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STATE OF MAINE

County of York, ss.

To: _____, a Constable for the Town of Buxton in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Buxton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Municipal Building at the Municipal Complex at 185 Portland Road in said Buxton on Tuesday, the tenth day of June A.D. 2025 (June 10, 2025) at 5:30 a.m. (Five-thirty) in the morning to act on Article 1. The polls will open at 6:00 a.m. (Six O'clock) in the forenoon to act on Article 2 and will close at 8:00 p.m. (Eight O'clock) in the evening. The meeting to be continued on Saturday the fourteenth day of June A.D. 2025 (June 14, 2025) at 9:00 a.m. (Nine O'clock) in the forenoon at the Town of Buxton Municipal Building at the Municipal Complex at 185 Portland Road to act on the remaining warrant articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose Town Officials for the ensuing year, effective upon the Town Clerk's declaration of the elected officials in 2025.

Article 3. To see what sum not to exceed \$92,980.00 (Ninety-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for interest and principal payments to the Maine Bond Bank for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Principal Due	11/1/2025	\$90,000.00
Interest Due	5/1/2026	\$2,980.00

Requested	92,980.00						
Selectmen Recommend	92,980.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	92,980.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 4. To see what sum not to exceed \$52,500.00 (Fifty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the eighth payment of ten payments for an addition to the Buxton Town Hall Municipal building, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 38 Annual Town Meeting June 17, 2017, for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	52,500.00						
Selectmen Recommend	52,500.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	52,500.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 5. To see what sum not to exceed \$540,547.00 (Five Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for officers' salaries and staff salaries for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	540,547.00							
Selectmen Recommend	540,547.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	540,547.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 6. To see what sum not to exceed \$11,000.00 (Eleven Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Human Resource Expenses for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	11,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	11,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	11,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 7. To see what sum not to exceed \$102,700.00 (One Hundred Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Town Hall occupancy expenses, office supplies, postage, telephones, and office equipment repairs for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	102,700.00							
Selectmen Recommend	102,700.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	102,700.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 8. To see what sum not to exceed \$1,298,940.00 (One Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for payment of all Town Insurance including motor vehicles, building and contents, equipment, officers' bonds, workers' compensation, and other insurance for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	1,298,940.00							
Selectmen Recommend	1,298,940.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	1,298,940.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 9. To see what sum not to exceed \$404,875.00 (Four Hundred Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for fiscal year 2025-2026 to pay its share of the cost of the Social Security Plan [FICA] entered into pursuant to the vote taken under Article 9, Special Town Meeting of October 17, 1954, and subsequent votes amending said plan.

Requested	404,875.00							
Selectmen Recommend	404,875.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	404,875.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 10. To see what sum not to exceed \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for legal services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	250,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	250,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	250,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 11. To see what sum not to exceed \$15,500.00 (Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for the Annual Audit and other accounting services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	15,500.00							
Selectmen Recommend	15,500.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	15,500.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 12. To see what sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for the preparation of the Town Report for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	10,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	10,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	10,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 13. To see what sum not to exceed \$42,126.00 (Forty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Assessing Services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	42,126.00							
Selectmen Recommend	42,126.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	42,126.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 14. To see what sum not to exceed \$13,450.00 (Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for Town web page and televised meetings for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	13,450.00							
Selectmen Recommend	13,450.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	13,450.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 15. To see what sum not to exceed \$5,550.00 (Five Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the restoration of Town records for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	5,550.00							
Selectmen Recommend	5,550.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	5,550.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 16. To see what sum not to exceed \$32,906.00 (Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Six Dollars) the Town will vote to contribute to the Retirement Fund for full-time employees, entered into pursuant to the vote taken under Article 14, Annual Town Meeting of June 16, 1990, for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	32,906.00						
Selectmen Recommend	32,906.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	32,906.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 17. To see in the Town of Buxton will vote to change its retirement plan for eligible dispatchers, emergency medical services employees, firefighters and police officers effective July 1, 2025, and:

- a.) To offer Special Plan 3C to its full-time dispatchers, emergency medical services employees, firefighters and police officers who regularly work 32 hours per week, 52 weeks per year for service rendered after June 30, 2025. Service for eligible dispatchers, emergency medical services employees, firefighters and police officers accrued before July 1, 2025 remains under Special Plan 2C; and
- b.) To continue to offer Regular Plan AC to its full-time general government employees who regularly work 32 hours per week, 52 weeks per year; and
- c.) To exclude all other employees from participating in MainePERS, including its select board members, and part time employees.
- d.) To authorize William Hall, Treasurer, to sign the amended agreement between the Town of Buxton and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Article approved as written.

