

TOWN WARRANT - 2026

To Anne Goodblood, resident of the Town of Burnham, County of Waldo, State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Burnham, in said County qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Reynolds Corner Municipal Building, in said Town, on **Friday, the twentieth day of March, A.D. two thousand twenty-six at 1:45 p.m.** to act upon articles 1 & 2. Polls are open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to **reconvene on Saturday, the twenty-first day of March A.D., two thousand twenty-six, at one o'clock in the afternoon**, at the Reynolds Corner Municipal Building, to act upon the remaining articles.

1:45 pm - Town Clerk, Stacy Patterson, opened Town Meeting.

Art. 1. To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

- One vote cast for Brian Fletcher as Moderator. Clerk officiated oath.

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot the following officers: one **Select Board Member, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor** for a three-year term; one **Highway Commissioner** for a one-year term; and one **MSAD #53 Director** for a three-year term.

- At 2:00 pm, polls opened for secret ballot vote until 7:00 pm when polls closed.
- Results of election: Micah O'Brien for Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor/Kyle King for Highway Commissioner/Gregory Hughes for MSAD #53 Director
- Saturday March 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm: Town Meeting reconvenes at the Burnham Town Office.
- Present: 37 people
- Moderator, Brian Fletcher, appointed George Robison as Deputy Moderator.
- George Robison announced election results.

Art. 3. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2026 taxes** which remain unpaid on November 1, 2026.

Recommended: At the rate of 7%

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to charge 7%. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 4. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to allow a **discount on all 2026 taxes** paid in full within 30 days from the date of mailing tax bills and to set a discount rate.

Recommended: YES – 3%

- Wayne Mitchell made a motion to set the discount rate at 5%. Seconded by Leo Roy. 14 YES 2 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Discounts** on taxes for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$91,062.95

Expended in **2025:** \$97,063.03

Recommended: Whatever necessary from Undesignated Fund.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to take whatever necessary from Undesignated Fund. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion Carried.

Art. 6. To see what rate the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **charge interest** on all **2025 tax liens**.

Recommended: At the rate of 7%

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to charge a rate of 7%. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 25 YES 0 No. Motion carried.

Art. 7. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will authorize the select board, with a committee of four residents, to sell or otherwise **dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town** for nonpayment of taxes thereon, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the Quit-Claim Deed for said real estate to be sold as follows:

- A. The last owner(s) of record prior to foreclosure, shall have 30 days from the date of the foreclosure instrument to purchase the real estate from the town for the sum of all unpaid taxes, plus interest and

costs.

- B. In the event the last previous owner(s) and/or successor(s) shall not exercise their option to repurchase the property under the terms described above, any bid submitted by them which is less than the sum of unpaid taxes, plus interest and costs, shall be automatically rejected.
- C. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon. Minimum bid shall never be less than the sum of all unpaid taxes, plus interest and costs. Any or all bids may be rejected.
- D. Select board to negotiate sale of tax acquired property following an unsuccessful bid process outlined above with the terms and conditions that they deem appropriate.
- E. Notwithstanding A. through D. above, the select board shall use the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. section 943-C, (Amended: Effective June 30, 2023) if they sell property tax-acquired from qualifying seniors, and former owners, to anyone other than the former owner(s). The amendment allows former owners of tax-acquired property to request an alternative sales process: any excess proceeds from the sale, after deducting certain taxes, costs, and fees, must be paid to the former owner of the property.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 8. To see what action the Inhabitants of the Town will take regarding electing four residents to serve as an **advisory committee**, with the Select Board, in disposing of **Tax Acquired Property**.

Elected in **2025**: Nancy Edge, Anne Goodblood, Brian Levesque, and Sherri Thornton

Recommended: Elect four (4) committee members at Town Meeting.

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to elect four members. Seconded by Sherri Thornton. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.
- Four elected as follows: Brian Fletcher, Anne Goodblood, Brian Levesque & Sherri Thornton. 26 YES 0 NO.

