

# TOWN OF HARRISON

## Annual Town Meeting Warrant

**TO:** Megan Friel, a resident of the Town of Harrison in the County of Cumberland, 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 Harrison in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Harrison Town Office on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, AD at eight o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 1, 2 and 3 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said voters to reconvene at the Harrison Elementary School, located at 309 Naples Road, Harrison on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, A.D., at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 4 through 40 as set out below, to wit.

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose by secret ballot the following: Two (2) Select Board members to serve for three (3) years; Two (2) Planning Board Members one to serve for one (1) year and one to serve for three (3) years; and One (1) Appeals Board Member to serve for five (5) years.

**ARTICLE 3:** Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the Board of Directors of MSAD # 17 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend \$ 50,000 from the Town of Harrison's Undesignated Fund and/or authorizing the municipal officers to issue notes in the name of the Town of Harrison or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Harrison in an amount not to exceed \$ 50,000 for this purpose?

*To vote in person the following articles for the ensuing year:*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Moderator's Manual as prepared by the Maine Municipal Association as the parliamentary procedure for the meeting.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff who are not residents of Harrison, to speak as appropriate when recognized by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to permit attendees of the Town Meeting, who are not registered to vote in the Town of Harison, to speak.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the voters will set the date when taxes shall be due and payable with the first bi-annual payment being due on September 16, 2026, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due February 1, 2027, and an interest rate of 6% per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after these dates until those taxes are paid in full.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the voters will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and pay interest at a rate of 0% on any overpayment.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the voters will authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned property as they deem proper and return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to carry balances forward, at the end of the fiscal year, as they deem to be advisable and for any funds not otherwise assigned by this meeting, in excess of the 33% required for the Undesignated Fund Balance, to the Capital & Reserve Account.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the voters will authorize payment of \$6.62 out of the money received from the registration of snowmobiles to the Harrison Friendly Riders Snowmobile Club for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Municipal Officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to expend a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to cover any unfunded emergencies that occur.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to transfer funds between accounts for the purpose of covering overdrafts.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the voters will authorize the Treasurer to issue payments upon the signature of three (3) Selectboard members on the Town Warrant prior to the next scheduled Selectboard's Meeting.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the voters will authorize the Select Board to accept grants, gifts, and financial donations to the Town.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the voters will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the voters will authorize the payment of any tax abatements, including interest set at 3%, approved by the Board of Assessors from the property tax overlay, or if necessary, from the unassigned fund balance.

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$1,001,750** from Revenue to reduce taxes.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**OPERATIONAL EXPENSES**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$640,591** for Administration.

Dept 01: ADMINISTRATION	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WAGES	400,557	404,721	4,164	salary, wages, overtime
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	169,193	192,334	23,141	comp, advertising, postage, lien costs, supplies
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	25,320	21,336	(3,984)	repairs, cleaning
UTILITIES	18,400	22,200	3,800	water, telephone, electricity, heat
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>613,470</b>	<b>640,591</b>	<b>27,121</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$865,069** for the Public Works Department.

Dept 02: PUBLIC WORKS	2026	2027	Increase	
WAGES	380,213	390,319	10,106	salary, wages, overtime
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	256,750	256,250	-500	fuel, sand, salt, supplies, signs, & street striping and sweeping
UTILITIES	24,000	25,000	1,000	telephone, electricity, heat
BUILDING MAINTENANCE/CUTTING EDGES	145,900	32,500	(113,400)	buildings, monitor alarms and cutting edges
FLEET MAINTENANCE		161,000	161,000	Town wide vehicle & equipment maintenance moved here
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>806,863</b>	<b>865,069</b>	<b>58,206</b>	<b>7.2%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$192,454** for the Fire Department.

Dept 03: FIRE DEPT	2026	2027	Increase	
WAGES	98,252	98,800	548	Stipend fire chief and on-call coverage
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	50,075	56,964	6,889	fuel, software license, general supplies, gear, training
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	42,500	20,400	(22,100)	repairs, maintenance
UTILITIES	14,290	16,290	2,000	water, telephone, electricity, heat
<b>FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>205,117</b>	<b>192,454</b>	<b>(\$12,663)</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$450,410** for Solid Waste Disposal.

Dept 04: SOLID WASTE	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WAGES	122,749	127,432	4,683	salary, wages
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	312,543	307,103	(5,440)	hauling fees, tipping fees Eco Maine, Supplies
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	14,725	9,725	(5,000)	repairs, maintenance
UTILITIES	5,000	6,150	1,150	water, telephone, electricity, heat
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>455,017</b>	<b>450,410</b>	<b>(4,607)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$163,111** for Recreation.

Dept 05: RECREATION	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WAGES	150,422	151,201	779	salary, wages, overtime
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	3,700	4,888	1,188	mileage, training, & general supplies
UTILITIES	3,122	2,522	(600)	internet, phone
PROGRAMMING	12,500	4,500	(8,000)	
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>169,744</b>	<b>163,111</b>	<b>(6,633)</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$594,459** for Benefits and Insurance.  
*(For Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Property & Casualty coverage and Employee Benefits.)*

Dept 06: BENEFITS & INSURANCE	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WORKERS COMPENSATION	38,305	30,636	(7,669)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	15,861	10,840	(5,021)	
SOCIAL SECURITY	87,428	90,051	2,623	Employer Taxes
MEDICARE	20,447	21,060	613	Employer Taxes
M.S.R.S	54,828	56,472	1,644	Employer Retirement Contributions
HEALTH INSURANCE	317,541	317,541	0	Employer Health Coverage
DENTAL INSURANCE	8,705	8,568	(136)	Employer Dental Coverage
EARNED PAID LEAVE	7,050	7,137	86	Employer Contribution to EPL
TRAINING AND EDUCATION		4,000	4,000	
RISK POOL (July – July Policy)	46,678	48,154	1,475	liability insurance
<b>MUNICIPAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>596,843</b>	<b>594,459</b>	<b>(2,385)</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 26:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$502,743** for Public Safety.

Dept 07: PUBLIC SAFETY	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
ACO	15,972	16,451	479	animal control officer
HEALTH OFFICER	8,564	8,821	257	on call basis
EMA CHIEF	11,408	11,750	342	Stipend
EMA DEPUTY CHIEF	4,562	2,500	(2,062)	
SUMMER WARDEN	10,000	10,000	0.00	Summer lake patrol
Cumberland County DEPUTY 1	136,935	152,330	15,395	local deputy
Cumberland County DEPUTY 2	136,934	152,330	15,396	local deputy
ANIMAL SHELTER	2,447	2,447	0	annual fee Harvest Hills
VETERINARY SERVICES	2,000	2,000	0	Emergency situations
MILEAGE	100	400	300	
TRAINING		400	400	
EMA TRAINING	500	1,050	550	
EMA SUPPLIES	500	4,000	3,500	
STREETLIGHTS	14,000	14,000	0.00	
SUPPLIES	250	300	50	
ACO CELL	0	720	720	
DISPATCH	21,473	24,118	2,645	
HYDRANT RENTAL	35,832	58,800	22,968	
AMBULANCE	40,326	40,326	0	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>441,803</b>	<b>502,743</b>	<b>60,940</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 27:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$138,290** for Community Programs.

Dept 08: COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
LAKE WATER TESTS	1,000	1,000	0	Tests for Crystal & Long Lake
BOLSTERS LIBRARY	4,000	4,000	0	library request
VILLAGE LIBRARY	88,123	92,340	4,217	library request
MEMORIAL DAY	2,200	2,200	0	One-half to VFW, one-half to Legion
TEST LAKES	750	1,500	750	LEA testing
MILFOIL - BOAT INSPECTION	4,000	5,500	1,500	LEA testing
LR TV	13,000	13,000	0	
FLAGS AROUND TOWN	2,250	2,250	0	
WINTER HOLIDAYS	1,500	1,500	0	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR	7,800	0	(7,800)	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION	10,000	15,000	5,000	
<b>COMMUNITY PROGRAMS</b>	<b>134,623</b>	<b>138,290</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 28:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$213,222** for Parks/RADR/Cemeteries.

Dept 09: PARKS/RADR/CEMETERIES	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WAGES	130,473	133,827	3,354	salary, wages
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	58,795	55,995	(2,800)	fuel, cleaning, operating supplies, & docks
UTILITIES	12,900	14,900	2,000	electricity, propane,
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	21,000	8,500	(12,500)	repairs, maintenance
<b>PARKS/RADR</b>	<b>223,168</b>	<b>213,222</b>	<b>(9,946)</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$152,940** for Code Enforcement/Assessing.

