

Henry Steck, Select Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

On behalf of the Select Board, Henry presented the Annual Town Report dedication to Dorle Gatti in honor of Donald Lovejoy Gatti.

Tom Moran, on behalf of the Select Board, acknowledged Lloyd Irland and Marianne Butak for their time and dedication while serving on the Board.

Hazel Stevenson, on behalf of the Select Board, presented the Spirit of America Award to John Christopher for over 50 years serving on the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department and his commitment to the Town.

Douglas Stevenson was appointed Deputy Moderator and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to suspend reading of the Warrant. Motion FAILED.

A motion was made to allow the Town Manager, Shannon McDonnell, to speak at the Annual Town Meeting. Motion PASSED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to collect taxes in three installments, as follows: one-third (1/3) due on October 1, 2026; one-third (1/3) due on January 29, 2027, and one-third (1/3) due on April 1, 2027.

PASSED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to levy and accrue interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum on property taxes due, but not yet paid by each installment date.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will allow the Tax Collector to accept money for taxes before taxes are committed.

PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will establish a 3.5% interest payment for tax abatements (per annum).

PASSED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 2953.

PASSED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to enter

into contracts not to exceed five years, on such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate.

PASSED

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept Federal, State, and/or private grants and gifts that support existing appropriations or Town programs on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, to apply any such grants or gifts to those appropriations or programs, and to expend such funds for those purposes; provided, that such grant or gift does not impose additional obligations for the Town beyond those covered by existing budget appropriations.

PASSED

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations during the current fiscal year, to the Thirty-Mile Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails within the Town, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club for that purpose, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, including the condition that the trails will be open to the public as long as the trails are frozen and adequately covered in snow.

PASSED

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000 from Reserves to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

PASSED

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property on such terms and conditions as it deems advisable.

PASSED

ARTICLE 13. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate **\$447,458** for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION?**

General Administration	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Select Board Stipend	7,162	7,162
Town Manager Salary	83,500	86,233
Bookkeeper	13,728	6,573
Treasurer Stipend	4,000	46,592
Tax Collector Wages	35,148	
Town Clerk Wages	41,600	41,600

Meeting Recording Clerk Wages	0	0
Social Security/Medicare Match	12,997	14,394
Health Insurance	50,365	57,739
Retirement	8,599	8,696
Disability	1,254	0
Paid Family Medical Leave	0	2,689
Office Expense	5,000	15,000
Travel Expense	1,800	1,900
Training Expense	1,500	1,500
Dues (MMA)	3,300	3,500
Computer Maintenance	500	1,000
Computer Software (TRIO)	18,000	22,000
Website/Email	3,000	3,000
Town Report	1,000	1,250
Tax Administration	3,000	4,000
Comprehensive Plan	0	8,000
Legal	60,000	60,000
Audit Reporting	10,250	17,330
Insurance	30,000	30,000
Copier Lease & Maintenance	4,000	4,000
Telephone	3,300	3,300
Subtotal	403,003	447,458

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 14. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,880** for **ELECTIONS AND HEARINGS?**

Note: The appropriation for ELECTIONS AND HEARINGS is supported by the following tabulation:

Election/Hearings	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Elections/Ballot Clerks Wages	800	1,380
Election Supplies	400	500
Subtotal	1,200	1,880

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**?

General Assistance	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
General Assistance ¹	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	5,000	5,000

¹ Amount included in "Health and Human Services" in FY 25/26 Budget.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,157 for the **AGING-AT-HOME PROGRAM** operating budget, and to authorize the program to also expend the balance of the Aging-at-Home Reserve Fund and any funds raised in donations or revenues during FY26/27.

Note: The appropriation for Aging-at-Home Program is supported by the following tabulation:

Aging-at-Home	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Aging at Home Coordinator ¹	12,792	13,150
Social Security/Medicare Match ¹	979	1,006
Program Activities	0	1
Subtotal	13,771	14,157

¹ Amount included in "Health and Human Services" in FY 25/26 Budget.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (3 / 0) Emery abstained.

PASSED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,740 from undesignated reserves for the operation of the **AGING-AT-HOME PROGRAM**.

Note: This sum stated above is the balance of past cash donations received for operation of the

Aging-at-Home Program that exceeds prior Town expenditures for that program. This excess amount is retained as part of the Town's undesignated reserves. This action redesignates these funds to support the Aging-at-Home Program, the purpose for which they were donated. The amount is supported by the Town's financial records and has been verified by the Town treasurer.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)
Budget Committee Recommended: YES (3 / 0) Emery abstained.

