Town of Appleton, Maine

WARRANT FOR SECRET BALLOT TOWN MEETING

To: Heather Wyman, a Resident of the Town of Appleton, County of Knox, State of Maine:

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Appleton, in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at **the Appleton Fire Station, 2899 Sennebec Road, in said Town, on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** to vote upon the following articles:

(Articles 2-35 will be voted on by SECRET BALLOT)

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect all necessary Town Officials.

Article 3: Do you favor approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

(A yes vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-8 public education; a no vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-8 education. These appropriations appear as a separate ballot.)

Article 4: Shall the Town accept all funds, as provided by Maine State Legislature, to be received in FY27? Estimates of expected funds below:

Maine State Revenue Sharing	$ 367,814
BETE	200
Snowmobile Registration	300
Tree Growth	10,000
Renewable Energy	2,507
GA Reimbursement	500
Veterans Exemption	1,400
Homestead Reimbursement	126,300
Excise Tax	325,000
Other Revenue* (agent fees, interest, etc.)	76,100
Total Estimate	**$ 919,121**

*Other Revenues include building permits, clerk fees, and other fees. Other Fees do not include Insurance & Bonds, Workers' Compensation Refunds, Animal Control Fines, and FEMA reimbursements, which are credited to and expended from the appropriate named accounts.

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate all funds collected in **Article 4** (estimated to be $919,121) to the FY27 budget?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate from Undesignated Funds the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligations for FY27 for General Assistance and Unemployment?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 7: Shall the Town contribute any monies received from the Maine Local Roads Assistance Program, expected to be $61,424, to the Town's Paving Reserve Fund?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend such other sums as may be received from Federal and State grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for Town purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 9: Shall the Town pay Select Board Members $1,500 each, and an additional $3,000 to a board-appointed personnel manager in FY27?

(Pay is appropriated from the Town Officials Budget Line.)

Article 10: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation for all other necessary officials, or act thereon?

Article 11: Shall the Town pay the Maine DOT 2027 labor reimbursement and private equipment rental rates, and bid, contract, or rental prices, for its roads and bridges during FY27?

Article 12: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $348,016 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for FY27?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (4-0)

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $404,240 for PROTECTION AND SAFETY for FY27?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (2-2)

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $570,612 for HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES for FY27?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (4-0)

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $55,550 for SANITATION for FY27?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (4-0)

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $22,300 for COMMUNITY for FY27?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (4-0)

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $20,011 for PROVIDER AGENCIES for FY27? (Note: the Appleton Library appropriation is now included in this category.)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE (4-0)

Article 18: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $250,000 to add to the Paving Reserve fund?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE (4-0)

Article 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate $5,000 to continue to fund a Bicentennial Committee to plan a celebration for the Town's Bicentennial in 2029?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND (0-4)

Article 20: Shall the Town appropriate $300,000 from Undesignated Funds to reduce the property tax assessment?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE (4-0)

Article 21: Shall the Town establish that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and, that interest at a rate of 7% per annum, the maximum by State law, be charged on taxes unpaid after the last day of November 2026?

Article 22: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loan(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation?

Article 23: Shall the Town allow the Select Board to take from Undesignated Funds the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 24: Shall the Town allow the Select Board to take from Undesignated Funds up to $10,000 to cover any unexpected overages across the entire Town FY27 budget?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 25: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into up to three-year agreements for Ambulance Services, Audit Services, Assessing Services, Town Property & Cemetery Mowing, Winter Road Maintenance, and Tax Maps?

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2027, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon?

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than $10,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2027 or act thereon?

Article 28: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use Overlay to be used for tax abatements?
Note: Overlay is an additional amount that towns are allowed to add to their property tax assessment, up to 5%, to avoid fractional mil rates (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, §710).

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 29: Shall the Town, pursuant to 36 M.R.S §506, authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed?

Article 30: Shall the Town appropriate all funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registration refunds to the Appleton Trail Makers (snowmobile club) for the purpose of building and maintaining snowmobile trails?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 31: Shall the Town authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. §943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner, as defined in §943-C. For 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.

Article 32: Shall the Town harvest timber from the town-owned Leander Pease Lot (Map 3, Lot 14) on Collinstown Road?

Article 33: Shall the Town explore private options for the collection of municipal waste, in lieu of participation in the multi-municipality Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization?

Article 34: Shall the Town seek financial restitution for the flawed 2013 construction of the Millay Bridge on Fishtown Road? (Estimated repair/replacement costs are $750,000 as of March 2026.)

Article 35: Shall the Town fund, from the undesignated fund balance, $10,000 in legal fees toward financial restitution for the reconstruction and/or repair of the Millay Bridge.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS

Article 36: Shall the municipal officers explore interlocal agreements for protection and safety?

Article 37: Shall the Town of Appleton Budget Committee Ordinance be amended to add the sentence, "The municipal officers may also appoint alternate members, as needed, to ensure a full committee."?

Given under our hands at Appleton, Maine this 7th day of April 2026,

Appleton Select Board:

Charles D. Garrigan, chair

Karen L. Reed, vice chair

Lorie A. Costigan

Scott K. Esancy

Malcolm D. Hardy