

APPOINTED POSITIONS

The following positions are supervised under the direction of the Board of Assessors. Term of office is 1 year except for the fire chief. Direct inquiries to the Board of Assessors.

CLERK

TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR

REGISTRAR

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

FIRE CHIEF

Somerset County
State of Maine

To: Denise Rancourt
Resident Constable of West Forks Plantation, in the County of Somerset.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of West Forks Plantation qualified to vote in Plantation affairs to assemble at the West Forks Town Office in said Plantation March 17, 2025, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art: A To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

TOWN REPORT

Open discussion on previous year's business.

Art: 1 To see how much money the voters will authorize the assessors to appropriate from surplus towards the school budget. **Recommendation: from surplus: \$54,000.**

Art: 2 To vote for a Plantation Assessor.

3rd Assessor for a 3-year term.

Art: 3 To see if the plantation will vote to fill any vacant positions that may occur at the Town Meeting.

Art: 4 To fix all officer's salaries for 2025.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes \$31,300.

Total Proposed salaries for 2025- \$ 31,300

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Propose 2025</u>
Town Clerk	\$3,500	3,500	Treasurer	\$4,000	\$4,000
1 st Assessor	\$9,000	9,000	Tax Collector	\$5,700	\$5,700
2 nd Assessor	\$5,000	5,000	Registrar	\$ 600	\$ 600
3 rd Assessor	\$3,000	3,000	Fire Warden	\$ 500	\$ 500

Art: 5 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to pay Soc. Sec. & Medicare on officer's Salaries.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes EST. \$5,000

Art: 6 To see if the plantation will vote to override the Tax Cap Law for the 2025 Plantation budget.

Art: 7 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise to hire a certified tax assessor.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$1,000.00

Art: 8 To see if the Plantation will vote to accept any monies donated by The Forks and Somerset County for fire protection for 2025

Art: 9 To see how the voters of the Plantation wish to expend the Snowmobile License Refund money.

Recommendation: to donate refund the Dead River Sno-Riders.

Art: 10 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise or appropriate for the annual payment to C.F.W.F. Landfill, Inc.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$30,135.02

Art: 11 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for streetlights.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$4,500.

Art: 12 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise to pay the L.U.P.C. assessment for 2025

Recommendation: to raise from taxes \$7,137.

Art: 13 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise or appropriate for West Forks share of the operation of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$15,080.

Art: 14 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote for the Plantation audit for 2025

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$5,500.

Art: 15 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise U.K.V.A.S. for 2025

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$16,505.44

Art: 16 To see if the town will vote to approve a \$1,000 donation out of the scholarship account to students attending college after completion of the first semester.

Art: 17 To choose a School Board Director for a three-year term.

Art: 18 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for operation of the Town Office and plantation charges for 2025.

Recommendation: \$30,000 to raise from taxation.

Art: 19 To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$11,500 for the purpose of snow removal & sanding on Plantation roads for 2025-2026 season.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes \$11,500

Art: 20 To see if the town will approve the sale of a small parcel of land approximately 80' x 300' behind the old catholic church for the sum of \$500 to Gordon Berry. All expenses to be paid by the buyer.

Art: 21 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for the town road improvement account.

Recommendation: to raise from taxes: \$2,500

Art: 22 To allow Assessors to expend up to 25% of the previous year's budget to cover expenditures for Jan, Feb, & March.

The Following Donations Total \$15,100

Art: 23 To see if the Plantation will vote to Raise amounts for the following donations:
Recommended Raise from taxes.

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$100 Somerset Economic Development.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$1,000 for the Chamber of Commerce.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$100 for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$250 for the American Red Cross.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$500 for the Bingham Food Pantry.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$500 for the Old Canada Road Historical Society.
To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$600 for the Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$2300 for The Forks Fireworks Display.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$2,000 for The Forks Fish & Game.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$10,000 for the Dead River Sno-Riders Club for the 2025-2026 season.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$750 for the Baker Mt. Ski Area.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$ 500 for the Old Canada Road Scenic By-Way.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$1,500 for the Jackman Regional Paramedicine Program.

Art: 24 To see if the plantation will vote to raise or appropriate funds for the maintenance and sonar of the Durgin Cemetery. **Recommendation: to take out of surplus; \$6,000**

Art: 25 To see if the Plantation will vote to accept any or all monies offered for reimbursement or for any reason offered by the State of Maine. Examples include, Revenue sharing, Aid to education, Interest on reserve land, civil engineering, road assistance, and others.