Article 18. To see what sum not to exceed \$353,613.00 (Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Thirteen Dollars) the Town will vote to contribute to the Maine PERS Retirement Fund for full-time employees, entered into pursuant to the vote taken under Article 2, Special Town Meeting of August 19, 2020, for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	353,613.00						
Selectmen Recommend	353,613.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	353,613.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 19. To see what sum not to exceed \$73,181.00 (Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-One Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for the Technology account for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	73,181.00						
Selectmen Recommend	73,181.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	73,181.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 20. To see what sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Revitalization Expenses for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	1,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	1,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	1,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 21. To see what sum not to exceed \$45,090.00 (Forty-Five Thousand, Ninety Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Training and Workshops, Dues and Subscriptions, Other Miscellaneous Expenses for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	45,090.00						
Selectmen Recommend	45,090.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	45,090.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 22. To see what sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the Municipal Building and West Buxton Library Repair and Maintenance Account for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	40,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	40,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	40,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 23. To see what sum not to exceed \$10,016.00 (Ten Thousand, Sixteen Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the use of the Planning Board for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	10,016.00						
Selectmen Recommend	10,016.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	10,016.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 24. To see what sum not to exceed \$208,543.00 (Two Hundred Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Code Enforcement Office salaries, equipment, and supplies for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	208,543.00						
Selectmen Recommend	208,543.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	208,543.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 25. To see what sum not to exceed \$28,070.00 (Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seventy Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for salaries and miscellaneous expenses of Voter Registration for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	28,070.00						
Selectmen Recommend	28,070.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	28,070.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 26. To see what sum not to exceed \$5,960.00 (Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the use of the Appeals Board for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	5,960.00						
Selectmen Recommend	5,960.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	5,960.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 27. To see what sum not to exceed \$1,062,661.00 (One Million, Sixty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the Public Works Department for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
General maintenance of highways, bridges, culverts, street signs, brush removal, and salaries	725,633.00	725,633.00	725,633.00
Snow and ice removal	111,900.00	111,900.00	111,900.00
Equipment repairs	153,628.00	153,628.00	153,628.00
Winter Sand	71,500.00	71,500.00	71,500.00
Requested	1,062,661.00		
Selectmen Recommend	1,062,661.00	Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1	
Budget Committee Recommends	1,062,661.00	Yes 5 No 0 Absent 2	

Article 28. Shall the Town vote to accept Curtis Farms Road, a private road serving a 12-lot subdivision off Long Plains Road. Prepared for Chase Custom Homes and recorded in the York County Register of Deeds on January 16, 2003, in Plan Book 278, Page 32

Article 29. To see what sum not to exceed \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for resurfacing and sealing certain roads in Town for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	500,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	500,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	500,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 30. To see what sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for crack sealing certain roads in Town for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	20,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	20,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	20,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 31. To see what sum not to exceed \$31,000.00 (Thirty-One Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the striping of certain Town Roads for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	31,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	31,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	31,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 32. To see what sum not to exceed \$2,137,239.00 (Two Million, One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for the Buxton Police Department for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.				
Police Department	1,605,613.00	1,605,613.00	1,605,613.00				
Dispatch	452,257.00	452,257.00	452,257.00				
Animal Control	70,869.00	70,869.00	70,869.00				
Pre-Employment Testing	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00				
Requested	2,137,239.00						
Selectmen Recommend	2,137,239.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	2,137,239.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 33. To see what sum not to exceed \$2,070,460.00 (Two Million, Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate to be used for the Buxton Fire and Rescue Department for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.				
Fire Division	773,339.00	773,339.00	773,339.00				
Rescue	1,290,272.00	1,290,272.00	1,290,272.00				
Fire Police	6,849.00	6,849.00	6,849.00				
Requested	2,070,460.00						
Selectmen Recommend	2,070,460.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	2,070,460.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 34. To see what sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the Dry Hydrant Account for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	20,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	20,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	20,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 35. To see what sum not to exceed \$15,500.00 (Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate to cover the cost of street lighting service furnished to the Town for the fiscal year 2025-2026 under contract with Central Maine Power Company.

Requested	15,500.00						
Selectmen Recommend	15,500.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	15,500.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 36. Shall the Town of Buxton **(1) Authorize** the Selectmen to enter into agreements with ecomaine for the purpose of operating a solid waste disposal and management program for the Town, including the Addendum to ECO Maine Interlocal Solid Waste Agreement, Joinder Agreement, and Waste Handling and Recycling Agreement, **(2) Authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town in the form of a promissory note in an amount not to exceed \$1,215,345 (One Million, Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars), for buy-in amount that represents a capital contribution to ecomaine, and appropriate such amount for this purpose; and **(3) Delegate** to the Treasurer and Chair of the Selectmen the authority and the discretion to fix the date, maturities, denomination, interest rate, place of payment, form and other details of the securities and of providing for the sale of the securities?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding principal balance of bonds previously issued:	<u>\$291,780</u>
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	<u>\$0.00</u>
C.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total:	<u>\$291,780</u>

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 0% for a 30-year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal:	<u>\$1,215,345</u>
Interest:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Debt Service:	<u>\$1,215,345</u>

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

Treasurer
Town of Buxton.

Article 37. To see what sum not to exceed \$1,306,493.00 (One Million, Three Hundred Six Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for Transfer Station and Sanitation Services for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	1,306,493.00						
Selectmen Recommend	1,306,493.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	1,306,493.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 38. To see what sum not to exceed \$8,900.00 (Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars) The Town will vote to appropriate for monitoring and testing fees for the Closed Landfill on Town Farm and Church Hill Roads for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	8,900.00						
Selectmen Recommend	8,900.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	8,900.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 39. To see what sum not to exceed \$20,500.00 (Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) the Town will vote to be used for the relief of the Indigent during fiscal year 2025-2026. This sum will be supplemented with State General Assistance Reimbursements.

