



Meetings

Meetings take place at 117 Academy Rd. unless otherwise noted.

Select Board 6pm

April 1, 15/May 13, 27
June 10, 24

Planning Board 7pm

April 9/May 14/June 11

Economic Dev. 6pm

April 20/May 18/June 15

1856 Academy 6pm

April 6/May 11/June TBD

Trails Committee 7pm

April 7/May TBD/June TBD

Conservation 9:30am

April 21/May 12/June 9

Age Friendly 11:30am

April 22/May 20/June 2

Recreation 5:30pm

April 6/May TBD/June TBD

*For updated info on meetings,
visit*

www.monmouthmaine.gov

Monmouth Messenger

VOTE ON JUNE 9!

On Tuesday, June 9th from 8am-8pm, Monmouth residents will head to 117 Academy Rd. to vote on the Town Warrant.

Budgets, agreements, allocations, and more will be covered in the vote.

Be sure to check out this edition of the Messenger for a chance to look at the warrant, which will be the same one you'll vote on in June.

We employ numerous ways of communicating this information: YouTube, Facebook, MonmouthMaine.gov, and this very publication, the Monmouth Messenger.

We try our hardest to make sure that residents and voters have enough information to make informed decisions about their town's future, and this edition of the Messenger is a great way to start!

**VOTE on Tuesday, June 9th 2026 at 117 Academy Rd.
8am - 8pm.**

Messenger Staff

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Town Closures

April 20

Patriots' Day

May 25

Memorial Day

June 18

Juneteenth

TAX REMINDER

The second half of property taxes are due April 15.



CEO HOURS

CEO Richard Greenwald

Monday 10am - 6pm

Tuesday 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Please feel free to visit him during these times or call him at 207-481-9400 x 108 with any questions.

Open Seats Available!

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!!!

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW! ACT SOON!

*SELECT BOARD - (2) SEATS - 3 YR TERMS

*CUMSTON HALL TRUSTEE (1) SEAT -3 YR TERM

*CUMSTON LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1) SEAT - 3 YR TERM

*TRUSTEES OF SANITARY DIST. (2) SEATS - 3 YR TERMS

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. A MINIMUM OF 25 SIGNATURES OF REGISTERED VOTERS IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 12TH. PLEASE SEE YESSICA FLORES, TOWN CLERK, FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ATV Registrations Available May 1

Please ride safely and be considerate and respect the landowners!





Monmouth Fire Department



Monmouth firefighters and Auxiliary members will be hosting our Annual Memorial Day Breakfast at the Center Station on **Monday, May 25, 2026, from 8:00-10:00 am**. Veterans eat for free!

A Memorial Day Service and Parade will be held that same morning (exact time TBD). As we get closer to Memorial Day, information will be posted on the town's website and/or shared on social media with additional details.



The 10th Annual Monmouth Beach Party will take place on **Friday, July 3, 2026**, at Town Beach. This year's event will kick off with a Cardboard Canoe Race at 4:30 pm, live music by Continental Shakedown and a spectacular fireworks display over Cochnewagan Lake at 9:15 pm. There will be several food vendors and a bounce house for the kiddos.

This year's fireworks display will be the largest one yet to celebrate the Nation's 250th Birthday, so you won't want to miss it!



On Tuesday, April 28th @ 10:30AM, Age Friendly Monmouth will be hosting a kickoff event for a new walking group.

Participants should meet in the Cumston Hall parking lot, where we'll begin with an easy walk along the Cumston Hall trail. For those interested, the group may continue on to the beach and back, depending on participants' preferences and abilities. All are welcome, as well as leashed pets. Future walks will be discussed at this time

On May 2nd at 10:00 a.m., we will be holding a Fraud and Scam Prevention Educational session at 117 Academy Road. This presentation will be led by Andy Chandler, a retired cybersecurity professional. The event is free of charge and open to anyone in the community who would like to attend.

The Age-Friendly Committee will also be participating in MayFaire (May 16th) where we will have a variety of vegetable and herb seedlings available for purchase. Proceeds will support upcoming programs and initiatives for the community.

Our next committee meeting will take place on April 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at 117 Academy Road. Community members are always welcome to attend.

The Medical Supply Loan Closet continues to be available for any Monmouth residents. Available items are wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, raised toilet seats, canes and transfer tub bench. Contact Ellen at 207-754-6632 for more information.

Monmouth/Winthrop Police Department

Consolidation Information



Consolidating police departments is often driven by fiscal concerns, but it can also result in improved service. Our Town officials often conduct due diligence before spending taxpayers' dollars; a consolidation study is a smart way to conduct that due diligence.



