

THE WARRANT

Hancock County, SS

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Castine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at

Emerson Hall, 67 Court Street

on Saturday, the 7th day of June A.D. – 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

to act on the following articles to wit:

School Articles

1. To choose a moderator to act at said meeting.
2. Shall the Town authorize any non-voter Castine property owner to speak at this Town Meeting when recognized by the Moderator?
3. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration. (School Board Services, Office of the Superintendent Services)

School Committee Recommends: \$91,627.74

System Administration	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2310 Board Stipends	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
2310 Board Stipend Medi/FICA	168.30	168.30
2310 Purchased Professional Services	10,500.00	10,500.00
2310 Other Purchased Services	750.00	870.00
2310 Miscellaneous Board Expenses	2,040.00	2,164.10
2320 Assessment for Administration (Pro-rates)	48,651.72	51,434.93
<u>2500 Assessment for Business Admin (Pro-rates)</u>	<u>23,074.90</u>	<u>24,290.41</u>
Total System Administration	\$ 87,384.92	\$91,627.74

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4. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: \$125,211.39

Student Transportation	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2700 Bus Driver Wages – Regular Runs	\$ 33,341.63	\$ 35,006.63
2700 Substitute Bus Drivers	1,000.00	1,000.00
2700 Bus Driver Health Insurance	9,782.00	11,435.06
2700 Substitute Medi/FICA	46.00	46.00
2700 Medi/FICA	2,550.63	2,678.01
2700 Workers Compensation	2,037.17	2,138.91
2700 Professional Services – Drug and Alcohol Test	175.00	175.00
2700 Repair and Maintenance of Buses	5,000.00	5,000.00
2700 Insurance on School Buses	700.00	756.00
2700 Bus Driver Training/Prof Development	975.78	975.78
2700 Energy - Motor Fuels	4,000.00	11,000.00
2700 Energy – Bus Charging	7,000.00	0.00
2700 Other Purchased Trans. Services	0.00	55,000.00
2700 Total Student Transportation	\$ 66,608.21	\$125,211.39

5. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction. (Elementary Instruction Program, Secondary Instruction Program, Alternative Education, English as a 2nd Language, Gifted and Talented)

School Committee Recommends: \$1,172,224.08

Regular Instructional	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
1000 Teacher Salaries	\$490,976.40	\$ 516,566.89
1000 Substitute Wages	11,250.00	11,250.00
1000 Instructional Stipends	150.00	10,315.20
1000 Stipend Benefits	7.61	7.61
1000 Teacher Health Insurance	107,740.00	105,744.95
1000 Teacher Medi/FICA	7,119.16	10,871.70
1000 Substitute Medi/FICA	283.64	283.64
1000 Teacher Retirement	21,946.65	19,864.72
1000 Substitute Retirement	303.71	303.71
1000 Course/Tuition Reimbursement	10,806.00	10,872.00
1000 Teacher Stipend Workers Compensation	1.99	1.99
1000 Teacher Workers Compensation	2,111.21	2,221.23
1000 Substitute Workers Compensation	27.32	27.32
1000 Purchased Professional Services	0.00	756.32
1000 Professional Development/Conferences	500.00	500.00
1000 Instructional Travel Reimbursement	100.00	100.00

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Regular Instructional (continued)	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
1000 Equipment and Furnishings	1,800.00	1,800.00
1000 Instructional Supplies	12,700.00	10,000.00
1000 Textbooks and Supplements	13,500.00	10,000.00
1000 Instructional Software	1,200.00	1,700.00
1000 Educational Field Trips	2,300.00	2,300.00
1000 Contingency	15,000.00	15,000.00
1000 Tuition to LEA Within Maine	11,940.00	27,162.00
1000 Tuition to Private Schools	334,425.00	375,770.00
1000 Insured Value Factor	20,065.50	37,577.00
1000 Purchased Professional Services	300.00	300.00
1000 G/T Teacher Salaries	500.00	500.00
1000 Medi/FICA	7.05	7.05
1000 Retirement	18.66	18.66
1000 Workers Compensation	2.09	2.09
1000 G/T Other Purchased Services	100.00	100.00
1000 G/T Instructional Supplies	300.00	300.00
Total Regular Instructional Program	\$1,067,481.99	\$1,172,224.08

6. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. (Guidance Services, Health Services, Library Services, Instructional Technology, Instructional Staff Training, Curriculum Development)

School Committee Recommends: \$62,330.13

Student and Staff Support	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2120 Guidance Salaries	\$ 24,370.40	\$ 21,816.00
2120 Guidance Health Insurance	4,765.00	5,338.49
2120 Medi/FICA	353.37	316.34
2020 Guidance Retirement	1,089.36	975.18
2120 Worker's Compensation	104.79	93.81
2120 Training/Professional Development/Conf	150.00	150.00
2120 Instructional Supplies	250.00	500.00
2130 Nurse Salaries	24,631.20	22,701.44
2130 Health Insurance	81.00	0.00
2130 Medi/FICA	357.15	329.17
2030 Nurse Retirement	1,101.01	1,014.75
2130 Course Tuition Reimbursement	720.40	720.40
2130 Workers Compensation	106.42	98.13
2130 Professional Development/Conferences	150.00	150.00
2130 Repair and Maintenance	50.00	50.00
2130 Employee Travel	40.00	40.00
2130 Health Supplies	1,480.00	1,480.00
2130 Other Costs (example: Dues)	50.00	50.00
2213 Teacher Certification Salaries	1,750.00	1,750.00

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Student and Staff Support (continued)	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2213 Medi/FICA	72.00	72.00
2213 Unemployment Insurance	32.34	32.34
2213 Workers Compensation	17.40	17.40
2230 Contracted Computer Repairs	4,000.00	3,000.00
2230 Technology Related Supplies	1,240.00	1,000.00
2230 Technology Equipment	3,000.00	0.00
2210 Curriculum Development Salaries	600.00	600.00
2210 Medi/FICA	8.79	8.79
2210 Retirement	23.28	23.28
<u>2210 Workers Comp</u>	<u>2.61</u>	<u>2.61</u>
Total Student and Staff Support	\$ 70,596.52	\$ 62,330.13

7. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$203,246.00

School Administration	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2400 Principal Salaries	\$ 95,115.00	\$ 99,871.00
2400 Secretary Salaries	38,555.88	37,509.48
2400 Substitute Wages	1,825.00	1,825.00
2400 Misc. Stipend	0.00	1,200.00
2400 Principal Health Insurance	30,419.00	29,845.28
2400 Secretary Health Insurance	9,782.00	10,995.25
2400 Substitute Medi/FICA	61.20	61.20
2400 Principal Medi/FICA	1,379.17	1,448.13
2400 Secretary Medi/FICA	2,948.49	2,868.44
2400 Principal Retirement	4,251.64	4,464.23
2400 Tuition Reimbursement	1,438.30	1,438.30
2400 Substitute Workers Compensation	2.96	2.96
2400 Principal Workers Compensation	408.99	429.45
2400 Secretary Workers Compensation	165.73	161.23
2400 Professional Development/Conferences	400.00	400.00
2400 Repair and Maintenance Services	3,561.80	3,561.80
2400 Purchased Technology Services	1,409.00	1,409.00
2400 Rent/Lease of Other Equipment	1,055.25	1,055.25
2400 Communications	2,000.00	2,500.00
2400 Travel for Professional Development	100.00	100.00
2400 General Supplies	1,600.00	1,600.00
<u>2400 Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total School Administration	\$196,979.41	\$203,246.00

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8. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for
Facilities Maintenance. (Maintenance/Custodial, Capital Enhancement & Improvement,
Capital Renewal & Renovation)

School Committee Recommends: \$162,159.69

Facilities Maintenance	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
2600 Custodian Wages	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 54,100.00
2600 Substitute Wages	350.00	350.00
2600 Stipends	250.00	250.00
2600 Custodian Health Insurance	9,782.00	12,906.93
2600 Substitute Medi/FICA	50.00	50.00
2600 Custodian Medi/FICA	3,595.50	3,373.65
2600 Substitute Workers Compensation	24.00	24.00
2600 Custodian Workers Compensation	1,757.89	1,647.11
2600 Professional Development/Conferences	300.00	300.00
2600 Purchased Property Services	6,000.00	10,000.00
2600 Purchased Repair and Maintenance Services	57,156.00	40,000.00
2600 Property and Casualty Insurance	2,879.00	3,208.00
2600 General Custodial Supplies	8,450.00	8,450.00
2600 Energy - Electricity	8,800.00	8,500.00
2600 Energy - Heating Oil	23,000.00	16,500.00
2600 Custodial/Maintenance Equipment Purchase	500.00	500.00
2600 Building Furniture/Fixtures	5,000.00	2,000.00
2600 Renovations/Remodeling Projects	1,410.00	0.00
Total Facilities Maintenance	\$176,304.39	\$162,159.69

9. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for
Special Education. (Special Education Programs and Administration)

School Committee Recommends: \$218,879.31

Special Education	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
1000 Teacher Salaries	\$ 70,042.00	\$ 74,765.00
1000 Ed Tech Wages	14,168.70	14,344.40
1000 Tutor Wages	2,000.00	1,500.00
1000 Teacher Health Insurance	11,509.00	13,346.74
1000 Teacher Medi/FICA	1,036.03	1,104.51
1000 Ed Tech Medi/FICA	205.45	207.99
1000 Teacher Retirement	3,186.78	3,397.90
1000 Ed Tech Retirement	2,772.79	2,807.17
1000 Course/Tuition Reimbursement	5,403.00	5,403.00
1000 Teacher Workers Compensation	307.23	327.54
1000 Ed Tech Workers Compensation	65.29	66.04

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Special Education (continued)	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
1000 Prof Development/Conferences	250.00	250.00
1000 Tuition to LEAs Within Maine	6,500.00	6,500.00
1000 Tuition to Private Organizations	13,000.00	13,000.00
1000 Employee Travel for Professional Develop	150.00	150.00
1000 Instructional Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
1000 Books and Periodicals	250.00	250.00
1000 Technology Software for Special Education	672.00	500.00
1000 Other Equipment (Unit Cost of \$500+)	500.00	500.00
2330 Assessment for Special Ed Admin	37,898.08	38,907.99
2140 Purchased Psychological Services – Elementary	4,400.00	4,400.00
2140 Purchased Psychological Services – Secondary	4,400.00	4,400.00
2150 Clinician/Pathologist Salaries	19,101.60	20,384.00
2150 Clinician/Pathologist Health Insurance	2,255.00	2,322.65
2150 Medi/FICA	276.97	295.57
2150 Retirement	903.84	961.16
2150 Workers Compensation	82.14	87.65
<u>2160 Purchased Occupational Therapy Services</u>	<u>7,200.00</u>	<u>7,200.00</u>
Total Special Education	\$210,035.90	\$218,879.31

10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for
Other Instruction. (Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, Summer School)

School Committee Recommends: \$22,842.23

Other Instruction	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
1000 Co-Curricular Stipends	\$ 7,850.00	\$ 8,600.00
1000 Medi/FICA	103.84	103.84
1000 Workers Compensation	15.39	15.39
1000 Other Purchased Services	603.00	603.00
1000 Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
1000 Extra-Curricular Stipends	3,900.00	6,450.00
1000 Medi/FICA	448.00	448.00
1000 Workers Compensation	22.00	22.00
1000 Officiating	3,500.00	3,500.00
1000 Supplies	800.00	900.00
<u>1000 Equipment</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Other Instruction	\$ 19,442.23	\$ 22,842.23

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11. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures, including the food service program, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the food service program.

School Committee Recommends: \$39,321.49

Food Service Program	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026
3100 Salaries	\$ 21,331.42	\$ 21,858.76
3100 Substitute Wages	500.00	500.00
3100 Support Staff Health Insurance	9,782.00	10,833.54
3100 Substitute Benefits	8.00	8.00
3100 Medi/FICA	1,631.86	1,672.19
3100 Substitute Workers Compensation	4.00	4.00
3100 Workers Compensation	814.86	835.00
3100 Repair and Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
3100 Propane Gas	2,200.00	1,500.00
3100 Food	17,320.00	20,500.00
3100 Non-Food Supplies	900.00	900.00
3100 Supply Equipment	1,100.00	1,100.00
3100 Miscellaneous	110.00	110.00
Total Food Service Operations	\$ 57,202.14	\$ 61,321.49
State Lunch Subsidy Revenue	<u>-22,000.00</u>	<u>-22,000.00</u>
Total Food Service	\$ 35,202.14	39,321.49

Budget Totals \$1,930,035.71 \$2,097,842.06

12. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688.

