

To: Ginifir Giddinge, 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 11, 2024 at 7:45 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 through 2 of this warrant by secret ballot. 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, Maine (alternate site due to construction Mallett Hall) on Monday June 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm to act upon the remaining Articles 3 through 41 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.

ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 3: Shall an ordinance entitled “2024 Amendments to the Pownal Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance” be enacted?

(A copy of the amendments shall be available at the Town Meeting).

Exhibit A

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to repeal the “Floodplain Management Ordinance” originally enacted at the March 9, 2009 Special Town Meeting and any subsequent amendments and further to enact an ordinance entitled “2024 Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Pownal enacted June 17, 2024 and effective June 20, 2024?”

(A copy of the ordinance shall be available at the Town Meeting)

Exhibits B and C

ARTICLE 5: Shall an ordinance entitled “2024 Amendments to the Town of Pownal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Section 400 Definitions” be enacted?

(A copy of the ordinance shall be available at the Town Meeting)

Exhibit D

ARTICLE 6: Shall an ordinance entitled “2024 Amendments to the Town of Pownal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Section 504 Zoning Districts” be enacted?

(A copy of the ordinance shall be available at the Town Meeting)

Exhibit E

ARTICLE 7: Shall an ordinance entitled “2024 Amendments to the Town of Pownal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Section 600 Performance Standards” be enacted?

(A copy of the ordinance shall be available at the Town Meeting)

Exhibit F

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$155,000.00** for the Capital Project Fund.
The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate up to **\$300,000.00** from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Project Fund.
The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$153,231.00** from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of the following items or to see what action the Town will take:

Public Safety:

Air Packs: up to \$109,519.00

Communications: up to \$26,312.00

Repeater System: up to \$17,400.00

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$268,000.00** from the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of the following item or to see what action the Town will take:

Public Works:

Dump Truck (truck 2 replacement): up to \$268,000.00

The Select Board recommends approval.

BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$11,941.00** for a part-time IT Position.

Compensation: \$10,920.00

FICA: \$836.00

Medicare: \$158.00

Earned FML: \$27.00

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$11,941.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

Exhibit G – Job Description

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$26,791.00** for a part-time Public Works Position:

Compensation: \$24,500

FICA: \$1,874.00

Medicare: \$355.00

Earned FML: \$62.00

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$26,791.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

Exhibit H – Job Description

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$552,292.00** for **General Government**.

General Government	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
General Government	\$105,114.00	\$106,779.00	\$1665.00	2%
Technology	\$34,013.00	\$36,535.00	\$2,522.00	7%
Animal Control	\$2,900.00	\$3,300.00	\$400.00	14%
Planning Board	\$47,000.00	\$22,500.00	-\$24,500.00	-52%
Compensation	\$368,375.00	\$383,178.00	\$14,741.00	4%
TOTAL	\$557,402.00	\$552,292.00	-\$5,110.00	-1%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$552,292.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,350.00** for **Human Services**.

Social Services	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	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	\$350.00	\$0	0%
Total	\$12,350.00	\$12,350.00	\$0	0%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$12,350.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$48,900.00** for **Mallett Hall**.

Mallett Hall	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Maintenance	\$26,970.00	\$37,450.00	\$10,480.00	39%
Life Safety	\$4,100.00	\$2,750.00	-\$1,350.00	-33%
Utilities	\$9,260.00	\$8,700.00	-\$560.00	-6%
Total	\$40,330.00	\$48,900.00	\$8,570.00	21%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$48,900.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,839.00** for **Public Safety**.

Public Safety	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Public Safety	\$45,701.00	\$48,388.00	\$2,687.00	6%
Administration	\$11,197.00	\$7,730.00	-\$3,467.00	-31%
Compensation	\$48,665.00	\$54,977.00	\$6,312.00	13%
Buildings	\$15,319.00	\$15,914.00	\$595.00	4%
Operations	\$45,620.00	\$57,830.00	\$12,210.00	27%
TOTAL	\$166,502.00	\$184,839.00	\$18,337.00	11%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$184,839.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$921,879.00** for **Public Works**.

Public Works	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Facilities Maintenance	\$20,580.00	\$20,310.00	-\$270.00	-1%
Winter Roads	\$105,000.00	\$108,500.00	\$3,500.00	3%
Compensation	\$340,424.00	\$371,657.00	\$31,295.00	9%
Fleet Maintenance	\$70,000.00	\$56,500.00	-\$13,500.00	-19%
Fuel	\$46,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$2,000.00	4%
Road Maintenance	\$290,000.00	\$308,050.00	\$18,050.00	6%
Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	20%
Administrative	\$5,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$800.00	16%
TOTAL	\$879,504.00	\$921,817.00	\$42,313.00	5%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$921,879.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$166,223.00** for **Solid Waste**.

