

**TOWN OF DAMARISCOTTA
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

LINCOLN, SS

STATE OF MAINE

TO: Jason Warlick, Constable for the Town of Damariscotta, in the County of Lincoln.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Damariscotta, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Damariscotta Municipal Building, 21 School Street in said Town, on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, A.D. 2025 at 8:00 A.M. then and there to act on Articles 1 through 13.

The polls for voting on Articles 2 through 13 will be open at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.

The adjourned meeting to act on Articles 14 through 51 in the Warrant will be resumed at Skidompha Library in Porter Hall, 184 Main Street in said Town on Wednesday the 11th of June, A.D. 2025 at 6 P.M.

SECRET BALLOT ARTICLES 1-13

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. (Note: The moderator is nominated from the floor.)
- ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot in accordance with the vote of the Town, the following officers:
Two (2) Select Board/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor (Three-year terms)
One (1) School Committee Member (Three-year term)
One (1) Sanitary District Trustee (Three-year term)
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Charter amendments that update the School Committee to accurately reflect the formation of a Regional School Unit.
At the June 2024 Annual Town Meeting, the voters approved the reorganization plan to reorganize the Great Salt Bay Community School (CSD) into a regional school unit (RSU), with an effective date of July 1, 2025. This plan was submitted and approved by the state and the CSD will now be a K-12 RSU.
A copy of the Town Charter that shows the proposed amendments is on file with the Town Clerk.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town of Damariscotta will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$1,925** to help defray the costs of **New Hope Midcoast**, and to act thereon.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$5,314.05** for the provider agency **Spectrum Generations**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the **Damariscotta Historical Society**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** for the **Coastal Kids Preschool**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$33,813** for the provider agency **Skidompha Library**

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the provider agency **Lincoln County Television (LCTV)**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the provider agency **Central Lincoln County YMCA (CLC YMCA)**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the provider agency **Hearty Roots**

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$1,200** for the provider agency **Veggies to Table**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the provider agency **Midcoast Conservancy**.

This provider agency has submitted a petition requesting the town provide a contribution through the town budget per the Provider Agency Policy adopted by the Select Board.

OPEN TOWN MEETING ARTICLES 14-51

Articles 14 through 51 will be presented at the Open Town Meeting held on Wednesday, June 11th, at 6:00 PM at the Skidompha Library in Porter Hall.

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June 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Porter Hall, Skidompha Library

ARTICLE 14.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government**:

	Select Board	Budget Committee
Administration	\$614,810	\$614,810
Assessing	\$49,875	\$49,875
Planning/Development	\$192,885	\$192,885
Solid Waste	\$190,445	\$190,445
Municipal Building	\$78,470	\$78,470
Contingency	\$18,000	\$18,000
Legal	\$22,500	\$22,500
Insurance	\$14,970	\$14,970
General Assistance	\$5,000	\$5,000

Select Board Recommend: \$1,186,955

Budget Committee Recommend: \$1,186,955

ARTICLE 15.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Police Department**:

Select Board Recommend: \$907,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$907,000

ARTICLE 16.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Safety**.

	Budget Committee	Select Board
Animal Control	\$7,850	\$7,850
Fire Department	\$181,695	\$181,695
Emergency Management	\$2,780	\$2,780
Hydrants	\$227,000	\$227,000
Street Lights	\$6,000	\$6,000
Traffic Lights	\$2,700	\$2,700
CLC Ambulance	\$106,280	\$106,280

Select Board Recommend: \$534,305

Budget Committee Recommend: \$534,305

ARTICLE 17.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works:**

	Budget Committee	Select Board
Highway Department	\$817,580	\$817,580
Cemetery	\$63,090	\$63,090
Biscay Beach	\$1,400	\$1,400

Select Board Recommend: \$882,070

Budget Committee Recommend: \$882,070

ARTICLE 18.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Community Services/Betterment:**

Select Board Recommend: \$2,500

Budget Committee Recommend: \$ 0

ARTICLE 19.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service:**

Bond Issue for Road and Sidewalk Improvements: \$191,130; Matures 10/36

Loan for Street Light Purchase and LED Conversion \$10,845; Matures 10/25

Select Board Recommend: \$201,975

Budget Committee Recommend: \$201,975

ARTICLE 20.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Municipal Building Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: \$40,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$40,000

ARTICLE 21.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Fire Station Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: \$60,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$60,000

ARTICLE 22.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Highway Facilities Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: \$100,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$100,000

ARTICLE 23.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Fire Truck Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: \$150,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$150,000

ARTICLE 24.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Fire Equipment Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: \$6,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$6,000

ARTICLE 25.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Police Department Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$40,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$40,000**

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Highway Truck Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$35,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$35,000**

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Highway Equipment Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$30,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$30,000**

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Sidewalk Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$70,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$70,000**

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Paving, Drainage, and Maintenance Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$150,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$150,000**

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Cemetery Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$20,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$20,000**

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Property Revaluation Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$30,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$30,000**

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the **Payroll Liability Reserve:**

Select Board Recommend: **\$20,000**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$20,000**

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$666,755** for the **Lincoln County Tax Assessment.**

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$747,130** from **Estimated Revenues** to be applied to reduce the **FY 2026** Tax Commitment.