School Committee Recommends that \$954,983.29 be appropriated and \$860,529.04 be raised.

State-Mandated Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

13. **[To be voted by written ballot]** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

School Committee Recommends \$1,097,955.74 for additional local funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,097,955.74: In order to maintain current educational programs and offerings,

State-Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Castine Public Schools budget for educational programs.

14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, local funds for debt service on non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,097,842.06

15. In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

16. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the School Department Unassigned Fund Balance to be transferred to the Adams School Capital Improvement Reserve Account for the purpose of funding future facility improvements and maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$25,000.00

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17. **[To be voted by written ballot]** Shall the Town commit to paying an extra \$1,700 in tuition for each Castine student attending George Stevens Academy for the 2025 – 2026 school year, and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$32,300 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model for that purpose?

School Committee gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$32,300: In order to pay a tuition charge above the amount otherwise allowable by Title 20-A, Section 5806.

State-Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the Castine Public Schools budget for educational programs.

Note: If the Town approves this Article, the amount will be added to the appropriate school operating budget articles (Articles 3 – 14).

Castine School Department Budgeted 2024-2025 Compared with Requested 2025-2026

Account	Budgeted 2024-2025	Requested 2025-2026	Difference
School Committee	\$ 15,658.30	\$ 15,902.40	\$ 244.10
Superintendent's Office	71,726.62	75,725.34	3,998.72
Student Transportation	66,608.21	125,211.39	58,603.18
Secondary Ed Programs	366,430.50	440,509.00	74,078.50
Elementary Ed Programs	700,123.69	730,787.28	30,663.59
Gifted & Talented Program	927.80	927.80	0.00
K – 8 Technology	8,240.00	4,000.00	(4,240.00)
Guidance Services	31,082.92	29,189.82	(1,893.10)
Student Health Services	28,767.18	26,633.89	(2,133.29)
Principal's Office	196,979.41	203,246.00	6,266.59
Operations & Maintenance	176,304.39	162,159.69	(14,144.70)
Special Ed Programs	210,035.90	218,879.31	8,843.41
K – 8 Co/Extra Curricular	19,442.23	22,842.23	3,400.00
Instructional Staff Training	1,871.74	1,871.74	0.00
Curriculum Development	634.68	634.68	0.00
Food Service Operations	57,202.14	61,321.49	4,119.35
BUDGET TOTALS	\$1,952,035.71	\$2,119,842.06	\$167,806.35

Castine School Departments Receipts

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Difference
State Share			
State EPS Allocation	\$ 77,745.97	\$ 96,315.45	\$ (18,569.48)
Daily Sales – School Lunch Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
State School Meal Reimbursement	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
Local Share			
Local EPS Allocation	805,155.47	860,529.04	(55,373.57)
Additional Local Appropriation	1,012,508.44	1,097,955.74	(85,447.30)
Local Nutrition Allowance	34,625.83	43,041.83	(8,416.00)
BUDGET	\$1,952,035.71	\$2,119,842.06	\$ (167,806.35)

Castine School Department State / Federal / Town Funds

	FY24-25	FY25-26
Capital Improvement Reserve Account		
Balance Forward Capital Improvement	\$29,250.00	\$59,250.00
Local Allocation Capital Improvement	30,000.00	25,000.00
Special Education Reserve Account		
Balance Forward Special Education Reserve	60,000.00	60,000.00
Local Allocation Special Education Reserve	0.00	0.00
School Bus Reserve Account		
Balance Forward School Bus Reserve	40,000.00	40,000.00
Local Allocation School Bus Reserve	0.00	0.00
Technology Reserve Account		
Balance Forward Technology Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00
Local Allocation Technology Reserve	0.00	0.00

Town Articles

18. Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend State and Federal grant funds and other revenues received during the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 fiscal year.

