

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Town of Industry

March 9, 2024

To: Joseph Paradis, Jr., a citizen of the Town of Industry, in the County of Franklin, and the State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Industry, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Industry Town Hall in said town on **Saturday, March 9, 2024** at 7:45 AM then and there to act by secret ballot vote on articles 1 through 2, polls closing on article 2 at 1:00 PM; and to warn and notify the voters to meet at 2:00 PM to act on articles 3 through 39, all of said articles being set out below,

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

Article 2 To elect the following Town Officers by secret ballot:

Select Board / Assessor & Overseer (1 position, 3 yr. term)
School Board Director (1 position, 3 yr. term)

The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Industry Town Hall. The remaining business to be transacted under this Warrant will be taken up at 2 PM.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to ratify all overdrafts for the year 2023.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize all abatements that are granted, and charged to the Overlay account.

Article 5 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 the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S.A § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$298,961.00** established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax limit.

By State statute, this vote must be by written ballot.

EXPLANATION: The recommended budget will exceed the tax levy limit of \$298,961.00 by \$120,706 to a higher figure of \$419,667.00.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to make all property taxes due and payable October 1, 2024, upon that day, they will become delinquent thereafter, and the interest on said delinquent taxes shall be the maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4. (8.5%)

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept pre-payments of taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to accept any gifts, grants, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by an individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, that have not been listed in any of the previous or following articles and to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose for which they were given if the Select Board determine that the gifts, grants, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the NorthernLites Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Local Plumbing Inspector 50% of the fees collected in the year 2024.

25 % State, 25% Town, 50% Plumbing Inspector
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Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **12,081.00** and to contract with Franklin Memorial Hospital, NorthStar Emergency Medical Service, for the term of one year.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,600.00** for the Animal Control Officer.

ACO Salary	\$6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$600.00

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,892.00** and to contract with the Franklin County Animal Shelter for the term of one year.

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for debt service.

Interest on tax anticipation loan

Article 18 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,500.00** to contract with the Town of Farmington and Farmington Fire/Rescue for fire department oversight and fire emergency response for the term of one year.

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Industry Fire Rescue Department.

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Town Hall.

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,000.00**, for the Administration operating expenses.

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00**, for liability, and property insurance coverage.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$72,000.00** for the salaries of the Select Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Deputy Clerk.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the operation of town Street Lights.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$850.00** for membership reimbursements at the Farmington Public Library, for the Town of Industry Taxpayers.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,877.00** to contract with the Town of Farmington for the use of their transfer station for the term of one year.

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000.00** for the maintenance of the highway department Equipment.

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the operating expenses of the Town Garage.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$225,000.00** for the care and maintenance of Roads.

Summer Roads	\$125,000.00
Winter Roads	\$100,000.00

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** for the Paving.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the care and maintenance of Cemeteries, by appropriating \$6,000.00 from taxation and transferring \$1,000.00 from the Allens Mills Cemetery Trust account.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,250.00** for Enforcement wages.

CEO Salary	\$6,000.00
CEO Payroll Taxes	\$600.00
Health Officer	\$500.00
Health Officer Payroll Taxes	\$50.00
LPI Payroll Taxes	\$100.00

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the General Assistance program.

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the maintenance and improvements to the beachfront at Clearwater Lake.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,438.00** for the debt payments owed on previously approved loans for the Plow Truck and Fire Dept Mini Pumper.

Plow Truck Loan	\$17,040.00
Fire Dept Mini Pumper	\$11,398.00

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$28,025.52** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act of ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following projects: installation of generators at the Town Hall and Town Garage.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$75,000.00** for the purchase of a used Fire Truck engine/pumper with \$50,000.00 coming from taxation and up to \$25,000.00 from the town's undesignated surplus.

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purchase of a new Fisher Poly-Caster Hopper sand spreader.

Article 39 Shall an ordinance entitled "Dog Control Ordinance for the Town of Industry, Maine (as revised Feb 2024) be enacted?"