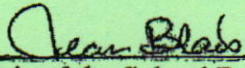


STATE OF MAINE
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 2
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF MONMOUTH
JUNE 10, 2025


Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Vote "yes" or "no" by filling in the oval ● of your choice at the left of the article.

Yes Article 1: Do you favor approving the Regional School Unit No. 2 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?
 No

Yes Article 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Regional School Unit No. 2 for an additional three years?
 No

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON ARTICLE 2:

A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 2 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 2.

SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MONMOUTH, MAINE
JUNE 10, 2025**

Yveica Paylo Flare
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ Fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, write the name in the write-in space and fill in the oval ●
- ◆ Do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

SELECT BOARD, ASSESSOR AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR Vote for Two 3 YEAR TERM	RSU #2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Vote for One 3 YEAR TERM	RSU #2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Vote for One 2 YEAR TERM
<input type="radio"/> Burgess, Mark <i>152 votes</i>	<input type="radio"/> Burgess, William <i>162 votes</i>	<input type="radio"/>Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Duquette, Kayla <i>111 votes</i>	<input type="radio"/> (1)Write-in	TRUSTEE OF MONMOUTH SANITARY DISTRICT Vote for Two 3 YEAR TERM
<input type="radio"/> (a)Write-in	CUMSTON LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for One 3 YEAR TERM	<input type="radio"/> Smith, Rufus <i>162 votes</i>
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Angell, Allison <i>154 votes</i>	<input type="radio"/> (5)Write-in
CUMSTON HALL TRUSTEE Vote for One 3 YEAR TERM	<input type="radio"/> (2)Write-in	<input type="radio"/>Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Sanborn, Kristin <i>154 votes</i>	<p align="center">SAMPLE</p>	
<input type="radio"/> (a)Write-in		

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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 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?

Yes
 No Y 329
N 49

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,420,246.00 for General Government?

Yes
 No Y 240
N 149

<u>Expense Items</u>		
Administration	\$	554,781.00
Assessing	\$	45,080.00
Code Enforcement	\$	46,550.00
Committees/Boards	\$	27,386.00
Elected Officials	\$	16,729.00
Employee Benefits	\$	609,907.00
Municipal Buildings	\$	61,213.00
Risk Management	\$	68,600.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 5. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 200.00 from the Cumston Prize Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 56,017.00 for a total of \$56,217.00 for the below listed Community Services?

Yes
 No Y-311
N-83

<u>Expense Items:</u>		
Cemetery Care	\$	37,000.00
General Assistance	\$	5,000.00
Cumston Prize	\$	200.00
American Red Cross	\$	500.00
KVCAP Transportation	\$	800.00
Family Violence	\$	1,125.00
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

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 6. Shall the Town authorize the additional 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?

Yes
 No Y-306 N-89

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$494,317.00 for Law Enforcement/ Police Protection?

Yes
 No Y-267
N-127

<u>Expense Items:</u>		
Police Department:	\$	485,900.00
Animal Control:	\$	8,417.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 208,030.00 for Fire Protection?

Yes
 No Y-332 N-63

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 282,022.00 for Public Safety Services?

Yes
 No Y-314
N-80

<u>Expense Items:</u>		
Ambulance Services:	\$	107,022.00
Dispatch Services:	\$	105,000.00
Fire Hydrants:	\$	66,000.00
Streetlights:	\$	4,000.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 137,040.00 for Cumston Hall operating Expenses?

Yes Y-263
 No N-130

Select Board Recommends Yes

11 Article 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 106,242.00 for the Cumston Public Library?

Yes Y-271

No N-126

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 8,450.00 for 1856 Academy Building operating expenses?

Yes Y-152

No N-240

Select Board Recommends Yes

22 Article 13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 133,288.00 for Parks and Recreation Programs?

Yes Y-250

No N-134

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 1,324,352.00 for Public Works Accounts?