Possible Revenue Sources	Estimated Amounts
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$136,000
State Road Assistance	15,000
Other State Assistance	8,000
Homestead Act Reimbursements	36,000

19. To see what sum, not to exceed \$727,350.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$727,350.00.

From: Taxation	\$211,550
Licenses and Permits	18,000
Municipal Fees - Clerk	7,000
Cell Tower Lease	21,200
Interest on Taxes	6,000
Investment Interest	280,000
Revenue Sharing	136,000
Other State Revenue	8,000
Homestead Act Reimbursement	36,000
In Lieu of Taxes	2,600
Miscellaneous	1,000

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Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
ADMINISTRATION			
Telephone	\$ 4,113	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,640
Office Supplies	4,484	4,000	4,500
Emerson Hall Furnishings	388	1,000	1,000
Services	25,798	22,480	24,200
Postage	1,874	2,000	2,200
Elections	2,983	2,000	1,500
Salaries – TO	247,083	285,479	324,230
Medi/FICA – TO	19,132	22,704	26,575
Life/Health Ins – TO	44,686	56,908	62,342
Retirement	14,207	15,920	20,014
SUBTOTAL	\$364,748	\$418,191	\$472,201
EMERSON HALL			
Emerson Hall Cleaning	\$ 2,339	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,120
Emerson Hall Maintenance	0	4,600	5,100
Heat	5,644	9,500	9,500
Water	1,245	1,359	1,400
Sewer	621	1,000	1,000
Electricity	4,433	8,700	7,500
Supplies	678	1,100	1,100
SUBTOTAL	\$ 14,960	\$ 31,659	\$ 30,720
CODE ENFORCEMENT			
Code Enforcement	\$ 16,353	\$ 41,960	\$ 51,298
Medi/FICA – CEO	1,242	3,315	4,181
SUBTOTAL	\$ 17,595	\$ 45,275	\$ 55,479
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Director	\$ 0	\$ 17,000	\$ 34,000
FICA/MEPFML	0	1,500	2,771
Supplies	0	5,000	1,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 23,500*	\$ 37,771
MISCELLANEOUS			
Ins./Bonds/Workers Comp	\$ 45,876	\$ 51,161	\$ 58,179
Municipal Associations	5,193	5,600	5,800
Town Report	5,632	5,200	6,000
Assessment	4,905	7,450	7,450
Assessment – Refactor	5,000	5,000	5,000
Auditor	10,001	10,500	10,500
Legal	28,870	30,000	30,000
Planning/Appeals/Historic Preservation	50	750	750
Education/Courses/Dues	1,235	1,500	4,500
Mileage	498	1,000	3,000
SUBTOTAL	\$107,260	\$118,161	\$131,179
GENERAL GOVT TOTAL	\$504,563	\$613,286*	\$727,350

* \$23,500 approved 11/05/24, not part of last year's Warrant, not part of total.

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20. To see what sum, not to exceed \$346,367.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Library Account. The Library Trustees and Selectboard recommend: \$346,367.00.

From: Library Investment Fund		\$344,007	
Library Fees/Donations		2,360	
Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION			
Library – Salaries	\$177,515	\$214,249	\$225,271
Library – Medi/FICA	13,298	16,401	18,360
Library – Life/Health Ins	12,819	13,381	14,531
Library – Retirement	3,913	4,120	4,215
SUBTOTAL	\$207,545	\$248,151	\$262,377
LIBRARY OPERATING			
Books, Periodicals, etc.	\$ 37,758	\$ 37,000	\$ 42,900
Bldg Utilities, Maint/Repairs	17,047	24,850	22,490
Support Services	30,053	24,500	14,800
Cleaning Services	1,319	3,800	3,800
SUBTOTAL	\$ 86,177	\$ 90,150	\$ 83,990
LIBRARY TOTALS	\$293,722	\$338,301	\$346,367

21. To see what sum, not to exceed \$670,739.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Safety Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$670,739.00.

