

Dallas Plantation Town Warrant

for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Town Meeting: Friday, June 12, 2026

To: T.A. Morgan, Resident of Dallas Plantation, in the County of Franklin, State of Maine

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Dallas Plantation, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Dallas Plantation Town House, on the 12th of June 2026 at six o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM. 19 registered voters in attendance and issued paper ballots. Pamela White, Tax Assessing Agent; Christopher Farmer, Moderator; Janet Wilson, Rangeley Public Library; and David White, property owner present.

Article 1:

To elect a moderator by written ballot.

Linda Jones elected Christopher Farmer, nomination seconded by Linda Caspar. Christopher Farmer won unanimously and was sworn in by clerk, Katrina Gacki.

Article 2:

To elect an Assessor for a three-year term.

Current Assessors:	Patricia Ellis	Term Expires 2026
	Linda Jones	Term Expires 2027
	Linda Caspar	Term Expires 2028

Elizabeth Flynn elected Sarita Noonkester, seconded by Linda Jones. 17-0.

Article 3:

To elect a First Assessor, for a one-year term, from among the three elected Assessors.

Linda Caspar elected Linda Jones, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. 15-0.

Article 4:

To elect one Budget Committee member for a two-year term. The Budget Committee consists of the Assessors, and two elected members.

Elected members: **Elizabeth Flynn** **Term Expires 2026**
 Karon Noyes **Term Expires 2027**

Linda Jones elected Elizabeth Flynn, seconded by Linda Dexter. 18-0.

Article 5:

To elect one School Board Committee member for a three-year term.

Elected members: **Thomas Watkin** **Term Expires 2026**
 Daniel Gacki **Term Expires 2028**

Reginald Hammond elected Thomas Watkin, seconded by Daniel Gacki. 18-0.

Article 6:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors to carry forward the balances in all Town Accounts.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

Mark Bridges motions to accept articles 6-15 as one. Seconded by Linda Jones. Motion carried. Articles 6-15 accepted as written. 18-0.

Article 7:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors to charge interest on overdue real estate taxes, 30 days after the due date that is printed on the tax bill.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 8:

To see what rate of interest the Plantation will charge on overdue real estate taxes.
(State statutory maximum: 7%)

The Budget Committee recommends approving 7%.

See motion under article 6.

Article 9:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors to pay 4.0% interest on tax abatements and pay abatements from the overlay.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 10:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors to sell surplus personal property only if it has an estimated value less than \$10,000. Personal property over that amount shall be put out to bid.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 11:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute quit-claim deeds for said property. Said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Franklin County at least three weeks prior to such sale inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon. The notice shall be inserted for five (5) consecutive days of publication; former owners to be notified by certified mail of the sale.
2. The Parties from whom the property has been taken, for non-payment of taxes therein, may purchase said real estate from the Plantation at any time before expiration of fourteen (14) days from the last date of publication. In the latter case, the purchase price shall consist of the following: back taxes, interest, and costs; cost of publication of notice, cost of quit-claim deed; any administrative and legal fees.
3. In the event the parties from whom the property has been taken by the Plantation for unpaid taxes fail to redeem the property, as provided in paragraph two (2), the Assessors may sell the property to the highest bidder. The Assessors have the authority to reject any, and all bids they deem too low.
4. In the event the property does not receive a bid or any or all bids are rejected, the Assessors may sell the property via the real estate market by listing the property with a broker of their choosing and set a purchase price reasonable for the current market. Except that the Municipal Officers 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 owners.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 12:

To see if the Plantation voters will authorize the Assessors to apply for, accept, and expend without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, Federal, or other government units or private sources, which becomes available during the year, pursuant to Title 30-A, Section 5682, of the Maine Revised Statutes, and to authorize the Assessors to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose. State and local funds include the following categories:

1. Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) – major road improvement funding
2. Maine DOT Road Assistance Programs
3. Municipal Revenue Sharing
4. Public Library State Aid per Capita
5. Snowmobile Registry Money
6. State Aid to Education
7. State Property Tax Relief Program
8. Tree Growth Reimbursement
9. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
10. Tax Stabilization Reimbursement
11. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
12. ARPA Funds
13. Solar Reimbursement
14. State and federal grants or other funds, including private donations not included in items 1-13 above.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 13:

To see if Plantation voters will vote to authorize the Assessors to use funds from the contingency fund to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies. Amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 14:

To see if the Plantation voters will vote to use monies in the following accounts to **reduce the real estate tax commitment:**

Excise Account (auto and boat)	Tree Growth Account
Licenses Town/Agent Fee Account	Open Space Account
Earned Interest Account	Farmland Account
Veterans Exemption Account	Tax Acquired Property Account
Snowplowing Income	Solar Reimbursement

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 15:

To see if the Plantation voters will vote to **use any unused overlay for the reduction of taxes.**

The Budget Committee recommends accepting as read.

See motion under article 6.

Article 16:

To see what sum of money the voters will raise and appropriate for the salaries of all elected and appointed officials. Amount not to exceed: \$135,850.00.

Salaries and stipends are as follows:

	25/26	26/27	Raise
First Assessor	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Assessor	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Assessor	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,808.00
Tax Collector	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Treasurer	\$9,750.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,075.00
Health Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Town Clerk	\$50,050.00	\$53,600.00	\$51,550.00
Plow Driver	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$22,804.00
Backup Plow Driver	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Equipment Personnel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,300.00
Budget Committee (2)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Animal Control Officer	\$950.00	\$900.00	\$650.00
Emergency Management	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$250.00
Road Foreman	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising:

\$116,537.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 17:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the matching contribution to **Social Security and Medicare**, required under federal law and **State and Federal Unemployment Taxes and other Fees Associated with Payroll Processing**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$1,904.00	\$1,294.00
Total operating budget:	\$17,225.00	\$16,606.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$15,312.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 18:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Employees Benefits Account**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$84.00	\$999.00
Total operating budget:	\$8,760.00	\$9,020.00
Raise:	\$8,676.00	\$8,021.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$8,021.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 19:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Employee Training Account**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$855.00	\$844.80
Total operating budget:	\$855.00	\$844.80
Raise:	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 20:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the
Town of Rangeley Services.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Waste:	\$72,753.72	\$82,596.85
Fire Protection:	\$85,091.95	\$85,697.05
Total operating budget:	\$157,845.67	\$168,293.90

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$168,293.90

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 21:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the
North Star Ambulance Service.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total operating budget:	\$41,207.00	\$43,991.00
Raise:	\$41,207.00	\$43,991.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$43,991.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 22:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **LUPC Assessment Fee.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total operating budget:	\$41,679.00	\$49,230.00
Raise:	\$41,679.00	\$49,230.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$49,230.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 23:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate to enter a contract with the **Franklin County Animal Shelter**, for boarding of stray animals (required under M.R.S. Title 7, § 3949).

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total operating budget:	\$885.00	\$914.50
Raise:	\$885.00	\$914.50

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$914.50

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 24:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Forest Fire Escrow Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$185,004.00	\$200,004.00
Total operating budget:	\$200,004.00	\$215,004.00
Raise:	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$15,000.00

**The goal is to reach an operating budget of \$579,000.00.*

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 25:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the **Town Office.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$4,502.00	\$21,044.00
Total operating budget:	\$61,500.00	\$53,369.00
Raise:	\$56,998.00	\$32,325.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$32,325.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 26:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the purpose of maintaining three **Town Cemeteries** in the Plantation, in accordance with State requirements.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$4,061.00
Total operating budget:	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Raise:	\$6,000.00	\$1,939.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$1,939.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Motion carries.