	Select Board	Budget Committee
Administration	\$106,950	\$106,950
Assessing	\$14,150	\$14,150
Planning & Development	\$98,280	\$98,280
Police	\$3,000	\$3,000
Animal Control	\$750	\$750
Public Works	\$519,000	\$519,000
General Assistance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$747,130	\$747,130

**State reimbursements in this article do not reflect the reimbursement programs that are included on the Tax Rate Calculation form that is completed by the Assessors. The reimbursements on that form include BETE, Homestead, and State Revenue Sharing.*

Select Board Recommend: \$747,130

Budget Committee Recommend: \$747,130

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$24,500**, or any amount as received from the **State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP)**, to reduce the FY 2026 Tax Commitment.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$150,000** from the **Undesignated Fund Balance** to be applied to reduce the FY 2026 Tax Commitment:

Select Board Recommend: \$150,000

Budget Committee Recommend: \$150,000

ARTICLE 37. To elect one Cemetery Trustee for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 38. To elect the following Budget Committee members for the terms listed below.

Select Board Nominates:

- _____ for a term ending June 2026;
- Richard McLean** for a term ending June 2028;
- Shari Sage** for a term ending June 2028;
- _____ for a term ending June 2028;
- _____ for an Alternate member one-year term;
- _____ for an Alternate member one-year term.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend funds from various reserve funds as they deem necessary in accordance with the capital improvement program.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money, bequests, apply for and accept State and Federal Grants, and grants from non-profit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to authorize the signing of grant contracts, accept the conditions that accompany gifts of money,

bequests, and grant funds, and to appropriate and expend gifts of money, bequests, and grant funds for the authorized purposes.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Massasoit Engine Company gifts of money and certain items of equipment to be used for the benefit of the Town and the Massasoit Engine Company.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter multi-year contracts (not to exceed 10 years) for the lease or purchase of goods and services and the lease of real property or buildings, when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town?

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to set the date, hour, and place for the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to appropriate the proceeds of any sale of said items to an existing operating or capital reserve account.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate money from the sale of Town owned vehicles to the respective departmental reserve accounts.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to set a date when taxes shall be paid, and if so, what rate of interest shall be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. (Maximum allowable rate is 7.50 percent.)

Select Board Recommend Due Dates of October 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026 and an interest rate of 7.5%.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a 2026 Tax Club Plan to taxpayers who enroll no later than July 30, 2025; who pay the total amount of 2026 taxes by monthly payments from July 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026; who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest. To be eligible for the Tax Club, all 2025 taxes must be paid in full.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, and to pay interest at a rate of 0% (zero) as a courtesy to taxpayers who wish to prepay some or all of their uncommitted taxes.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate at 3.5% (percent) to be paid by the Town on prepaid abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 506-A.
"A taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed must be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at a rate to be established by the municipality. The rate of interest may not exceed the interest rate established by the

municipality for delinquent taxes nor may it be less than that rate reduced by 4 percentage points. If a municipality fails to establish a rate of interest for overpayments of taxes, it shall pay interest at the rate it has established for delinquent taxes.”

ARTICLE 50.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Article 51.

To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve the purchase of a replacement ladder truck (the Purchase), (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,900,000, plus any additional premium, to provide for the costs of the Purchase, and (3) authorize the Treasurer and Town Manager to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, plus any additional premium, and delegate to the Treasurer and the Town Manager the discretion to fix the dates(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, premium(s), form(s) and other details of said securities on behalf of the Town and to provide for the sale thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
TOWN OF DAMARISCOTTA

1. Total Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding as of March 21, 2025	\$ 1,898,867.25
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved	<u>\$ 1,300,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,798,867.25

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 4.50%, with a 15-year term, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 1,300,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 342,925</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$ 1,642,925

3. Validity

The validity of the bond and of the voters’ ratification of the bond may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service of

the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Town Treasurer

Given under our hands at said Damariscotta, Maine this 16th day of April, A.D., 2025

Select Board, Town of Damariscotta

Tom Anderson

Andrea Keushguerian

Daryl Fraser, Chairperson

Joshua Pinkham

Daniel Hunter

Attest: _____ Town Clerk