

The Town of Addison, County of Washington, and State of Maine Annual Town Meeting opened at 7 p.m. at the D. W. Merritt Grammar School in Addison, Maine. Greetings were presented by Amy Lenfestey, Addison Municipal Clerk. Followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

2026/2027 TOWN OF ADDISON WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

To, Shawn Dowling, constable of the Town of Addison in the County of Washington and the State of Maine:

* Read by Amy Lenfestey, Addison Municipal Town Clerk

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Addison, in the County of Washington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the D. W. Merritt School on the 31th day of March 2026 at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

*Read by Amy Lenfestey, Addison Municipal Town Clerk

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

***Amy opened the nominations for Moderator.** Motion made to elect Chris Chartrand as the Moderator, motion seconded. No further nominations. Chris Chartrand was unanimously voted for Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for the governance of this meeting.

***Article 2 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a **Selectman** to serve a three-year term.

Joshua Stubbs term expires March 2026

***Article 3 read by moderator.** Motion to choose Joshua Stubbs. Joshua Stubbs voted unanimously to serve a three-year term as Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To choose a **Road Commissioner** for the ensuing year.

Marcus Norton's term expires March 2026

***Article 4 read by moderator.** Motion to choose Marcus Norton. Marcus Norton voted unanimously to serve a one-year term as Road Commissioner.

ARTICLE 5. To choose a **Director of SAD #37** to serve a three-year term.

Daniel Kane term expires March 2026

***Article 5 read by moderator.** Motion to choose Daniel Kane. Daniel Kane voted unanimously to serve a three-year term as Director of SAD #37.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to **appoint all minor officers.**

***Article 6 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept and expend on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State funds, and/or Donations, that may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year.

***Article 7 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to negotiate and enter into a **3-year Snow Plowing Contract** (including salt and sand), as they deem in the best interest of the Town. The current 3-year contract expires this year.

***Article 8 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to pay any tax abatement refunds and interest from the **Overlay Account**.

*(*Amount raised for Overlay FY 25 – 26 \$ 20,404.16 / Total Abatements FY 25 – 26 \$2,140.95)*

***Article 9 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rate of abated taxes** to be paid by the Town, at a rate of **4%**, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.

***Article 10 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to set a date for the Tax Collector to settle with the Town and set a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes after that date. **Recommend January 31, 2027 at 7%.** *(*Maine State maximum allowed is 7%)*

***Article 11 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 11 passed with recommended date.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to accept **prepayments of up to 75 %** of last year's tax commitment on taxes not yet committed, **without interest**, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

***Article 12 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to automatically credit **overpayment of committed taxes** to the next year's taxes.

***Article 13 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to **borrow money** and issue the Town's negotiable notes therefore in anticipation of taxes in an amount not to exceed the taxable year of 2026 from money raised by taxation during that year.

**This article would allow the Selectmen to take out a tax anticipation loan in order to continue paying bills until taxes are committed and monies start coming in.*

***Article 14 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 14 passed.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to **dispose of tax-acquired property** via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/hers/their/heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C (3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sales proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

***Article 15.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 15 passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy** established for Addison by State of Maine Law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved in the following articles will result in the tax commitment that is greater than the property tax limit.

**Passing this article does not increase your taxes; it confirms the tax appropriations approved by town voters at this meeting and gives the town power to override the State's Property Tax Levy Limit for Addison.*

***Article 16 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 16 passed.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed **¼ of the budget** amount in each budget category of the 2026-2027 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2027 until the annual town meeting in 2027. *This is a forward-looking article that provides continuing spending authority to the municipal officers for municipal expenditures made after the end of the budget or fiscal year being voted on in other parts of the same warrant but before the next annual town meeting or other meeting at which the next annual budget is adopted. *The continuing authority is stated as a fraction of a 12-month budget. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

***Article 17 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, motion seconded. Article 17 passed.

The following articles are recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee to be raised from taxation.

****** Motion to accept Article 18 through Article 45 as written and as recommended, motion seconded. Articles 18 through Article 45 passed.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Days Fireworks.**

Recommended: \$ 7, 800 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Days Committee** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 6,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administration Expenses**.

Recommended: \$ 70,800 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Welfare** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 1,500 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Pleasant River Ambulance Service**.

Recommended: \$ 153,832 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Assessing** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Assessor - \$ 25,000, Supplies - \$ 750, Tax Bills - \$ 2,000, Mapping - \$ 1,000

Recommended: \$ 28,750 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 35,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Computer Equipment and Software** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 25,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Contingency** to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies as deemed necessary by the Selectmen during the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.