Requested	20,500.00						
Selectmen Recommend	20,500.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	20,500.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 40. To see what sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for recreational purposes for fiscal year 2025-2026, to be disbursed as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
Snowmobile Club	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00

Requested	4,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	4,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	4,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 41. To see what sum not to exceed \$54,273.00 (Fifty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for Rivers, Parks and Cemeteries for fiscal year 2025-2026, to be disbursed as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
American Legion Flags	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Buxton Cemetery Assocs.	19,654.00	19,654.00	19,654.00
So. Buxton Cemetery Assoc.	5,594.00	5,594.00	5,594.00
Bonny Eagle Park	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Estes Park	3,550.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Carroll Park	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Pleasant Point Park	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00

Town Farm Park	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Weymouth Park	4,975.00	4,975.00	4,975.00
Saco River Corridor Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Requested	54,273.00						
Selectmen Recommend	54,273.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	54,273.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 42. To see what sum not to exceed \$36,727.00 (Thirty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for Libraries for fiscal year 2025-2026, to be disbursed as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
Berry Library	17,499.00	17,499.00	17,499.00
West Buxton Library	19,228.00	19,228.00	19,228.00

Requested	36,727.00						
Selectmen Recommend	36,727.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	36,727.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 43. Shall the Town of Buxton vote to appropriate a sum of money for Buxton's share of a Regional Public Access Facility. Said amount shall not exceed the amount that the Town receives from Cable Company Franchise Fees each year. Requested amount is \$41,550.00 (Forty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Dollars) for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Requested	41,550.00						
Selectmen Recommend	41,550.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	41,550.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 44. To see what sum not to exceed \$68,243.00 (Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for the rental of Trash Cans for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Article 41 account number E17080-742 from the fiscal year 2022-2023 trash can purchase, which allotted \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) per year until the funds are all extinguished. Remaining balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$182,000.

Requested	68,243.00						
Selectmen Recommend	68,243.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	68,243.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 45. To see what sum not to exceed \$404,972.00 (Four Hundred Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate to be used for the Recreation Department (salaries, equipment & supplies) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from the Recreation Accounts.

Requested	404,972.00						
Selectmen Recommend	404,972.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1

Budget Committee Recommends	404,972.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2
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Article 46. To see what sum not to exceed \$6,500.00 (Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) the Town will Vote to appropriate for Youth Services for fiscal year 2025-2026, to be disbursed as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
Boy Scout Troop #349	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Cub Scout Pack #349	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Girl Scouts	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Requested	6,500.00		
Selectmen Recommend	6,500.00	Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1	
Budget Committee Recommends	6,500.00	Yes 5 No 0 Absent 2	

Article 47. To see what sum not to exceed \$22,013.00 (Twenty-Two Thousand, Thirteen Dollars) the Town will vote to appropriate for Charitable Contributions for fiscal year 2025-2026 to be disbursed as follows:

	Requested	Selectmen	Budget Comm.
American Red Cross	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Buxton/Hollis Historical Soc.	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Caring Unlimited	2,513.00	2,513.00	2,513.00
Kids Free to Grow	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Life Flight Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Saco River Theater	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Sexual Assault Response Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
So. Me. Agency on Aging	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Southern Maine Veteran's Mem.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Y.C. Community Action	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sweetser	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Day One	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Requested	22,013.00		
Selectmen Recommend	22,013.00	Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1	
Budget Committee Recommends	18,513.00	Yes 5 No 0 Absent 2	

Article 48. To see what sum not to exceed \$13,500.00 (Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) The Town will vote to purchase of a Roll Off Container for the Transfer Station for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	13,500.00	
Selectmen Recommend	13,500.00	Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1
Budget Committee Recommends	13,500.00	Yes 5 No 0 Absent 2

Article 49. To see what sum not to exceed \$73,000.00 (Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase a Patrol Vehicle for the Buxton Police Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	73,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	73,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	73,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 50. To see what sum not to exceed \$59,823.00 (Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase a LP-15 Cardiac Monitor for the Fire-Rescue Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	59,823.00							
Selectmen Recommend	59,823.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	59,823.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 51. To see what sum not to exceed \$11,000.00 (Eleven Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase a Network Server for the Police Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	11,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	11,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	11,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 52. To see what sum not to exceed \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase Laptops/Mounts for the Police Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	60,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	60,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	60,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 53. To see what sum not to exceed \$260,000.00 (Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase of a New Dump/Plow Truck said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	260,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	260,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	260,000.00	Yes	5	No	1	Absent	2	

Article 54. To see what sum not to exceed \$65,000.00 (Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase a new Truck for the Fire Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	65,000.00							
Selectmen Recommend	65,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1	
Budget Committee Recommends	65,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2	

Article 55. To see what sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase Two C-MAC Video Laryngoscope for the Fire Department for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	30,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	30,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	0.00	Yes	3	No	2	Absent	2

Article 56. To see what sum not to exceed \$17,071.00 (Seventeen Thousand, Seventy-One Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase an archival program for the Town Office for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	17,071.00						
Selectmen Recommend	17,071.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	17,071.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 57. To see what sum not to exceed \$29,892.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase a audio/visual upgrade for the Large Conference Room for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	29,892.00						
Selectmen Recommend	29,892.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	29,892.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 58. To see what sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) the Town will vote to purchase guardrails at Dunnel Road/Lower Egypt Road for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	20,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	20,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	20,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 59. To see what sum not to exceed \$350,000.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) The Town will vote to purchase Land located on Narragansett Trail with the map and lot number of 0010-0081C for fiscal year 2025-2026. Said money to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	350,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	350,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	350,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

Article 60. To see if the Town would Approve the Board of Selectmen through the Fire Department to place an order for a new ambulance. Said ambulance taking 3 years to be built and delivered to the Town, with the intent of purchasing said ambulance during the 2027-2028 fiscal year for \$400,000.00. Said funds to come from Unassigned Surplus.