Art. 9. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer from the unexpended balance of the current year any amount necessary to **cover overdrafts** which occur during the **fiscal year 2026**. All overdrafts to be shown in the Town Report.

Recommended: YES

- Stuart Huff made a motion to vote yes. Seconded by Roger Chadwick. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 10. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept **property tax payments** before commitment.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 11. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department to **sell excess fire equipment** no longer in use; all proceeds to go back into the Fire Protection account.

Note: List of all equipment for sale is to be posted in three public locations in town, thirty (30) days prior to sale.

Recommended: YES

- R. Charlie King made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Kyle King. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 12. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the use of a portion of the **2025 excise tax receipts** to **reduce** the **2026 property tax commitment**.

Recommended: \$200,000.00 from 2025 Excise Tax collected

- Stuart Huff made a motion to use \$200,000 from 2025 excise tax collected. Seconded by Roger Chadwick. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 13. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **carry forward** to the next year all unexpended funds from the **Fire Protection** and **Firemen's Payroll** accounts.

Recommended: YES

- R. Charles King made a motion to accept the article as read and vote yes. Seconded by Kyle King. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire**

Protection for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$33,959.33

Expended in **2025:** \$42,754.51

Recommended: \$50,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$9,529.11)

- R. Charles King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$50,000. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for pay to cover the **Firemen's Payroll** while fighting fires and attending training sessions.

Expended in **2024:** \$12,045.00

Expended in **2025:** \$18,184.50

Recommended: \$20,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$342.37)

- R. Charles King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$20,000. Seconded by Kyle King. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to go into the **Fire Department Equipment** account.

Expended in **2024:** \$12,000.00

Expended in **2025:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$15,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$112,982.43)

- R. Charles King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Seconded by Kyle King. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to be used as follows: \$0.00 for **Emergency Management** Capital Reserve Account; \$0.00 for the Director's Expense Account and \$500.00 for Director's Yearly Pay.

Expended in **2024:**

Expenses: \$0.00

Directors Pay: 500.00

Capital Reserve: 0.00

Total: \$500.00

Expended in **2025:**

\$0.00

500.00

0.00

\$500.00

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$8,025.49)

- R. Charles King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500 for the Director's Pay. Seconded by Stuart Huff. 17 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting/Electrical Services** necessary for the Town for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$5,505.30

Expended in **2025:** \$6,447.18

Recommended: \$8,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$8,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 17 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Insurance** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$13,208.00

Expended in **2025:** \$14,676.00

Recommended: \$16,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$16,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 20. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Highways** listed below:

ROADS, BRIDGES & PATCHING

Expended in **2024:** \$59,710.95

Expended in **2025:** \$79,000.00

Recommended: \$80,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$80,000. Seconded by R. Charles King. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

BRUSH

Expended in **2024:** \$4,960.00

Expended in **2025:** \$15,000.00

Recommended: \$15,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Seconded by R. Charles King. 16 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

MOWING

Expended in **2024:** \$6,200.00

Expended in **2025:** \$6,200.00

Recommended: \$6,500.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$6,500. Seconded by R. Charles King. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Tree Removal** on town roadways.

Expended in **2024:** \$9,210.00

Expended in **2025:** \$10,000.00

Recommended: \$5,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Seconded by R. Charles King. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 22. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$268,897.38 for payment of the **Road Resurfacing Note.**

Recommended: Raise and appropriate \$133,212.93; take \$50,000.00 from (LRAP) Urban-Rural Initiative Program; and take \$85,684.45 remaining from 2025 Excise Tax collected.

[NOTE: Final payment – Sept. 15, 2027]

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$133,212.93, take \$50,000 from LRAP and take \$85,684.45. Seconded by R. Charles King. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$116,737.88

Expended in **2025:** \$112,847.55

Recommended: \$90,000.00 plus revenues; take \$12,000 from the MRC Refund account; and take up to \$25,000.00 from Undesignated Fund (Total Budget - \$127,000.00)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$90,000 plus revenues, take \$12,000 from the MRC Refund account and take up to \$25,000 from the Undesignated Fund. Seconded by R. Charles King. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Recycling**, for reimbursement to residents of Burnham for yearly memberships paid to the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center.

(NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2024:** \$280.00

Expended in **2025:** \$160.00

Recommended: \$500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$500. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Winter Roads - Snow Removal, Sanding and Salting** the Town's Roads for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$323,943.85

Expended in **2025:** \$335,608.64

Recommended: \$360,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$360,000. Seconded by R. Charles King. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Sand & Salt Shed** Capital Reserve Account.

Expended in **2024:** \$8,467.96

Expended in **2025:** \$21,273.95

Recommended: \$5,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$3,533.54)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Seconded by R. Charles King. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of **Sayward and Collamore Lanes.**

Expended in **2024:** \$0.00

Expended in **2025:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by R. Charles King. 16 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer maintenance of the **Charles Taylor Lane.**

Expended in **2024:** \$0.00

Expended in **2025:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by Clayton Turner. 17 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Towns' Share of Payroll Taxes/PFML/Health Insurance.**

Expended in **2024:** \$13,195.56

Expended in **2025:** \$15,918.98

Recommended: \$18,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$18,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 30. To see what action the Inhabitants of the Town will take to raise the **Fire Chief yearly stipend** from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote yes. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 31. To see what action the Inhabitants of the Town will take to raise the **Assistant Fire Chief yearly stipend** from \$1,000 each to \$1,500 each.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote yes. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Officers' Salaries.**

Expended in **2024:** \$107,657.18

Expended in **2025:** \$115,724.02

Recommended: \$122,000.00 plus registration agent fees

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$122,000 plus registration agent fees. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Office**

Supplies.

Expended in **2024:** \$6,113.37

Expended in **2025:** \$6,551.28

Recommended: \$7,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$7,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Office Equipment** account.

Expended in **2024:** \$6,343.35

Expended in **2025:** \$6,471.02

Recommended: \$7,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$7,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Incidental Expenses** for the ensuing year. This includes the audit, cost of town reports, assessing, mapping, legal fees, and other miscellaneous expenses to the Town.

Expended in **2024:** \$37,350.68

Expended in **2025:** \$47,319.93

Recommended: \$40,000.00 plus revenues and costs on liens

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$40,000 plus revenues and costs on liens. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 17 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain and operate the **Municipal Building** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$9,994.79

Expended in **2025:** \$11,989.57

Recommended: \$13,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$15,000. Seconded by Wayne Mitchell. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the **Exterior** of the **Municipal Building**.

Expended in **2024:** \$11,185.75

Expended in **2025:** \$6,755.20

Recommended: \$5,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$3,742.36)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the **Interior** of the **Municipal Building**.

Expended in **2024:** \$855.00

Expended in **2025:** \$1,611.52

Recommended: \$0.00

(Carried Forward: \$8,043.54)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 39. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to change the existing **Cemeteries and Veterans Graves** account to become a non-lapsing account (the unspent balance to be carried forward each year).

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote yes. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town **Cemeteries and Veterans Graves**, wherever located, in the Town of Burnham for the coming year.

Expended in **2024:** \$8,143.14

Expended in **2025:** \$6,656.56

Recommended: \$13,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$13,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** for the ensuing year.

Expended in **2024:** \$759.20

Expended in **2025:** \$2,245.11

Recommended: \$5,000.00 plus revenues from State of Maine Dept. of Human Services

(NOTE: Reimbursement from State at 70%)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for other **Recreational Activities** for the ensuing year.

Town Beach Maintenance

Expended in **2024:** \$450.00

Expended in **2025:** \$1,500.00

Recommended: \$2,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$2,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion Carried.

