

TOWN OF MONMOUTH  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 9, 2026

KENNEBEC COUNTY, SS

STATE OF MAINE

TO: Paul Ferland, a constable in the Town of Monmouth in the County of Kennebec and the State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Monmouth in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Meeting Room located at 117 Academy Road, the ninth day of June, A. D. 2026 (June 9, 2026) at 8:00 A.M., then and there to act on Article 1 and to vote by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 31, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., said articles being the following:

Note: Absentee ballots will first be available at the Monmouth Town Office May 11th during business hours.

Article 1. To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect the following officers and officials:

- A. Two (2) Select Board members for a three (3)-year term.
- B. One (1) Cumston Hall Trustee, for a three (3)-year term.
- C. One (1) Cumston Library Trustee, for a three (3)-year term.
- D. Two (2) Sanitary District Trustees, for a three (3)-year term.

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance to fund the Senior Citizen Property Tax Assistance Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, which provides refunds up to \$500.00 to those who are 65 years of age and have been a resident of the Town for 10 years?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,517,432.00 for General Government for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Expense Items

Administration	\$ 564,817.00
Assessing	\$ 45,280.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 46,370.00
Committees/Boards	\$ 19,500.00
Elected Officials	\$ 16,852.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 693,300.00
Municipal Buildings	\$ 62,713.00
Risk Management	\$ 68,600.00

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ 200.00 from the Cumston Prize Fund and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 38,417.00 for a total of \$38,617.00 for the below listed Community Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Expense Items:

Cemetery Care	\$ 17,500.00
General Assistance	\$ 5,000.00
Cumston Prize	\$ 200.00
American Red Cross	\$ 500.00
KVCAP Transportation	\$ 800.00
Family Violence	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Day Services	\$ 700.00
Spectrum Generations	\$ 2,725.00
Food Bank	\$ 150.00
RCAM	\$ 5,500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 1,000.00
LifeFlight	\$ 1,017.00
NAMI Maine	\$ 500.00
Children's Center	\$2,025.00

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the donation of municipal employee time and materials for the care of the North Monmouth Beach during the summer swimming season, including lawn mowing, trash removal, sanitary facilities, and the payment of half of the property's liability insurance, conditioned upon the allowance of full public access to the beach?

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$530,389.00 for Law Enforcement and Animal Control Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Expense Items:

Police Department: \$ 516,925.00  
Animal Control: \$ 13,464.00

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 212,598.00 for Fire Protection for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 464,422.00 for Public Safety Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Expense Items:

Ambulance Services: \$ 210,813.00  
Dispatch Services: \$ 176,609.00  
Fire Hydrants: \$ 72,000.00  
Streetlights: \$ 5,000.00

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 137,598.00 for Cumston Hall operating expenses for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 105,957.00 for the Cumston Public Library operating expenses for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 6,000.00 for 1856 Academy Building heating expenses for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommend Yes

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 140,500.00 for Parks and Recreation Programs for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 1,457,290.00 for Public Works Accounts for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?  
Select Board Recommends Yes

Expense Items

Public Works \$ 889,875.00  
Transfer Station \$ 542,815.00  
Other Public Works \$24,600.00  
• Parking Lot Rent \$100.00

- Milfoil Inspections \$24,000.00
- Woodbury Pond Dam Maintenance \$500.00

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 574,199.00 for Debt Retirement and Debt Service for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?

*Explanation: This article appropriates funds to make the payments on debt that has previously been authorized and incurred by the town.*

Select Board Recommends Yes

Expense Items:

Debt Retirement	\$ 433,762.00
Debt Service	\$ 140,437.00

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to exceed the amount authorized for each expense item approved in Article 4 through Article 15 above by no more than 10% annually, so long as the overall amount spent for the sum total of those articles does not exceed the total appropriation approved for those articles.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 17. Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unassigned fund balance an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the replacement of the Central Fire Station roof?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 18. Shall the Town vote to: (i) raise and appropriate \$340,000.00, and (ii) appropriate an additional \$9,828.00 from the Town of Wales per capita fee for the Transfer Station, for a total appropriation of \$349,828.00, to fund the following capital reserve accounts for the 2026-2027 fiscal year?

