

**Sample Ballot
Annual Town Election
Gray, Maine
June 8, 2021**

Instructions to Voters

To vote, fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: ●
 To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and fill in the oval.
 Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
 If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Town Council 3 year term Vote for UP TO TWO	School Administrative District #15 3 year term Vote for UP TO TWO	Gray Water District 5 year term Vote for UP TO ONE
<input type="radio"/> Chappell, Krista	<input type="radio"/> Pfeifle, Louis Sam	<input type="radio"/> Murray, Maurice
<input type="radio"/> Meaney, Martin	<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Shevchenko, Zhenya
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BUDGET WARRANT ARTICLES**

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Article 2. Shall the Town vote to accept \$4,345,061 of revenue and any Federal, State and other sources of revenue and to appropriate the same to help fund the total Municipal Budget for FYE 2022 (detailed below) as recommended by the Town Council?
 Yes
 No

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$9,161,533 to fund the FYE 2022 Municipal Budget, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

(Admin, Codes, GA, Com. Dev., Com. & Info, Elections)	\$1,444,543
Municipal Finances (Bonds/CIP)	\$2,952,679
Library and Parks & Recreation	\$366,653
Public Safety/Street Lights	\$1,350,386
Public Works	\$2,680,276
Council (legal), Boards and Committees	\$46,840
Law Enforcement	\$288,081
Community Service Agencies	\$32,075
Total Budget FYE 2022	\$9,161,533

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Town Council compensation for the FYE 2022, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No (Note: This appropriation must be voted on as a separate article, pursuant to, Art. II, Sec. 6 of the Town Charter.)

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,147,935 from the Capital Reserve Fund for FYE 2022, for the following Capital Projects, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

Road Resurfacing	\$467,625
Parks and Recreation	\$7,500
Public Works, Town Vehicles & Equipment	\$5,000
Sidewalks	\$175,910
Public Buildings	\$15,000
Technology	\$34,500
Debt Service	\$1,230,900
Land Acquisition	\$50,000
Miscellaneous	\$161,500
Total Capital Projects FYE 2022	\$2,147,935

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to accept and appropriate for their designated purposes all of the various Town "enterprise account" funds (e.g., nonmajor special revenue funds, recreation enterprise funds) for FYE 2022, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to place funds received from the disposition of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$100,000 or less in the Capital Reserve Fund, and to appropriate the same for capital projects, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to accept all funds generated by donations and fund-raising activities on behalf of the Town's Recreation Department, the Dry Mills Schoolhouse, the Gray Public Library Association, the Gray Fire Rescue Association, and various Town Committees, and to appropriate the same for their intended purposes, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements, including any interest due thereon, from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, from the unassigned fund balance, as recommended by the Town Council?

Yes
 No

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Article 10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the purchase of three parcels of land, identified as map and lot numbers 035-403-027, 035-403-028, and 035-403-029 on the Town of Gray tax maps, located on Main Street and the Lewiston Road, opposite Colley Hill Road, to enable the Town to implement short-term and long-term uses and improvements consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other needs the Town Council deems to be in the Town's best interest?

- Yes
 No

(Fiscal Note: If passed, **this article shall only be effective if the voters also pass Article 11** below to approve general obligation bonds to be issued by the Town).

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$500,000 in general obligation bonds or notes of the Town to pay and/or reimburse the cost of acquiring the three parcels of land detailed in Article 10 above, said bonds and notes hereby authorized and the proceeds thereof hereby appropriated for said purpose, with the details of such bonding (including provisions that the bonds may be prepaid or subject to call for redemption with or without premium) to be determined by the Town Council?

- Yes
 No

(Fiscal Note: Total estimated debt service of this bond issue is approximately \$531,183, of which principal is \$500,000 and estimated interest at 2.05% over five years is \$31,183. The bonds authorized by this Article shall only be issued upon the passage of Article 10.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-TOWN OF GRAY: The issuance of bonds by the Town of Gray (the "Town") is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Gray is as of the date of this Special Town Meeting:

· Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$7,220,000
· Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$1,395,287
· Total to be Repaid on Bonds Issued	\$8,615,287
· Additional Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$0
· Total Additional Bonds (now proposed) to be Issued if Approved by Voters	\$500,000
· Estimated of Potential New Interest	\$31,183
· Total Additional Bonds to Be Issued And Estimated Interest if Approved by Voters	\$531,183

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued, and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to fund Senior Property Tax Assistance program as described in Town of Gray Ordinance Section 305, which provides property tax refund payments to those individuals seventy (70) years of age and over who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gray and meet the income and eligibility criteria established by the ordinance?

- Yes
 No

(Fiscal Note: If passed, **this article shall only be effective if the voters also pass Article 13** below to increase the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit for this purpose.)

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to increase the Town of Gray's property tax levy limit, otherwise imposed by Maine law for fiscal year ending 2022, by \$25,000 for a property tax levy limit totaling \$4,028, for the purpose of funding the Senior Property Tax Assistance program as detailed in Article 12 above, which will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit otherwise imposed by Maine Law?

- Yes
 No

(Explanatory Note: If passed, this Article Shall only be effective upon passage of Article 12 to fund the Senior Property Tax Assistance program.)

**STATE OF MAINE
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 15
DISTRICT BUDGET REFERENDUM
SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF GRAY
JUNE 8, 2021**

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- Yes **Article 1: School Budget.** Shall Maine School Administrative District No. 15 appropriate the sum of **\$28,485,603** and raise the sum of **\$16,038,481.38** for the 2021-2022 school budget?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- No

VOTER INFORMATION FOR ARTICLE 1

The Maine School Administrative District No. 15 school budget submitted in this Article 1 totals **\$28,245,284.00**. It includes locally raised funds in the amount of **\$16,551,457**, to be assessed in shares to member municipalities in accordance with the District's cost sharing formula and state law. The locally raised amount exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$3,400,574**. This budget includes these cost centers and amounts:

Cost Center	Amount Appropriated
Regular Instruction	\$ 11,588,098
Special Education	\$ 5,769,518
Career and Technical Education	\$ 0
Other Instruction	\$ 885,719
Student and Staff Support	\$ 2,459,158
System Administration	\$ 836,006
School Administration	\$ 1,517,979
Transportation and Buses	\$ 1,807,339
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 2,958,565
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$ 633,221
All Other Expenditures	\$ 30,000
Summary of Total Authorized School Budget Expenditures:	\$ 28,485,603

- Yes **Article 2: District Adult Ed Program.** Shall the District be authorized to appropriate **\$195,076** for adult education and raise **\$73,000** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program?
School Board Recommends a "Yes" Vote.
- No

- Yes **Article 3:** Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Maine School Administrative District No. 15 for an additional three years?
- No

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON ARTICLE 3:

A "YES" vote will require Maine School Administrative District No. 15 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 15.