On November 4, 2025, a questionnaire was made available at the polling center requesting citizens input as to whether Monmouth should continue talks with Winthrop in consolidating the two police agencies into one department. The results were overwhelming enough to continue the talks. So, we will continue these meetings and move forward with our talks. I have said since the very first meeting that consolidation most likely would not save the town money but would provide the community with a better level of service, this is not inferring that our officers do not provide a quality service to our community, because they do. You will not find a better group of individuals who are more committed to serving this community than they are.

What I refer to is lengthy complex investigations that tax the resources of our 4.5-person department, not to mention the need for these men and women to get the much-needed vacations they deserve to recharge their batteries and training time they are required to obtain to maintain their law enforcement certifications.

Our goal this year at the direction of the Select Board and Town Manager is to present a budget that meets the needs of the department while taking in the fact that our community is struggling with heavy tax burden that we all share. I am no different as I also live in this wonderful community.

I personally believe that consolidation is moving this community in the right direction for the future and is the right path to take. Many communities in Maine have had to shut their doors to their police agencies due to lack of interest in law enforcement as a career, low pay and benefits, and no public support for the police. This is not the case in Monmouth, we have had tremendous public support, and I thank you all for that support. We recently signed a 3-year contract with the Union representing our town employees which brought their pay up over the 3 years so that we can continue to compete with surrounding communities and not lose our great officers to other police agencies.

I hope that our community will allow us to at least go forward with this consolidation effort and listen to all the facts before making an ill-informed decision. Not everything you hear on social media is factual, draw your own conclusions and let the facts speak for themselves and then make your decision. It is easy to say we don't need a police department in Monmouth, but we truly do. Thank you, and as always, I can be reached at policechief@winthropmaine.gov

Chief Paul A. Ferland

Monmouth/Winthrop Police Consolidation FAQ

1. What is being proposed?

The Towns of Monmouth and Winthrop are exploring the consolidation of their police departments into a single, jointly operated regional police service. This would combine personnel, equipment, and administrative functions under one unified structure.

2. Why are the towns considering consolidation?

Both communities are evaluating consolidation to:

- Improve service coverage and response times
- Address staffing challenges and recruitment and retention issues
- Share costs and reduce duplication of services
- Maintain or enhance public safety services in a cost-effective way
 - Improve supervisory oversight for both agencies

3. What would change for residents?

Residents would continue to receive police services, but:

- Officers may be assigned across both towns rather than dedicated to one
- Patrol coverage may increase due to shared staffing
- Dispatch and administrative operations may be centralized

The goal is to maintain or improve current service levels.

4. Will there still be a police presence in both towns?

Yes. Both Monmouth and Winthrop would continue to receive police coverage. Patrols would be deployed based on call volume, demand, and community needs rather than strict town boundaries.

5. Who would oversee the consolidated department?

Governance details are still under discussion, but options may include:

- A joint oversight board with representatives from both towns
- Defined agreements outlining budget, staffing, and policy decisions
- Both communities currently share a Police Chief

6. Will this save money?

Potential cost savings are a key consideration. Savings may come from:

- Shared administrative functions
- Reduced duplication of equipment and facilities
- More efficient staffing models

FAQ - Cont.

7. Will taxes increase or decrease?

The financial impact will depend on the final structure of the agreement. The towns are analyzing whether consolidation will stabilize or reduce long-term costs compared to maintaining two separate departments.

8. What happens to current police officers and staff?

Current employees would likely:

- Continue their positions in the new consolidated department
- Integrated into a unified staffing structure

Specific personnel decisions will depend on final agreements and staffing needs.

9. How will response times be affected?

The intent is to improve or maintain response times by:

- Increasing available officers on duty
- Allowing flexible deployment across both communities
- Reducing gaps in coverage due to staffing shortages

10. Will local control be lost?

Both towns would retain a role in oversight through the agreed governance structure. The goal is to balance regional efficiency with local input and accountability.

11. What are the next steps?

Next steps may include:

- Finalizing a consolidation plan and cost analysis
- Public meetings and opportunities for community input
- Approval by voters at Town Meeting and in Winthrop, approval by the Town Council.

12. How can residents provide input?

Residents are encouraged to:

- Attend public meetings and hearings
- Contact town officials
- Review available reports and proposals

Community feedback will play an important role in the decision-making process.

13. When would consolidation take effect?

If approved, implementation would likely occur over a phased timeline to ensure a smooth transition, including staffing, policy alignment, and operational integration.

Monmouth Conservation Commission

Wednesday Workdays at Whittier Woods will be an attempt to maintain and improve the trails at Whittier Woods starting in April depending on weather.

Some of the projects will include repainting the blazes, constructing a wider bog bridge to replace those on the nature trail, installing some stepping stones on the soggy parts of the trails and trimming along the trails to help keep people's hats on their heads.

