

Annual Town Meeting June 13, 2023 Warrant and Results

Warrant for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024

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 thirteenth day of June A.D. 2022 (June 13, 2023) at 6:45 a.m. in the forenoon to act on ARTICLE 1 and by secret ballot on Articles #2 through #26 as set out below, the polling hours to be from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening.

Town Meeting was opened at 7:45 a.m. by Faith Plummer, Deputy Town Clerk.

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

Nomination was made by Edward Dyson and seconded by Doris Hicks to nominate Lila Wilkins as Moderator. people present voted for Lila Wilkins. Those present who wished to vote came forward and did so. 4 votes were counted in favor.

Lila Wilkins was elected Moderator and was given the Moderators Oath of Office by Martha Huff Town Clerk.

Article 2: To elect the necessary Town Officials:

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

434 Hoffman, Mary H.

159 Mendros, Stavros J.

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614 Total Votes Cast

Vote for One (1) Town Clerk for a three (3) year term.

569 Huff, Martha E.

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614 Total Votes Cast

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Article 3: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,435,570 for General Government Operations?

0100	Administration	\$ 151,200	\$ 179,750
0101	Broadcasting	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
0103	Treasurer Office	\$ 58,838	\$ 63,625
0104	Town Clerk Office	\$ 59,273	\$ 67,000
0105	Elections	\$ 32,000	\$ 44,200
0106	Tax Collector Office	\$ 70,025	\$ 74,695
0107	Assessing Office	\$ 82,295	\$ 82,950
0150	Legal Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
0400	Operations & Maintenance	\$ 133,450	\$ 164,000
0800	Salmon Falls Library	\$ 40,000	\$ 38,800
1300	Insurance	\$ 358,800	\$ 370,800
1400	Maine PERS/457 Retirement	\$ 110,700	\$ 77,000
1600	FICA (withholding)	\$ 115,000	\$ 124,000
1800	Animal Control	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,650
2298	Veteran's Flags	\$ 900	\$ 900
2500	Code Enforcement Office	<u>\$ 107,750</u>	<u>\$ 97,700</u>
		\$ 1,364,131	\$ 1,435,570
Select Board Recommends		Finance Committee Recommends	
465 Yes			
120 No			
229 blanks			

Article 4: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$28,916 for the following Committees and Boards?

	2022 – 2023	2023 - 2024
1275 Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
2200 Planning Board	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,916
2205 Finance Committee	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400
2210 Appeals Board	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
2350 Community Clothing Closet	\$ 500	\$ 500
2370 Conservation Commission	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
	\$ 19,300	\$ 28,916
Select Board Recommends		Finance Committee Recommends
456 Yes		
133 No		
35 blanks		

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Article 5: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$361,912 for the Recreation Department and Sports Complex?

	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
1200 Hollis Recreation Department	\$ 307,010	\$ 326,112
1219 Sports Complex	<u>\$ 34,450</u>	<u>\$ 35,800</u>
	\$ 341,460	\$ 361,912

478 Yes

114 No

22 blanks

Article 6: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,325,000 for Public Works?

	2022 – 2023	2023 - 2024
500 Snow & Sanding	\$ 540,000	\$ 643,000
600 Highway	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
601 Paving	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
900 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 279,500	\$ 296,000
2000 Street Lights	<u>\$ 16,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>
	\$ 1,205,500	\$ 1,325,000

Select Board Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

518 Yes

73 No

23 blanks

Article 7: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,167,183 for Emergency Services provided by the Hollis Municipal Fire & Rescue Department?

	2022-2023	2023 - 2024
300 Emergency Services	\$ 989,733	\$ 1,167,183
Select Board Recommends	Finance Committee Recommends	

508 Yes

94 No

12 blanks

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Article 8: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$77,690 for General Assistance, the State mandated welfare program?

	2022-2023	2023 – 2024
1000 General Assistance	\$ 25,000	\$ 77,690
Note: State Refunds are now being put in a Revenue Account		
	Select Board Recommends	Finance Committee Recommends

422 Yes
178 No
14 blanks

Article 9: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$34,300 for the following non-municipal requests?

	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
2299 York County Shelters	\$ 850	\$ 1,000
2300 Visiting Nurse Service	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
2301 York County Comm. Action	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
2303 Kids Free to Grow	\$ 675	\$ 700
2304 Caring Unlimited	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
2307 So. Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
2312 Boy Scouts Troop #323	\$ 600	\$ 500
2333 Girl Scouts Troop #323	\$ 600	\$ 500
2314 Red Cross	\$ 400	\$ 400
2315 Buxton-Hollis Historical	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,100
2317 VNA Home Health	\$ 250	\$ 250
2318 Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100	\$ 100
2320 Saco River Corridor Comm.	\$ 300	\$ 600
2323 La Dawn Therapeutic Riding	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
2329 Life Flight of Maine	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
2330 So ME Veteran's Cemetery Assn	\$ 500	\$ 500
2332 Waban	\$ 200	\$ 200
2400 Saco River Community TV	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,800
XXXX Maine Behavioral Healthcare	\$ 0	\$ 300
	\$ 33,275	\$ 34,300
Select Board Recommends	Finance Committee Recommends	