Recommended: \$ 15,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to allow a **Discount of 3%** on all Real Estate Taxes if paid in full on or before the 30th day of commitment. Postmark on 30th day will be accepted.

Recommended: \$ 75,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Elections** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 2,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for obligated **loan payment** on **Fire Station #1**.

*(*Yearly payment is due in September. Current loan balance as of 01/12/2026 \$ 220,655.46)*

Recommended: \$ 32,722 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in anticipation of purchasing a **Fire Truck** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

*(*Please note the Fire Dept is not requesting any monies for their working budget)*

Recommended: \$ 114,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to **negotiate and enter into a loan agreement to borrow up to \$400,000** for a fire truck. All monies raised and appropriated up to this time will be used as a down payment. **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Forest Fire** account and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 2,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Legal Fees** account and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 10,568 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **MMA Dues**.

Recommended: \$ 3,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the town-wide revaluation by **Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services, Inc.**

Recommended: \$ 44,250 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mayhew Public Library**.

Recommended: \$ 5,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Payroll**.

(Payroll - \$ 177,700 Payroll Taxes – \$ 18,069, Health Insurance - \$ 33,720, and Unemployment Fund - \$ 400)

Recommended: \$ 229,889 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District (PRSWDD)** and to carryforward any unspent balance and revenues. PRSWDD requests **\$ 94,183** however this account has a carryforward balance that is being used to reduce this amount for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Recommended: \$ 88,500 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Shellfish Reseeding** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

*(*Please note the Shellfish Committee is not requesting monies for their working budget)*

Recommended: \$ 4,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 5,500 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Roads Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 50,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 60,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to the sum of **\$ 250,000** to be taken from excise tax for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand**.

Recommended: \$ 250,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand**.

Recommended: \$ 25,000 **Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the returns from the **Snowmobile Registrations** to the **Narraguagus Trail Riders** to establish and maintain existing trails for the use and recreation of our citizens.

(A total of \$ 178.74 was donated to the Narraguagus Trail Riders for fiscal year 2025/2026)*

**Articles 18 through Article 45 passed as a slate.

The following articles are recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee to be transferred from Undesignated Funds and do not increase taxation.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from **Undesignated Funds** and appropriate towards the final balance due for the town-wide revaluation by **Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services, Inc.**

Recommended: \$ 50,000

***Article 46 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 46 passed.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from **Undesignated Funds** and appropriate towards **Elections** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 3,100

***Article 47 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 47 passed.

The following articles are recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee to move funds between accounts and do not increase or decrease taxation.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from the **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Account** to the **Buildings and Grounds Emergency Funds Account** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 30,000

***Article 48 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 48 passed.

ARTICLE 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from the **Veteran's Graves and Flags** to the **Cemetery Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 2,100

***Article 49 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 49 passed.

The following articles are recommendations by the Shellfish Committee to amend the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

ARTICLE 50. Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's **Shellfish Conservation Ordinance** be enacted based upon recommendation of the Shellfish Committee?

*(to establish **Razor Clams** be added to and governed by our ordinance) by:*

changing the wording Under **Section 4. Definitions, Subsection Letter C** to read as follows:
*"When used in context of this ordinance the words "Shellfish", "Clams", and "Intertidal Shellfish Resources" means soft shell clams, (*Mya Arenaria*) and Razor Clams (*Enis directus*)."*

and adding Section 9 as follows:

*"**Minimum Legal Size of Razor Clams:** It is unlawful for any person to possess razor clams within the Town of Addison which are less than 4 inches in the longest diameter."*

***Article 50 read by moderator: wording of the changes to the ordinance was not read, voters had the written changes in hand for review.** Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 50 passed.

**** At this time in the meeting it is discovered that some of the reports have the Shellfish Ordinance changes as one full Article 50, while other reports have 3 separate articles: Article 50, Article 51, and Article 52. This is a clerical error only. All the information and details are the same. Per Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee the recommendation is to vote individually on these ordinance changes. The ordinance changes are to be 3 separate articles; Article 50, Article 51 and Article 52. Municipal Clerk and Shellfish Committee Chairman verbally verified this information and made sure everyone that requested the updated information had received it prior to any further voting. Moderator verified the voters had all the correct information and then resumed the voting.**

ARTICLE 51. Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's Shellfish Conservation Ordinance be enacted based upon recommendation of the Shellfish Committee?

under #5 Licensing, B- Application Procedures, 3- Commercial Application - add *more definitive text regarding Conservation Credits by changing the following –*

FROM: " If an individual obtains the appropriate conservation time, but is unable to obtain a commercial license, their conservation time will roll over until the next year, or until they are offered a commercial license"

TO: *"If a Non-Resident digger earns a conservation credit but is unable to obtain a commercial license, their applicable conservation credit will carry over to the following year, or until they are offered a commercial license. For Resident Diggers, any applicable conservation credits must be redeemed within the Shellfish Year they are obtained.*

*Article 51 read by moderator: wording of the changes to the ordinance was not read, voters had the written changes in hand for review. Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 51 passed.

