

**TOWN OF WOODLAND
SCHOOL BUDGET AND OPEN TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF MAINE-COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK**

To: Theodore St. Pierre, Resident of the Town of Woodland, County of Aroostook,
State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Woodland in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the WOODLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL GYMNASIUM in said Town on THURSDAY, the TWELVETH (12th) day of JUNE 2025, at SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING (6:00 P.M.) then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

(School) ARTICLE 2

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction**.

LAST year - \$1,391,473.00

School Board Recommends: \$1,432,734.00

ARTICLE 3

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Special Education**.

LAST year - \$387,430.00

School Board Recommends: \$425,122.00

ARTICLE 4

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education**.

LAST year - \$0.00

School Board Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** (Athletics / Co-Curricular).

LAST year - \$51,350.00
School Board Recommends: \$41,750.00

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support**.

LAST year - \$211,950.00
School Board Recommends: \$202,448.00

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **System Administration**.

LAST year - \$127,665.90
School Board Recommends: \$136,930.57

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **School Administration**.

LAST year - \$158,016.00
School Board Recommends: \$165,110.00

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses**.

LAST year - \$124,325.00
School Board Recommends: \$111,525.00

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance**.

LAST year - \$425,228.68

School Board Recommends: \$325,325.00

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

LAST year - \$13,409.00

School Board Recommends: \$13,409.00

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures**.

LAST year - \$0.00

School Board Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate for the **total cost of funding public education** from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Last Year - \$1,929,620.90**). The school board **recommends \$1,889,045.13** and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. (Approximately \$8,400 per child)

LAST year - \$441,443.66

School Board Recommends: \$438,285.00

"Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12.

LAST year - \$0.00

School Board Recommends: \$0.00

"Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body."

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Woodland raise and appropriate **\$276,302.44** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$276,302.44** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends \$276,302.44** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$276,302.44**. 1) Increase in staff wages, benefits, and insurances. 2) All supplies costs have increased. 3) Fuel and electricity costs.

LAST year - \$235,926.68

School Board Recommends: \$276,302.44

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality/district) budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

LAST year - \$2,890,847.58

School Board Recommends: \$2,854,353.57

ARTICLE 17

Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget.

ARTICLE 18 (Town)

To see if the Town will vote to approve an ordinance titled: Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance in the Town of Woodland. This ordinance is intended to provide residents with increased access to local food; to support the ability of residents to produce, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods, and to reduce governmental regulation of local foods in the Town government, by the Comprehensive Committee.

Given under our hands at Woodland, in the County of Aroostook, and State of Maine
Dated: June 2nd, 2025.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF WOODLAND

Matt Cole

MATT COLE, CHAIR

CHRIS R. FOURNIER

Kathy P. Ouellette

KATHY P. OUELLETTE

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:

Bridget A. Coats

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Municipal Clerk of: Town of Woodland

Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Sec. 1 Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance."

Sec. 2. Authority and Purpose.

This Ordinance is intended to provide residents increased access to local food, to support the ability of residents to produce, sell, purchase and consume locally produced foods, and to reduce governmental regulation of local foods to the extent permitted by and pursuant to 7 M.R.S. 281 - 5 286. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 7 M.R.S. 284 and the home rule authority granted to municipalities by 30-A M.R.S. 3001.

Sec. 3. Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the following words have the meanings stated below:

-Direct producer-to-consumer transaction. "Direct producer-to-consumer transaction" means an exchange of food or food products directly between a food producer and a consumer by barter, trade or purchase on the property or premises owned, leased or rented by the food producer; at roadside stands, fundraisers, community social events; or through buying clubs, deliveries or community-supported agriculture programs, herd-share agreements and other private arrangements within a food sovereign municipality.

-Food or food products. "Food or food products" means food or food products that are grown, produced, processed, or prepared for human consumption, including, but not limited to, vegetables, fruit, milk or milk products, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products, seafood or seafood products, fresh produce, cider or juice, acidified foods or canned fruits or vegetables.

-State food law. "State food law" means any provision of Title 7 or Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes that regulates direct producer-to-consumer transactions.

-Site of production. "Site of production" means the premises where a food or food product is grown, raised, processed or produced such as a farm, home kitchen, farm-based kitchen or similar location controlled or rented by the producer, grower or processor. The term does not include a farmer's market.

Sec. 4. License and Inspection Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Ordinances of this municipality to the contrary, producers, growers, and processors of food or food products in the municipality are exempt from licensure and inspection requirements contained in State food law (as defined above) with respect to their direct

producer-to-consumer transactions conducted exclusively at the site of production (as defined) of those food products.

A. Pursuant to 7 M.R.S. § 285, the exemption provided in section 4(A) above does not apply to any transactions involving meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products, as those terms are defined in 22 M.R.S. § 2511. All such transactions remain subject to state inspection and licensing pursuant to Chapter 562-A of Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes and the rules adopted thereunder.

5. Severability.

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this ordinance.

6. Reciprocity,

The Town of Woodland further elects to maintain sovereign reciprocity with local food sovereign towns and territories for the purpose of aiding food security for residents while encouraging mutual barter, trade or other exchanges between producers and consumers of these reciprocal food sovereign entities.

7. Liability,

The Town of Woodland assumes no liability for any transactions.

8. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon June 12, 2025 or upon its adoption, whichever is later.

Woodland Board of Selectmen:

Date:

Matt Cole, Chair

Kathy P. Ouellette

Chris Fournier

According to the Public Hearing on May 6th, 2025, we the Board of Selectmen,
hereby sign said warrant for the Food Sovereignty, given
under our hands this 6th day of May 2025.

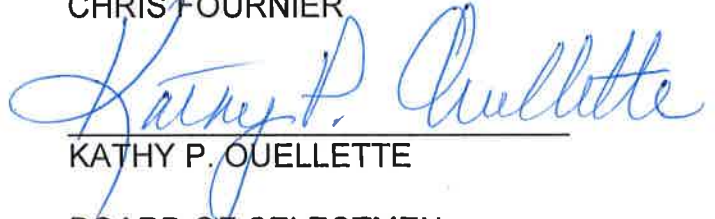


MATT COLE, CHAIR



Attest
Bridget A. Coats
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