501 Yes
104 No
9 blanks

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Article 10: 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% per annum, that taxes be due and payable in two (2) payments. The first due on November 1, 2023 and the second on May 1, 2024 with interest commencing on the first half on November 15, 2023 and the second half on May 15, 2024;

2. Accept prepayment of taxes;

3. Set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on the refunded overpayment of taxes for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year set at 4% as recommended by the Tax Collector & Select Board; and

4. Apply all tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes first?

Select Board Recommends

481 Yes

107 No

27 blanks

Article 11: A property tax levy limit has been established for the Town by State Law in the amount of \$1,294,654.00 in the event that the municipal appropriations approved by the voters exceed that limit, shall the Town vote to increase the property tax limit?

Select Board Recommends

322 Yes

257 No

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Article 12: Shall the Town accept and apply estimated anticipated revenues and reimbursements in the amount of \$3,283,364 to the 2023-2024 Tax Commitment?

	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
MDOT Block Grant	\$ 54,244	\$ 53,948
Code Enforcement Fees	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Dog Fees	\$ 800	\$ 800
Excise Tax	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,075,000
Rescue Fees	\$ 120,000	\$ 200,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	\$ 180,000	\$ 190,000
Misc. Rev & Reimbursements	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
BETE Reimbursements	\$ 712,500	\$ 675,000
Homestead Reimbursements	\$ 275,000	\$ 240,000
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$ 30,000	\$ 38,500
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursements	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 447,912	\$ 512,116
General Assistance State Reimbursement	unreported	\$ 45,000
Cable Franchise Fees	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
	\$ 3,148,456	\$ 3,283,364

Select Board Recommends

505 Yes

79 No

30 blanks

Article 13: Shall the Town raise, appropriate, and expend up to \$35,150 for the non-municipal Hollis Center Public Library?

Note: This article is from a Citizen Petition

Select Board Does Not Recommend

Finance Committee Recommends

400 Yes

187 No

27 blanks

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Article 14: 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

518 Yes

69 No

27 blanks

Article 15: 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

555 Yes

48 No

11 Blanks

Article 16: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell town property (real estate) and place the money in a non-lapsing reserve account to spend on a New Town Hall or other town improvements?

Select Board Recommends

443 Yes

157 No

14 Blanks

Article 17: 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

464 Yes

135 No

15 Blanks

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Article 18: Shall the Town allow the Select Board to spend up to \$251,261.59 of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a American Rescue Plan Act or “ARPA” funds) received by the Town from the federal government for qualified projects, as authorized by the Select Board?

Select Board Recommends

455 Yes

142 No

17 blanks

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

452 Yes

146 No

16 blanks

Article 20: Shall the Town adopt the Town of Hollis Zoning Map?

Select Board Recommends

Planning Board Recommends

479 Yes

115 No

20 blanks

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to amend the “Employment, Illness, Disability, and Absence Ordinance” as written?

Select Board Recommends

444 Yes

126 No

44 blanks

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Article 22: Shall the Town vote to amend the "Circulation of Petitions Ordinance" as written?

Select Board Recommends

395 Yes

159 No

60 blanks

Article 23: Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled "Donations, Gifts, Reimbursements and Fees Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine" as written?

Select Board Recommends

443 Yes

124 No

47 blanks

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to repeal the ordinance entitled "Animal Control Ordinance - Town of Hollis, Maine" and follow the rules for Animal Welfare in the Maine State Statutes Title 7, Part 9?

Select Board Recommends

483 Yes

93 No

38 blanks

Article 25: Is the Town in favor of ceasing allowance of cluster housing subdivisions?

323 Yes

264 No

27 Blanks

Article 26: To see if the Town pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3025 will vote to accept the dedication made by Totem Pines Homeowners Association of an easement interest in a strip of land bounded and described as follows: Totem Pines Drive, and to accept and establish a Town way on said strip of land?

Select Board Recommends

393 Yes

178 No

43 blanks

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Given under our hands this 14 day of April, A.D. 2023

Hollis Select Board:

_____ David McCubrey, Chair

_____ s/signature on file John Rogala

_____ s/ signature on file Mary Hoffman

Warrant received by Martha E. Huff, Hollis Town Clerk 4/14/2023 8:30 a.m.

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.

Voter Registration hours were published in the Waterboro reporter and the Portland Press Herald

Return on Warrant

Hollis Annual Town Meeting being held on June 13, 2023

Town of Hollis, York County, State of Maine

Date: June 1, 2023

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 Upstairs & downstairs, The Hollis Community Building The Station House , and the Hollis Town Clerk's Office in said town, being public and conspicuous places in town, on the 1st day of June, 2023 A.D., being at least seven days before the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2023.

Signed: s/signature on file Edward Dyson

A True Attested Copy: _____
Martha E. Huff, Hollis Town Clerk