Dept 12: ASSESSING/CODE ENFORCEMENT	2026	2027	Increase/ (Decrease)	
WAGES	79,156	81,440	2,284	
ASSESSING	50,000	55,000	5,000	Parker Appraisal pick-up work/assessing services
SERVICES/SUPPLIES	23,000	16,500	(6,500)	computers software, & supplies, contracted CEO services
<b>ASSESSING/CODE</b>	<b>152,156</b>	<b>152,940</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

## CAPITAL EXPENSES

**ARTICLE 30:** To raise and appropriate **\$230,000** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 4 annual appropriations to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund towards the purchase of a fire truck.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 31:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$610,000** for Capital Roads.

*(For paving, ditching, replacement of culverts, guardrail replacement, crack sealing and gravel)*

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 32:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$886,000** for Capital Roads with \$610,000 coming from funds raised in **Article 31** and the balance of \$276,000 coming from the Capital Reserve Account.

*(For paving, ditching, replacement of culverts, guardrail replacement, crack sealing and gravel)*

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 33:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** for the Capital Reserve Account.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 34:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate up to **\$881,740** from the Capital Reserve Account with **\$500,000** of that to be reimbursed to the Town through grants that have already been awarded for the two major stream crossings at Carsley Brook and Edes Falls.

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see what amount, up to **\$325,000**, the voters will vote to spend from the Capital & Reserve Fund for Infrastructure Improvements, Asset Maintenance & Capital Equipment.

*(These funds come from the reserve not from new taxation)*

**Comprehensive Capital Reserve Proposed Expenditures**

Vehicle: Major Asset Maintenance - Existing Loader	75,000
Public Safety/Fire/EMA: Replacement of Sheriff Deputy Car, Forestry pump replacement, SCBA Bottles, Command Car retro fitting	141,000
Facilities/Equipment: Fire Station Renovation, Compactor/Ram Replacement, Scale Updates, RADR & Crystal Lake upgrades, Heat Pumps at Fire Station, Dump Trailer for Parks	109,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>325,000</b>

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$295,560** to service the Harrison Public Works Garage Bond Debt, as authorized by Article 29 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

## **COUNTY ASSESSMENT**

**ARTICLE 37:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$565,241** for County Tax.  
*(Tax charged by the County)*

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 38:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$36,183** from the Undesignated Fund Balance account for County Tax change in fiscal year.  
*(Tax charged by the County)*

**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: YES (5-0)**

## **ORDINANCES**

**ARTICLE 39:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Building Permit Requirement Ordinance" be amended?

*(Note: A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available from the office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the town meeting. A "yes" or "no" vote is required; the ordinance cannot be amended from the floor)*

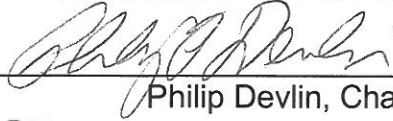
**ARTICLE 40:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Mooring Ordinance" be amended?

*(Note: A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available from the office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the town meeting. A "yes" or "no" vote is required; the ordinance cannot be amended from the floor)*

John Bellino, Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_



GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 14th DAY OF MAY A.D. 2026  
HARRISON SELECT BOARD:



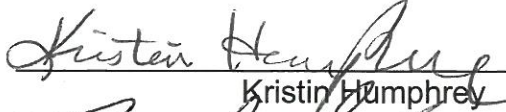
Philip Devlin, Chair



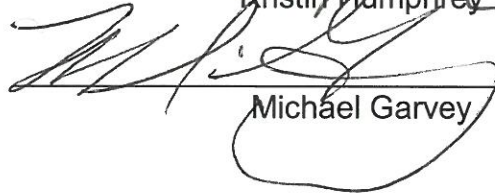
Nathan Sessions, Vice Chair



Debora Kane



Kristin Humphrey



Michael Garvey

A true copy attested:



Town Clerk of Harrison



Date

TOWN OF HARRISON -

Pursuant to the within order of notice, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Harrison of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting this day an attested copy of the within Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Post Office in Harrison Village, Harrison Town Office, Harrison Village Library, Transfer Station; the same being public and conspicuous places in said Town.



Megan Friel, RESIDENT OF HARRISON

