

To: Kathleen Hogue, a resident of the Town of Pownal, Cumberland County, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Pownal in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Mallett Hall, 429 Hallowell Road, Pownal Maine on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:45 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 4 set forth below. The polls will be open between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

AND to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Pownal, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Pownal Elementary School, 587 Elmwood Road, Pownal, ME 04069 (alternate location Mallett Hall, 429 Hallowell Road, Pownal, Maine) on Monday June 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm to act upon the remaining Articles 5 through 38 as set forth in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect, by secret ballot, the following officers: One Select Board/Assessor for a three-year term; One Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term; One RSU #5 Board of Directors for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3: Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the sale of spirits for off-premises consumption on days other than Sunday?

ARTICLE 4: Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the sale of spirits for off-premises consumption on Sundays?

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 100 General” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 6: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 400 Definitions” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 7: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 504 Zoning Districts” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 8: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 603 Back Lots” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 9: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 605 Single Lot Ordinance” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 10: Shall an ordinance entitled “2025 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Town of Pownal, Maine Regarding Section 615 Accessory Dwelling Units” be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$156,000.00** for the Capital Project Fund.
The Select Board recommends approval.

BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$708,245.00** for the **General Government**.

General Government	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
General Government	\$106,779.00	\$122,485.00	\$15,706.00	15%
Technology	\$36,535.00	\$39,000.00	\$2,465.00	9%
Animal Control	\$3,300.00	\$2,960.00	-340.00	-10%
Planning Board	\$22,500.00	\$38,000.00	\$15,500.00	69%
Compensation	\$395,057.00	\$505,800.00	\$110,743.00	28%
TOTAL	\$564,171.00	\$708,245.00	\$144,074.00	26%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$672,009.00.

The Select Board recommends \$708,245.00.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,000.00** for **Human Services**.

Social Services	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Compensation	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0	0%
General Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0	0%
Freeport Community Services	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0	0%
Through These Doors	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0	0%
Teen Port Center	\$350.00	\$0	-\$350.00	-100%
Total	\$12,350.00	\$12,000.00	-350.00	-3%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$12,000.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,700.00 for **Mallett Hall**.

Mallett Hall	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Maintenance	\$37,450.00	\$32,950.00	-\$4,500.00	-12%
Life Safety	\$2,750.00	\$3,250.00	\$500.00	18%
Utilities	\$8,700.00	\$8,500.00	-\$200.00	-2%
Total	\$48,900.00	\$44,700.00	-4,200.00	-9%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$44,700.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$233,815.00 for **Public Safety**.

Public Safety	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Public Safety	\$48,388.00	\$53,743.00	\$5,355.00	11%
Administration	\$7,730.00	\$3,365.00	-\$4,365.00	-56%
Compensation	\$54,977.00	\$79,350.00	\$24,372.00	44%
Buildings	\$15,914.00	\$16,582.00	\$668.00	4%
Operations	\$57,905.00	\$80,775.00	\$22,870.00	40%
TOTAL	\$184,915.00	\$233,815.00	\$48,900.00	26%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$233,815.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,001,183.00 for **Public Works**.

Public Works	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Facilities Maintenance	\$20,310.00	\$30,885.00	\$10,575.00	52%
Winter Roads	\$108,500.00	\$106,000.00	-\$2,500.00	-2%
Compensation	\$398,510.00	\$436,373.00	\$37,863.00	10%
Fleet Maintenance	\$56,500.00	\$57,500.00	\$1,000.00	2%
Fuel	\$48,000.00	\$47,800.00	-\$200.00	-.4%
Road Maintenance	\$308,050.00	\$313,650.00	\$5,600.00	2%
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,650.00	\$650.00	22%
Administrative	\$5,800.00	\$5,325.00	-\$475.00	-8%
TOTAL	\$948,608.00	\$1,001,183.00	\$52,513.00	6%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$1,001,183.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$172,562.00 for **Solid Waste**.

Solid Waste	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
EcoMaine Fees Waste	\$26,700.00	\$37,000.00	\$10,300.00	39%
EcoMaine Fees Recycling	\$8,000.00	\$12,250.00	\$4,250.00	53%
Solid Waste Hauling	\$115,773.00	\$121,562.00	\$5,789.00	5%
Septic Contract	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0	0%
Metal Collection Day	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0	0%
PAYT Bags	\$1,000.00	\$0	-\$1,000.00	-100%
Total	\$153,223.00	\$172,562.00	\$19,339.00	13%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$172,562.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,700.00 for **Pownal Center Water Association.**

PCWA	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Town Expense	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00	80%
Utilities	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0	0%
Total	\$3,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$2,000.00	54%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$5,700.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 for **Cemeteries.**

Cemeteries	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Compensation	\$4,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,000.00	44%
Town Expense	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	33%
Total	\$6,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$2,500.00	42%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$8,500.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$262,341.00 for **Debt Service and Other Obligations.**

Debt Service	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
2007 Road Bond	\$60,743.00	\$51,268.00	-\$9,475.00	-44%
2011 Road Bond	\$58,181.00	\$56,378.00	-\$1,803.00	-14%
2016 Road Bond	\$160,305.00	\$154,695.00	-\$5,610.00	-54%
Total	\$279,229.00	\$262,341.00	-\$16,888.00	-6%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$262,341.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the **Recreation Committee** enterprise fund.

