

Plantation Officers

Appointed Clerk

Denise Rancourt

Assessors & Overseers of the Poor

Jim St. Laurent- Lynda Grant – Adam Chase

Appointed Treasurer

Lloyd Trafton

Appointed Tax Collector

Denise Rancourt

Directors of West Forks School Dept.

Ashli Coleman, Laura Seavey, Jillian Berry

Appointed Emergency Management Director

Jim St. Laurent

Health Officer

Jim St. Laurent

Appointed Animal Control Officer

William Shaw

Plumbing Inspector

Brian Turner

Fire Chief

Thomas Sylvester II

Assistant Fire Chief

Pete Pierce

EMS DIRECTOR

Heather Sylvester

SECRETARY

Marisa Moody

Fire Warden

Brandon Berry

Appointed Registrar

Kerri Goodwin

Ballot Clerks

KERRI GOODWIN & LYNDIA GRANT

West Forks Website

Westforks.org

APPOINTED POSITIONS

The following positions are supervised under the direction of the Board of Assessors. Term of office 1year 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 16, 2026, 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.

Lynda G nominated Regina Campbell

Rachel Second:

Vote: AIF

Regina signed Oath and will 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.**

Motion: Laura
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 2 To vote for a Plantation Assessor.

1st Assessor for a 3-year term.

Butch nominated Jim St. Laurent

Brandon Second:
Votes: 10
None Opposed
Jim St. Laurent was elected as 1st Assessor

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

Motion: Laura
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 4 To fix all officers' salaries for 2026.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes \$35,800

Motion: Laura
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

ART: 5 To see if the plantation will vote to approve the total Proposed salaries for 2026- \$ 35,800.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
Town Clerk	\$3,500	\$4,000	Treasurer	\$4,000	\$4,000
1 st Assessor	\$9,000	\$10,000	Tax Collector	\$5,700	\$6,700
2 nd Assessor	\$5,000	\$7,000	Registrar	\$ 600	\$600
3 rd Assessor	\$3,000	\$3,000	Fire Warden	\$ 500	\$500

Motion: Butch
Second: Laura
Vote: AIF

Art: 6 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to pay Soc. Sec. & Medicare on officer's Salaries.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Laura
Vote: AIF

Recommendation: Raise from taxes EST. \$5,000

Art: 7 To see if the plantation will vote to override the Tax Cap Law for 2026
Plantation budget.

Motion: Laura
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 8 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise to hire a certified tax assessor.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$1,000.00

Motion: Lynda
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

ART: 9 To see if the plantation will vote to raise up to \$9,429.50 for the motor vehicle part of the Trio program.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$9,429.50

Motion: Jim
Second: Laura
Vote: AIF

Art: 10 To see if the Plantation will vote to accept any monies donated by The Forks and Somerset County for fire protection for 2026.

Motion: Jim
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

ART: 11 To see if the plantation will vote to take up to \$5000 from the fire department reserve account for the concept design from Dirigo Engineering for a fire station.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Butch
Vote: AIF

ART: 12 To see if the plantation will vote to take \$12,000 out of surplus to set aside for updating the 1978 fire truck.
Recommendation: Out of surplus.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Laura
Vote: AIF

ART: 13 To see if the plantation will vote to approve a raise for the EMS director from \$500 to \$1000.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Butch
Vote: AIF

Art: 14 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise or appropriate for Plantation charges.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$30,000

Motion: Jim
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 15 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for annual dues for M.M.A.

Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$1,632.86

Motion: Jim

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 16 To see how the voters of the Plantation wish to expend the Snowmobile License Refund money.

Recommendation: To donate it to the Dead River Sno-Riders.

Motion: Lynda

Second: Brandon

Vote: AIF

Art: 17 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: Raise from taxes: \$30,135.02

Motion: Lynda

Second: Jillian

Vote: AIF

Art: 18 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for streetlights.

Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$4,500.

Motion: Laura

Second: Jillian

Vote: AIF

Art: 19 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise to pay the L.U.P.C. assessment for 2026

Recommendation: Raise for taxes \$10,251

Motion: Lynda

Second: Jillian

Vote: AIF

Art: 20 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for West Forks share of the operation of the fire dept. for the year 2026.

Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$15,996.53

Motion: Jim

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 21 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote for the Plantation audit for 2026

Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$5,500.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 22 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise U.K.V.A.S. for 2026
Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$14,184.49

Motion: Jim
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 23 To choose a School Director for a three-year term.

Laura nominated Jillian Berry
Brandon Second:
Vote: AIF
Jillian Berry was nominated as School Director

ART: 24

Art: 25 To see if the Plantation will vote to raise \$11,500 for the purpose of snow removal & sanding on Plantation roads for 2026-2027 season.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes \$11,800

Motion: Jim
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

Art: 26 To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise for the town road improvement account.
Recommendation: Raise from taxes: \$2,500

Motion: Jillian
Second: Laura
Vote: AIF

Art: 27 To allow Assessors to expend up to 25% of the previous year's budget to cover expenditures for Jan, Feb, & March.

Motion: Lynda
Second: Jillian
Vote: AIF

The Following Donations Total \$21,800

Art: 28 To see if the Plantation will vote to Raise amounts for the following donations:
Recommendation: 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 \$3500 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.
To see if the plantation will vote to raise \$500 for the Winslow Community Cupboard.

ART: 29 To see if the plantation will vote to transfer the \$6000 that was approved to take out surplus for maintenance and sonar to the cemetery account.

Recommendation: To move it to cemetery account.

Motion: Lynda

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 30 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.

Motion: Lynda

Second: Laura

Vote: AIF

Art: 31 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 2026 is 7.0 %.

Motion: Jim

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 32 To see if the Plantation will vote to allow the Assessors to spend 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.

Motion: Jillian

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 33 To see if the plantation will vote to carry forward all classified accounts.

Motion: Jillian

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Art: 34 Adjournment.

Motion: Laura

Second: Butch

Vote: AIF

Metting Adjourned @ 7:03pm

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, 4th day of March 2026

Jim St. Laurent
1st Assessor

Lynda Grant
2nd Assessor

Adam Chase
3rd Assessor

A TRUE COPY

Attest: Denise Rancourt

Resident Constable: West Forks Plantation