

TOWN OF GRAY
June 11, 2024
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Cumberland, SS.

State of Maine

To Britt Barton, Town Clerk of the Town of Gray

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Gray in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Newbegin Community Center, 22 Main Street, Gray, Maine on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 7:00 AM, then and there to act upon Article 1. The polls for voting for public officials and Articles 2 through 13 shall open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Article 1. To choose, by ballot, a moderator to preside at said Annual Town Meeting.

To choose by secret ballot the following public officials:

1. Voting for two members of the Town Council to serve a three-year term until June 2027.
2. Voting for one member of the Town Council to serve the balance of a three-year term until June 2025.
3. Voting for two members of the MSAD #15 Board of Directors to serve three-year terms until June 2027.
4. Voting for one member of the Gray Water District Trustee to serve a five-year term until June 2029.

To decide by secret ballot the following Budget Articles:

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to accept any Federal, State, and other sources of revenue and to appropriate the same to fund, in part, the line-item budgets set forth in Article 3 and Article 5, as recommended by the Town Council?

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,208,761 to fund the FYE 2025 Municipal Budget, as recommended by the Town Council for the following line-item budgets:

Administration (Clerk, HR, Elections, GA, Finance, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Assessing, Planning, Communications & IT)	\$4,752,634
Library & Recreation*	\$938,348
Public Safety (Fire & Law Enforcement)	\$2,175,903
Public Works (Public Works, Solid Waste & Recycling, Facilities & Parks)	\$4,121,775
Debt Service	\$1,220,101
Total Budget FYE 2025	\$13,208,761

**(Note: This appropriation includes the full Recreation Budget that was previously budgeted in a separate fund.)*

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,500 for Town Council compensation for FYE 2025, as recommended by the Town Council?

(Note: This appropriation must be voted on as a separate article, pursuant to Art. II, Sec. 6 of the Town Charter.)

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Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and transfer \$194,250 to the Capital Reserve Fund for FYE 2025, and appropriate said amount from the Capital Reserve Fund for the following Capital Projects, as recommended by the Town Council:

Road Infrastructure Improvements	\$30,000
Facilities Improvements	\$127,250
Public Safety Equipment	\$37,000
Total Capital Projects FYE 2025	\$194,250

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to appropriate from the TIF Revenue an amount not to exceed \$346,259 for activities and projects authorized by the TIF District Development Program documents, as recommended by the Town Council?

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to dispose of Town-owned personal property or real property and to transfer amounts received from the disposition of Town-owned personal or real property into the Capital Reserve Fund, and to appropriate funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for capital improvements and projects, as recommended by the Town Council, provided that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing prior to the expenditure of any funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, as recommended by the Town Council?

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to accept or reject donations of personal property without conditions and/or gifts of money received through 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?

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Council to apply for federal, state, and private funds or grants on the Town's behalf and to accept and appropriate such funds, grants or gifts for the purpose so received or for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds during the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Town Council?

Article 10. 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?

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of the amount in excess of 3/12 of the Town's unassigned general fund balance as of June 30, 2024, not to exceed \$1,000,000 to reduce the tax commitment of FYE June 30, 2025, provided that in no event shall the Unassigned General Fund Balance be reduced as a result of such transfer to a level less than 2/12 of the Town's Net Assessment for Commitment; and to appropriate up to said amounts as described, as recommended by the Town Council?

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Absentee Ballot Processing:

✓ During Election Day (06/11/2024) Processing Time(s): 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM.

The Gray Town Democratic Committee, the Gray Town Republican Committee, the Green Independent Party will be notified, in writing, the absentee ballot processing times.

The Registrar of Voters is available to accept new registrations and corrections to the voter list at the Municipal Offices at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex, 24 Main Street in Gray. The Municipal Offices are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 8:30AM - 4:00PM, Thursdays 8:30AM - 6:30PM, and Fridays, 8:30AM - 12:00PM until May 3, 2024. Effective May 6, 2024, Municipal Offices will be open Mondays 8:00AM-5:00PM, Tuesdays 8:00AM-6:00PM, Wednesdays 8:00AM- 5:00PM, and Thursdays 7:00AM-3:00PM. Proof of residency and identity is required. A person who is not registered is not eligible to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.

Given Under our hands this 23rd Day of April 2024

Municipal Officers/Town Council of Gray, Maine:




Krista Chappell, Chair



Dan Maguire, Vice Chair



Matthew Hight



Anne Gass



Martin Meaney

A true copy.

Attest: 

Judith Rand, Resident of Gray

Attest: 

Britt Barton, Town Clerk

The warrant shall be posted in the Town offices at least 10 days prior to the Town Meeting.