PASSED

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$77,451 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** operations with any unexpended balance remaining after FY26/27 expenses are paid to be transferred to the MISC. Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: The appropriation for Fire Department operations is supported by the following tabulation:

Fire Department	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Chief Officers' Stipends	9,750	9,750
Firefighters' Stipends	15,750	15,750
Social Security/Medicare Match	1,951	1,951
Operations	29,000	29,000
Communications	5,000	5,000
Equipment	16,000	16,000
Subtotal	77,451	77,451

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)
Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 19. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for **ASSESSING**?

Note: The appropriation for ASSESSING is supported by the following tabulation:

Assessing	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Assessing Services	18,500	20,000
Quarter Review	7,750	8,000
GIS Mapping Annual Hosting Fee	3,000	3,000
GIS Mapping Updates	8,000	4,000
Subtotal	37,250	35,000

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)
Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 20. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,972 for **ANIMAL CONTROL**?

Note: The appropriation for ANIMAL CONTROL is supported by the following tabulation:

Animal Control	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Animal Control Officer Stipend	5,000	5,000
ACO Wages	3,300	3,000
Social Security/Medicare Match	635	612
Travel (ACO Mileage)	1,200	1,000
Humane Society	2,236	2,360
Subtotal	12,371	11,972

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)
Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 21. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$51,248 for **CODE ENFORCEMENT & LAND USE BOARD SUPPORT**?

Note: The appropriation for CODE ENFORCEMENT & LAND USE BOARD SUPPORT is supported by the following tabulation:

Code Enforcement & Land Use Board Support	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Shared CEO/LPI Contract	45,189	46,454
KVCOG Membership	2,794	2,794
Ordinance/Mapping	1,000	2,000
Subtotal	48,983	51,248

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)
Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 22. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$99,876 for **PUBLIC SAFETY**?

Note: The appropriation for PUBLIC SAFETY is supported by the following tabulation:

Public Safety	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
E911 Coordinator Stipend	200	200
Dam Keeper Stipend	500	500
Social Security/Medicare Match	54	54
Ambulance CIP	0	13,927
Ambulance Service	32,068	45,378
Sheriff's Department	4,000	4,000
Fire/EMS Dispatch (Winthrop)	10,914	10,813
Rural Patrol Dispatch (State)	12,349	19,089
PSAP (Androscoggin)	5,363	5,915
Subtotal	65,448	99,876

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 23. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$478,099 for **ROADS** with any unexpended balances to carry forward to **Road Reconstruction & Paving Capital Reserve Fund**?

Note: The appropriation for ROADS is supported by the following tabulation:

Roads	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Lot Plowing	4,410	5,220
Highway Plowing	168,960	225,204
Winter Sand	35,517	47,575
Winter Salt	25,000	27,500
Sidewalk Plowing	6,000	6,000
Roadside Mowing	7,500	7,700
Road Administration	500	500
Brush/Tree Removal	30,000	20,000
Calcium Chloride	16,230	14,000
Sweeping/Catch Basin Cleaning	4,500	4,500
Patching	10,000	10,000
Signs & Posts	2,000	2,000
Painting	4,500	4,500

Culverts	5,000	5,000
Crack Sealing	0	0
Gravel	40,000	30,000
Grading	22,000	23,400
Ditching	50,000	45,000
Subtotal	432,867	478,099

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 24. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$120,701 for **TRANSFER STATION**?

Note: The appropriation for TRANSFER STATION is supported by the following tabulation:

Transfer Station	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Transfer Station Operation Cost	103,720	105,183
Transfer Station Capital Cost	10,372	10,518
Hazardous Waste	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	119,092	120,701

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 25. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the total amount of \$74,283 to fund each of the following scheduled **OUTSIDE AGENCIES** in the respective amounts shown?

Outside Agency	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
LifeFlight	565	565
Hot Meal Kitchen	0	1,500
Rural Community Action Program	5,000	5,000
Spectrum Generations	1,160	1,160
ME General Hospice	1,000	1,000
Family Violence Project	1200	1,500
Maine Public Broadcasting	100	150
Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health	1,600	1,600
Children's Center	565	565

Red Cross	1,200	1,200
Sexual Assault Crisis Support Center	395	395
Maranacook Food Pantry	1000	1,500
Winthrop Food Pantry	1,500	1,500
Kennebec Land Trust ¹	250 ¹	250
Friends of Cobbossee Watershed ¹	1,800 ¹	1,900
30 Mile River Watershed Association ¹	10,000 ¹	10,000
30 Mile River Watershed Association ²	0	15,000
Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corp ¹	3,500 ¹	3,500
Androscoggin Yacht Club ¹	500	500
Cary Memorial Library ¹	6,000 ¹	6,000
Messenger/Events Calendar ¹	4,620 ¹	4,730
Wayne Cemetery Association ¹	14,600 ¹	14,768
Subtotal	56,555	74,283

1. *Moved from FY 25/26 "RECREATION AND ORGANIZATIONS" budget category.*
2. *Androscoggin Lake Algal Bloom Research*

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 26. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$9,783 for **RECREATION**?

