

- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend Code Chapter 5. Administration. §5-40: The warrant of the Annual Town Meeting shall also be prepared to include separate articles for each departmental appropriation. Nondepartmental appropriations of similar purpose may be grouped into a single warrant article, at the discretion of the Select Board. ~~However, at no time shall the appropriations of multiple departments be included in a single article.~~ Except for the Administrative Budget as referenced in §5-37.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$792,893 for the Administration Department. The Administration Department includes the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Assessor, Finance, Planning and CEO. (FY26: \$738,124).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,904 for the Animal Control Department. (FY26: \$10,867).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$695,950 for the Oxford County Patrol Coverage. (FY26: \$673,865).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend putting the article on the warrant.
Select Board Do Not Recommend Approval.
Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,524 for the Fire Department. (FY26: \$322,966).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$637,452 for the Ambulance Department. (FY26: \$617,849).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$567,271 for the Solid Waste Department. (FY26: \$592,473).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the disposal fee of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) collected in Casella Dumpsters and MSW picked up curbside by Casella. (Note: The customer will pay Casella for the curbside and dumpster service). (FY26: \$300,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$809,897 for the Public Works Department. (FY26: \$781,859).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,598 for the Town Office Facility. (FY26: \$35,965).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,090 for the Fire Station Facility. (FY26: \$27,460).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,400 for the Town Garage Facility. (FY26: \$22,300).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,780 for the Ambulance Building Facility. (FY26: \$19,670).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for General Assistance. (FY26: \$4,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,179 for the Recreation Department. (FY26: \$77,344).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,539 for Angevine Park. (FY26: \$15,007).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,150 for the Fountain, Park, and Cemetery. (FY26: \$17,735).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500 for the Bethel Library. (FY26: \$20,500).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society for operations. (FY26: \$15,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society for a band for the July 4th Picnic. (FY26: \$600).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Food Pantry District Exchange. (FY26: \$20,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Project Graduation. (FY26: \$1,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the Age Friendly Community Initiative (AFCI). (FY26: \$1,200).
Select Board Recommend, Budget Committee Doesn't Recommend Approval.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for Seniors Plus. (FY26: \$4,000).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for Community Concepts. (FY26: \$4,900).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,212 for Andwell Health Partners, (formerly Androscoggin Home Healthcare). (FY26: No Request).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for the Cancer Center of Western Maine. (FY26: No Request).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,750 for Municipal Property & Casualty Insurance. (FY26: \$52,200).
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$796,306 for Employee Benefits. (FY26: \$623,590).
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| Health Insurance | \$454,136 |
| Worker's Compensation | \$ 49,500 |
| Unemployment Insurance | \$ 3,000 |
| Social Security/FICA | \$135,449 |
| Paid Family Medical Leave | \$ 8,853 |
| MEPERS Retirement | \$ 89,276 |
| FD Accident & Sickness Ins. | \$ 1,650 |
| Rescue Medical, MEPERS, Taxes | <u>\$ 54,442</u> |
| | \$796,306 |
- Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,033 for the Airport Department. (FY26: \$282,688).
 Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,049,225 for Capital Improvements. (FY26: \$1,283,850).

PWD Vehicle Reserve	\$ 135,000
PWD Equipment Reserve	\$ 25,000
TS Buildings & Grounds Reserve	\$ 30,000
Rescue Vehicle & Equipment Reserve	\$ 100,000
Rescue Buildings & Grounds Reserve	\$ 10,000
Fire Dept Vehicle Reserve	\$ 125,000
Fire Dept Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000
Fire Dept Buildings & Grounds Reserve	\$ 20,000
Airport Equipment/Building/Grounds Reserve	\$ 22,000
Town Share of MEDOT Sidewalk Grants	\$ 80,225
Town Share of FAA/MEDOT Grant Reserve	\$ 12,500
Office Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 22,500
Comprehensive Plan Update	\$ 40,000
Cemetery Restoration Reserve	\$ 15,000
Road Improvements	\$ 367,000
Drainage Improvements	\$ 10,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	\$ 25,000
Total Capital Improvements	\$1,049,225