Requested	400,000.00						
Selectmen Recommend	400,000.00	Yes	4	No	0	Absent	1
Budget Committee Recommends	400,000.00	Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2

**Article 61. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO CLARIFY PLUMBING AND ELECTRIC PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 5 plumbing and electric permits:

5.4.2 Plumbing and Electric Permits Required.

5.4.2.A All plumbing work in any structure requires a valid plumbing permit. All plumbing shall be in accordance with the current version of the adopted State of Maine Plumbing Code.

5.4.2.B. All Electrical wiring in any structure requires an electrical permit. All electrical work shall be in accordance with the current version of the State adopted version of the National Electrical Code. ~~Residential wiring requires a local electrical permit from the town. Commercial wiring requires a permit from the State of Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.~~

**Article 62. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO CLARIFY BUILDING PERMIT EXPECTATIONS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 5.5:

5.5 Minimum Amount -Permit exemption.

No permit shall be required for the construction, alteration, relocation or replacement of any building or part thereof, so long as it conforms with the provisions of the Building Code of the Town of Buxton and this Ordinance to the extent of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 or less in total estimated project value. The burden of proof in regard to this value rests with the property owner.

A building permit shall not be required for fences or the replacement of roofing, siding, windows and interior flooring if no structural changes to the building are required as part of such work. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be consulted before starting the work.

**Article 63. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO REQUIRE PAVED APRONS FOR ALL ACCESS ROADS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words to Article 10.1 Access to Lots:

Article 10.1

10.1.A.4 All access roads require a paved apron for a minimum of 50 feet where they connect with a paved public road.

10.1.B.7 All access roads require a paved apron for a minimum of 50 feet where they connect with a paved public road.

**Article 64. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO CLARIFY SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 10.17 and Article 13.5 Sprinkler requirements:

10.17.F – SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS – ALL SYSTEMS:

10.17.F.1. Any installation, extension, modification or alteration of an Approved Automatic Sprinkler System within the Town of Buxton must be done by a State of Maine Licensed Sprinkler Installer.

10.17.F.2. Any Approved Automatic Sprinkler System that is installed, ~~that contains twenty (20) or more sprinkler heads, or the modifications of an existing approved automatic sprinkler system, which includes twenty (20) additional sprinkler heads,~~ must have the plans approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

~~10.17.F.3. Any building containing a sprinkler system shall have a yearly test completed on the system by a qualified sprinkler technician. A written copy of the yearly test report shall be forwarded to the Fire Rescue Chief's Office. The Fire Rescue Chief or his designee shall be notified before such test, alterations, or additions are started.~~

10.17.H - SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOMES: An Approved Automatic Sprinkler System in a single family or two family dwelling, or accessory structure thereto must comply with the following provisions:

1. The Approved Automatic Sprinkler System must be an NFPA 13D, 13R or Maine Life Safety automatic sprinkler system. All areas of the building will have sprinkler coverage, with the following exceptions:

- a. Closets as allowed under 13D or 13R unless they are used for laundry room or storage of flammable liquids.
 - b. ~~Attics — when the attic is not boarded over, has no stairway or ladder leading to the attic, and the scuttle hole is not bigger than 24" X 24" or 576 square inches, and the attic is not used for storage and that at least two (2) smoke detectors, hard wired, into the other detectors in the house are placed _____ in _____ the _____ attic.~~
 - c. Attached garages, if there is no living area above or in the garage space ~~and a two-hour firewall is placed between the house and garage.~~
2. The sprinkler system is not required to be monitored by an outside source. ~~However, an electric alarm bell located on the outside of the building is required. Where a Multipurpose Residential Sprinkler System is used there is no requirement for an alarm bell.~~
 3. ~~A single two and one half inch (2 ½) FDC is to be placed on the outside of the building, in a location readily accessible to fire department personnel. Where a Multipurpose Residential Sprinkler System is used there is no requirement for an FDC.~~
 4. The requirements for fire protection within a residential subdivision are found in the Town of Article 13, Section 13.5.K.1.c.

13.5 General Standards for All Subdivisions

13.5.K.1.c. When the development of a new or the expansion of an existing subdivision, including any existing lots, contains a total of 5 or more lots, the developer shall be required to install a fire protection water supply within the new or expanded subdivision. The volume and location of the supply(s) shall be determined by the Fire Chief based on the NFPA Codes (rural water supply for fire protection) for the type and use of the buildings. The fire protection water supply shall meet the following standards, along with further standards, located in the Fire Chief's office: (amended June 14, 2003)

(i.) A 10,000 gallon storage tank, or two 5000 gallon tanks interconnected shall be installed in accordance with the guidelines adopted jointly by the Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer, which guidelines shall be kept on file at the Municipal Building. Amended June 15, 2002

~~(ii.) Fire Ponds may be allowed in lieu of holding tanks if the water source is approved by the Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer. A fire pond shall be constructed with a 2:1 sloped (horizontal: vertical) banking and a minimum depth of 10 feet. The fire pond shall have a minimum capacity of 120,000 gallons, as certified by a Maine registered professional engineer, and shall be maintained at or above that volume at all times. An overflow system shall be installed and maintained. Amended June 15, 2002~~

(vii.) The requirement of compliance with this Section 13.4.K.1.c. shall not apply if the developer, as a written condition of subdivision approval, agrees to install an approved sprinkler system in each and every dwelling in the development. The sprinkler system

shall meet the current standards of NFPA 13D as set forth in the 1999 edition and the approval of the Fire Chief. ~~An outside connection shall be required and approved by the Fire Chief.~~ Section 10.17.B of this ordinance. Amended 6/18/05.

