

**Town of Dover-Foxcroft  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
Fiscal Year 2024-2025  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

To Seth Burnes, a Constable of the Town of Dover-Foxcroft in the County of Piscataquis and State of Maine, or any other Constable of said Town:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dover-Foxcroft in said County and State qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2024 at 7:45 O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1**

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

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It is hereby specified that Articles 2 through 8 below shall be acted upon by secret referendum ballot, and that the polls be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 11, 2024, A. D., at the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building for voting on said articles.

The Office of the Registrar of Voters in the Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Building will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, A. D., and from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 A. D, to receive applications of persons claiming the right to vote. A prospective voter may also register to vote at the Annual Town Meeting.

Thereafter, upon closing of the polls and completion of vote tallies, the Moderator will announce results.

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**ARTICLE 2**

Shall the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 municipal budget approved at the Annual Town Meeting in April in the amount of \$9,147,575 and itemized below, be adopted?

<b>Expense</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
Operations	6,563,020	5,799,775
Capital Equipment	854,185	350,000
Capital Improvements	160,000	110,000
Roads/Bridges/Sidewalks	725,000	600,000
Wastewater Operations and Capital	845,370	801,775
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,147,575</b>	<b>7,661,550</b>

<b>Revenue and Offsets to Property Tax</b>		
Wastewater Revenue and Offsets	<b>(845,370)</b>	<b>(801,775)</b>
General Fund Revenue and Offsets	<b>(4,728,035)</b>	<b>(3,894,920)</b>
<b>Total Revenue and Offsets</b>	<b>(5,573,405)</b>	<b>(4,696,695)</b>
<b>Net to Raise</b>	<b>3,574,170</b>	<b>2,964,855</b>

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town authorizes the Dover-Foxcroft Select Board to enter into an agreement with the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and others as may be beneficial for removal of the Mayo Mill Dam through the use of funds secured by ASF and TNC not through local taxes (initial estimated construction cost \$6,308,500), to initiate a process to develop a plan for a restored riverfront including enhancements to support economic and recreational opportunities for the downtown as well as opportunities for historic preservation, and to secure non local taxpayer funding to make riverfront improvements consistent with the plan (estimated cost \$6,000,000), all on the terms and conditions to be negotiated and approved by the Select Board acting in the best interests of the Town.

Dover-Foxcroft Select Board Recommends a “Yes” vote.

Dover-Foxcroft Mayo Mill Dam Steering Committee Recommends a “Yes” vote.

*Explanatory Note:*

*A “yes” vote means the Town authorizes the Select Board to remove the Mayo Mill Dam and develop a Riverfront Restoration Plan without using local taxes by entering into an agreement with the Atlantic Salmon Federation and The Nature Conservancy (or others as may be beneficial) to secure grants or other non-local tax sources. The availability of grants and other non-local taxpayer funding is time sensitive which is why the Select Board recommends a “yes” vote now to provide the Town with the best opportunity to secure these funds. Delaying action will decrease availability of grants and other non-local tax funding sources, and may result in lost opportunities all together to avoid use of local taxes on this project.*

*A “no” vote means the Town will need to fund studies, permitting, and repair construction costs of the Mayo Mill Dam using local taxes. Repair construction costs alone are initially estimated at \$7,500,000 - \$8,000,000 to fix the dam in compliance with federal regulations for dam safety and fish passage, with additional funding needed for annual dam maintenance and compliance costs. This is because Federal inspections of the Mayo Mill Dam show it has significant safety concerns.*

*The Town’s Mayo Mill Dam Steering Committee and Select Board performed extensive due diligence on options to address these safety concerns, weighing economic, social, historic, and environmental factors associated with dam removal or fixing the dam. This due diligence occurred for just over a year (12-14 months). Ultimately, both the Committee and Select Board recommend dam removal and a riverfront restoration plan as the best option. This is because it would be funded without local taxes and presents economic and recreational opportunities for the Town, with the ability to honor the historic contribution of the dam to the community.*

**ARTICLE 4**

Shall an ordinance entitled “**Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to LD 2003 on Housing**” be enacted?

*Note: A copy of the full text of the proposed “Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to LD 2003 on Housing” is available at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Annual Town Meeting Referendum.*

**ARTICLE 5**

Shall an ordinance entitled “**Town of Dover-Foxcroft Subdivision Ordinance**” be enacted?

*Note: A copy of the full text of the proposed “Town of Dover-Foxcroft Subdivision Ordinance” is available at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Annual Town Meeting Referendum.*

**ARTICLE 6**

Shall an ordinance entitled “**Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to self-storage facilities**” be enacted?

*Note: A copy of the full text of the proposed “Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to self-storage facilities” is available at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Annual Town Meeting Referendum.*

**ARTICLE 7**

Shall an ordinance entitled “**Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to changeable electronic copy signs**” be enacted?

*Note: A copy of the full text of the proposed “Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to changeable electronic copy signs” is available at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Annual Town Meeting Referendum.*


**ARTICLE 8**


Shall an ordinance entitled “**Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to wind energy systems**” be enacted?

*Note: A copy of the full text of the proposed “Amendment to the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Land Use Ordinance pertaining to wind energy systems” is available at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Annual Town Meeting Referendum.*

Approved this 13th day of May, A.D. 2024

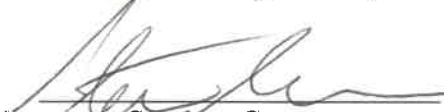
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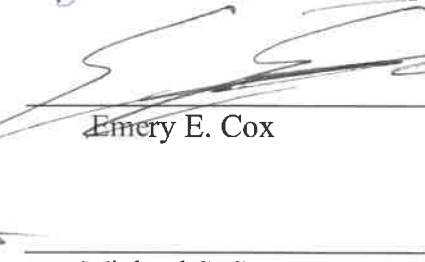
  
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