

2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

State of Maine, County of Hancock

Town of Blue Hill

To: Xavier Alvarez, a resident of said Blue Hill, in said County.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the voters of Blue Hill, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Gordon Emerson Auditorium at the Town Hall, Blue Hill, on Friday, April 3, 2026, at 9:30 AM, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

NOTE: Articles 2 and 3 are set out in a written ballot to be acted upon Friday, April 3. The polls will be open for voting in the auditorium at the Town Hall at 10:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. The meeting will reconvene Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Blue Hill Consolidated School gymnasium at 9:00 am and will run until adjourned.

ARTICLE 2. Election of Officers

ARTICLE 3. GSA Excess Charge

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$116,280 from Property Tax and authorize the School Committee to pay George Stevens Academy an additional \$1,530 per student attending George Stevens Academy during the 2026-2027 school year, representing Excess Tuition Charges (in excess of the maximum allowable tuition and Insured Value Factor payments set by the state)? All such amounts appropriated will be additional local funds which exceed the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model for this purpose.

ARTICLE 4. To authorize the moderator at their discretion, to dispense with the complete reading or re-reading of an article and allow the Town to vote by written ballot upon a request from 10 or more voters.

ARTICLE 5. To authorize the moderator to continue their responsibilities until all articles have been received and verified as to the outcome.

EDUCATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction. (Elementary Instruction Program, Secondary Instruction Program, Alternative Education, English as a 2nd Language, Gifted and Talented)

School Committee Recommends: \$4,799,911.45

Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,799,911.45

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education. (Special Education Programs and Administration)

School Committee Recommends: \$1,726,454.96

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,726,454.96

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction. (Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, Summer School)

School Committee Recommends: \$68,628.89
Budget Committee Recommends: \$68,628.89

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. (Guidance Services, Health Services, Library Services, Instructional Technology, Instructional Staff Training, Curriculum Development)

School Committee Recommends: \$425,828.03
Budget Committee Recommends: \$425,828.03

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration. (School Board Services, Office of the Superintendent Services)

School Committee Recommends: \$255,827.24
Budget Committee Recommends: \$255,827.24

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$414,527.66
Budget Committee Recommends: \$414,527.66

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$387,552.37
Budget Committee Recommends: \$387,552.37

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance. (Maintenance/Custodial, Capital Enhancement & Improvement, Capital Renewal & Renovation)

School Committee Recommends: \$491,287.63
Budget Committee Recommends: \$491,287.63

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments

School Committee Recommends: \$188,721.15
Budget Committee Recommends: \$188,721.15

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures, including the food service program, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the food service program.

School Committee Recommends: \$106,739.77
Budget Committee Recommends: \$106,739.77

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee Recommends that \$5,243,217.81 be appropriated
and \$4,716,636.16 be raised.**
**Budget Committee Recommends that \$5,243,217.81 be appropriated
and \$4,716,636.16 be raised.**

State-Mandated Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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 17. (Written Ballot Required). To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

School Committee and Budget Committee Recommend \$3,510,521.33 for additional local funds and give the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$3,510,521.33**: in order to maintain current programs and offerings.

State-Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to 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 Blue Hill Public Schools budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, local funds for debt service on 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.

School Committee Recommends: \$8,865,479.14

Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,865,479.14

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will raise for the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

School Committee Recommends: \$25,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will raise for the Technology Reserve Fund.

School Committee Recommends: \$5,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will raise for the Special Education Reserve Fund.

School Committee Recommends: \$25,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will appropriate \$588,823 for payments to be made on behalf of other School Union 93 towns, representing their shares of the School Union's costs, to be fully reimbursed by payments to be received from these other towns.

School Committee Recommends: \$588,823

Budget Committee Recommends: \$588,823

ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town appropriate \$150,000 from the Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Reserve into the Special Education Reserve to help offset the rising cost of Special Education, and to authorize the School Committee to expend those funds as it deems necessary?

School Committee Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend federal grant funds to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

COUNTY BUDGET

The amount of the 2026 Hancock County Tax, which the Town is obligated to pay regardless of any Town vote, is \$558,206, up from \$514,258 in 2025.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$877,893 for **General Government/Town Administration** (Town Administrator, Town Administrator Discretionary Fund, Town Office, General Government, Elections, tax assessing, mapping and quarterly review activity, municipal insurance, the contribution to the Blue Hill Public Library, and General Assistance), of which \$293,443 will be raised from Property Tax, \$1,000 will be released from the Town Administrator Discretionary Reserve, and \$583,450 will come from anticipated 2026 revenues.

2025 <u>Appropriation</u>	2025 <u>Expended</u>	2026 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2026 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 839,357	\$ 631,456	\$ 877,893	\$ 877,893

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$329,394 from Property Tax and appropriate \$14,800 from rental funds received from Peninsula Ambulance Corps and \$10,600 of anticipated 2026 revenues for **Enforcement and Public Safety**, including the Fire Department, Forest Fire Suppression, the Peninsula Ambulance Corps, Civil Emergency Management, Hancock County RCC 911 dispatch service, Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspection, Animal Control, 911 Signs, and Street Lights.