**Article 65. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 11.23 Accessory Dwelling Unit

11.23.C The ADU must have at least 190 square feet and not more than ~~500~~ 800 square feet of living space.

**Article 66. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
TO CLARIFY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 13.3 (Submission Requirements and Procedures):

Article 13:

13.3.B.2.j. Location of all existing sanitary sewers showing size, profile and cross-section; or description, plan and location of other means of sewage disposal. When disposal is proposed by use of individual subsurface disposal areas ~~a complete site evaluation must be submitted for each lot,~~ soil profile logs meeting requirements of section 13.5.H must be submitted for each lot. The location of all test pits must be shown on the plan.
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**Article 67. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
TO CLARIFY RULES FOR ON-PREMISES SIGNS
AND ALLOW INTERNALLY-LIT AND CHANGEABLE SIGNS**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 2 (Definitions), Article 10.11 (Signs), and Article 11.28.6.H (Design Standards for Commercial Buildings, Structures, and Uses—Internally-Lit Signs):

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Changeable Sign: An on-premises sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures or images that can be electronically, digitally, or mechanically changed by the complete substitution or replacement of one display by another, by remote or automatic means.

Display Area: The surface area of an on-premises sign as calculated by its outer perimeter, including any lettering, graphics, background, and frames, but excluding posts, columns,

pedestals, foundations, or other parts that perform solely a weight-bearing function. When the perimeter is not a square or rectangle, the display area shall be measured using simple geometric shapes that encompass the outermost boundary of the sign and all advertising features.

On-premises Sign: A sign that advertises only the business, facility, or point of interest at, or the sale, rent, or lease of, the lot upon which it is located.

Sign: Any attached or free-standing structure, whether attached to another structure or or part of another structure or freestanding, which is designed or used to advertise or call attention to any thing, person, business, activity, or place convey to persons not on the premises some information. The area of a sign shall not be construed to be poles, standards or other parts which perform solely a weight bearing function. It does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, or municipality.

10.11 Signs.

This section governs on-premises signs in order to protect the Town's appearance and promote safe traffic circulation. All on-premises signs, unless complying with the Maine Traveler Information Services Act, shall relate to goods and services available on the premises or the occupants of the premises on which the sign is located and shall be located within the bounds of the property upon which the business, facility, or point of interest is located. To the extent there is a conflict between this Section 11 and the signage standards set forth in Article 11.28, Section 6, the more restrictive provision shall control.

10.11.A. ~~Residential uses i~~In any Residential district, ~~may display~~ a single sign, not over six (6) square feet in display area, may be attached to a building or detached and located in the front yard.

10.11.B. In the Village district, ~~any non-residential use may display a one~~ sign per allowed use, attached to the building ~~and one or~~ free-standing sign per lot may be erected. ~~However, only one free-standing sign shall be permitted per lot and one attached sign per use.~~ No sign shall measure larger than twenty (20) square feet in display area for each surface used to display a message. No free-standing sign shall be higher than twenty (20) feet above the road level ~~nor~~ closer than the height of the sign from any side or rear property line. Attached signs shall not be placed on the roof of a building.

10.11.C. In the Business-Commercial & Light Commercial districts, ~~any non-residential use may display one~~ a sign per allowed use, attached to the building ~~and one freestanding sign per lot may be erected~~. The display area of attached ~~Sueh~~ signs shall be no larger than ~~the~~ 10% of the total building face area, ~~to a maximum of or~~ 120 square feet, ~~whichever is less~~. ~~Only one free standing sign shall be permitted per lot.~~ No freestanding sign shall measure larger than eighty (80) square feet in display area for each surface used to display a message per side in area. No freestanding sign shall be higher than 20 feet above the road level ~~nor~~ closer than the height of the sign from any side or rear property line. Attached signs shall not be placed on the roof of a building.

10.11.C.1. In the Business-Commercial & Light Commercial districts, ~~any non-residential use shall be permitted to have~~, in addition to ~~a freestanding~~ the signs authorized by Section 10.11.C, above, one monument sign at a secondary entrance to the lot may be erected, if the lot has

frontage and separate entrances on two or more public roads. Any such monument sign shall be (i) located on a different public road, and not closer than 400 feet, ~~form from~~ the freestanding sign, (ii) not larger than 40 square feet ~~of display area per side in area, for each surface used to display a message,~~ (iii) not higher than 10 feet above the road level, and (iv) not closer than 10 feet from any side or rear property line.

