

Town Warrant

Penobscot, ss

TO: Elena Reed, Town of Kenduskeag, in said County...

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Kenduskeag, County of Penobscot, qualified by law to vote in said Town's affairs, to assemble at the Town Office, in said Town of Kenduskeag on Thursday March 26, 2026 to vote by secret ballot, for the Election of Officers and consideration of articles 1 thru 2 of this Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Polls shall open at 9:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

And to notify the voters to assemble at the Municipal Building in said Town of Kenduskeag at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026 for the Annual Town Meeting, and then and there to act on articles thru 35 of this warrant.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot, a Selectman for a three (3) year term, an Assessor for a three (3) year term, an Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year term, a M.S.A.D. #64 Director for a three (3) year term.

Article 3. To elect one (1) Budget Advisory Committee Members for three (3) year terms and one (1) member for a one (1) year term.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote one member for the Library Advisory Committee for a one year term.

Article 5. To elect a Cemetery Sexton for a one (1) year term.

Article 6. To elect two planning board members for three (3)year term.

Article 7. To see if the Town will Raise and Appropriate \$173,955 for General Administration Salaries as follows:

Selectmen:	\$9,000
Admin. Employees:	\$140,000
Assessors:	\$15,355
Planning Board & CEO:	\$6,000
Overseers:	\$1,500
Road Commissioner:	\$1,100

Health Officer: \$1,000

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$20,000 for Administrative Expenses.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$650 received from the registration of snowmobiles, to the Kenduskeag Stream Riders Snowmobile Club, for the purpose of maintaining their trails, to always be open to the public for the purpose of snowmobiling.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply those monies received from the U. S. Postal Service towards the expenses and maintenance of the Municipal Buildings.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$6,100 for Animal Control.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$559,350 for Public Works Services.

Highways & Bridges	\$210,000.00
Solid Waste Expense	\$ 75,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 250,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 6,500.00
Cemeteries, Park & Grounds Maint.	\$ 17,850.00

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,500 for General Assistance.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$18,851 for Case Memorial Library.

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$5,000 for Recreational Services as follows:

Recreation Program & Concessions:	\$4,500
Cole Field Lights:	\$ 500

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to allow The Recreation Committee to spend, upon approval of the Selectmen, any amount raised by fundraising in addition to their regular recreation budget.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$68 ,500 for Insurance Services as follows:

Professional Dues & Fees:	\$25,000
Payroll Tax & Insurance:	\$60,500

(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to increase the tax levy limit of \$1,574,928 established for the Town of Kenduskeag by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to fund Articles 6 through 22 of this warrant by Appropriating the follow amounts:

Excise Tax Revenue	\$250,000
Local Roads Assistance	\$28,000
Trash Stickers	\$40,000
Clerk Fees	\$11,000
Municipal Building Rent	\$11,100
Franchise Fees	\$6,000
Interest & Cost	\$17,500
Building Permit Fees	\$950

Total Non-Tax Income

*Balance to be raised by real estate taxes

Informational notes: Refer to budget sheet.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes are due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest on taxes unpaid after said date. (Recommended: Taxes shall be due

and payable on October 1, 2025, and that interest shall be charged at the rate of 9% per annum from October 2, 2025)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations by individuals and organizations to be used as specified.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate from 2025 taxes to pay for tax abatements.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, and to execute Quit-Claim Deeds for said property. If the sale of said property is to persons other than the original owner or members of his/her family, the sale shall be by sealed bids, with prior notice given to the general public.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept grants from State and Federal Agencies, to be used as specified in the grants.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer on behalf of the Town, to transfer monies from Trust & Reserve Funds to the General Fund, in anticipation of real estate taxes. To be returned on or before December 31, 2025.

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payments of real estate taxes.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the 2025 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of, excess vehicles and equipment, and deposit any proceeds into the appropriate department's account.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate \$200,000 for Fire Department payroll and Expenditures and Ambulance Transportation.
(Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Fire and Rescue Cost Recovery Ordinance to authorize the billing of insurance companies and individuals for cost associated with emergency services.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to allow the board to spend all unexpended budget amounts from the previous budget year to support the current budget. Said funds would be used to support the expected revenue for the town offsetting the amount necessary to be raised by property taxes.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors or change of name or address on the voting list, and to accept any new enrollments only. Any person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

Date: _____

Sheila L Doughty, Chairman, Sheila L. Doughty, Chairman

Mike Bishop, Selectman, Mike Bishop

Chris Young, Selectman, Chris Young

A true copy attest:
Town Clerk of Kenduskeag