We will use the Facebook page of Whittier Woods to communicate the project of the week.

See us at MayFaire for information on invasives that are impacting Monmouth!

INVASIVE

Multiflora Rose

Description: Perennial, deciduous shrub, up to 20' tall, usually very branched, with arching canes that can grow up other plants and into low tree branches. Canes have stout recurved thorns. Thornless varieties exist, but they are uncommon.

Control methods: Small plants and seedlings may be pulled up by the roots when soil is moist (wear gloves!); larger plants can be cut, but re-sprouting will occur.

Persistent cutting or mowing multiple times during the growing season over several years may kill the plant, but diligence is required. Mowing can prevent seedlings from establishing. Goats will browse it but repeated, heavy damage over multiple years is required to kill established shrubs. Herbicides are effective as foliar applications (glyphosate or triclopyr solution), cut-stump application (glyphosate or triclopyr solution applied immediately after cutting except in early spring), or basal bark application any time of year.



1856 Academy Committee



The 1856 Monmouth Academy Restoration Committee continues to actively pursue funding opportunities to complete the restoration of the historic 1856 Monmouth Academy building. Significant progress has already been made, and we are pleased to report that the exterior restoration is complete. Remaining exterior work includes installing handicap-accessible walkways, realigning the parking lot, and creating designated handicap parking spaces.

We recently submitted a request for Congressional Direct Spending (CDS) funding through the office of Susan Collins. This application closed on March 18, 2026, and seeks \$500,000 for the project. This grant requires a 25% local match from the Town.

Another potential funding source is the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The State approved \$10 million in historic preservation grants during the 2025 legislative session, and an additional \$25,000 is expected to be approved to support program administration over

the next three years. Once the application process opens, the committee plans to request \$250,000. This program also requires a 25% local match.

Together, these opportunities represent \$750,000 in potential funding. To access these funds, the Town would need to provide approximately \$187,500 as a one-time match. If awarded, the total investment in the project would reach approximately \$937,750, allowing the committee to complete the interior restoration and address remaining work needed to fully restore the building.

The proposed \$187,500 match would be a one-time request. Based on the Town's current valuation, the estimated impact would be approximately \$0.20 on the tax rate, though the final amount may vary depending on other budget factors.

To move this forward, the committee submitted a draft warrant article to the Select Board at their March 4, 2026 meeting. We are hopeful the Board will place the article on the June 2026 town warrant so Monmouth citizens can decide whether to support this opportunity.

Interest in the building's future use continues to grow, with several community groups already expressing interest. Once completed, the 1856 Academy Community Center will provide valuable meeting and program space for Town departments, municipal boards and committees, and local organizations.

The committee believes this one-time match represents a unique opportunity to leverage significant grant funding while preserving an important historic landmark and creating a lasting community resource. We respectfully ask for the support of Monmouth voters to help complete this important project and secure the future of this historic building.

Monmouth Recreation

Monmouth Recreation is celebrating an exciting and successful late winter and early spring season, filled with growth, energy, and memorable accomplishments. Our youth wrestling program has seen incredible momentum, nearly doubling in size with 29 dedicated wrestlers. Our youth competition cheer teams brought enthusiasm and pride to their final competitive performances, showcasing impressive routines at two regional competitions. We are also extremely proud of our Boys 3/4 Basketball team, who capped off their season as Bulldog Tournament Champions—a true reflection of their hard work, teamwork, and determination.



None of these programs would be possible without the unwavering support of our amazing volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to all our coaches for the time, dedication, and passion you bring to our community's youth—you truly make a difference.

As we look ahead, we are thrilled to turn our attention to an action-packed summer. We are excited to introduce a variety of new weeklong camps, including youth soccer, basketball, cheering, and a brand-new PE (Physical Education) Camp. Registration details and full program information will be shared in April, so be sure to keep an eye on your email, as well as the Monmouth Recreation website and Facebook page for the latest updates.

We are also gearing up for a fantastic season at the Monmouth Town Beach. Swim lessons will be offered, and we are currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team as lifeguards and beach attendants. If you are interested, please reach out at mgriswold@monmouthmaine.gov. Working alongside the Recreation Committee, we will also be sharing updates with the community regarding beach use and management to ensure this special space continues to be enjoyed by all.



We are proud to continue building a vibrant, active, and connected Recreation Department for the Monmouth community. There is so much to look forward to, and we can't wait for a fantastic summer ahead!

