

WARRANT TOWN OF WEST GARDINER

**To: Tina J. Marks
Resident of West Gardiner in the County of Kennebec**

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of West Gardiner in said county, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the West Gardiner Volunteer Fire Department in said Town on Saturday the 5th of April 2025 at 12:00 pm then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend up to 25% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the payment of interest on tax anticipated loans.

Select Board Recommends: from Surplus

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than May 1, 2025; who pay the total amount of FY 2025-2026 taxes by monthly payments from July 15, 2025 to June 15, 2026; who abide by the requirements of said plan as established by the Select Board, who is not escrow enrolled with the mortgage company; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the salaries of Town Officials or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 226,350.00 (24)	\$ 362,859.00 (25) Excise
Select Board	\$ 30,000.00 (24)	\$ 44,265.00 (25)
Administrative Assistant/Excise		
Tax Collector	\$ 58,000.00 (24)	\$ 89,778.00 (25)
Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$ 43,400.00 (24)	\$ 75,705.00 (25)
Clerical Help	\$ 41,410.00 (24)	\$ 62,850.00 (25)
Office Support	\$ 0.00 (24)	\$ 22,000.00 (25)
Fire Chief	\$ 8,000.00 (24)	\$ 12,250.00 (25)
Fire Department Officers	\$ 4,500.00 (24)	\$ 7,500.00 (25)
Fire Wardens	\$ 0.00 (24)	\$ 0.00 (25)
Animal Control Officer	\$ 6,500.00 (24)	\$ 9,485.00 (25)
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 15,500.00 (24)	\$ 24,076.00 (25)
CEO Alternate	\$ 1,000.00 (24)	\$ 0.00 (25)
Ballot Clerks	\$ 2,000.00 (24)	\$ 9,500.00 (25)
E-911 Coordinator	\$ 3,850.00 (24)	\$ 5,450.00 (25)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for EMA Director or take any other action thereon. (FEMA ACCT & EXCISE)

Select Board Recommends	\$ 0.00 (24)	\$ 6,000.00 (25)
		\$ 3,300.00 Excise
		\$ 2,700.00 Other

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for Fire Fighters wages or take any other action thereon.

Fire Department recommends:	\$ 0.00 (24)	\$ 28,800.00 (25) Excise
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ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Administrative Account and to authorize the Select Board to expand any receipts to the Administrative Account and carry any money forward into accounts as may be deemed necessary or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 55,000.00 (24)	\$ 100,000.00 (25)
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ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the town website to be developed and maintained or take any other action thereon.

Edna & Douglas Brunelle	\$ 300.00
Gary Hickey II	\$ 400.00
Duane Furlong	\$ 400.00

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society of Augusta (KVHS) or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 6,500.00 (24) \$ 7,000.00 (25)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the following West Gardiner Fire Department accounts or take any other action thereon:

Select Board Recommends: \$ 65,705.00 (24) \$ 117,800.00 (25)

Fire Department Operations	\$ 42,705.00 (24)	\$ 84,250.00 (25) Excise
Emergency Fire Truck Repair	\$ 5,000.00 (24)	\$ 7,000.00 (25)
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$ 9,000.00 (24)	\$ 14,450.00 (25)
SCBA & Associated Equipment	\$ 5,000.00 (24)	\$ 7,100.00 (25)
Match Grant Account	\$ 4,000.00 (24)	\$ 5,000.00 (25) Excise

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectboard and Chief of the West Gardiner Fire Department to sell Squad 2, a 2003 Mini Pumper and Utility 6, a 2011 Ford flatbed utility/forestry for the purpose of combining the two current vehicles into one multi-use unit or take any other action thereon. The resulting funds shall be utilized to purchase an updated, one ton vehicle with a utility style body and will be designated as Utility 2.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Second (2nd) of seven (7) payments for the Fire Truck loan or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 23,000.00 (24) \$ 23,000.00 (25)

DUE DATE 2/12

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for communications or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 65,000.00 (24) \$ 65,000.00 (25) **Excise**

Forrest Wakefield Scholarship	\$ 800.00 (24)	\$ 0.00 (25)
Fire Marshal Vehicle Maint.	\$ 0.00 (24)	\$ 800.00 (25)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to maintain the West Gardiner Transfer Station Accounts or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 244,000.00 (24) \$ 371,000.00 (25)

T.S. Operational	\$ 150,000.00 (24)	\$ 285,000.00 (25)
T.S. Container	\$ 4,000.00 (24)	\$ 6,000.00 (25) Excise
T.S. Maintenance Facilities	\$ 30,000.00 (24)	\$ 80,000.00 (25) Excise

ARTICLE 32. Shall the Town of West Gardiner (1) approve a capital improvement project consisting of repairs to the Town’s transfer station (the “Project”), including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to fund the Project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 909,950.33
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ -0-
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 150,000.00

2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.0% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal	\$ 150,000
Interest	\$ <u>44,257</u>
Total:	\$ 194,257

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 20,001.00 (24)	\$ 15,701.00 (25)
Hospice Volunteers of K.V.	\$ 1,451.00 (24)	\$ 1,451.00 (25)
Family Violence Project	\$ 1,350.00 (24)	\$ 1,350.00 (25)
Chrysalis Place	\$ 5,000.00 (24)	\$ 3,500.00 (25)
Faith Food Pantry	\$ 5,000.00 (24)	\$ 3,500.00 (25)
Spectrum Generations	\$ 4,000.00 (24)	\$ 2,700.00 (25)
United Valley American Red Cross	\$ 3,200.00 (24)	\$ 3,200.00 (25)

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 15,500.00 (24)	\$ 15,800.00 (25)
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ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Newsletter or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 3,600.00 (24)	\$ 0.00 (25)
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ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the following requests or take any other action thereon.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Request

	\$ 14,300.00 (24)	\$ 16,500.00 (25)
Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI)	\$ 8,300.00 (24)	\$ 9,500.00 (25)
DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester)	\$ 6,000.00 (24)	\$ 7,000.00 (25)

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Town Office Building in need of upgrades or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends:	\$ 10,000.00 (24)	\$ 10,000.00 (25) Excise
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ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the Historical Society building or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 80,000.00 (24) \$ 70,000.00 (25) **Surplus**

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the third (3rd) of four (4) for the Cobbossee Lake Dam & New Mills Dam Repairs or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Recommends: \$ 5,375.00 (24) \$ 5,375.00 (25)

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax leavy limit established for the Town of West Gardiner by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax leavy limit or take any other action thereon. (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Given under our hands this 20th day of March 2025.

/s/ Gregory A. Couture

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/s/ Gary M. Hickey II

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/s/ Randall W. Macomber

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Polls will be open on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the West Gardiner Volunteer Fire Department from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm for the Municipal Election to elect all Town officers required by law and previous vote of the Town to be chosen by secret ballot. Namely: Select Board, Assessor, Overseer – 3 Years and MSAD #11 School Board Member – 3 Years in accordance with provisions of Title 30, Section 2061 of the Revised Statutes of 1964 and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof.