	2,229.00	3,129.00	2,229.00
900 - Other Assessments			6,000.00	
30 - Contingency Fund	2,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,500.00
Above Totals	5,541.00	11,320.00	12,270.00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Art. #15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Operations Expenses, Utilities and Fire Truck Committed Fund for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.

2025 Budget: 16,122.00 (Rec 10,500.00)

2026 Recommended: 11,158.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
20 - Fire Department				
300 - Operation Expenses			8,505.00	
80 - Supplies*	0.00	0.00	4,194.00	2,526.72
83 - Supplies/ Maintenance	4,000.00	6,526.00	0.00	
85 - Maintenance**	0.00	0.00	3,311.00	(93.41)
87 - Dispatch	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	(71.51)
400 - Utilities			7,617.00	
10 - Electric	702.00	1,100.00	1,087.00	398.74
20 - Heating Fuel	3,421.00	4,900.00	4,975.00	1,479.00
30 - Phone/Internet	1,035.00	1,200.00	1,555.00	165.04
900 - Other			0.00	
50 - Fire Truck†	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Above Totals	11,158.00	15,726.00	16,122.00	

* Move previous years surplus from 20-300-80 (Supplies) to 20-300-83 (supplies/ Maintenance)

**This account will no longer be used

†COMMITTED FUND Fire Truck, balance: \$19,880.59 on 1/1/2026

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
20 - Fire Department				
300 - Operation Expenses			8,505.00	
80 - Supplies*	0.00	0.00	4,194.00	2,526.72
83 - Supplies/ Maintenance	4,000.00	6,526.00	0.00	
85 - Maintenance**	0.00	0.00	3,311.00	(93.41)
87 - Dispatch	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	(71.51)
400 - Utilities			7,617.00	
10 - Electric	702.00	1,100.00	1,087.00	398.74
20 - Heating Fuel	3,421.00	4,900.00	4,975.00	1,479.00
30 - Phone/Internet	1,035.00	1,200.00	1,555.00	165.04

900 - Other			0.00	
50 - Fire Truck†	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Above Totals	11,158.00	15,726.00	16,122.00	

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
20 - Fire Department				
300 - Operation Expenses			8,505.00	
80 - Supplies*	0.00	0.00	4,194.00	2,526.72
83 - Supplies/ Maintenance	4,000.00	6,526.00	0.00	
85 - Maintenance**	0.00	0.00	3,311.00	(93.41)
87 - Dispatch	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	(71.51)
400 - Utilities			7,617.00	
10 - Electric	702.00	1,100.00	1,087.00	398.74
20 - Heating Fuel	3,421.00	4,900.00	4,975.00	1,479.00
30 - Phone/Internet	1,035.00	1,200.00	1,555.00	165.04
900 - Other			0.00	
50 - Fire Truck†	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Above Totals	11,158.00	15,726.00	16,122.00	

* Move previous years surplus from 20-300-80 (Supplies) to 20-300-83 (supplies/ Maintenance)

**This account will no longer be used

†COMMITTED FUND Fire Truck, balance: \$19,880.59 on 1/1/2026

Art. #16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Operations Expenses, Supplies/Maintenance account (20-300-83), \$1238.00. Five batteries were purchased at the end of February due to only one vehicle starting during the fire in February. This article will replace that money so that the FD budget is not reduced by this amount for the remaining year.

2026 Recommended: Yes

ROADS

Art. #17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Roads for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and surplus.

2025 Budget: 70,657.00 (Rec 52,826.12)

2026 Recommended: 50,426.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
30 - Roads				
500 - Winter Roads			52,826.00	
10 - Contracted Plowing	41,706.00	41,706.00	41,706.00	0.00
20 - Salt	8,720.00	9,100.00	9,120.00	380.16
35 - Sand Tarp Building†	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
40 - Shed Maintenance††	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
550 - Summer Roads			17,831.00	
05 - Maintenance	0.00	2,331.00	17,831.00	2,331.00
Above Totals	50,426.00	53,137.00	70,657.00	

† COMMITTED FUND Salt Tarp Replacement, balance: \$14,000.00 on 1/1/2026

†† COMMITTED FUND Salt/Sand Shed Maintenance, balance: \$2,500.00 on 1/1/2026

LRAP revenue 2025: \$8,576.00

Art. #18

To choose a Road Commissioner from among those present for a 2-year term at \$500.00 per year.

