

STATE OF MAINE
TOWN OF CLIFTON
COUNTY OF PENOBCOT

To: Jan Logan a citizen of the Town of Clifton, State of Maine and County of Penobscot.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Clifton qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to assemble at the Clifton Municipal Building in the Town of Clifton, County of Penobscot, and State of Maine on March 25th, 2025, at 8:00 AM. Then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on 2 through 28. The polls will open at 8AM and close at 8PM. All articles being set out below.

ARTICLE # 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE #2 To elect all necessary officers by secret ballot as follows:

VOTE for 1
Select Board Position
(Three-year term)

David Astbury
Patricia (Trish) Eldridge
Brian Melvin
Jeffrey S Roberts Jr.

Note

***A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any town election. ***

Article # 3 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$18,160** for MUNICIPAL BUILDING UTILITIES EXPENSES? Last year's budget was \$16,500.
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 4 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$187,670.** for TOWN COMPENSATION?
Last year's budget was \$203,622
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 5 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$78,793** for TOWN EXPENSES?
Last year's budget was \$ 89,497
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 6 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$37,200** for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES?
Last year's budget was \$43,300
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 7 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$139,447** for PROTECTION?
Last year's budget was \$209,877.
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 8 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$146,000** for SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL MSW disposal. Last year's budget was \$143,765.
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 9 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$147,543** for PUBLIC WORKS?
Last year's budget was \$149,962
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 10 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$10,434** for ORGANIZATIONS?
Last year's budget was \$11,034
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 11 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for GENERAL ASSISTANCE?
Last year's budget was \$1,000.
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 12 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer from UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS to help defray taxes for the ensuing year 2025-2026 **\$150,000** as recommended by the Select Board (Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 13 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 14 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the annual budget during the period of February 1st, 2026, to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting?
(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article # 15 Shall the Town fix the date when taxes shall be due as October 1, 2025, and establish a delinquency rate of 7.5% on taxes paid after that date?
Recommended date of October 1, 2025 (State of Maine recommends 7.5%)
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 16 Shall the Town authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of real estate taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S § 506.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 17 Shall the Town authorize a rate of 2% discount for real-estate taxes if paid in full within 30 days of commitment.

(Select Board recommends yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 18 Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C (3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 19 Shall the Town authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to enter contracts for up to five (5) years for necessary services.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 20 Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$10,000 from the UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT for unexpected expenses that may occur during the fiscal year 2025-2026

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 21 Shall the Town vote to accept and expend the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature: Amounts as follows: Municipal Revenue Sharing **\$113,910**, Local Road Assistance **\$15,644**, Homestead Exemption **\$38,136**, Veterans Exemption **\$523**, Tree Growth Exemption **\$41,699**, Other Local, State or Federal Funds or Grants – unknown, Civil Emergency Funds-unknown.
(Note: Actual amounts received may be more or less than stated above)
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 22 Shall the Town appropriate from Pisgah Mountain Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account **\$135,000** for Capital Road Improvements. Project will continue after August 31, 2025
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 23 Shall the Town appropriate from Silver Maple Wind Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account for **\$40,000** for fire protection. This will help defray the Fire Protection Contract.
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 24 Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to accept from Pisgah Mountain, LLC a Community Benefit of **\$45,000** to go into the General Fund to reduce taxes.
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 25 Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to accept from Silver Maple Wind, LLC a Community Benefit of **\$45,000** to go into the General Fund to reduce taxes.
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 26 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer the monies received from the State of Maine, as the Snowmobile Registration Refund, to the Clifton Area Snowmobile Club, the money to be used for municipal trail development and safety. **\$337.62**
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 27 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$108,245** for fulltime POLICE Protection?
Last year's budget was \$106,980
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 28 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$11,625** for a website redesign from SJ Rollins?
This is a one-time expense. There will be additional yearly maintenance fees of up to \$700
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 29 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to upgrade our system to accept credit card payments? This is a one-time fee. This will happen once the town has upgraded all the office equipment needed for this. There will be a yearly cost of \$600 for maintenance fees. In addition, each resident will be responsible for paying an estimated 2.5% processing fee for each transaction.
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article # 30 Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan or loans within 2025-2026 year, in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loans to be paid during said year.
(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Gary Ferrill, Chair Gary Ferrill

LeRoy Bryant, Vice LeRoy A. Bryant

Dennis Harvey Dennis Harvey

Becky Pelkey Becky Pelkey

John Williams II

SELECT PEOPLE FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON

Approved as written on
February 19th, 2025

A true attested Copy Deborah Hodges, Clerk