

**Town of Shirley**  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
July 1,2025- June 30,2026

To, Allie Austin, a resident of the Town of Shirley, in the county of Piscataquis, State of Maine,

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Shirley, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Shirley Town Hall on Monday, of June 16th in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, at six o'clock pm to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2** To elect a select board member, school board member and town officials.

- A. Select Board Member (shall also serve as the Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Road Commissioner) 3-year term
- B. Tax Collector 1-year term
- C. Treasurer 1-year term
- D. School Board Member 3-year term
- E. Sexton 1-year term

**ARTICLE 3** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$555,000.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 4** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 5** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 6** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Education.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 7** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 8** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$32,644.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 9** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 10** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$25,894.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 11** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 12** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ARTICLE 13** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures-School Lunch.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**The following three articles must be taken by recorded vote:**

**ARTICLE 14** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described for the total cost of education in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommended \$235,155.00**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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.

<b>STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$235,155.00</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$235,155.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Explanation:** *The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 15** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$182,020.78**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$182,020.78** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Shirley School Committee.

The Shirley School Committee recommends **\$182,020.78** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$182,020.78**. The EPS funding model is based on teacher/student ratios, this impacts small rural schools because they are required to provide the same level of educational services to a smaller population of students.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$182,020.78</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Explanation:** *The additional local funds are those locally raised funds contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs.*



**ARTICLE 16 SUMMARY ARTICLE:**

To see what sum the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-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.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**\$621,038.00**  
**\$**

**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, any unanticipated state school general, federal, local, or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval**

**ARTICLE 18** The voters of the Shirley School Department have authorized the School committee to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase the local cost share expectations, as defined in Title 2—A Section 15671-A(1)(B) for local tax payers for funding public education as approved by the school committee.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval**

**ARTICLE 19** Shall the voters authorize the Shirley School Board to transfer the District's unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to the previously established non-lasping contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of title 20-A; and shall the District delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the District's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by District voters?

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND**

**Approval**

## ARTICLE 20

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **General Government**.

1 <sup>ST</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	1,800.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	1,800.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectman Wage Expense	1,800.00
Road Commissioner Wage Expense	300.00
Town Clerk Wage Expense	17,000.00
Treasurer Wage Expense	10,000.00
Tax Collector Wage Expense	10,000.00
Sexton Wage Expense	300.00
Librarian Wage Expense	200.00
Training Exp/Workshop Travel	4,000.00
Planning Board Wage Expense	1,000.00
Other Wage Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>49,700.00</b>

General Assistance Expense	1,500.00
Town Hall Expense	1,000.00
Phone-Office Expense	3,000.00
Assessing Agent Expense	5,000.00
Administrative Expense	5,500.00
Insurance Expense	12,000.00
Computer Expense	12,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00
Audit Expense	9,000.00
Flags, Flowers & Mem. Expense	2,200.00
Historical Society	750.00
Travel & Mileage Reimbursement	400.00
Electricity Expense Town Bldgs.	2,500.00
Postage Expense	1,000.00
Payroll-Costs & ER Costs	6,500.00
Office Supplies	3,500.00
Training & Workshop Dues & Fees	700.00
Heating Fuel & Maint. All Town Buildings	4,000.00
American Red Cross	100.00
Northern Light Ambulance	1,000.00
Community Health & Counseling	168.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	150.00
Penquis	741.00
Pine Tree Hospice	75.00
Shaw Public Library	500.00
The LifeFlight Foundation	<u>251.00</u>

<b>General Government</b>	<b>78,535.00</b>
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<b>Subtotal General Government</b>	<b>128,235.00</b>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>128,235.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 21**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Protection**.

Street Light Expense	2,500.00
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Fire Protection Services	14,431.96
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Fire Warden	200.00
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Security	<u>1,500.00</u>
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<b>Subtotal Protection Services</b>	<b>18,631.96</b>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>18,631.96</b>
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**ARTICLE 22**

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works**.

Winter Roads Expense-Plow Contract	85,750.00
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Trash Pick-up	32,500.00
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Recycling Expense Piscataquis UT tipping Fee	5,000.00
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Cemetery Permanent Care and Improvement	500.00
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Future Roads Rebuild Expense	45,000.00
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General Town Maintenance Expense	7,000.00
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Summer Road Expense	50,000.00
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Building Permit Expense/Mileage	1,000.00
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Town & Cemetery Mowing	7,550.00
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Snow removal/shoveling	500.00
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Playground Expense	500.00
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Maintenance Expense/Bulky Waste	1,000.00
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Animal Control	1,000.00
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Dog License State of Maine	<u>700.00</u>
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<b>Subtotal Public Works</b>	<b>238,000.00</b>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>238,000.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to take \$45,000.00 from Excise Taxes to help fund the Summer Roads Expense account and reduce taxes.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
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#### **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and interest It starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Recommended:**

**Interest Rate of 7.5%**

#### **ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept money in anticipation of taxes.

#### **ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town of Shirley will vote to take money from surplus to reduce taxes and, if so, how much.

**Recommended:**

**\$135,00.00**

#### **ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept any State, federal or other government grants, or donations to spend them for the purpose for which said grants or donations were made.

#### **ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to use overlay to pay any abatement that the town may have.

#### **ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to have the Tax Collector's place of business be at the Town Office with Town Office hours for the fiscal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

#### **ARTICLE 30**

To see if the town will vote to make the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Sexton positions from elected to appointed beginning next year's annual 2026 town meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 31**

To see if the town will authorize the select board members to use funds from the fire department money saved in Bangor Savings Bank Wealth Management Fund account in the amount of \$8,000.00 plus and to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the construction of a new dry fire hydrant system.

#### **ARTICLE 32**

To see if the town will expend from Bangor Savings Wealth Management Greenville Landfill Closing Fund \$2,445.00.

#### **ARTICLE 33**

To see if the town will vote to move \$10,000.00 from the Town Hall Door line in the budget to Bangor Savings Wealth Management.



### ARTICLE 34

To see if the town will vote to appropriate all funds from the money received from the State of Maine for registration of snowmobiles to the Shirley Bog Trail Busters for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the public at all times, 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.

Dated: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Bill Nye  
N. Nye

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Municipal Officers

A true copy of the warrant,

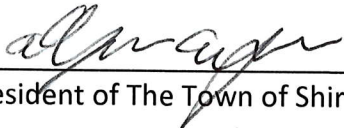
Attest: Carolyn Nye  
Clerk of: Town of Shirley



## Return of the Warrant

Shirley, Maine June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Shirley of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy at the within warrant at the Shirley Post Office, and outside the Shirley Town Office, and the Shirley Town Website being public and conspicuous public places within the Town of Shirley on **June 9th, 2025**, which is seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

  
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Resident of The Town of Shirley

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