Art: 26 To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on taxes that remain unpaid 60 days after the bills are sent out and at what percentage. The maximum percentage for 2025 is 7.5%

Art: 27 To see if the Plantation will vote to allow the Assessors to spend excise tax money for school purposes, plantation charges or other needs if the Board of Assessors along with the treasurer agrees that it can be spared from the town fund. Such an activity is to be voted on at an assessors' meeting.

Art: 28 Adjournment.

The registrar will be in session at the Town Hall on said day at 6.00 p.m. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof, fail not and have you this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hand, 3rd day of March 2025

Jim St. Laurent
1st Assessor

Lynda Grant
2nd Assessor

Leon Duval
3rd Assessor

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Attest: Denise Rancourt

Resident Constable: West Forks Plantation

**WARRANT FOR DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF WEST FORKS
(20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485)**

TO: Lynda Grant, a resident of the Town of West Forks in the County of Somerset and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of West Forks in West Forks, Maine, County of Somerset and State of Maine of the District budget meeting described in this Warrant.

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF WEST FORKS, WEST FORKS, MAINE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF MAINE:**

You are hereby notified that a District budget meeting of The Town of West Forks will be held at the West Forks Town Hall in the Town of West Forks on March 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of acting upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will be authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** (PreK – 12) for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

Board of Directors recommends \$81,000

This amount is tuition for five (5) full time elementary students and one (1) full time secondary students.

Article 2: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will be authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

Board of Directors recommends \$2,000

Article 3: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will be authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

Board of Directors recommends \$11,500

This amount is for the School Committee's and Superintendent's stipends and share of the audit.

Article 4: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will be authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses** for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

Board of Directors recommends \$64,600

This amount is for the transportation of West Forks students and all costs associated with it which includes \$20,000 for the school bus account and an increase in employment taxes.

Article 5: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

Board of Directors recommends 3,000

REVENUE ARTICLES

Article 6: To see what sum the Town of West Forks will appropriate for the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town of West Forks will raise as it's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Board of Directors recommends \$111,905

The District's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 7: **Additional Local Funds.** To see what sum The Town of West Forks will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services Allocation model by \$50,390 required to fund the budget.

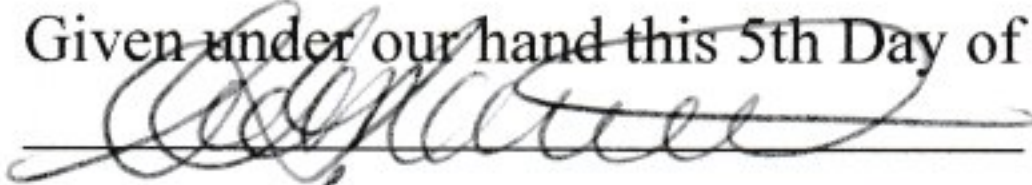
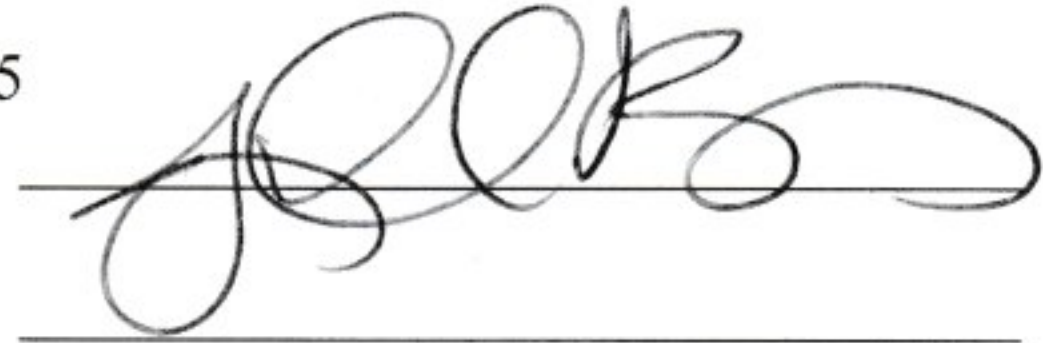
Board of Directors recommends \$42,328

Article 8: **Total School Budget Summary.** To see what sum the Town of West Forks will authorize the Board of School Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised

Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts,
state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Board of Directors recommends: \$162,100

Given under our hand this 5th Day of February 2025

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Board of Directors of The Town of West Forks

A true copy of the Warrant

Attest: _____, Jim St. Laurent