

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual upkeep of the old dump on Middle Rd for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 500.00

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads for calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 435,000.00
Taxation.....290,000.00
Excise Tax.....145,000.00
Total.....435,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 435,000.00
Taxation.....290,000.00
Excise Tax.....145,000.00
.....**435,000.00**

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 4,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 4,000.00

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operating expenses of the New Portland Fire Department for calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 50,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 50,500.00

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the continuing Fire Fighter Training Account.

Selectmen Recommend 2,810.00

Budget Committee Recommends 2,810.00

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the loan payment for the fire station.

Selectmen Recommend 5,993.00

Budget Committee Recommends 5,993.00

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Replacement Account

Selectmen Recommend 10,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 10,000.00

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for animal control for calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 1,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 1,500.00

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the betterment and upkeep of cemeteries for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 6,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 6,000.00

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Fees for the calendar year 2026

Selectmen Recommend 3,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends 3,500.00

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the New Portland Community Library.

Selectmen Recommend 11,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 11,000.00

The library requested 11,000

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses to produce the New Portlander newsletter.

Selectmen Recommend 5,200.00

Budget Committee Recommends 5,200.00

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Town's share of the 2026 operating expenses of the Kingfield/ New Portland Transfer Station.

Selectmen Recommend 91,466.00

Budget Committee Recommends 91,466.00

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the TRIO software licensing fees for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 19,132.00

Budget Committee Recommends 19,132.00

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maine Municipal Bond payment for the Sand Salt Shed for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 28,239.00

Budget Committee Recommends 28,239.00

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sand Salt Shed Maintenance for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 6,700.00

Budget Committee Recommends 6,700.00

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the People Who Care Food Cupboard for the Calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 3,000.00

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance Program for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 2,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 2,000.00

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend 1,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends 1,000.00

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 1.00 for abatements for the calendar year 2026.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Budget Committee Recommend YES

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase corporate bonds for the treasurer and tax collector for the calendar year 2026. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027 to the 2027 annual town meeting. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and treasurer to use overlay for accounts exceeding appropriated amounts. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to charge the maximum rate of interest allowed by law on all unpaid taxes beginning thirty days after commitment of said taxes or on October 1st, whichever is later.

Selectmen Recommend YES, the maximum rate allowed for 2026 is 7.00%

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of 3% at which interest will be paid on refunds of taxes paid but later rebated. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to appoint a budget committee for calendar year 2027. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to use Surplus (Undesignated fund balance) to reduce taxes as they deem necessary for the 2026 tax year. **Selectmen Recommend YES**

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon. If the deed is executed in favor of the delinquent owner or his/her successor in interest. The deed shall be executed and delivered upon payment of outstanding taxes, interest and costs. Otherwise, the deed shall be executed and delivered only after obtaining bids and after advertising sale in two newspapers or periodicals having a circulation that includes New Portland at least 15 days prior to the date that bids are due. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for New Portland by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State aid for education
4. Public Library state aid per capita
5. Civil Emergency Funds
6. Snowmobile registration monies and grants
7. Tree Growth reimbursement
8. Veteran's exemption reimbursement
9. Homestead exemption reimbursement
10. General Assistance reimbursement
11. State grant and other funds (this category includes all funds that are not included in items 1 through 11 above)

The Registrar of voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX (2026).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen

A true copy of the Warrant:

Janet White, Chairman

Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager
Warden & Constable

Raymond Poulin

David Veilluex