

Warrant for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK/ss

To Any Resident, in the Town of Hollis in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants in said Town of Hollis qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road in said Town of Hollis on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June A.D. 2024 (June 11, 2024) at 6:45 a.m. in the forenoon to act on ARTICLE 1 and by secret ballot on Articles # 2 through # 32 as set out below, the polling hours to be from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect the necessary Town Officials:

One (1) Select Board Member, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year term.

One (1) Treasurer for a three (3) year term.

One (1) Road Commissioner for a two (2) year term.

Article 3: A property tax levy limit has been established for the Town by State Law in the amount of \$1,536,107. If the municipal appropriations approved by the voters exceed that limit, shall the Town vote to permanently increase the property tax limit?

Select Board Recommends

Article 4: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,487,809 for General Government Operations?

	2023-2024	2024-2025
0100 Administration	\$ 179,750	\$ 175,672
0101 Broadcasting	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
0103 Treasurer Office	\$ 63,625	\$ 65,307
0104 Town Clerk Office	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,957
0105 Elections	\$ 44,200	\$ 47,400
0106 Tax Collector Office	\$ 74,695	\$ 77,252
0107 Assessing Office	\$ 82,950	\$ 93,800
0150 Legal Fees	\$ 25,000	\$ 31,500
0400 Operations & Management	\$ 164,000	\$ 132,820
0800 Salmon Falls Library	\$ 38,800	\$ 39,822
1300 Insurance	\$ 370,800	\$ 409,114
1400 Maine PERS/457 Retirement	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000

1600	FICA (withholding)	\$ 124,000	\$ 142,170
2298	Veteran's Flags	\$ 900	\$ 900
2500	Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 97,700</u>	<u>\$ 117,595</u>
		\$ 1,419,920	\$ 1,487,809

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 5: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$52,200 for Animal Control?

		2023-2024	2024-2025
1800	Animal Control	\$ 15,650	\$ 52,200

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 6: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$24,210 for the following Committees and Boards?

		2023-2024	2024-2025
1275	Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,500
2200	Planning Board	\$ 16,916	\$ 18,300
2205	Finance Committee	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,810
2210	Appeals Board	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
2350	Community Clothing Closet	\$ 500	\$ 500
2370	Conservation Commission	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
		\$ 28,916	\$ 24,210

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 7: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$449,524 for the Recreation Department and Sports Complex?

		2023-2024	2024-2025
1200	Recreation Department	\$ 326,112	\$ 397,374
1219	Sports Complex	<u>\$ 35,800</u>	<u>\$ 52,150</u>
		\$ 361,912	\$ 449,524

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 8: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,379,150 for Public Works?

		2023-2024	2024-2025
500	Snow & Sanding	\$ 643,000	\$ 668,000
600	Highway	\$ 170,000	\$ 129,000
601	Paving	\$ 200,000	\$ 205,000
900	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 296,000	\$ 361,150
2000	Street Lights	<u>\$ 16,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>
		\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,379,150

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 9: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,319,981 for Emergency Services provided by the Hollis Municipal Fire & Rescue Department?

	2023-2024	2024 - 2025
300 Emergency Services	\$ 1,167,183	\$ 1,319,981

Select Board Recommends Finance Committee Recommends

Article 10: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$126,690 for General Assistance, the State mandated welfare program?

	2023-2024	2024 – 2025
1000 General Assistance	\$ 77,690	\$ 126,690

Note: State Refunds are now being put in a Revenue Account

Select Board Recommends Finance Committee Recommends

Article 11: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$37,775 for the following non-municipal requests?

	2023-2024	2024-2025
2299 York County Shelters	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2300 Visiting Nurses Service	\$ 1,100	\$ 750
2301 York County Comm. Action	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
2303 Kids Free To Grow	\$ 700	\$ 700
2304 Caring Unlimited	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
2307 So. Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
2312 Boy Scouts Troop #323	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
2333 Girl Scouts Troop #323	\$ 500	\$ 0
2314 American Red Cross	\$ 400	\$ 400
2315 Buxton-Hollis Historical Society	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,500
2317 VNA Home Health	\$ 250	\$ 250
2318 Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100	\$ 100
2305 Maine Behavioral Healthcare	\$ 300	\$ 250
2320 Saco River Corridor Commission	\$ 600	\$ 600
2329 Life Flight of Maine	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2330 So. ME Veteran’s Cemetery Assoc.	\$ 500	\$ 750
2332 Waban	\$ 200	\$ 200
2335 Friends of Hollis Equestrian Park	\$ 0	\$ 750
2400 Saco River Community TV	<u>\$ 18,800</u>	<u>\$ 20,775</u>
	\$ 34,300	\$ 37,775

Select Board Recommends Finance Committee Recommends

Article 12: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board and Tax Collector to:

- 1. Charge Interest on unpaid taxes, determine the rate thereon, set the due date for taxes, and to set the date on which interest shall commence. Tax Collector charging interest at a rate of 8.5% per annum, that taxes be due and payable in two (2) payments. The first due on November 6, 2024 and the second on May 7, 2025 with interest commencing on the first half on November 20, 2024 and the second half on May 21, 2025;**
- 2. Accept prepayment of taxes;**
- 3. Set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on the refunded overpayment of taxes for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year set at 4.5% as recommended by the Tax Collector & Select Board; and**
- 4. Apply all tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes first?**

Select Board Recommends

Article 13: Shall the Town accept and apply estimated anticipated revenues and reimbursements in the amount of \$3,361,800 to the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment?

	2023-2024	2024-2025
MDOT Block Grant	\$ 53,948	\$ 58,000
Code Enforcement Fees	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Dog Fees	\$ 800	\$ 800
Excise Tax	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,075,000
Rescue Fees	\$ 130,000	\$ 200,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Misc. Revenue & Reimbursements	\$ 85,000	\$ 95,000
BETE Reimbursements	\$ 675,000	\$ 712,500
Homestead Reimbursements	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$ 38,500	\$ 38,500
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursements	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 512,116	\$ 500,000
General Assistance State Reimbursement	\$ 45,000	\$ 84,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
	\$ 3,188,364	\$ 3,361,800

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 14: Shall the Town raise, appropriate, and expend up to \$35,150 for the non-municipal Hollis Center Public Library?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 15: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$20,000 dollars to upgrade and improve the walking path at the Hollis Sports Complex?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 16: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$50,000 dollars to replace the siding and any incidentals at the Salmon Falls Library?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 17: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$7,500,000 dollars to construct a new Hollis Town Hall, with no increase in taxes? (The construction will be financed as follows: \$3,500,000 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds subject to TIF amendment approval; \$2,000,000 Maine CDS Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Agriculture and Rural Development appropriations funding; \$1,150,000 General Funds; \$450,000 State and Fiscal Recovery Funds; \$400,000 Sale of Town Property Funds)

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 18: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend from the TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Account # 2025, as they deem advisable, to fund and meet unanticipated expenses and/or emergencies that are clearly authorized in the TIF agreement?

Select Board Recommends

Article 19: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to annually spend up to \$200,000 from Undesignated Funds, as they deem necessary to fund and meet unanticipated expenses and/or emergencies that may occur, with the unanimous vote of the Select Board and approval of the Finance Committee for each occurrence?

Select Board Recommends

Article 20: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account?

Select Board Recommends

Article 21: Shall the Town accept the State Snowmobile Registration Funds and disburse them to the Hollis Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining Hollis's Snowmobile Trails?

Select Board Recommends

Article 22: Shall the Town amend the "Town of Hollis Disposal of Tax Acquired Property Ordinance" as written and required by State Statute?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 23: Shall the Town adopt the “General Fund Balance Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” as recommended by the Town’s Auditor?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 24: Shall the Town amend the “Disposal of Town Property (Not Real Estate) Ordinance” as written?

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, donations, gifts, devises, or bequests from any individual, organization, or governmental body for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants, contracts, documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany such funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town?

Select Board Recommends

Article 26: Shall the Town repeal the “Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance” enacted 2014?

Select Board Recommends

Planning Board Recommends

Article 27: Shall the Town repeal the “Town of Hollis Zoning Ordinance” enacted in November 1973, last amended 2022, and adopt the amended “Town of Hollis Zoning Ordinance” as written?

Select Board Recommends

Planning Board Recommends

Article 28: Shall the “Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine” enacted on June 14, 1997 be repealed and adopt the updated version of the “Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine” and Floodplain Maps?

Select Board Recommends

Planning Board Recommends

Article 29: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled, “Ordinance to Establish a Five-Member Select Board/Town Manager Form of Government”?

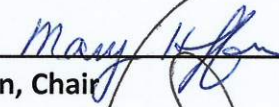
Article 30: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled “All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” that allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to operate on a section of Deerwander Road, as defined: “1.17 miles From the Railroad Bed to the Large Pole Line”?

Article 31: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled “All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” that allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to operate on a section of Saco Road, as defined: “1.25 miles From the Saco Road Pole Line to the trail entrance on River Road at Tax Map 6, Lot 31”?

Article 32: Shall the Town pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025 vote to accept the dedication made by the Logan's Run Homeowners Association of an easement interest in a strip of land bounded and describes as follows: Logan's Run, and to accept and establish a Town way on said strip of land?

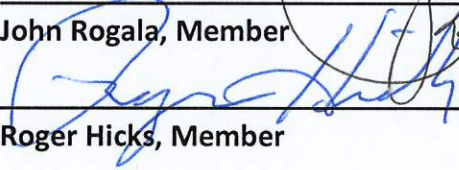
Given under our hands this 11th day of April, A.D. 2024

Hollis Select Board:



Mary Hoffman, Chair

John Rogala, Member



Roger Hicks, Member

Martha E. Huff, Hollis Town Clerk

Received by Town Clerk: _____

Registrar of Voters Notice:

The Registrar of Voters office will be open to register voters prior to the election. The Registrar of Voters will be available at the polls to correct any errors, correct a name or address on the voting list and to accept registrations of eligible persons and accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election.

A voter who is not enrolled in a political party may not vote in a primary election.

Return on Warrant

Hollis Annual Town Meeting being held on June 11, 2024

Town of Hollis, York County, State of Maine

Date: _____, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes of therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Hollis Town Hall, Station House Store, and the Hollis Town Clerk's Office in said town, being in public and conspicuous places in town, on the ____ day of _____, 2024 A.D., being at least seven days before the Annual Town Meeting on June 11, 2024.

Signed: _____

A True Attested Copy: _____

Hollis Town Clerk