2025 <u>Appropriation</u>	2025 <u>Expended</u>	2026 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2026 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 298,351	\$ 274,313	\$ 354,794	\$ 354,794

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$37,826 from Property Tax and appropriate \$4,000 from anticipated 2026 revenues for **Town Hall and Stavola Building operating costs**.

2025 <u>Appropriation</u>	2025 <u>Expended</u>	2026 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2026 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 55,000	\$ 30,660	\$ 41,826	\$ 41,826

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$160,964 from Property Tax and appropriate \$785,000 of other revenues (including vehicle excise tax and all LRAP funds received) for the **Public Works Department**, including road, sidewalk, cemetery, parks and public space maintenance, snow/sand removal, wages and other operating expenses.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,458,805	\$ 1,013,787	\$ 945,964	\$ 945,964

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$23,486 from boat excise tax, mooring fees and dinghy tie-up fees to support **Marine Resource activities**, including Harbormaster wages and activities, and routine maintenance and operational expenses for the Town's wharves, with any unexpended balance to lapse to the Marine Resources Reserve.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 37,600	\$ 22,715	\$ 23,486	\$ 23,486

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,334 from shellfish license revenues and funds in the Shellfish Conservation Reserve for **Shellfish Warden wages and activities**, with any unexpended balance to lapse to the Shellfish Conservation Reserve.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,334

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,735 from Property Tax and \$3,000 of anticipated 2026 revenues for the **Town parks, public fields, lawns, cemeteries, and trees**, with any unexpended balance to lapse into a Parks Reserve account.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 39,500	\$ 25,428	\$ 21,735	\$ 21,735

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$335,151 from Property Tax for Blue Hill's share of the cost of operating the **Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Program**.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 336,982	\$ 336,984	\$ 335,151	\$ 335,151

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$319,850 from Sewer Fees to fund the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation** and for **Disposal of Septic Tank Sludge**.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 297,150	\$ 248,387	\$ 319,850	\$ 319,850

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$47,738 from Property Tax for **Select Board and other Town Committee** wages and operations.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 41,000	\$ 40,178	\$ 47,738	\$ 47,738

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Unassigned Funds and authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$50,000, as they deem advisable, to meet **Unanticipated Expenses and Emergencies**.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 50,000	\$ 7,103	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$320,670 from Property Tax and \$124,330 of anticipated 2026 revenues to pay **principal and interest due on Municipal Bonds and Notes**.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 279,952	\$ 269,981	\$ 445,000	\$ 445,000

UNUSUAL OR NON-RECURRING ITEMS

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to i) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof in the name of the Town of Blue Hill in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,542,500, which bonds or notes may be made callable, for work related to the design, construction, and relocation of a new **Public Safety Building** on Tenney Hill (the “Project”) and ii) appropriate \$50,000 of Unassigned Funds which shall be available for the Project through December 31, 2028, without further action by the Town’s legislative body.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 84,000*	\$ 34,000	\$ 1,542,500	\$ 1,542,500

*Consisting of \$50,000 reserve carryover and \$34,000 unspent grant funds received.

See the accompanying Treasurer’s Financial Statement after Article 39 for required information about the proposed debt issuance.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to i) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof in the name of the Town of Blue Hill in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, which bonds or notes may be made callable, for Repairs and Improvements to **Turkey Farm Road** (the “Project”), ii) raise and appropriate \$300,000 from Property Tax for the Project, and iii) appropriate \$300,000 from the Major Highway Project Fund for the Project, with any unexpended funds to lapse into the Major Highway Project Fund.

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000

See the accompanying Treasurer’s Financial Statement after Article 39 for required information about the proposed debt issuance.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to i) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof in the name of the Town of Blue Hill in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, which bonds or notes may be made callable, for the Repair and Replacement of the **Wastewater Outfall Pipe** (the “Project”) and ii) appropriate \$1,000,000 of anticipated grant proceeds which shall be available to expend on the Project through December 31, 2027, without further action by the Town’s legislative body.

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000

See the accompanying Treasurer’s Financial Statement for required information about the proposed debt issuance.

TOWN OF BLUE HILL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ARTICLES 37, 38, AND 39

1. Total Town Indebtedness

Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid \$4,580,025

Bonds Authorized but Unissued 2,636,107*

Bonds to be Issued if the Related Article is Approved:

Article 37 (PSB design/construction) 1,542,500

Article 38 (Highway improvement) 1,000,000

Article 39 (Wastewater outfall repair) 1,500,000

Total if all Articles are Approved: \$11,258,632

*Represents a \$2.75 million USDA loan commitment less borrowings made in anticipation of the USDA loan funding.

2. Estimated Costs of Proposed Bonds

Article 37 Bonds

The estimated costs of this bond issue for a 20-year term at an interest rate of 5.0% are \$1,542,500 in principal and \$809,813 in interest, totaling \$2,352,313.

