

2026 WARRANT
TOWN OF PALMYRA

State of Maine County of Somerset
To Diane White, resident of Palmyra in said county,

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Palmyra, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Palmyra Community Center in Palmyra on Friday the 13th day of March, A.D. 2026 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act on Articles One and Two, to then adjourn and reassemble at the Palmyra Community Center on Saturday the 14th day of March, A.D. 2026 at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the remaining articles to wit:

Note: Election of Moderator will be at 7:45 a.m. and voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday March 13, 2026.

Art. 1 To elect a moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To elect the following by secret ballot:
Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor
- Two members for three year terms.
RSU Director
- One member for a three year term.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,865 for Select Board member's compensation.

Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,000 for insurances, estimated breakdown as follows:

Health	20,050.00
Property & Casualty	18,630.00
Workers comp	3,800.00
Unemployment	<u>1,520.00</u>
Total	\$ 44,000.00

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$223,000 for the Town Charge Account.

Estimated expenditures as follows:

A. Compensation	\$158,000
B. Contract Services	49,000
C. Utilities	5,000
D. Supplies/Fees	6,000
<u>E. Lien Costs</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$223,000

- Art. 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to maintain the Community Center. Estimated expenditures as follows:
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| A. Utilities | 35,000 |
| B. Maintenance/Repairs | 22,000 |
| C. <u>Contracted Services</u> | <u>8,000</u> |
| Total | 65,000 |
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for utilities and maintenance for the Town Hall and Modular Building.
- Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 for assessing work.
- Art. 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,500 for Code Enforcement and appropriate Plumbing Fees to this account.
- Art. 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for a sexton and for maintenance of the town cemeteries. Interest earned from the Cemetery Investment account in 2025 to be credited to this account. Also to authorize the Select Board to enter into or continue contracts for cemetery maintenance and a sexton.
- Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for cleaning and repair to cemetery stones.
- Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of land 50' X 50' to extend the Goodwin-Webber Cemetery.
- Art. 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for General Assistance and appropriate funds reimbursed from the State of Maine.
- Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for Maine Municipal Association dues.
- Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for membership in the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1500 to purchase American Flags to display on Main Street.
- Art. 17 Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Palmyra Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance." be enacted. Copies of the ordinance are available on the web site, at the Town Office and at Town Meeting.

(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,076.48 for the second payment of funds borrowed for a New Truck.

Note: This is the second payment due under a Lease Purchase Agreement executed by the Select Board on behalf of the Town and authorized by a vote of Town meeting on December 17, 2025.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400,000 for the Public Works account. Estimated amounts in each category as follows:

Summer Roads	\$ 15,000
Winter Roads	90,000
Capital Road Improvements	145,000
Equipment/Garage	<u>150,000</u>
Total	\$400,000

Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to finance \$180,500 with an estimated 5.19% interest rate, to Lease Purchase a Loader Back Hoe for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate \$39,842.34 for the first payment.

Equipment Information:

CASE 590S Loader Backhoe, Price - \$195,500 - \$15,000 Trade-In

Town of Palmyra Financial Statement:

1. Total Town indebtedness:	
A. Lease Purchase Agreement outstanding and unpaid:	<u>\$152,305.92</u>
B. Bonds or agreements authorized and unissued:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
C. Lease Purchase Agreement to be issued if this question is approved:	<u>\$199,211.70</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$351,517.62</u>

2. Costs
At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.19%, the estimated costs of this Master Lease Purchase Agreement will be:

(5) years	
Principal:	\$180,500.00
Interest:	<u>\$ 18,711.70</u>
Total Debt Services:	\$199,211.70

3. Validity
The validity of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement and of the voters' ratification of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the Master Lease Purchase Agreement varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement is not affected by reasons of the variance.

Art. 21 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000 for Fire Protection and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.

- Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$185,000 for Solid Waste Disposal, and appropriate reimbursements from Municipal Review Committee (MRC).
- Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for recycling.
- Art. 24 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for legal expenses. This would include expenses associated with the sale of tax-acquired property, land-use violations and other legal expenses. Any fines and reimbursements will be credited to this account.
- Art. 25 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.
- Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500 for the Animal Control account and appropriate Dog License Fees to this account.
- Art. 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for mileage and expenses for the Emergency Management Director and the Health Officer.
- Art. 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500 for the Recreation Program with any funds remaining in the account at the end of the year to be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for maintenance of the Town Park and to authorize the Select Board to continue/enter into contracts for this purpose.
- Art. 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Palmyra Scholarship Fund.
- Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for library services.
- Art. 32 To see if the Town will vote to give the revenue received from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for snowmobile registrations to the Palmyra Snowmobile Club.
- Art. 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,854 for dues for Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).
- Art. 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Capital Improvements investment account.
- Art. 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$64,350 to reroof the gym section of the Community Center.