10.11.D. In ~~all other~~ the Residential and Rural districts, ~~churches, schools and other non-residential uses may display a one~~ sign ~~attached to a building or one freestanding sign may be erected. No sign shall measure larger than not over Twenty (20) square feet in display area in the aggregate.~~

10.11.E. ~~Signs may be illuminated only by shielded, non-flashing lights and shall not cast glare onto any residential premises. For any externally lit on-premises signs, lighting fixtures shall be shielded, non-flashing, and aimed only at the sign. Lights shall not be aimed toward adjacent streets, sidewalks, or abutting properties. Lights shall not be distracting to drivers. Lights shall not cause a glare to be cast onto any residential premises.~~

10.11.F. — The above regulations shall not apply to the following:

10.11.F.1. ~~Flags and insignia of any government.~~

10.11.F.2. ~~Legal notices, identification, information or directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies.~~

10.11.F.3. ~~Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, except letters, trademarks, moving parts or moving or flashing lights.~~

10.11.F.4. ~~Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property but bearing no advertising matter.~~

10.11.G. ~~All signs shall be measured in the most reasonable geometric shapes that encompass the letters and/or logo.~~

10.11.FH ~~No new internally-lit or electronic changeable signs shall be located in the Rural or Residential zones. allowed in the Village, Business Commercial District, and the Business Commercial Design Standards Overlay District as long as they meet the following standards:~~

10.11.F.1. Internally-lit Signs:

10.11.F.1.a. Internally-lit signs shall consist of light lettering or symbols set against a dark background to minimize the amount of light emanating from the sign. Where practicable, internally-lit letters and symbols shall be used, rather than whole panels that are internally lit. Letters or symbols on panels that are not internally lit shall constitute no more than 75% of the sign's display area.

10.11.F.1.b. Internally-lit signs shall not act as light fixtures or cause glare on nearby pathways, roadways or onto residential premises. Lighting levels shall not exceed 1 footcandle of illumination measured ten (10) feet from the base. The display must be equipped with automatic and manual dimming controls.

10.11.F.2. Changeable Signs:

10.11.F.2.a. The display on each side of a changeable sign must change as rapidly as technologically practicable, with no phasing, rolling, scrolling, flashing, or blending. Under no circumstance may a changeable sign flash or display continuous streaming of information or video animation.

10.11.F.2.b. Duration of Display: Each display of a changeable sign must be displayed for a minimum of 20 minutes.

10.11.F.2.c. Hours of Operation: The changeable sign may operate in changeable form from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and must contain a static display from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

10.11.F.2.d. Changeable signs shall contain software that can display the current display brightness and automatically dim the display. The display brightness shall not exceed 3500 NITs for the period from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset and 500 NITs for the period from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise.

10.11.F.3. Maintenance: Internally-lit and changeable signs shall be located where they can be easily maintained. Non-functioning bulbs shall be replaced immediately.

10.11.F.4. The owner of an internally-lit or changeable sign shall provide certification to the Planning Board from the supplier or installer that the sign conforms with the maximum illumination levels set forth in this Section 10.11.

10.11.G. Mounting Systems: On-premises signs shall be mounted in a manner that provides adequate support for the weight of the sign. Mounting systems shall be designed to be compatible with the architecture in terms of color, forms, and style. Electrical connections, wiring, junction boxes, and other similar devices shall not be visible from pedestrian pathways or roadways. Signs shall not hinder a driver's sight of distance.

10.11.HF. The above regulations shall not apply to the following:

~~10.11.EF.1. Flags and insignia of any government.~~

10.11.H.1F.2. Legal notices, identification, information or directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies.

~~10.11.F.3. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, except letters, trademarks, moving parts or moving or flashing lights.~~

10.11.H.2-F.4. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property ~~but~~ bearing no advertising matter.

11.28 Design Standards for Commercial Buildings, Structures, and Uses

SECTION 6. SIGNAGE

H. Internally-Lit and Changeable Signs

Refer to Article 10.11.F.

1. Objectives

Internally lit signs are not permitted in the Village Zone.

2. Design Standards

- ~~a. **Design:** Internally lit signs shall consist of light lettering and/or symbols set against a dark background to minimize the amount of light emanating from the sign. Where practicable, internally lit letters and symbols shall be used, rather than whole panels that are internally lit. Letters and/or symbols on panels shall constitute **no more than 40%** of the sign's surface area.~~
- ~~b. **Mounting Systems:** Signs shall be mounted in a manner that provides adequate support for the weight of the sign. Mounting systems shall be designed to be compatible with the architecture in terms of color, forms, and style. Electrical connections, wiring, junction boxes, and other similar devices shall not be visible from pedestrian pathways or roadways.~~
- ~~c. **Intensity:** Internally lit signs shall not act as light fixtures or cause glare on nearby pathways or roadways. Lighting levels **shall not exceed 1 footcandle** of illumination measured ten (10) feet from the base. *Signs shall be illuminated up to one hour before and one hour after posted hours of operation.*~~
- ~~d. **Maintenance:** Signs shall be located where they can be easily maintained. Non functioning bulbs shall be replaced immediately upon notice.~~

**Article 68. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
TO ALLOW CERTAIN FARM RELATED USES, CAR WASH, AND
BUSINESS CONTRACTOR USES**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words to Article 2 Definitions and Article 9 Table of Land Uses, Section 11.3 Animal Husbandry standards:

Article 2 Definitions

Agritourism Facility: A commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and/or processing with tourism to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and/or educating the visitors while generating income for the farm, ranch, or business owner.