*Explanation: The list below shows the sum recommended by the Select Board for each capital reserve account. The purpose of the capital reserve account appropriations is to set aside funds for future infrastructure investment as well as vehicle and equipment expenditures. This reduces and avoids a large, one-time, appropriation for major expenses in the future. Expending money from these accounts is at the discretion of the Select Board.*

Cumston Hall Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Police Department Equipment Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Road Maintenance Reserve	\$ 300,000.00
Transfer Station Reserve	\$ 9,828.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to: (i) authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the Town of Winthrop to establish a joint police department, serving both Monmouth and Winthrop, on terms and conditions that the Select Board considers to be in the best interests of the Town, to begin service no earlier than July 1, 2027, and (ii) take all steps necessary to formally disband the Monmouth Police Department following execution of such an interlocal agreement?

*Explanation: A "Yes" vote would authorize the Select Board to begin formal negotiations with the Town of Winthrop to explore creating a joint police department. The Police Consolidation Committee anticipates that any joint department would be governed by a police commission made up of representatives from both communities.*

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 20. To determine what action the Town will take regarding the disposal of demolition debris and bulky waste at the Transfer Station.

Option 1: Discontinue acceptance of demolition debris and bulky waste at the Transfer Station, resulting in an estimated annual savings of \$115,000.

Option 2: Authorize the purchase and installation of a scale at the Transfer Station at a cost of \$120,000 and establish user fees to cover both the cost of the scale and the ongoing expense of disposing of demolition debris and bulky waste.

*Explanation: If option 2 is selected, an additional vote will be needed at a later election to approve the financing.*

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$187,500.00 to be used as matching funds for up to \$750,000 in federal and/or state grants for the completion of the 1856 Monmouth Academy restoration project? If such grant funding is not awarded, the appropriated funds shall lapse to the Town's unassigned fund balance. Further, upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the restored Academy building, the Town shall authorize the sale of the property located at 117 Academy Road (the Recreation Building), including associated land, in accordance with applicable laws and procedures.

*Explanation: It is anticipated that this one-time initiative would add 0.20 cents to the tax rate for the upcoming tax year and will not be part of the operating budget. Outstanding grant awards include Maine Historical Preservation Commission Grant, and Senator Susan Collins – Congressionally Designated Spending.*

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 22. Shall the Town vote to appropriate 100% of the snowmobile refund check received from the State of Maine to the Monmouth Cochnewagan Trailblazers for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails within the town of Monmouth, provided that such maintenance is performed only with the landowner's permission and only on trails that are open for public use.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 23. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on those prepayments, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506.

Select Board Recommend Yes

Article 24. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to \$750,000.00 from Municipal Revenue Sharing and up to \$1,517,929.00 of FY2027 non-property tax revenue to reduce the tax commitment?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 25. Shall the Town vote to set the dates that fiscal year 2026-2027 property taxes are due as October 15, 2026 and April 15, 2027, to charge interest at a rate of 7.0% per annum for fiscal year 2026-2027 property taxes paid after those dates, and authorize the Select Board to postpone the due date of property taxes and waive interest when the Governor declares a State of Emergency?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 26. Shall an ordinance entitled "Solid Waste Storage Ordinance" be enacted?

*(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the polls.)*

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 27. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax-acquired property on such terms as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to execute all documents on behalf of the Town necessary for such dispositions, provided that the Select Board shall use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for all sales or other dispositions of tax-acquired property to anyone other than the former owner, as defined in § 943-C, and further provided that that sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner; and to further authorize the Select Board to retain tax-acquired property for the Town, provided that it follow the requirements of 36 M.R.S. § 943-C(7)?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 28. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to make municipal expenditures based on the latest approved municipal budget, if the proposed budget in whole or part fails to pass, until a proposed municipal budget, in whole or in part, is approved, with such expenses chargeable to the appropriations later approved?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 29. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend or utilize for its intended purpose on behalf of the Town any grants or funds awarded or paid to the Town by any State or federal agency, grant or other monetary donation from any other public or private entity, organization or individual, and any gift of personal property, to authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary to comply with all conditions (if any) attached to the receipt of such grant funds, and to authorize the Select Board to apply for such grants, funds or donations where an application is required, or take any other action thereon?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 30. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of surplus personal property through sale or donation of said items on terms and conditions that the Select Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 31. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate Tax Increment Financing Revenues from the development program fund of the Tax Increment Financing District for purposes authorized in the District's Development Program?

Select Board Recommends Yes

Given under our hands at Monmouth, Maine this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

TOWN OF MONMOUTH  
SELECT BOARD

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C. Douglas Ludewig, Chair

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Kayla Duquette

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Mark Burgess

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Kristin Sanborn

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Kent Ackley