Note: The appropriation for RECREATION is supported by the following tabulation:

Recreation	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
WAL-Youth Services Coordinator	2,000	2,000
WAL- Programs	0	800
Social Security/Medicare Match	153	153
Town Beautification	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day Committee	500	500
Conservation Commission	250	330
Park Maintenance	2,500	5,000
Subtotal	6,403	9,783

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$1.00** for operation of the **FARMERS' MARKET** and to authorize expenditure of any funds raised in **FARMERS' MARKET** donations or revenues during FY26-27.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,494** from undesignated reserves for the operation of the **FARMERS' MARKET**.

Note: This sum stated above is the balance of past revenues and cash donations received for operation of the Farmers' Market that exceeds prior Town expenditures for that program. This excess amount is retained as part of the Town's undesignated reserves. This action redesignates these funds to support operation of the Farmers' Market, the purpose for which they were donated. The amount is supported by the Town's financial records and has been verified by the Town treasurer.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the operation of **Ladd Recreation Center Programs** and to authorize the Program to also expend the balance of the Ladd Recreation Center Programs Reserve Fund and any funds raised in donations or revenues during FY26-27.

Note 1: The proposed FY 26-27 budget removes certain expenses related solely to LRC Programs from the "RECREATION" budget and provides for those expenses to be supported by LRC Program donations, revenues and grants. Other expenses incurred directly to support the Town owned Ladd Recreation Center facility, previously excluded from the Town budget have been included in the FY-26-27 proposed budget under "LAND AND BUILDINGS."

Note 2: The Ladd Recreation Center Programs operating budget for FY 26-27 is \$150,400 and is funded by: (i) the Town appropriation above; (ii) cash donations and program revenues supplementing that appropriation; and (iii) expenditures from the Ladd Recreation Center Programs Reserve Fund as may be necessary. Total expenditure for these purposes from FY 26-27 tax revenues shall not exceed the amount stated in this ARTICLE 29 without further Town Meeting approval.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$41,011** from undesignated reserves for the operation of **LADD RECREATION CENTER PROGRAMS**.

Note: This sum stated above is the balance of past cash donations received for operation of Ladd Recreation Center Programs that exceeds prior Town expenditures for those programs. This excess amount is retained in the Town's undesignated reserves. This action redesignates these funds to the purpose for which they were donated. The amount is supported by the Town's financial records and has been verified by the Town treasurer.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$60,829** for **LAND & BUILDINGS?**

Note: The appropriation for LAND AND BUILDINGS is supported by the following tabulation:

Land & Buildings	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Street Lights	6,900	6,900
Sand/Salt Shed Lights	750	1,200
North Wayne Schoolhouse Utilities	250	400
North Wayne Building Utilities	350	550
Wayne Town House Utilities	360	600
Footbridge Utilities	510	600
Ladd Recreation Center Utilities	0	14,360
Dumpster	420	840
Janitorial Services	3,900	3,900
Land & Building Maintenance	3,000	9,600
Town Properties Mowing	11,660	11,879
Town Office	10,000	10,000
Subtotal	20,198	60,829

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 32. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for **CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT?**

Contingency	Budget FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27
Misc. Contingency	3,000	3,000
Subtotal	3,000	3,000

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 33. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the total amount of **\$430,900** to fund each of the following scheduled **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS** in the respective amounts shown?

Motion to hold a secret ballot to decrease Fire Truck to \$50,000 FAILED

Motion to decrease Fire Truck to \$50,000 FAILED

Capital Reserve	Budget FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27
Cemetery Stone Cleaning	2,800	2,900
Fire Truck	75,000	153,000
Land & Buildings	15,000	15,000
Road Reconstruction & Paving	450,000	250,000
Technology Plan	4,000	0
LRC Courts	5,000	5,000
Sand/Salt Shed	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	556,800	430,900

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to establish the **TEMPY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION** account as a non-lapsing reserve account to pay for engineering, design, construction and other costs for the repair or reconstruction of the Temy Bridge on Mt. Pisgah Road; and to provide the Select Board with continuing authority to spend from the account for that purpose without further vote of the town meeting, this authority to remain in force from year to year until rescinded by the town meeting.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Tempy Bridge Reconstruction account, *to be considered only if Article 34 is PASSED.*

Select Board Recommended: (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to establish the **WAYNE SCHOOL CONSULTING ACCOUNT** as a non-lapsing reserve account to retain consultants to advise the Town on matters related to deliberations and/or actions by the RSU # 38 Administration, Staff and/or Board of Directors to consolidate grades, close school buildings, and/or otherwise modify or revise RSU educational programs in a manner that affects the grades taught and/or activities conducted at the Wayne Elementary School; and to provide the Select Board with continuing authority to spend from the account for that purpose without further vote of the town meeting, this authority to remain in force from year to year until rescinded by the town meeting.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Wayne School Consulting Account?

