

# 2025-2026 WARRANT

Somerset County

State of Maine

To: Susan Hathaway, resident of The Forks Plantation, in the County of Somerset.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitant Tom Sylvester of The Forks Plantation, in said Plantation affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Plantation, on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Nomination- Leslie Gerioux: Susan Hathaway

Second: Dave Rancourt

Motion passes

**Art 2:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **Clerk**, for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary: \$4,000.00

**Recommendation: \$4,000.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Denise Rancourt

Second: Tom Sylvester

Motion passes

Nomination- Susan Hathaway: Dave Rancourt

Second: Justin Stimpson

Susan Hathaway was elected as clerk.

**Art 3:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **First Assessor**, for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary: \$8,000.00

**Recommendation: \$8,000.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Heather Sylvester

Second: Denise Rancourt

Motion passes

Nominations- Matthew Predmore: Matthew Predmore 4

Second: Melanie MacTangay

Nomination - David Rancourt: Susan Hathaway 14

Second: Sharyn Peabody

Dave Rancourt was elected as First Assessor with 14 votes

**Art 4:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **Second Assessor**, for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary: \$7,700.00

**Recommendation: \$7,700.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Heather Sylvester

Second: Dave Rancourt

Motion passes

Nomination- Charles Hathaway: Sharyn Peabody 13

Second: Dave Rancourt

Nomination- Matt Predmore: Matt Predmore 5

Second: Sean Dubois

Charlie Hathaway was elected as Second Assessor with 13 votes

**Art 5:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **Third Assessor**, for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary: \$7,000.00

**Recommendation: \$7,000.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Heather Sylvester

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion passes

Nominations- Justin Stimpson: Heather Sylvester 15

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Nominations- Matthew Predmore: Mathew Predmore 4

Second: Sean Dubois

Justin Stimpson was elected as Third Assessor with 15 votes

**Art 6:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **Treasurer**, for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary: \$7,500.00

**Recommendation: \$7,500.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

Nominations- Denise Rancourt: Charles Hathaway

Second: Sharyn Peabody

Denise Rancourt was elected as Treasurer

**Art 7:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **Tax Collector** for a one (1) year term.

Current Salary : \$6,200.00

**Recommendation: \$6,200.00**

Motion to approve salary as recommended: Heather Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

Nominations- Denise Rancourt: Susan Hathaway

Second: Heather Sylvester

Denise Rancourt was elected as Tax Collector

**Art 8:** To raise, appropriate and expend a salary for and elect a **BMV & IF&W Agent** for a one (1) year term.

BMV Current Salary: \$3,000.00

IF &W Current Salary : \$0.00

**Recommendation: \$4,600.00**

Motion to accept recommended salary: Denise Rancourt

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion to revise the salary to \$3800: Barbara Norman

Second: Sandra Thompson

Revised salary motion failed

Original salary motion passes

Nomination- Susan Hathaway: Heather Sylvester

Second: Sharyn Peabody

Susan Hathaway was elected as BMV and IF&W Agent

**Art 8A:** To see if the people will allow the **BMV** and **IF&W Agent** to be paid the **Agent Fees** collected at vehicle, snowmobile and boat registrations, retroactive from August 1, 2024 to current and continuing to be paid the agent fees thereafter.

BMV amount collected from August 1, 2024 to May 28, 2025: **\$313.00**

IF&W amount collected from August 1, 2024 to May 28, 2025: **\$68.00**

Motion to allow agent to collect fees: Tom Sylvester

Second: Charlie Hathaway

Motion passes

**Art 9:** To raise, appropriate and expend salaries for appointed positions by the Board of Assessors, required to maintain Plantation Services. (Positions include: registrar, ballot clerks, cleaning, mowing, shoveling, school board,

animal control, CFWF dump attendant, Moxie dam operators, Moxie landing attendant, and Fire Wardens. (For yearly salary expenditures see Treasurer's **Town Payroll** report)

