

**2026 WARRANT  
FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Vicki Smith, Citizen of the Town of Westfield in the County of Aroostook.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Office, so called, in Westfield ME on Monday, the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) day of March A.D., 2026 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2: To choose one person by written ballot for a three (3) year term as member of the Select Board, Assessors, Board of Overseers and Road Commissioners.

ART. 3: To choose one person by written ballot for a three (3) year term as member of the Select Board, Assessors, Board of Overseers and Road Commissioners.

ART. 4: To see if the Town will set a date when taxes shall be due and payable and fix a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes after said date.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Taxes shall be due and payable as of October 31, 2026, and interest to be charged at the rate of 7.0% on all unpaid taxes starting November 1, 2026.**

ART. 5: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 MRSA. § 506-A.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMEND: Interest will be paid at the rate charged for the year of abatement.**

ART. 6: To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for COMMUNITY AGENCIES for the ensuing year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$4,665.00**

ART. 7: To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT for the ensuing year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$228,000.00**

**ART. 8:** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for INSURANCES for the ensuing year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$37,000.00**

**ART. 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during this fiscal year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$1,000.00**

**ART. 10:** To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2026.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$100,000.00**

**ART. 11:** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for MUNICIPAL SERVICES for the ensuing year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$231,798.00** (This does not include Education or County Taxes)

**ART. 12:** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY for the ensuing year.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$73,844.00**

**ART. 13:** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for BUILDING, EQUIPMENT and the CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$60,000.00 - Building; \$40,000.00 - Equipment; \$4,520.00 – Cemetery; and \$1,000.00 - Emergency Management Funds**

**ART 14:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell any outdated capital equipment, at its discretion, and monies received from such sale be credited to the Equipment Reserve Account.

**ART. 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$50.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**ART. 16:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to transfer earnings received from: Excise Taxes, Interest, State/Local Road Assistance, State Revenue

Sharing, and any refunds from the State and/or the Federal Government to surplus to be utilized to reduce the tax commitment.

ART. 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the budget amount in each budget category of the 2025 budget during the period from January 1, 2026 to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

ART. 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell, keep or dispose of, as they deem advisable, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon and to execute a quitclaim deed for such property, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ART. 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to purchase equipment for the purpose of maintaining the Town's highway system and/or purchase equipment and/or merchandise for the repair of buildings. The funds for such purchases are to come from the respective Reserve Funds. If the funds to be expended exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), a Special Town Meeting is to be called.

ART. 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 MRSA § 2953.

ART. 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to Title 36 MRSA § 506.

ART. 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for the snowmobile registrations to the Central Aroostook Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, in anticipation of the collection of current fiscal year taxes, pursuant to state law, with such Note to mature in April 2027, and to authorize the Select Board to determine the terms and conditions of said Note.

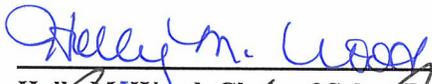
ART. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept or reject grants, donations and/or gifts of money to various accounts of the Town of Westfield for FY 2026 and to expend monies received for specific purposes.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to expend money received from the State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (L.R.A.P.) to capital road improvements as they deem necessary and appropriate.

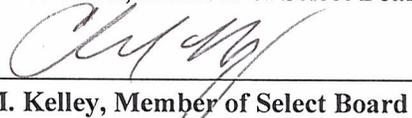
ART. 26. Adjournment

The Select Board hereby give notice; the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the above-named Town Office and meeting place on Monday, March 16, 2026, the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting/registering voters from 6:30 o'clock in the evening until 7:00 pm when the meeting starts.

Given under our hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026:

  
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Holly M. Wood, Chair of Select Board

  
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Conrad A. Brown, Member of Select Board

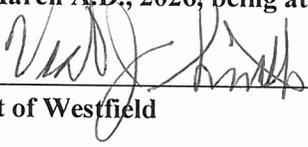
  
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Chad M. Kelley, Member of Select Board

ATTEST:   
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Mara Harris, Town Clerk

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Westfield, Maine March 9 A.D., 2026

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 the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the door of the Town Office and at the Post Office bulletin board in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D., 2026, being at least seven (7) days before the said meeting.



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Resident of Westfield