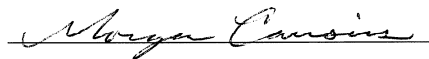
Article 38 Bonds

The estimated costs of this bond issue for a 20-year term at an interest rate of 5.0% are \$1,000,000 in principal and \$525,000 in interest, totaling \$1,525,000.

Article 39 Bonds

The estimated costs of this bond issue for a 20-year term at an interest rate of 5.0% are \$1,500,000 in principal and \$787,500 in interest, totaling \$2,287,500.

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above Estimated Costs of Proposed Bonds. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Morgan Cousins, Treasurer, Town of Blue Hill

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 from Property Tax for Repairs and Improvements to the **Town Hall**, with any unexpended funds to lapse into the Town Hall Improvement Reserve Fund.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 75,000	\$ 31,739	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 from Property Tax for Repairs and Improvements to **Kingdom Road**, with any unexpended funds to lapse into the Major Highway Project Fund.

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,000 from Property Tax for **Improvements to the Salt/Sand Shed and other Public Works capital equipment.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 from Property Tax for the **Fire Truck and Equipment Reserve.**

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommendations</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommendations</u>
\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 from Property Tax for **Property Tax Abatements.**

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommendations</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommendations</u>
\$ 25,000	\$ 29,251	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 from Property Tax for the cash portion of a \$65,000 non-federal contribution required to match \$260,000 of grant funds for a **Safe Streets for All traffic safety study**, with such funds to be available for expenditure, without further appropriation, through December 31, 2028.

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommendations</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommendations</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 from Unassigned Funds for **boundary surveys of Town properties.**

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommendations</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommendations</u>
\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000

THIRD-PARTY DONATION REQUESTS

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,118 from Property Tax for **Aroostook County Action Program** (successor to Downeast Community Partners).

<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2025 Expended</u>	<u>2026 Select Board Recommendations</u>	<u>2026 Budget Committee Recommendations</u>
\$ 19,556	\$ 19,556	\$ 1,118	**

***The Budget Committee makes no recommendation to the third-party donation requests.*

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 from Property Tax for the **Blue Hill Family YMCA/Lawrence Family Fitness Center.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	**

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from Property Tax for the **Blue Hill Historical Society.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	**

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,150 from Property Tax for the **Blue Hill Peninsula Forward.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	**

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$550 from Property Tax for **Downeast Transportation.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	**

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 from Property Tax for the **East Blue Hill Public Library.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	**

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,200 from Property Tax for the **Eastern Area Agency on Aging.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	**

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 from Property Tax for **Healthy Peninsula.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	**

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,792 from Property Tax for **H.O.M.E., Inc.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,792	\$ 2,792	\$ 2,792	**

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,750 from Property Tax for the **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,750	**

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from Property Tax for **The Shaw Institute.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends*</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	**

**Split Select Board vote, with four members at \$0 and one member at \$3,000.*

ARTICLE 58. Do you favor the town raising and appropriating from property tax \$1,536.00 to pay the town's municipal contribution to the **Toddy Pond Watershed Management District?**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 780	\$ 780	\$ 0	**

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from Property Tax for the **WIC Program.**

<u>2025</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,500	**

NON-MONETARY MUNICIPAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to grant property tax abatements in unlimited amounts, provided the amounts of those abatements are fully offset by corresponding supplemental assessments on the affected parcel(s), subject to the Board's usual practice and state law.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on a continuing basis until such authorization is revoked by a vote of the Town, to make any expenditures which are subject to reimbursement by others, provided that the aggregate amount of all such unreimbursed expenditures does not exceed \$5,000.

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts of money and the interest to be used for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots.

Seaside Cemetery

Dodge, Amey	\$ 300
Horton, Jane/Donahue, Sallie	<u>600</u>
Total	\$ 900

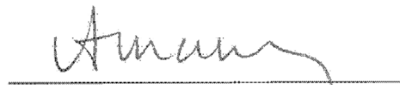
OTHER ARTICLES

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to fix compensation of labor, trucks, and equipment for Town services for fiscal year 2026.

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepaid taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506; (2) fix the annual interest rate at 7.00% on overdue property taxes, tax liens, and tax acquired property; (3) set the date of October 15, 2026 for property tax payments after which interest will accrue on unpaid taxes; (4) authorize the Select Board to sell and repurchase rights to use lots in the Town's cemeteries and accept payments for said rights; and (5) authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the amount assigned to each budget category of the 2026 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2027 to the 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

GIVEN UNTO OUR HANDS at Blue Hill, Maine this 15th day of February 2026.


Ben Adams


Amanda Woog


Ellen Best


James Wootten


D. Scott Miller

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Blue Hill, Maine.

Attest: A True Copy:

Dana Goettler, Town Clerk

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that they will be in session at the Town Office Monday, March 30, 2026, from 8:00am to 7:00pm for the purposes of revising and correcting the list of voters.