From: Taxation	\$412,939
Maine Maritime Academy – PS Contribution	123,000
Municipal Fees – Transfer Station	80,000
Municipal Fees – Harbor	41,100
Municipal Fees – Parking Tickets	4,000
Boat Excise Tax	8,000
Bagaduce Ambulance Corp. Trust Fund	1,700

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Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Salaries - FD	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 32,000
Medi/FICA – FD	1,530	2,449	2,608
Department Maintenance	17,939	24,126	24,470
Volunteer Reimbursements	22,860	19,000	24,000
Fire House Maintenance	2,784	3,150	3,175
Utilities	10,204	11,396	11,960
Vehicle Maintenance	23,375	17,275	16,400
Training	3,341	6,800	8,050
1 st Responder Training	1,644	3,750	4,050
Fire Equipment	19,178	14,415	20,742
1 st Responder Equipment	7,198	9,540	12,380
SUBTOTAL	\$130,053	\$142,901	\$159,835
TRANSFER STATION			
TS Operations	\$107,889	\$110,820	\$120,710
Salaries – TS	38,744	42,598	43,924
Medi/FICA – TS	2,964	3,366	3,580
Life/Health Ins - TS	3,433	0	0
Retirement – TS	462	0	0
SUBTOTAL	\$153,492	\$156,784	\$168,214
HARBOR			
Harbor Master/Dock Hands	\$ 24,007	\$ 36,345	\$ 36,450
Medi/FICA – HM	1,837	2,963	2,971
Docks/Wharfs/Floats	10,851	8,150	8,150
Boat	3,175	1,700	1,700
SUBTOTAL	\$ 39,870	\$ 49,158	\$ 49,271
MISCELLANEOUS			
Septage Disposal	\$ 2,790	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Street Lights	1,101	1,500	1,500
Law Enforcement	9,048	15,000	17,000
Traffic Ordinance Officer	12,875	12,240	12,240
E - 911 Dispatch	4,594	4,730	4,901
Peninsula Ambulance	34,980	38,280	43,230
Hydrant Rental	186,200	188,300	192,558
Dock Bathrooms	7,015	8,200	8,200
Dock Wi-Fi	1,070	1,200	900
Animal Control Officer	2,080	2,530	5,000
Health Officer	500	500	500
Medi/FICA – PS	1,115	1,189	1,390
SUBTOTAL	\$263,368	\$279,669	\$293,419
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL	\$586,783	\$628,512	\$670,739

22. To see what sum, not to exceed \$378,367.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$378,367.00.

From: Taxation		\$178,367	
Automobile Excise Tax		200,000	
Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN			
Salaries	\$ 99,840	\$134,611	\$129,564
Medi/FICA – PW	6,770	11,071	10,660
Life/Health Ins – PW	36,576	40,454	28,420
Retirement – PW	5,144	7,356	6,898
Clothing/Boot Allowance	415	1,700	1,500
SUBTOTAL	\$148,745	\$195,192	\$177,042
PUBLIC WORKS MAINT			
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 11,053	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900
Rt 166 Well Maintenance	20,566	9,100	6,100
Road Maintenance	25,514	63,020	63,820
Winter Roads Contract	91,719	94,471	97,305
Equipment Maintenance	18,528	24,200	24,200
SUBTOTAL	\$167,380	\$200,691	\$201,325
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	\$316,125	\$395,883	\$378,367

23. To see what sum, not to exceed \$56,650.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Unclassified Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$56,650.00.

From: Taxation		\$56,650	
Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
UNCLASSIFIED			
General Assistance	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Service Agencies	3,900	3,900	3,900
Historic Signs	496	1,500	1,500
Clock Maintenance	1,125	1,250	1,250
Elm/Streetscape Tree Care	25,000	25,000	25,000
Cemetery Maintenance	18,000	18,000	18,000
Recreation Program	2,651	4,500	4,500
Castine Town Band	500	500	500
UNCLASSIFIED TOTAL	\$ 54,018	\$ 56,650	\$ 56,650

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24. To see what sum, not to exceed \$22,600.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts. The Selectboard recommends: \$22,600.00.

From: Taxation	\$22,000
Harbor Fees	600

Account Name	Spent/Carried FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
RESERVES			
Public Works Vehicle	10,000	10,000	15,000
Harbor Master's Boat	600	600	600
Unemployment	500	500	500
Employment Advertising	500	500	1,500
Fire Dept – Self Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,000
RESERVES TOTAL	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,600	\$ 22,600

25. To see what sum, not to exceed \$50,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$50,000
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26. To see what sum, not to exceed \$400,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Rescue Building Reserve Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$400,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$200,000
Surplus	200,000

Account Name	Spent/Carried FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
Fire Truck	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
Fire Rescue Building	10,000	10,000	400,000
RESERVES TOTAL	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$450,000

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27. To see what sum, not to exceed \$459,019.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service. The Selectboard recommends: \$459,019.00.