Mike Griswold
Monmouth Recreation Director
mgriswold@monmouthmaine.gov

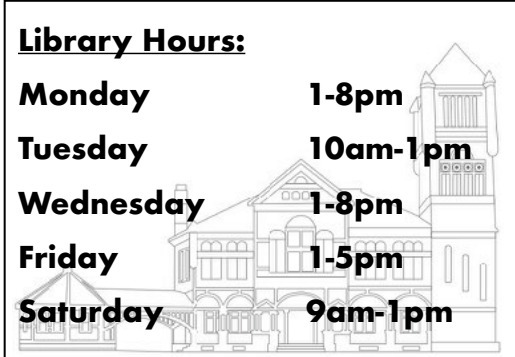
From the Cumston Public Library

FOR LIBRARY USERS OF ALL AGES:

Come and visit your library! We have moved things around, added some comfy seating, and plan to offer hot drinks on Saturday mornings this winter. Stop in anytime to see the changes, give us some feedback, and chat with your neighbors.

Check out some great items from our growing Library of Things: craft kits, ukuleles, baking pans, games, puzzles, and more! Looking for an older or unusual title? Request an “interlibrary loan” from another Maine library for free through the generosity of the Friends of Cumston Library. Need a page or two printed? No problem - you can print right from your phone, easy peasy!

Library Hours:	
Monday	1-8pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm
Wednesday	1-8pm
Friday	1-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm



Stop in and have some fun with simple creative projects for children, families, adults, and/or seniors. In addition to these “anytime” sessions, the library hosts the repeating programs listed below. We also offer author visits and other “one-off” programs frequently, so stay tuned! For more call 207- 481- 9403

From the Friends of Cumston Library

The Friends of Cumston Library is a volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Library.

May Faire is our biggest event of the year, and it is coming up on May 16! Gardeners can purchase annual and perennial plants, readers can find used books at the book sale, and hungry patrons can find a wide range food options. Come and join us! Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Harry Cochrane Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 2. School children will come to Cumston Hall to hear all about its history and the role that Harry Cochrane played in it. The students will get treats, bookmarks, and an appreciation for this historic landmark.

Fundraising events sponsored by the Friends supply a variety of resources for the Library such as passes to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, Maine State Parks passes, and the story walk at the Whittier Woods nature trails. The free yoga classes on Wednesdays are the courtesy of the Friends, as are several other programs through the year.

To help raise these funds, the Friends of the Library hold a used book sale in the basement of Cumston Hall every third Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 1:00. Book lovers can also shop for used books whenever the Library is open. Want to volunteer? We can always use more help at the book sales.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends of the Library. Come and help us support this important resource! Our meetings are on 4/13, 7/13, and 10/19.

Trails Mix

It was great to see so many people out using The Prescott Hill / Sanborn Fields trails this winter! With the snow and cold weather, the entire 4 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails were available this year from early January through early March, and the 1.75 miles of snowshoe trails were available even longer. In addition to normal use of the trails, we held two evening events in January and February for people to get together and ski or snowshoe under the full moon, along with one free opportunity to learn to skate ski. We estimate that the trails were used by around 100 different people from Monmouth and surrounding towns throughout the winter, with around 90% of the total usage by cross-country skiers. We received a lot of positive comments and appreciation for the landowners making the land available and for the volunteers that helped maintain the trails.

As we move towards summer, we are looking at ways to continue to make the trails more accessible. While most of the trails are available for use in non-winter months, be aware that there will be some wet areas. If you are walking or biking, please try to avoid any sections of the trail, including grassed areas, where you find yourself sinking into the ground or creating ruts as this can cause damage that is difficult to repair. Through the summer, some areas may be posted to avoid; please respect the requests of our landowners. Please also be considerate with parking at the Prescott Hill Rd trailhead and park on the side of the road if the ground is soft.

Note that these trails are available for non-motorized use only. E-bikes are NOT allowed. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed. Please pick up after your dogs. As always, when hiking in the woods, be aware of ticks and use care to avoid poison ivy.

All work on these trails is done by volunteers. If you are interested in helping with trail development or maintenance, or if you have questions, please contact monmouth-xcski@usa.net

MONMOUTH MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

Monmouth Museum
PO Box 352
748 Main Street
Monmouth, ME 04259

We're your connection to local history!

Carriage House

Ansel Blossom House

Country Store

OPEN for the SEASON
HOURS:
Wed & Sat from 10-3
Thu & Fri from 1-5
Tours will start as soon as weather permits.

Harry H. Cochrane
ARCHIVES
Monmouth Museum

Archives open by appointment only

Contact us
phone: 207-933-2287
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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 will 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 1st day of April, 2026.

TOWN OF MONMOUTH
SELECT BOARD

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JUNE 26	INNI MAMAS
JULY 3	NO TRUCK
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JULY 17	CRUZIN' SLICE
JULY 24	L/A TACO
JULY 31	KABAYAN PHILLIPINE
AUGUST 7	MOJO ON THE GO
AUGUST 14	MR. SEA'S

5-8pm