Yes Expense Items

Public Works	\$871,822.00
Transfer Station	\$429,030.00
Other Public Works	\$23,500.00
· Parking Lot Rent	\$100.00
· Milfoil Inspections	\$22,900.00
· Woodbury Pond Dam Maintenance	\$500.00

No

Y-306

N-92

Select Board Recommends Yes

41 Article 15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$ 488,652.00 for Debt Retirement and Debt Service?

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

No

Y-297

N-100

Expense Items:

Debt Retirement	\$ 390,356.00
Debt Service	\$ 98,296.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, upon a majority vote of the Select Board, to exceed by no more than 10% annually, the amount authorized for each account approved in Article 4 through Article 15 above, so long as the overall amount spent for the sum total of those articles does not exceed the total appropriation approved for those articles.

Yes

No Y-218

N-177

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$56,492.00 to purchase a police cruiser and necessary related equipment for the Police Department to replace the cruiser that was recently totaled in a vehicle accident using \$26,492.00 in insurance proceeds and \$30,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance?

Yes

No

Y-261

N-137

Explanation: This initiative will replace the cruiser recently totaled in a vehicle accident and will use insurance proceeds and the unassigned fund balance to fund the purchase. The equipment in the cruiser was also destroyed so this replacement is more expensive than normal. This initiative will have no impact on the tax rate.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 18. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year purchase agreement for a police cruiser for the Police Department and raise and appropriate \$18,500.00 for the first annual payment?

Yes

No

Y-249

N-149

Explanation: This initiative will replace a 2016 cruiser with nearly 170,000 miles that is beyond its useful life. This cruiser was scheduled to be replaced last year.

Select Board Recommends Yes

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Article 19. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing the purchase of a medium sized commercial plow/dump truck and raise and appropriate \$45,000.00 for the first annual payment?

Yes

No

Y-287

N-109

Explanation: This initiative will replace a 2016 3-ton plow/dump truck with a mid-sized commercial plow/dump truck. The vehicle is beyond its useful life, is proving to be unreliable, and is beginning to incur significant repair costs. This midsize commercial truck will be adequate for plowing in-town plow routes and will be more economical to run during the summer months for routine maintenance activities. If this initiative is approved, it is anticipated that another plow/dump truck will not need to be replaced until 2029 when the 2010 plow/dump truck will be 19 years old.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance for the purchase of a used pickup truck for the Public Works Department?

Yes

No

Y-258

N-139

Explanation: The funding for this initiative is from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") and Maine Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") disaster declaration funding that was received for the December 2023 winter storm. This initiative will have no impact on the tax rate.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 21. Shall the Town create a Cumston Hall Building Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding improvements and renovations to Cumston Hall and transfer \$15,000.00 from the previously approved HVAC improvement funds for the same?

Yes

No

Y-266

N-132

Explanation: The funding for this initiative comes from funds previously appropriated from American Rescue Plan Act for the HVAC improvements to Cumston Hall. This initiative will have no impact on the tax rate.

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 22. Shall the town raise and appropriate \$290,000.00 and appropriate an additional \$9,714.00 from the Town of Wales per capita fee for the Transfer Station to fund the Town's capital reserve accounts?

Yes

No

Y-288

N-107

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.

Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Police Department Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Road Maintenance Reserve	\$ 250,000.00
Transfer Station Reserve	\$ 9,714.00

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 23. Shall the Town appropriate monies from snowmobile registration fees reimbursed to the Town by the Treasurer of the State of Maine (\$6.00 per registration), for the purpose of grooming and maintaining snowmobile trails solely within the municipal limits of the Town of Monmouth?

Yes

No

Y-326 N-70

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 24. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive taxes from Tax Club members after the payment due date without interest?

Yes

No

Y-291 N-104

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 25. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to appropriate an estimated amount of \$750,000.00 from Municipal Revenue Sharing and \$1,412,242.00 of FY2026 non-property tax revenue to reduce the tax commitment?

Yes

No

Y-326 N-70

Select Board Recommends Yes

Article 26. Shall the Town vote to require one-half of the taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year due and payable on October 15, 2025 and one-half of the taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year due April 15, 2026 and to see if the Town will vote to require the rate per annum of interest set by the Treasurer of the State of Maine (7.50%) be charged on October 16, 2025 and April 16, 2026 on all unpaid taxes, and shall the Select Board be authorized to postpone the due date of taxes and waive interest when the Governor declares a State of Emergency?

Yes

No

Y-323 N-72

Select Board Recommends Yes