Solid Waste	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
EcoMaine Fees Waste	\$22,000.00	\$26,700.00	\$4,700.00	21%
EcoMaine Fees Recycling	\$7,370.00	\$8,000.00	\$630.00	9%
Solid Waste Hauling	\$87,711.00	\$115,773.00	\$28,062.00	32%
Septic Contract	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0	0%
Metal Collection Day	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	50%
PAYT Bags	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$1,000.00	8%
Total	\$130,081.00	\$166,223.00	\$36,142.00	28%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$153,223.00.

The Select Board recommends 166,223.00.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,700.00** for **Pownal Center Water Association**.

PCWA	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Town Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	25%
Utilities	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00	-\$200.00	-14%
Total	\$3,400.00	\$3,700.00	\$300.00	9%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$3,700.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** for **Cemeteries**.

Cemeteries	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Compensation	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00	13%
Town Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	50%
Total	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	20%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$6,000.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$271,164.00** for **Debt Service and Other Obligations**.

Debt Service	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
2007 Road Bond	\$60,743.00	\$56,056.00	-\$4,687.00	-8%
2011 Road Bond	\$58,181.00	\$57,510.00	-\$671.00	-1%
2016 Road Bond	\$160,305.00	\$157,598.00	-2,707.00	-2%
Total	\$279,229.00	\$271,164.00	-\$8,065.00	-3%

The Budget Committee recommends to the Select Board \$271,164.00.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500.00** for the **Recreation Committee** enterprise fund.

Recreation Comm	Budget FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Town Expense	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	-80%
Total	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	-80%

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

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will appropriate up to **\$11,200.00** 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: Backup generator for the North Station Fire Department building to run the repeater tower.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will appropriate up to **\$60,000.00** 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: Renovating two rooms in Mallett Hall for additional office space.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee to investigate water capacity in the Village District as part of the work charged to the committee.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate up to **\$50,000.00** from the unassigned fund balance for exploration of a site and design draft of a Public Safety and/or Public Works facility for the Future Facilities Committee.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept and apply **\$737,380.00** 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 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 FY 2024	Request FY 2025	Difference	Percent
Cable Franchise Fee	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	0%
Automobile Excise	\$290,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$25,000.00	9%
Boat Excise	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500	33%
IF&W Agent Fees	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100	20%
Clerk Fees	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$0	0%
Vital Statistic Fees	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0	0%
Copy/Fax Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0	0%
Veterans Reimbursement	\$1,380.00	\$1,000.00	-\$380.00	-28%
Lien Costs	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0	0%
Interest – Real Estate	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-13%
BMV Agent Fees	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$500	7%
State Park Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0	0%
CEO Permits	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0	0%
BOA Fees	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0	0%
Checking Interest	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	400%
ACO Fees	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0	0%
ACO Late Fees	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0	0%
Subdivision App Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0	0%
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	\$200.00	\$0	0%
Solid Waste Bag Sales	\$26,000.00	\$0	-\$26,000	-100%
State Revenue Sharing	\$220,000.00	\$181,000.00	-\$39,000.00	-18%
Homestead Exemption	\$112,888.00	\$120,000.00	\$7,112.00	6%
Total Revenues	\$750,548.00	\$737,380.00	-\$13,168.00	-2%

The Select Board recommends approval.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$12,560.00** from the dedicated **IMPACT FEE OPEN SPACE FUNDS** for surveying Town Owned Land: Sweetser Road Map 4, Lot 20.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate up to **\$300,000.00** from the Unassigned Fund Balance 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 FY 25 to the PCWA Reserve fund.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to explore acquiring the hall from the North Pownal Community Club located at 857 Lawrence Road for use as a Town Building for \$1 or to see what action the Town will take.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will enter into an easement agreement with the Royal River Conservation Trust for property located on Elmwood Road, Map 9, Lot 43 or to see what action the Town will take.

Exhibit I

ARTICLE 34: (written ballot) To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Pownal by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 35:

- 1) To see if the Town will vote to set **September 15, 2024, December 15, 2024, March 15, 2025 and June 15, 2025** as the dates on which one quarter of taxes shall be due and payable and to charge **interest** at the rate of eight and a half percent (**8.5%**) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment dues that remains outstanding as of September 16, 2024, December 16, 2024, March 16, 2025 and June 16, 2025.
- 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 36: To see if the Town will vote to set **4.5%** 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 37: 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 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer any unexpended funds to the carry forward accounts within departments to complete projects from the previous Fiscal Year.

The Select Board recommends approval.

ARTICLE 39: 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 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, county, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.

The Select Board recommends approval.


ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to allocate 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 29th day of May, 2024 by the Pownal Select Board:



Jonathon Morris, Chair



Andrew O'Brien



Katherine Day