- Art. 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6000 for restoration of town records.
- Art. 37 Shall the Town adopt the revised "Town of Palmyra Zoning Ordinance." Copies of the ordinance with proposed changes are available on the web site, at the Town Office and at Town Meeting.
- Art. 38 Shall the Town adopt the revised "Town of Palmyra Subdivision Ordinance." Copies of the ordinance with proposed changes are available on the web site, at the Town Office and at Town Meeting
- Art. 39 Shall the Town adopt an amendment to increase minimum lot size allowed for residential or commercial use in all districts to two acres. This change would affect "The Town of Palmyra Zoning Ordinance" Article III, Section 3-5 (Section 3-8 in revised ordinance) and the "Town of Palmyra Subdivision Ordinance" Article 7, Section 2 a.
Note: Non-conforming lots created before this amendment are Grandfathered.
- Art. 40 Shall the Town adopt an amendment to the "Town of Palmyra Zoning Ordinance" Article III Section 3-5 (Note 2 in revised ordinance) Commercial activities in the form of home occupations, retail sales and service establishments (including professional offices and banks) provided the gross floor area devoted to such use on a single lot is not more than ~~5000~~ 2500 square feet.
- Art. 41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for repairs to the Community Center parking lot.
- Art. 42 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Veterans Committee to relocate the Monument at St Martins Church to the Town Park.
- Art. 43 To see if the Town will vote to take \$72,635.04 from surplus to ratify overdrafts in fiscal year 2025 (Community Center – 3486.53, Fire Protection – 452.64, Public Works – 68,680.33, Planning/Appeals Board – 15.54)
- Art. 44 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after such date the Town shall determine, and set rate.
*Select Board recommends 4 percent to start 60 days from day of commitment.
Note - maximum allowed by the State Treasurer is 7 percent.*
- Art. 45 To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept Pre-payments for taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

- Art. 46 To see if the Town will vote to authorize funds for Abatements to come from overlay.
- Art. 47 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,857 for the following:
Tri-Town Food Bank – \$1,300
Newport Food Bank – \$1,000
Winslow Community Cupboard - \$2000
KVCAP Transportation Program - \$500
Hospice of Somerset County - \$400
Family Violence Project - \$1,000
Senior Spectrum - \$2,557
Somerset Economic Development Committee - \$100
Kennebec Behavioral Health -\$500
LifeFlight Foundation - \$1,000
KVCAP Community Action Program - \$500
- Art. 48 To see if the Town will vote to have the Select Board choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year and fix compensation for same.
- Art. 49 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed three-twelfths (1/4) of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027 to the Annual Town Meeting.
- Art. 50 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to obtain loan(s) in anticipation of taxes not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total commitment, such loans to be paid during the current fiscal year.
- Art. 51 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, in such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property. And if they should choose to employ a bid process, the Select Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Notices of tax acquired property sales will be posted in a newspaper that covers the local area.
- Art. 52 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell excess Town equipment and property and credit funds realized to appropriate account.
- Art. 53 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to accept funds from individuals for the purchase of paving stones. These stones will be placed near the Veterans' Memorial to honor individuals chosen by the purchaser.

- Art. 54 To see if the Town will vote to continue the fund for the purpose of accepting donations for Palmyra's Christmas program known as the Giving Tree with any funds remaining in the account at the end of the year to be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- Art. 55 Shall the Town of Palmyra vote to authorize the Select Board to accept or reject grants, donations, and or gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town of Palmyra for FY2026 and to expend monies donated for specific purposes.
- Art. 56 To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take from anticipated revenue and surplus to lower the 2026 Tax Commitment.

<i>Note: Anticipated Revenue:</i>	<i>Excise Tax</i>	<i>410,000</i>
	<i>Rentals</i>	<i>35,000</i>
	<i>Interest on Taxes</i>	<i>9,500</i>
	<i>Lien Costs</i>	<i>5,000</i>
	<i>Fees/Interest</i>	<i>30,000</i>
	<i>First Park Taxes</i>	<i>8,000</i>
	<i>Surplus Funds</i>	<i>102,500</i>
	<i>Select Board recommends</i>	<i>\$600,000</i>

Given under our hand this 25th day of February 2026

Bill E. Baus [Signature] [Signature]

[Signature]
Palmyra Select Board

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Palmyra, Maine

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Town Office and Post Office in said town on February 26, 2026 being at least seven days before the meeting.

And I have this day posted one copy of an ordinance entitled 'Town of Palmyra Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance,' attested by the municipal clerk, with the warrants at said places."

Diane White
Diane White, Resident of Palmyra