ARTICLE 52. Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's Shellfish Conservation Ordinance be enacted based upon recommendation of the Shellfish Committee?

under Section #5 Licensing - Section 5: Night Digging - change existing wording to read: *"The Town of Addison will close the Shellfish flats to harvesting of soft-shell clams at night from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise April 1 – ~~September 30 -October 31~~ and two hours after sunset until two hours before sunrise October 1 - November 1- March 31 of the following year.*

*Article 52 read by moderator: wording of the changes to the ordinance was not read, voters had the written changes in hand for review. Motion to accept as written and recommended, motion seconded. Article 52 passed.

The following articles are requests for donations on which the Select Board and Budget Committee did not give any recommendations. All donations will be paid after tax commitment in July 2026.

(PLEASE CONSIDER THE TOTAL OF ALL THE DONATION REQUESTS IS

\$ 13,406.20 + TWO UNDESIGNATED AMOUNTS)

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Actions/Downeast Community Partners/WHCA.

Requested: \$ 459.20

*Article 53 read by moderator. Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 53 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast

Coastal Conservancy.

Requested: \$

***Article 54 read by moderator; he reminds voters they must make a motion with a requested dollar amount given.** Motion to raise \$0, motion seconded. Article 54 passed with no monies to be raised for Downeast Coastal Conservancy.

ARTICLE 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Eastern Area Agency on Aging.**

Requested: \$ 350

***Article 55 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 55 passed.

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Families First Community Center**

Requested: \$ 1,000

***Article 56 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 56 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **H.O.M.E**

Requested: \$ 1,148

***Article 57 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 57 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Life Flight Foundation.**

Requested: \$ 574

***Article 58 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 58 passed.

ARTICLE 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Loaves & Fishes**

Requested: \$ 250

***Article 59 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 59 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Childhood Cancer Advocates Inspired by Hailey Steward.**

Requested: \$ 100

***Article 60 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 60 passed.

ARTICLE 61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Public TV**

Requested: \$ 225

***Article 61 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 61 has passed.

ARTICLE 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Seacoast Mission.**

Requested: \$

***Article 62 read by moderator; he reminds voters they must make a motion with a requested dollar amount given.** Motion to raise \$ 500 for the Maine Seacoast Mission, motion seconded. Article 62 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 63. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Narraguagus Post #8 American Legion.**

Requested: \$ 750

***Article 63 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 63 passed.

ARTICLE 64. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Next Step**

Requested: \$ 1,000

***Article 64 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 64 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 65. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Historical Society.**

Requested: \$ 2,000

***Article 65 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 65 passed.

ARTICLE 66. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Schoodic Food Pantry.**

Requested: \$ 2,000

***Article 66 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 66 passed.

ARTICLE 67. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Sunrise Little League**

Requested: \$ 1,000

***Article 67 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 67 passed.

ARTICLE 68. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Sweetster.**

Requested: \$ 500

***Article 68 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 68 has NOT passed.

ARTICLE 69. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **WIC.**


Requested: \$ 2,050

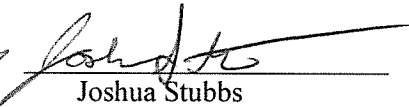
***Article 69 read by moderator.** Motion to accept as written, as requested, motion seconded. Article 69 has passed.

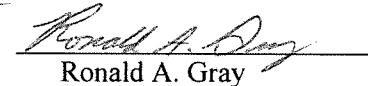
****In closing, the moderator thanks everyone for attending. Reminds everyone to turn in their voter card before they leave, they MUST be returned prior to leaving the building. Anyone in attendance that needs to sign an oath please see the Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk before you leave. Meeting adjourns at 8:10 p.m.**

Transcribed on April 20, 2026

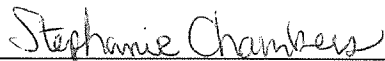
Today's Date: 5/4/26


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Ronald A. Gray

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ADDISON


Stephanie Chambers

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