CEMETERY AND SEPTIC

ART. #19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Operation Expenses AND to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Septic/Salt Permit Fee, Soil Test for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.

2025 Budget: 1,476.00 (Rec 700.00)

2026 Recommended: 2,588.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
40 - Cemetery				
300 - Operation Expenses			750.00	
80 - Supplies	0.00	618.00	750.00	618.43
85 - Maintenance*	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
900 - Other			0.00	
55 - War Memorial†	0.00	0.00	0.00	(8,373.50)
60 - Septic/Salt				
125 - Permit Fees			658.00	
00 - Permit Fees	556.00	650.00	658.00	94.00
135 - Soil Test			68.00	
00 - Soil Test	32.00	75.00	68.00	43.00
Above Totals	2,588.00	3,343.00	1,476.00	

*New account in Cemetery to pay for expansion.

†Veteran's Memorial COMMITTED FUND balance: \$46,626.50 (\$55,000.00 -\$8373.50) on 1/1/2026

SCHOOL AND COUNTY TAX

The table below is for reference only. The town will be informed what we need to budget for school and county tax.

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
65 - School Assessments				
900 - Other Assessments			111,419.00	
10 - MSAD # 70†			111,419.00	533.89
70 - County Tax				
900 - Other Assessments			30,338.00	
20 - County Tax			30,338.00	0.00
Above Totals	0.00	0.00	141,757.00	

Both expenses above are not voted on by the town as far as the budget is concerned.

† School budget voted on annually in separate vote at District meeting and town vote.

Art. #20 To see if the Town will vote to close the ARPA Fund account at Machias Bank and transfer the remaining balance (\$82.66 on 12/31/25) to the General Fund. **2026 Recommended: Yes**

Art. #21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for remodeling the existing ramp on the town office. The intent is to make the ramp longer and build an awning to prevent ice and snow buildup. It will possibly entail moving the existing door to the window location. Material cost at the time of the estimate is \$5,000.00. Labor cost, if no volunteers can be retained (expected labor- 2 people for 2 weeks), \$6,400.00. Total estimated cost is \$11,400.00 **2026 Recommended: Yes**

EMERGENCY SERVICE

Art. #22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service under Ambulance Stipend for 2025 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.

2025 Budget:13,696.00 (Rec 12,784)

2026 Recommended: 13,890.00

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
75 - Ambulance Stipend				
900 - Other Assessments			13,696.00	
40 - Ambulance	13,890.00	14,000.00	13,696.00	110.08
Above Totals	13,890.00	14,000.00	13,696.00	

ACCOUNT	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
75 - Ambulance Stipend				
900 - Other Assessments			13,696.00	
40 - Ambulance	13,890.00	14,000.00	13,696.00	110.08
Above Totals	13,890.00	14,000.00	13,696.00	

WASTE REMOVAL

Art. #23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Rubbish, Waste (solid waste removal) for 2026 the figures presented in the table below. To be taken from 2025 Taxation, Revenue and Surplus.

2025 Budget: 34,368.00 (Rec 30,500.00)

2026 Recommended: 28,014.00

	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
85 - Rubbish				
700 - Waste			34,368.00	
10 - PERC	7,125.00	7,943.00	7,125.00	818.71
20 - Ireland	20,300.00	26,000.00	25,977.00	5,700.61
30 - Fuel Surcharge	589.00	1,266.00	1,266.00	677.83
Above Totals	28,014.00	35,209.00	34,368.00	

	2026 RECOMMENDED	2026 BUDGET	2025 Budget	2025 Unexpended
85 - Rubbish				
700 - Waste			34,368.00	
10 - PERC	7,125.00	7,943.00	7,125.00	818.71
20 - Ireland	20,300.00	26,000.00	25,977.00	5,700.61
30 - Fuel Surcharge	589.00	1,266.00	1,266.00	677.83
Above Totals	28,014.00	35,209.00	34,368.00	

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Doug Williams, Selectboard

Craig Clifford, Selectboard

Brenda McLaughlin, Selectboard

I attest that the above named appeared before me and signed this warrant of their own free will.

Aaron Zufelt, Municipal Clerk

Dated: _____

CITIZEN'S RETURN

Pursuant to the Warrant to me directed, I notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Haynesville qualified to vote as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Town Office, being a public place.

Attested by: _____

Dated at Haynesville: _____