From: Taxation	\$419,019
Maine Maritime Academy – DS Contribution	40,000

Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
DEBT SERVICE			
Roads/Infrastructure	\$361,973	\$361,963	\$361,459
Underground Utilities	67,505	71,072	70,974
Emerson Hall	27,811	27,220	26,586
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$457,289	\$460,255	\$459,019

28. To see what sum, not to exceed \$70,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Contingency Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$70,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$70,000
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29. To see what sum, not to exceed \$213,393.00 the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for tax payment to Hancock County. The Selectboard recommends: \$213,393.00.

From: Taxation	\$213,393
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30. To see what sum, not to exceed \$12,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Visitor's Center – Castine Merchants Association. The Selectboard recommends: \$12,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$12,000
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Account Name	Spent FY 24	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
SEPARATE ITEMS			
Contingency	\$ 0	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Hancock County Tax	150,074	175,032	213,393
Visitor's Center – CMA	12,000	12,000	12,000
SEPARATE ITEMS TOTAL	\$ 162,074	\$ 257,032	\$ 295,393
General Fund Operating Budget TOTAL	\$2,411,174	\$2,786,519	\$3,406,485

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31. To see what sum, not to exceed \$5,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Emerson Hall. The Selectboard recommends: \$5,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$5,000
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32. To see what sum, not to exceed \$80,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Harbor Improvements. The Selectboard recommends: \$80,000.00.

From: Surplus	\$80,000
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33. To see what sum, not to exceed \$20,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Hardware/Software. The Selectboard recommends: \$20,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$20,000
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34. To see what sum, not to exceed \$120,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Roadway/Infrastructure Improvements. The Selectboard recommends: \$120,000.00

From: Taxation	\$105,000
State Road Assistance	15,000

35. To see what sum, not to exceed \$10,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire Department Capital Account. The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$10,000
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36. To see what sum, not to exceed \$500.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Roofs. The Selectboard recommends: \$500.00.

From: Taxation	\$500
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37. To see what sum, not to exceed \$11,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fireworks Capital Account to be used to fund Castine's 4th of July fireworks display. The Selectboard recommends: \$11,000.00.

From: Taxation	\$11,000
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38. To see what sum, not to exceed \$5,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Library Building Maintenance. The Library Trustees recommend: \$5,000.00.

From: Library Investment Fund	\$5,000
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39. To see what sum, not to exceed \$180,980.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Library Capital Projects. The Library Trustees recommend: \$180,980.00.

From: Library Investment Fund	\$180,980
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40. To see what sum, not to exceed \$2,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Fort George. The Selectboard recommends: \$2,000.00.

From: Taxation \$2,000

41. To see what sum, not to exceed \$3,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights - LED. The Selectboard recommends: \$3,000.00.

From: Taxation \$3,000

42. To see what sum, not to exceed \$15,000.00, the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Works/Transfer Station Facility Maintenance. The Selectboard recommends: \$15,000.00

From: Taxation \$15,000

43. To see what sum, not to exceed \$2,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Off-Neck Cemetery Maintenance. The Selectboard recommends: \$2,000.00

From: Taxation \$2,000

44. To see what sum, not to exceed \$4,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Dock Eatery Building Maintenance. The Selectboard recommends: \$4,000.00

From: Dock Eatery Lease \$4,000

45. To see what sum, not to exceed \$50,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Sidewalk Plowing Equipment. The Selectboard recommends: \$50,000.00

From: Taxation \$50,000

46. To see what sum, not to exceed \$15,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Dry Hydrant The Shore Road. The Selectboard recommends: \$15,000.00

From: Taxation \$15,000

47. To see what sum, not to exceed \$10,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Traffic Calming. The Selectboard recommends: \$10,000.00

From: Taxation \$10,000

48. To see what sum, not to exceed \$15,000.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for Battle Ave Lot PFAS Testing.