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and spend the overlay generated during the 2027 fiscal year to pay for tax abatements.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Select Board, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State funds which may be received, from time to time, in the form of grants or for any other purpose, including, but not limited to Municipal Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance, State Aid to Education, State Aid per capita, Civil Emergency Funds, Snowmobiling Registration money, Tree Growth Reimbursement money, General Assistance Reimbursement, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grants, Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants, U.S. Fire Administration grants, and to act on anything relative thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the automatic foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a waiver of foreclosure at the

Registry of Deeds in which the tax lien certificate is recorded prior to the expiration of the right of redemption pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S. § 2953.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to establish the rate of interest at 3.0% for those who have received an abatement or have overpaid their taxes for the fiscal year 2026-2027 pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506-A.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or the designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on those prepayments in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §506.
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend unexpended FY2026 Capital Improvement Road Funds, and any other previous years' Capital Improvement Road Funds, to fund remaining projects on the Road Improvement List.
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the franchise fees received from the cable companies to Western Hills Access Television (W.H.A.T.) to broadcast local content and continue to keep the station running for the benefit of the Greater Community.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will appropriate 100% of State snowmobile refund to the Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails connecting West Bethel to Bryant Pond and beyond. Such maintenance is to be performed only with the landowners' permission and only on trails that are open for public use.
Note: Estimate \$1,000.
- Article 46. To see if the Town will appropriate from Undesignated Fund balance the overdrafts to Town Accounts as of June 30, 2026.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from its Undesignated Fund balance to reduce the FY2027 property tax commitment.
Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend Approval.

Article 48. To see if the Town will accept *estimated* revenues, including, but not limited to, federal, state, local, non-property tax revenues, and undesignated donations, to reduce the FY2027 property tax commitment, as described below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated 2027</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated 2026</u>
Auto Excise	\$750,000	Airport Snow Removal	\$ 9,000
Interest on Taxes	\$ 20,000	Airport Hangar Leases	\$ 8,000
Investment Interest	\$ 90,000	Airport Misc Revenue	\$ 1,000
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 6,000	Maine Energy Mortgage	\$ 41,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 13,000	Ambulance Revenue	\$300,000
Auto Reg Fees	\$ 18,000	Ambulance Service Fees	\$ 15,000
Plumbing Permits	\$ 10,000	Fire Service Fees	\$ 30,000
Building Permits	\$ 20,000	LRAP	\$ 75,000
Planning Board Fees	\$ 2,000	Solid Waste Service Fees	\$275,000
Cannabis Permits	\$ 5,000	Recreation Fees	\$ 19,000
General Assistance	\$ 1,000	Veteran's Exempt	\$ 1,000
Tree Growth	\$ 25,000	Recycling Fees	\$ 10,000
Gould Academy Donation	\$ 11,000	Scale Revenue	\$160,000
Airport Gas	\$ 45,000		
Total Estimated Anticipated Revenues			\$1,960,000

Given under our hands this 20th day of May 2026

SELECT BOARD

 Faye Christoforo

 Michele Varuolo Cole

 Patricia McCartney

 Sarah Southam

 Andrew Whitney

RESIDENT'S RETURN

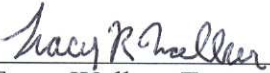
I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Bethel of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting/Secret Ballot Election, **June 9 and 10, 2026**, by posting an attested copy of the Town Meeting warrant at the Bethel Town Office being public and conspicuous within the Town of Bethel, on **May 29, 2026**, which is at least 7 days prior to the start date of the Annual Town Meeting/Secret Ballot Election.

Signed this 29 day of May 2026.



Kristy Aguilar
Resident of Bethel

True Copy:



Tracy Walker, Town Clerk