Animal Husbandry: Raising, breeding or keeping of more than ten fowl or any number of other animals except customary household pets for a person's own consumption and the incidental sale of products.

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Artisanal Food or Beverage Facility: A facility wherein food or beverage products are produced and sold directly to the consumer. Products may be retailed for consumption on or off the premises, and promotional products may be offered for sale. The facility may additionally

engage in small-scale wholesale distribution of products produced on-site, and may offer guided tours of the facility and tasting rooms. Examples include, but are not limited to: a facility engaged in small-batch baking; small-scale cheese productions; a small brewery/winery/distillery (producing under 50,000 gallons/ year); small-batch vegetable pickling; or small-scale meat or fish curing.

Business Contractor: A business engaged in the provision of a service off premises, but which has an office and equipment / materials stored on the premises, included but not limited to: General building contractor, landscaping business, electrical or plumbing contractors.

Commercial Composting: A business which imports organic materials to be composted for resale. This use does not include composting associated with gravel pits, or agricultural composting operations as defined in Maine Agricultural Protection Act, 7 M.S.R.A. §152.

ARTICLE 9 - DISTRICT REGULATIONS

TABLE B - LAND USE⁹

<u>LAND USE</u>	<u>Ord. Ref</u>	<u>V⁶</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>Rur</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>BC⁶</u>	<u>LC⁶</u>
<u>Agritourism Facility</u>		E	E	E	N	N	E	E
<u>Artisanal Food and/or Beverage Facility</u>		E	N	E	N	N	E	E
<u>Business Contractor</u>		E	E	E	N	N	E	E
<u>Car Wash Facility#</u>		N	N	N	N	N	E	E
<u>Function, Reception ,Banquet Hall,Event Venue</u>		E	N	E	N	N	E	E
<u>Mobile Vendor/ Food Cart</u>		E	N	E	N	N	E	E
<u>Commercial Composting</u>		N	N	N	N	N	E	E

Article 69. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY RULES FOR ELDERLY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words to Article 11.22 Elderly and Affordable Housing Development:

11.22 Elderly Housing and Affordable Housing Development.

Elderly and affordable housing development projects shall meet all of the following standards as well as the general performance standards of Article 10:

11.22.F An affordable or elderly housing development that complies with the requirements of this Section 11.22.F is eligible for a dwelling unit density bonus of 2 ½ times the base density that is otherwise allowed on the lot proposed for affordable housing development. If fractional results occur

when calculating the density bonus, the maximum number of allowed units shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

11.22.F.1.Location. The affordable or elderly housing development must be either (1) located in a designated growth area or (2) served by a public, special district, or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district, or other comparable sewer system.

11.22.F.3.2. The developer of the affordable or elderly housing development must make adequate provision for the long-term maintenance, repair, and improvement of any (i) individual private septic system, (ii) comparable sewer systems, (iii) individual private wells, and (iv) public water systems proposed to serve the units within the affordable housing development, including a process of collection and enforcement to obtain capital improvement funds from the developer (for rental housing) or the unit owners (for owned housing).

11.22.F.6. Nothing in this Section 11.22.F. exempts an affordable or elderly housing development from any other requirements of this zoning ordinance, including without limitation, any subdivision or shoreland zoning requirements.

11.22.F.7 Pursuant to the definition of Base Density in Article 2 of this ordinance, the buildable area requirement found in section 9.6 does not apply to affordable or elderly housing developments.

**Article 70. PROPOSED ZONIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
TO CHANGE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGISTERED
DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES**

The Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Buxton, Maine is proposed to be amended by adding the following underlined words and deleting the following strikethrough words to Article 11.27 Medical Marijuana Registered Dispensary and Cultivation Facilities:

11.27.2 Performance Standards for Registered Dispensaries and Cultivation Facilities. The following standards apply to registered dispensaries and cultivation facilities associated with such registered dispensaries.

d.Hours of operation shall be between ~~8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday~~ 8:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or reject any future grants that may be offered to the Town and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend any future grants, as long as they follow the requirements of the grant. This authorization shall stay in effect until repealed or rescinded by the legislative body.

Article 72. To see if the Town will authorize the acceptance of gifts or monies designated for the Buxton Toy Box Fund, Keep the Heat On, Community Day, Charitable Assistance Fund and other local charitable assistance programs throughout the Fiscal Year, and further to authorize the Selectmen's appointed designees to purchase and distribute those accepted gifts or monies throughout the Fiscal Year.