Select Board Recommended: \$25,000 (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: \$25,000 (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$4,990** from undesignated reserves to the **LRC COURTS** reserve account.

Note: This sum stated above is the remaining unspent balance of donations received by the Town to match grant funds to construct the LRC Courts. This excess amount is retained as part of the Town's undesignated reserves. This action transfers these funds to a reserve account where they may be used for improvements to and maintenance of the LRC Courts, the purpose for which these funds were donated to the Town. The amount is supported by the Town's financial records and has been verified by the Town treasurer.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 39. Shall the Town vote accept the following Estimated Revenues and Transfers in the amount of **\$635,466** to reduce the **2026 Tax Commitment**, thereby reducing the amount to be raised from property taxes?

Revenues and Transfers	Budget FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27
Banking Interest	5,300	8,000
Lien Costs	2,500	2,500
Interest on Taxes	8,000	8,000
MV Agent Fees	6,000	6,000
IF&W Agent Fees	600	600
MV Excise	296,000	296,000
Boat Excise	5,000	5,000
Vitals	650	500
Cable TV Franchise Fees	2,747	2,747
Misc Revenues	3,000	3,000
Insurance Dividends	1,300	1,300
Supplemental Taxes	2,500	2,500
Yard Sale	5	5
Building Permits	6,000	6,000
Plumbing Permits	4,500	3,000
Dog License Fee	500	500
Dog License - Late Fee	350	400
Tree Growth Reimbursement	10,000	11,000
Veteran Reimbursement	1,300	1,100
General Assistance Reimbursement	500	500
State Revenue Sharing	152,214	152,214
Renewable Energy	1,000	800
Local Road Assistance Program	37,000	38,000
BETE Reimbursement	6,000	6,000
Homestead Exemptions Reimbursement	79,802	79,800
Subtotal	632,768	635,466

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

Budget Committee Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

ARTICLE 40. Shall an ordinance entitled, “Town of Wayne, Aging-at-Home Program” be enacted?

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town shall accept the adoption of ordinances related to land use of the Town of Wayne of a general and permanent nature, adopted by the Town Meeting of the Town of Wayne, consisting of Chapters 1 through 60, together with a change of numbering, formatting and stylizing thereof and incorporation of revisions indicated in the Code Adoption Ordinance and Schedule A, and the entire text of which is set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Wayne, dated October 2025, on file with the Town Clerk, effective on passage.

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 42. Shall an Interlocal Agreement entitled, “Readfield Transfer Station Interlocal Agreement” be enacted?

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 43. Shall an Interlocal Agreement entitled, “Readfield, Maine and Wayne, Maine Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector” be enacted?

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 44. Shall an ordinance entitled, “Town of Wayne, Ladd Recreation Center Programs Ordinance” be enacted?

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

PASSED

ARTICLE 45. Shall amendments to the “Town of Wayne Land Use Ordinance” be adopted?

Planning Board Recommended: YES (3 / 0)

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

On the advice of the Moderator, Article 45 was not moved because it did not comply with the posting requirements of Title 30-A §2523.

ARTICLE 46. Shall amendments to the “Town of Wayne Solar Ordinance” be adopted?

Planning Board Recommended: YES (3 / 0)

Select Board Recommended: YES (4 / 0)

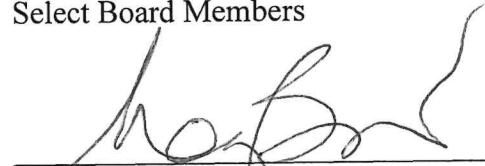
PASSED

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

Recorded by:


Dawn Duchette, Town Clerk


Select Board Members


Marianne Butak


Lloyd Irland


Tom Moran


Henry Steck


Hazel Stevenson

Attest: A true copy of the meeting minutes entitled, "Town of Wayne 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant," as certified to me by the municipal officers of Wayne on the **30th of June, 2026.**


Shannon McDonnell, Town Manager