Recreation Comm	Budget FY 2025	Request FY 2026	Difference	Percent
Town Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0	0%
Total	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0	0%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$500.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will transfer from the Unassigned Fund Balance and appropriate up to \$455,000.00 for the Future Facilities Committee for the following project: Design and complete construction contract documents for the proposed future co-located fire station and public works facility.

The Select Board recommends approval noting that any future expenditures will require Town Meeting approval.

Exhibit B

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will transfer from the Public Works Impact Fee Fund Balance and appropriate **\$30,000.00** for the Future Facilities Committee for the following project: Design and complete construction contract documents for the proposed future co-located fire station and public works facility.

The Select Board recommends approval noting that any future expenditures will require Town Meeting approval.

Exhibit B

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will transfer from the Public Safety Impact Fee Fund Balance and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the Future Facilities Committee for the following project: Design and complete construction contract documents for the proposed future co-located fire station and public works facility.

The Select Board recommends approval noting that any future expenditures will require Town Meeting approval.

Exhibit B

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to **\$20,000.00** for the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee for an external consultant for further town visioning.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$60,000.00** for the Assessing and Revaluation Reserve.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to **\$43,000.00** for the following project: Repair the three dormers at Mallett Hall.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will appropriate **\$7,000.00** from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a American Rescue Plan or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Repair the three dormers at Mallett Hall.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept and apply **\$741,000.00** of the following **non-property tax revenues** to reduce the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Town Treasurer to accept any additional revenues or funds and expend any other revenue from the State, Federal, local and private sources for the support of the Town that may be used to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation.

Revenues	Budget	Request	Difference	Percent
	FY 2025	FY 2026		
Cable Franchise Fee	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	0%
Automobile Excise	\$315,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$15,000.00	5%
Boat Excise	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0	0%
IF&W Agent Fees	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0	0%
Clerk Fees	\$480.00	\$150.00	-\$30.00	-16%
Vital Statistic Fees	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0	0%
Copy/Fax Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0	0%
Veterans Reimbursement	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	-\$250.00	-25%
Lien Costs	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	-\$400.00	-33%
Interest – Real Estate	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0	0%
BMV Agent Fees	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0	0%

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State Park Fees	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	20%
CEO Permits	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	11%
BOA Fees	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0	0%
Checking Interest	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0	0%
ACO Fees	\$300.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00	-50%
ACO Late Fees	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	67%
Subdivision App Fees	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	-40%
MDOT Road Assistance	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0	0%
From Fund Balance	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0	0%
Mallett Hall Rental	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	25%
State Revenue Sharing	\$181,000.00	\$181,000.00	\$0	0%
Homestead Exemption	\$120,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$13,000.00	-11%
Total Revenues	\$737,380.00	\$741,000.00	\$3,620.00	.004%

The Select Board recommends approval.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Unassigned Fund Balance and appropriate up to **\$300,000.00** to minimize the tax mil rate increase.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate funds remaining in the Pownal Center Water Association (a/k/a PCWA) operating funds at the end of FY26 to the PCWA Reserve fund.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 32:

- 1) To see if the Town will vote to set **September 15, 2025, December 15, 2025, March 15, 2026 and June 15, 2026** as the dates on which one quarter of taxes shall be due and payable and to charge **interest** at the rate of seven and a half percent (**7.5%**) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment dues that remains outstanding as of September 16, 2025, December 16, 2025, March 16, 2026 and June 16, 2026.
- 2) To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or their designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00; and
- 3) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of real estate property taxes not yet due or assessed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506. The Town does not apply interest on such collections.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to set three and a half percent (**3.5%**) as the rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer not more than 3% of the Town’s budgeted expenditures between budget line items within an individual department provided that the Town’s total budgeted expenditures shall not be increased.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer any unexpended funds to the carry forward accounts within departments and/or committees to complete projects from the previous Fiscal Year.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Town Treasurer, on behalf of the Town to accept any gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous articles, if the Select Board determines that the gifts, donations or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town and to expend such funds for their intended purpose.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or their designee to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, county, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant and to execute any documents related to such grants.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from the registration of snowmobiles to the **ROCKY COAST RIDERS & TRI TOWN PENGUIN SNOWMOBILE CLUB** for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails which are open to the general public without charge for snowmobile purposes and any other uses that may be authorized by the property owner.

The Select Board recommends approval.

Given under our hands this 12th day of May, 2025 by the Pownal Select Board:



Jonathon Morris, Chair



Andrew O'Brien



Katherine Day

