

STATE OF MAINE
TOWN OF CLIFTON
COUNTY OF PENOBCSCOT

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 24th, 2026, at 8:00 AM. Then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 33. 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

(1 - One-year term)

Steve Armenia

Cynthia Grant

Select Board Position

(2 - Three-year terms)

Leroy (Lee) Bryant

Gerald Folster

Gregory Newell

Rebecca Vignaly

School Board Member Position

(1 – One year term)

Write In: _____

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 **\$20,150** for MUNICIPAL BUILDING UTILITIES EXPENSES?

Last year's budget was \$18,160.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #4 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$179,162** for TOWN COMPENSATION?

Last year's budget was \$187,670.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #5 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$79,094** for TOWN EXPENSES?

Last year's budget was \$78,793.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #6 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$32,600** for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES?

Last year's budget was \$37,200.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #7 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$219,447** for PROTECTION?

Last year's budget was \$139,447.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #8 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$154,500** for SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL MSW.
Last year's budget was \$146,000.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #9 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$164,822** for PUBLIC WORKS?
Last year's budget was \$147,543.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #10 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$10,900** for ORGANIZATIONS?
Last year's budget was \$10,434.

(Select Board recommends YES)

- YES
- NO

Article #11 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$2,000** 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 2026-2027 **\$50,000** 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, 2027, to the 2027 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, 2026, and establish a delinquency rate of 7% on taxes paid after that date?

Recommended date of October 1, 2026 (State of Maine recommends 7%)

(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 three (3) 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 2026-2027.

(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 **\$113,477**, Local Road Assistance **\$16,144**, Homestead Exemption **\$57,585**, Veterans Exemption **\$643**, 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 **\$10,000** for Capital Road Improvements to complete Chick Hill Road.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #23 Shall the Town appropriate from Silver Maple Wind Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account **\$50,000** for Capital Road Improvements to complete Chick Hill Road.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #24 Shall the Town appropriate from Silver Maple Wind Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account **\$60,000** for fire protection. This will help defray the Fire Protection Contract.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #25 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 #26 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 #27 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer the monies received from the State of Maine, as the Snowmobile Registration Refund, in the amount of **\$251.56**, to the Clifton Area Snowmobile Club, the money to be used for municipal trail development and safety.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #28 Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan or loan(s) within 2026-2027 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

Article #29 Shall the Town appropriate from Silver Maple Sub-Station Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account **\$25,000** for the Clifton Climbers Alliance to be used as 10% matching funds to obtain Maine Trails Bond Grant Funding up to \$225,000 for trail construction.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #30 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to establish a reserve fund pursuant to 30-A M.R.S §§ 5801 to be known as the BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND for the purpose of future building maintenance and repairs and to designate the Select Board as the fund managers of said reserve fund.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #31 Shall the Town vote to adopt a new ordinance pursuant to 30-A M.R.S §§ 2505, 2528, 2602, 3001, 3002, named Recall Ordinance, wherein said ordinance provides the means to, and methods by, which citizens of the Town of Clifton may seek to remove from office a Town of Clifton Elected Official as initiated by petition and followed through by municipal election.

- YES
- NO

Article #32 Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$15,000** for citizen requested secondary trash bins for SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL?

Last year's budget was \$0.00.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Article #33 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$123,540** for fulltime POLICE Protection?

Last year's budget was \$108,245

(Select Board recommends Yes)

- YES
- NO

Dennis Harvey, Chair _____

LeRoy Bryant, Vice _____

Patricia Eldridge _____

John Williams II _____

SELECT PEOPLE FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON

Approved as written on
February 11th, 2026