Article 27:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Account**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$25,000.00	\$24,677.00
Total operating budget:	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Raise:	\$0.00	\$323.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$323.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 28:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Contingency Fund Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$26,900.00	\$30,000.00
Total operating budget:	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Raise:	\$3,100.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 29:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Summer Roads Maintenance Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$27,760.00	\$28,769.00
Total operating budget:	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Raise:	\$32,240.00	\$31,231.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$31,231.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 30:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Winter Roads Maintenance Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$14,702.00	\$6,453.00
Total operating budget:	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Raise:	\$25,298.00	\$33,547.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$33,547.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 31:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Road Projects Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$282,612.00	\$345,587.00
Total operating budget:	\$397,868.00	\$401,327.00
LRAP funds	\$15,256.00	\$15,740.00
Raise:	\$100,000.00	\$40,000.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$40,000.00

**The goal is to reach an operating budget of \$500,000.00*

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 32:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Truck Expense Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$32,934.00	\$36,453.58
Total operating budget:	\$50,000.00	\$36,453.58
Raise:	\$17,066.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

**Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn.
Motion carries.**

Article 33:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Truck Purchase Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Total operating budget:	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00
Raise:	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$30,000.00

**The goal is to reach an operating budget of \$300,000.00*

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 34:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Town Garages Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$7,720.00	\$17,049.00
Total operating budget:	\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00
Raise:	\$27,280.00	\$2,951.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$2,951.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 35:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Plantation Equipment Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$15,447.00	\$14,350.75
Total operating budget:	\$15,447.00	\$14,350.75
Raise:	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 36:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Assessing Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$350.00	\$364.00
Total operating budget:	\$30,000.00	\$30,500.00
Raise:	\$29,650.00	\$30,136.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$30,136.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Motion carries.

Article 37:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the **Mapping and Equalization Account.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$45,381.00	\$60,381.00
Total operating budget:	\$60,381.00	\$60,381.00
Raise:	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

**The goal is to reach an operating budget of \$60,000.00*

Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 38:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the
Audit of Town Financial Records Account.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total operating budget:	\$10,000.00	\$12,610.00
Raise:	\$10,000.00	\$12,610.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$12,610.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Michael Zulauf. Motion carries.

Article 39:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the
Legal Expense Account.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$20,000.00	\$15,089.90
Total operating budget:	\$20,000.00	\$15,089.90
Raise:	\$0.00	\$0.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$0.00

Mark Bridges motions to pass over article, seconded Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 40:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate for the
Surplus Account.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Opening balance:	\$407,525.00	\$407,525.00
Total operating budget:	\$407,525.00	\$432,525.00
Raise:	\$0.00	\$25,000.00

The Budget Committee recommends raising: \$25,000.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept article as written, seconded by Linda Dexter. Motion carries.

Articles 41 through 54 are donation requests. The Budget Committee makes **no** **recommendations.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Articles 41 through 54 are requested donations	\$39,241.00	\$46,121.00

Article 41:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Public Library.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$11,991.00	\$12,471.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 42:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Health Ride.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 43:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Linda Jones. Motion carries.

Article 44:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00

Linda Dexter motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 45:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

*Last year requested under two separate articles for a total of \$5,000.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 46:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Fireworks Display.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$500.00	\$500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Motion carries.

Article 47:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Town Park**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$500.00	\$500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Motion carries.

Article 48:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Maine Forestry Museum**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 49:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Region Chamber of Commerce**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to amend amount to \$2,500.00, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Linda Dexter motions to amend to requested amount of \$3,500.00, seconded by Susan Downes-Borko. Amendment to raise \$3,500.00 voted on, 5-11. Motion to raise \$2,500.00 voted on, 12-1. Motion carries to raise \$2,500.00 towards the Rangeley Region Chamber of Commerce.

Article 50:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Oquossoc ATV Club.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$500.00	\$500.00

Linda Jones motions to pass over article seconded by Mark Bridges. Motion carries.

Article 51:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Town House Meal Site.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Terrence Morgan. Motion carries.

Article 52:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **WRGY.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 53:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club.**

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

Linda Jones motions to pass over article seconded by Mark Bridges. Motion carries.

Article 54:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Family Medicine**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

Article 55:

To see what sum of money the Plantation voters will raise and appropriate in support of the **Rangeley Friends of the Arts**.

	<u>25/26</u>	<u>26/27</u>
Requested	\$0.00	\$1,500.00

Mark Bridges motions to accept requested amount, seconded by Elizabeth Flynn. Motion carries.

The Dallas Plantation Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

A true attest copy of the results of the Annual Warrant held Friday, June 12th, 2026.

Attest: Katrina Gacki June 23rd, 2026.
Katrina Gacki, Clerk Dallas Plantation