Swimming Instruction

Expended in **2024:** \$800.00

Expended in **2025:** \$0.00

Recommended: \$0.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee

Expended in **2024:** \$478.42

Expended in **2025:** \$185.80

Recommended: \$2,000.00

(Carried Forward: \$2,930.66)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$2,000. Seconded by Sherri Thornton. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 43. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continued service of **Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.**

Expended in **2024:** \$1,740.00

Expended in **2025:** \$1,775.00

Recommended: \$1,775.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,775. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 44. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the requests for the following agencies asking for **Donations.**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT – TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Expended in **2024:** \$600.00

Expended in **2025:** \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. Seconded by R. Charles King. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS OF WATERVILLE AREA

Expended in **2024:** \$460.00

Expended in **2025:** \$460.00

Recommended: \$460.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$460. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

JAWS OF LIFE – Unity Fire Dept.

Expended in **2024:** \$200.00

Expended in **2025:** \$200.00

Recommended: \$200.00

- Stuart Huff made a motion to raise & appropriate \$200. Seconded by Roger Chadwick. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

KENNEBEC BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Expended in **2024:** \$1,000.00

Expended in **2025:** \$1,000.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

SEBASTICOOK REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Expended in **2024:** \$250.00

Expended in **2025:** \$250.00

Recommended: \$250.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$250. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 15 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

SPECTRUM GENERATIONS

Expended in **2024:** \$800.00

Expended in **2025:** \$800.00

Recommended: \$800.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$800. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 15 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

UNITY OPEN DOOR

Expended in **2025:** \$300.00

Recommended: \$300.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$300. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

UNITY VOLUNTEER FOOD PANTRY

Expended in **2024:** \$600.00

Expended in **2025:** \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$600. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

WALDO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS

Expended in **2024:** \$6,000.00

Expended in **2025:** \$6,000.00

Recommended: \$5,855.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,855. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 45. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for reimbursement, to families and/or individual residents of Burnham, fee memberships paid to the **Pittsfield Public Library** (NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2024:** \$710.00

Expended in **2025:** \$765.00

Recommended: \$1,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,000. Seconded by Sherri Thornton. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 46. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for reimbursement to Burnham resident parents of children that wish to participate in the **Pittsfield Recreation Department Athletic** activities. The reimbursement will be for a maximum of \$120.00 per child. (NOTE: Proof of residency and proof of membership paid must be submitted to the Town Office. Upon approval of the select board, reimbursement will be made by town check on the next scheduled pay warrant.)

Expended in **2024:** \$865.00

Expended in **2025:** \$1,135.00

Recommended: \$1,500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$1,500. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 47. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to give Snowmobile Registration funds to the **Driftbusters Snowmobile Club** of Pittsfield, for the purpose of creating and maintaining snowmobile trails in Burnham.

Expended in **2025:** \$225.08

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article as read and vote yes. Seconded by R. Charles King. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 48. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control**.

Expended in **2024:** \$2,373.16

Expended in **2025:** \$33,231.95

Recommended: \$2,422.16 (cost for animal housing contract) plus towns' share of dog licenses

(Carried Forward: \$10,744.68)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 49. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to donate to the cat sanctuary, **Spirit's Place**, in St. Albans, Maine.

Expended in **2025:** \$500.00

Recommended: \$500.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$250. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 50. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for professional consultant services in connection with the **Assessment Quarter Review**.

Expended in **2024:** \$6,500.00

Expended in **2025:** \$6,750.00

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$7,000. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 18 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 51. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Veterans Memorial Park**.

Expended in **2024:** \$6,548.33

Expended in **2025:** \$3,931.00

Recommended: \$0.00

(Carried Forward: \$9,337.68)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$0. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 52. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to authorize the **select board to spend an amount**, whatever necessary, for the period **January 1, 2027, to March 20, 2027**.

Recommended: YES

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 53. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to give the **Excise Tax** collected on Boat registrations to the **Friends of Lake Winnecook**, for the purpose of protecting and preserving Lake Winnecook.

Expended in 2024: \$1,600.00

Expended in 2025: \$1,600.00

Recommended: YES - \$2,109.10 amount collected in 2025

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to give the 2025 Boat Excise collected in the amount of \$2,109.10 to the Friends of Lake Winnecook. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 54. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will raise and appropriate \$18,125.00 into the **"Revaluation Reserve Account"** in Fiscal Year 2026, for the purpose of covering the cost to conduct a town-wide property tax revaluation.