- Article 73.** To see if the Town will vote to:
- 1) Accept Rescue Subscription fees from Buxton residents and credit the fees to the Rescue Subscription Revenue Account; and**
 - 2) Periodically transfer from the Rescue Subscription Revenue Account such sums as may be necessary to pay the balances due on Buxton Rescue invoices rendered to subscribers.**
- Article 74.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from Rescue Billing Income 7% of fees collected to be paid to Medical Reimbursement Services Inc. for services rendered.
- Article 75.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the Selectmen to reimburse the Police Department salaries account, with any funding received for law enforcement grants, outside details, reimbursements from other law enforcement agencies and court reimbursements.
- Article 76.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the Selectmen to reimburse the Fire/Rescue/Fire Police salaries account with any funding received for grants, outside details, and reimbursements from other agencies or entities.
- Article 77.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the Selectmen and the Chief of Police to utilize any funds received due to drug forfeitures for non-budgeted law enforcement expenses.
- Article 78.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the Selectmen along with the appropriate Department Head, if applicable, to utilize any funds received as the result of an insurance claim, along with funds received and/or credit issued for damaged equipment to replace the equipment.
- Article 79.** To see what sum not to exceed \$500,000.00 the Town will appropriate from Unassigned Surplus to help fund the operating budget for the Town for fiscal year 2025-2026.
- Article 80.** To see what sums shall be appropriated from the following sources to fund the operating budget for the Town for fiscal year 2025-2026 as authorized at this Town Meeting. The combined total being \$3,579,800.00 (Three Million, Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars).

Excise Taxes – Vehicles	2,050,000.00
Excise Taxes – Boats	9,000.00
State Tree Growth Reimbursement	15,000.00
Local Road Assistance	130,000.00
State Veterans Tax Reimbursement	5,500.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	5,000.00
Rescue Billing Income	315,000.00
Plumbing Inspection Income	14,000.00
Auto Registration Fee	43,000.00
ATV Agent Fees	600.00

Boat Registration Fees	450.00
Snowmobile Fees	2,000.00
Weapon Permit Fees	1,000.00
Recycling Income	150,000.00
Board of Appeals Income	250.00
Planning Board Income	5,500.00
Building Inspector Income	135,000.00
Town Clerk Income	11,500.00
Police Department Income	155,000.00
Animal Control Income	30,000.00
Dog License Special Income	4,500.00
Interest on Savings	300,000.00
Interest/Taxes and Liens	22,500.00
Lien Charges	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Cable Franchise Fee	90,000.00
Cell Tower Income	15,000.00
Renewable Energy	42,500.00
Fuel Tax Refund	7,000.00
Electrical Inspection Fees	1,500.00
Fire Department Income	1,000.00

- Article 81.** To see if the Town will vote to commit taxes by August 30, 2025 with the first half due and payable on October 10, 2025 with interest to start on November 1, 2025 on the first half of unpaid taxes. The second half due and payable on April 10, 2026 with interest to start on May 1, 2026 on the second half of the unpaid taxes charged and collected on both the first half and second half of unpaid taxes at 6 percent per annum per Title 36, Section 505, 1964 Revised Statutes.
- Article 82.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest to be paid by the Town on abated taxes not exceeding 0% (zero percent) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Rate of interest to be determined yearly by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 83.** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and to pay interest thereon not exceeding 0% [zero percent] per year? Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid with the interest due on the whole transaction, at the date that the tax finally assessed is due and payable. Rate of interest to be determined yearly by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 84.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose, convey, sell, or negotiate towards a trade in value deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town, any surplus Town owned property, exclusive of Real Estate, provided any outright sale is the result of acceptance of the highest bid by sealed bids or electronic auction (bid) process established by the Selectmen which reserves the right to reject all bids.

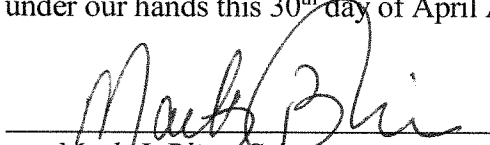
- Article 85.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell, assign, and discharge any unmatured liens for not less than the amount unpaid together with interest and costs.
- Article 86.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the advice and approval of the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to waive the foreclosure of any tax lien mortgage pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. ss 944 by recording a waiver of the foreclosure in the York County Registry of Deeds for any real estate title to which the Board of Selectmen may deem not in the best interest of the Town to hold, said authorization to waive not to prevent the Town Treasurer, with the advice and approval of the Board of Selectmen, from later foreclosing on said tax lien mortgage pursuant to law.
- Article 87.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to approve expenditures of any carried forward account balance from the prior fiscal year provided said expenditures are for accounts for which the funding was originally appropriated, and that those funds are for a defined purpose.
- Article 88.** To see if the Town will vote to 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. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excel sale proceeds, as defined in M.R.S § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
- Article 89.** To see if the Town will vote to approve multiple due dates pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 505 for the purpose of establishing a “tax club” payment plan for property taxes and to authorize the tax collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers, whereby:
1. The taxpayer signs a completed agreement with the tax collector by a publicly advertised deadline determined by the tax collector.
 2. The taxpayer agrees to pay 10 equal monthly installment payments to the Town beginning August 28th based on the taxpayer’s estimated and actual tax obligation for current year property taxes.
 3. Interest will not be charged on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement.
 4. Per 36 M.R.S. § 506, the collector may accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of the taxes.
 5. The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates, interest dates and interest rate as taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club.
 6. Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program.

The Voter Registrar will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election. A voter not enrolled in a political party may not vote in a primary election.

Fail not to make do service of this warrant and return the same with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

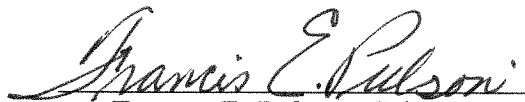
Given under our hands this 30th day of April A.D. 2025.



Mark J. Blier, Selectman



David A. Field, Selectman



Francis E. Pulsoni, Selectman



Thomas J. Peters, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Town of Buxton, Maine