

20. To see what sum, not to exceed \$338,301.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Library Account. The Library Trustees and Selectboard recommend: \$338,301.00.

From: Taxation		\$131,576	
Library Investment Fund		197,365	
Library Fees/Donations		9,360	
Account Name	Spent FY 23	Budget FY 24	Budget FY 25
 LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION			
Library – Salaries	\$146,166	\$183,064	\$214,249
Library – Medi/FICA	10,908	14,005	16,401
Library – Life/Health Ins	12,293	12,872	13,381
Library – Retirement	3,571	3,921	4,120
SUBTOTAL	\$172,938	\$213,862	\$248,151
 LIBRARY OPERATING			
Books, Periodicals, etc.	\$ 32,073	\$ 29,200	\$ 37,000
Bldg Utilities, Maint/Repairs	25,968	25,760	24,850
Support Services	23,124	21,100	24,500
Cleaning Services	3,364	3,800	3,800
SUBTOTAL	\$ 84,529	\$ 79,860	\$ 90,150
LIBRARY TOTALS	\$257,467	\$293,722	\$338,301

21. To see what sum, not to exceed \$628,512.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Safety Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$628,512.00.

From: Taxation	\$374,262
Maine Maritime Academy – PS Contribution	123,000
Municipal Fees – Transfer Station	79,300
Municipal Fees – Harbor	36,750
Municipal Fees – Parking Tickets	4,000
Boat Excise Tax	9,500
Bagaduce Ambulance Corp. Trust Fund	1,700

34. To see what sum, not to exceed \$10,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire Department Capital Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000.00.

From: Taxation \$10,000

35. To see what sum, not to exceed \$500.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Roofs. The Selectboard recommends: \$500.00.

From: Taxation \$500

36. To see what sum, not to exceed \$7,700.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fireworks Capital Account to be used to fund Castine's 4th of July fireworks display. The Selectboard recommends: \$7,700.00.

From: Taxation \$7,700

37. To see what sum, not to exceed \$5,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Library Building Maintenance. The Library Trustees recommend: \$5,000.00.

From: Library Investment Fund \$5,000

38. To see what sum, not to exceed \$130,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Library Capital Projects. The Library Trustees recommend: \$130,000.00.

From: Library Investment Fund \$130,000

39. To see what sum, not to exceed \$6,800.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Back Shore Recreation Area. The Selectboard recommend: \$6,800.00.

From: Taxation \$6,800

40. To see what sum, not to exceed \$2,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fort George. The Selectboard recommend: \$2,000.00.

From: Taxation \$2,000

41. To see what sum, not to exceed \$5,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights - LED. The Selectboard recommend: \$5,000.00.

From: Taxation \$5,000

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote.
Unanimously approved.

Gordon MacArthur, Selectboard Chair announced that the new Town Manager had been hired to replace Shawn Blodgett and would start August 1, 2024, but would be transitioning with Shawn during June/July.

Gordon introduced Derik Goodine who was present and has extensive experience as a municipal Town Manager.

Article #18. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Sheila Corbett to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend State and Federal grant funds and other revenues received during the July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, fiscal year. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved.

Article #19. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Jarlath McEntee to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$613,286 (Selectboard recommends) for the General Government account. Motion was seconded.

Joe Slocum asked if building permit revenue was included in this article. The answer was yes. He asked if the revenue would offset the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) position. Shawn Blodgett they would need to look into increasing Building Permit fees to do so.

With no other discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$613,286).

Article #20. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Bobby Vagt to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$338,301 (Library Trustees & Selectboard recommends) for the library account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$338,301).

Article #21. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Jarlath McEntee to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$628,512 (Selectboard recommends) for the Public Safety account. Motion was seconded.

Jarlath asked if the Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) contribution has increased over the years? Karen Motycka said the MMA contribution is voluntary and they contribute to Public Safety as follows:

- 50% to the monthly Sheriff's bill (HCSD);
- 50% to the annual hydrant fees;
- 1/3rd of the Fire Dept budget; and
- 1/3rd of the Hancock County Dispatch bill

Charles Hodgkins asked why there was such a difference between the Fire Dept budget verses the library budget. He said we get more benefit from the Fire Dept than the library. Shawn said

review. Relief funds will be put back into Surplus. Any FEMA funds received has condition that the project must be rebuilt to as it was prior to the storms.

With no other discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$750).

Article #32. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Joe Slocum to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$4,000 (Selectboard recommends) for Hardware/Software. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$4,000).

Article #33. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Sheila Corbett to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$121,800 (Selectboard recommends) for Roadway/Infrastructure Improvements. Motion was seconded.

Sheila Corbett asked if projects could be identified? Shawn addressed and gave list of four roads to be paved: Western Court St, two areas on Perkins St and Wadsworth Cove Rd.

Vicki Lee asked about the Backshore Rd and damage it received from the January storms.

Shawn said those repairs were part of and covered by the funds approved from Surplus and to be reimbursed from FEMA funds.

With no other discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$121,800).

Article #34. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Bobby Vagt to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$10,000 (Selectboard recommends) for Fire Department Capital Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$10,000).

Article #35. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Sheila Corbett to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$500 (Selectboard recommends) for Municipal Building Roofs Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$500).

Article #36. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Vicki Lee to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$7,700 (Selectboard recommends) for the Fireworks Capital Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$7,700).

Article #37. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Sheila Corbett to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$5,000 (Library Trustees recommend) for the Library Building Maintenance Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$5,000).

Article #38. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Vicki Lee to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$130,000 (Library Trustees recommend) for the Library Capital Projects Account. Motion was seconded.

Sheila Corbett asked if the Capital Projects could be identified? Nick Berry, Library Director, addressed. He said funds would cover the proposed landscaping project and to purchase new shelving. Karen Lyons addressed.

Pat Irving asked why the library budget gets more funding than the Fire Dept.

Discussion.

Mark Morgioni asked to call the question.

Robin allowed continued discussions.

Kate Noel asked what the balance was in the library endowment fund? Karen Lyons said around \$8,000,000.

With no other discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Voice vote close; Robin asked for a hand vote.

Yes = 76; No = 13

Majority approved.

Article #39. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Jarlath McEntee to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$6,800 (Selectboard recommends) for Backshore Recreation Area Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$6,800).

Article #40. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Mark Morgioni to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$2,000 (Selectboard recommends) for the Fort George Account. Motion was seconded.

With no discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$2,000).

Article #41. Robin read the article.

Motion was made by Don Small to raise and appropriate, not to exceed, \$5,000.00 (Selectboard recommends) for the Street Lights – LED Account. Motion was seconded.

Susan James asked if this allocation was for additional lights or for a continued project. Shawn said it's for maintenance for the lights we have. Once the Town purchased, the streetlights became our responsibility to also maintain them. We have a 2026 replacement plan.

Charles Hodgkins asked if when the lights are installed if we could try to keep them from shining into people's windows? Shawn said the general practice is to do that unless it's a public safety matter. We try to honor property owner requests.

With no other discussion, Robin called for a vote on the article.

Unanimously approved (\$5,000).