[NOTE: Projected Date of Revaluation – 2026 or 2027]

Recommended: YES

(Carried Forward: \$54,375.00)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$18,125. Seconded by R. Charles King. 21 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 55. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Clinton Ambulance Services** to cover the entire Town.

Recommended: \$65,000.00

- Kyle King made a motion raise & appropriate \$65,000. Seconded by R. Charles King.
- R. Charles King made a motion to allow the Clinton Fire Chief to speak. Seconded by Kyle King. 24 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.
- Vote on original motion to raise & appropriate \$65,000 – 26 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 56. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Cemetery Care Reserve Account**, established at 2025 Town Meeting.

Recommended: \$5,000.00

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to raise & appropriate \$5,000. Seconded by Sherri Thornton. 22 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 57. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will adopt the 2026 updated document entitled **"The Rules and Regulations of the Burnham Town Cemeteries"**.

Recommended: YES

- Sherri Thornton made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Kyle King. 26 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 58. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to adopt the 2026 updated version of the **Cemetery Sexton Job Description**.

Recommended: YES

- Sherri Thornton made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Kyle King. 20 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 59. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to adopt the 2026 updated version of the **Cemetery Committee Member Job Description**.

Recommended: YES

- Sherri Thornton made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 60. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to **set the rates** for which the Cemetery Sexton will be reimbursed for the opening & closing, reseeding and grooming of gravesites at the **Town Cemeteries**.

Cemetery Sexton Recommendations for Grave Pricing Range:

	<u>Weekday Charge</u>	<u>Weekend Charge</u>
Coffin & Vault Burial	\$500-\$800	\$600-\$900
Urn or Urn Vault Cremation	\$200-\$400	\$300-\$500

- Sherri Thornton made a motion accept the recommended price ranges. Seconded by Elaine DeRosby. 23 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 61. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to set the rates for the sale of plots in the Village Cemetery.
Cemetery Sexton Recommendations for Plot Pricing:

	<u>Perpetual Care</u>	<u>Plot</u>	<u>Total</u>
5x5 Cremation Plot	\$150	\$100	\$250
5x10 single burial plot	\$200	\$100	\$300
10x10 Double Burial Plot	\$400	\$100	\$500
10x20 Quadruple Burial Plot	\$800	\$200	\$1000

- Sherri Thornton made a motion to accept the recommended plot pricing. Seconded by Elaine DeRosby. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 62. To see what action the Inhabitants of the Town will take to change the **Cemetery Sexton position** from an elected position to an appointed position.

Recommended: YES

- Sherri Thornton made a motion to accept the article and vote yes. Seconded by Elaine DeRosby. 19 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

Art. 63. To see what sum of money the Inhabitants of the Town will vote to resurface the Town **Basketball Court.**

Recommended: No recommendation

(NOTE: Quote - \$11,400)

- Brian Levesque made a motion to raise & appropriate \$11,400. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 9 YES 14 NO. Motion failed.

LATE ARTICLE 64. To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will raise and appropriate \$25,000 for **Friends of Lake Winnecook** to be applied toward an Alum Treatment of Unity Pond, with funds to be matched 100% by a private donor.

Recommended: No recommendation

- Brian Levesque made a motion to raise & appropriate \$25,000. Seconded by Sherri Thornton. 13 YES 11 NO. Motion carried.

LATE ARTICLE 65: To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will establish a non-lapsing **Emergency Heating Fund** and accept a \$2,000 donation for this purpose.

Recommended: Yes

(NOTE: Guidelines to be set by the Select Board)

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 23 YES 0 NO. Motion carried.

LATE ARTICLE 66: To see if the Inhabitants of the Town will establish a non-lapsing **Town Food Pantry Fund** and accept a \$1,000 donation for this purpose.

Recommended: Yes

- Roger Chadwick made a motion to accept the article. Seconded by Brian Fletcher. 22 YES 1 NO. Motion carried.

4:00 pm - Roger Chadwick made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kyle King. Unanimous vote.

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