From: Taxation \$15,000

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Account Name	Budget FY 25	Budget FY 26
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Emerson Hall Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Harbor Improvement/Maintenance	5,000	80,000
Mooring Field Maintenance	750	0
Hardware/Software	4,000	20,000
Roadway/Infrastructure Improvements	121,800	120,000
Fire Department Capital Equipment	10,000	10,000
Municipal Building Roof	500	500
Fireworks	7,700	11,000
Library Building Maintenance	5,000	5,000
Library Capital Projects	130,000	180,980
Backshore Recreation Area	6,800	0
Ft George	2,000	2,000
Streetlights – LED	5,000	3,000
Public Works/Transfer Station Facility Maintenance	15,000	15,000
Comprehensive Plan	5,000	0
Town Properties Surveys	1,000	0
Off-Neck Cemetery Maintenance	2,000	2,000
Dock Eatery Building Maintenance	4,000	4,000
Clock Maintenance	2,675	0
Solar Project	8,500	0
Adams School Playground Renovation	20,000	0
Sidewalk Plowing	0	50,000
Dry Hydrant The Shore Road		15,000
Traffic Calming	0	10,000
Battle Ave Lot PFAS Testing	0	15,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TOTAL	\$ 361,725	\$ 548,480
COMBINED BUDGETS		
TOTAL	\$3,148,244	\$3,954,965

49. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of tax revenue, which will be repaid out of 2025 - 2026 municipal taxes.
50. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard and the Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to sell or lease any real estate it may acquire of foreclosed tax mortgages, after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, on such terms as they may deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same and to allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead properties if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

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51. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes are due and payable and a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after a set date. The Selectboard recommends that taxes are due and payable on September 19, 2025 and that interest, with a rate of 7.5% per annum will be charged on any amount not paid by September 20, 2025.
52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed, provided however, that the Tax Collector is not authorized to pay any percentage of interest thereon.
53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted by the Selectboard/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 in an aggregate amount not to exceed the property tax commitment overlay.
54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend donations and gifts to the Town.
55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise dispose of any personal property owned by the Town which the Selectboard determines to be no longer required for Town use. No article of historic value to the Town of Castine will be included in such personal property sale.
56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Witherle Memorial Library Trustees to accept both conditional and unconditional gifts for use in or for the benefit of the Witherle Memorial Library of the Town of Castine.
57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Witherle Memorial Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials, which have been withdrawn from the Library's Collection, on the Library Director's advice.
58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend grants in any amount and from any agency to the Town of Castine provided that the matching funds from the Town do not exceed \$20,000 and are available in the current budget.
59. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to negotiate and enter into a residential lease for the "Lighthouse Keepers House" premises for a term not to exceed three years from the expiration date of the current lease, June 30, 2025.

Note: The Selectboard will discuss the terms of the lease in an open meeting prior to the signing of the lease.

60. Shall the proposed amendments to the June 2, 2018 “Castine Rental Housing Ordinance” be enacted.

Note: Copies of the proposed ordinance are available from the Town Clerk as provided in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §3002(1). The Selectboard recommends enactment of the ordinance.

61. Shall the proposed amendments to incorporate P.L. 2021, c. 672 (LD2003) to the November 3, 2015 “Castine Water Service Protection Ordinance” be enacted?

Note: Copies of the proposed amendments to the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk as provided in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §3002(1). The Planning Board and Selectboard recommend enactment.


62. Shall the proposed amendments to incorporate P.L. 2021, c. 672 (LD2003) to the April 4, 2009 “Sewer System Ordinance of the Town of Castine, Maine” be enacted?

Note: Copies of the proposed amendments to the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk as provided in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §3002(1). The Planning Board and Selectboard recommend enactment.

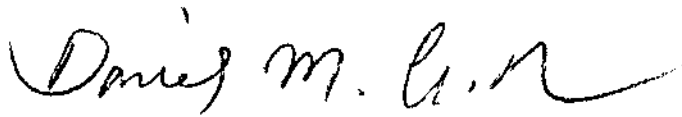
63. Shall the proposed amendments to the June 1, 2013 ordinance entitled “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Castine, Maine” be enacted?

Note: Copies of the proposed amendments to the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk as provided in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §3002(1). The Planning Board and Selectboard recommend enactment.

Dated at Castine, Maine, this 14th day of April, A.D. 2025.



Roberta I. Boczkiewicz, Chair



Daniel M. Leader



Amy H. Newton Gutow

SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF CASTINE

ATTEST:

Susan M. Macomber, Town Clerk

Town of Castine