**Recommendation: \$18,661.00**

Motion to accept as read: Denise Rancourt

Second: Susan Hathaway

Motion passes

**Art 10:** To see if the people will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to **appoint rather than publicly elect** the following positions, beginning in FY 2026-2027:

**Art 10A:** Clerk

**Art 10B:** Tax Collector

**Art 10C:** Deputy Tax Collector - normally appointed, strike article

**Art 10D:** Treasurer

**Art 10E:** Deputy Treasurer -normally appointed, strike article

**Art 10F:** Registrar

Motion to take article 10 as a whole, (that all positions listed above be appointed): Chuck Peabody

Second: Sharyn Peabody

Motion passes

**Art 11:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend additional money for the purchase and installation of a **stand-by generator** at The Forks Plantation Town Office.

**Recommendation: \$4,700.00**

Motion to accept as read: Justin Stimpson

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 12: WARRANT FOR DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THE FORKS PLANTATION (20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485)**

*TO: Susan Hathaway, a resident of The Forks Plantation in the County of Somerset and State of Maine:*

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of The Forks Plantation in The Forks Plantation, Maine, County of Somerset and State of Maine of the District budget meeting described in this Warrant.*

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF THE FORKS PLANTATION, THE FORKS PLANTATION, MAINE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF MAINE:**

*You are hereby notified that a District budget meeting of The Town of The Forks Plantation will be held at The Forks Plantation Municipal Building in the Town of The Forks Plantation on June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting upon the following articles:*

**Article 1:** *To see what sum The Forks Plantation will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.*

*Board of Directors recommends **\$13,000***

**Article 2:** *To see what sum The Forks Plantation will be authorized to expend for System Administration for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.*

*Board of Directors recommends **\$7,325***

**Article 3:** *To see what sum The Forks Plantation will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.*

Board of Directors recommends **\$10,000**



**Article 4:** **Local EPS Funding Allocation.** To see what sum The Forks Plantation will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kinDenise Rancourtgarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum The Forks Plantation will raise as it's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kinDenise Rancourtgarten 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.

Board of Directors recommends **\$30,325**

**Article 5:** **Total School Budget Summary.** To see what sum The Forks Plantation will authorize the Board of School Directors 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 kinDenise Rancourtgarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projecTom Sylvester, additional local funds for school purposes unDenise Rancourt the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receiptTom Sylvester, state subsidy and receiptTom Sylvester for the support of schools.

Board of Directors recommends: **\$30,325**

Given under our hand this 10th day of May 15, 2025 at The Forks Plantation, Maine.



  


Board of Directors of The Forks Plantation

A true copy of the Warrant

Attest:  
  
Susan Hathaway, Resident of The Forks Plantation

Given under our hand this 10th day of May 15, 2025 at The Forks Plantation, Maine.

Board of Directors of The Forks Plantation

A true copy of the Warrant

Attest:  
  
Susan Hathaway, Resident of The Forks Plantation

Motion to combine sub articles 1 through 5 under Article 12 as one: Dave Rancourt  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Motion passes

**Art 12A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money from taxation for **School Assessment**.

**Recommendation: \$30,325.00**

Bus Savings account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$70,765.73

Special Education CD account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$32,138.37

Motion to raise recommended money for school: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 12B:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the **Non-Traditional Scholarship Program**.

**Recommendation: \$0.00**

Non-Traditional Scholarship account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$7,661.03

Scholarship account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$61203.65

Student Activity Fund account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$72.54

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 13:** To see if the people will nominate and elect three (3) **School Board Directors** as follows:

**Art 13A:** To see if the people will nominate and elect First Director for a one (1) year term.

Nominations-Lindsey Weiser: Susan Hathaway

Second: Denise Rancourt

Motion passes

**Art 13B:** To see if the people will nominate and elect Second Director for a one (1) year term.

Nominations- Sean Dubois Tom Sylvester

Second: Charlie Hathaway

Motion passes

**Art 13C:** To see if the people will nominate and elect Third Director for a one (1) year term.

Nominations- Matt Predmore: Tom Sylvester

Second: Dave Rancourt

Motion passes

**Art 14:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Andy Webb and Daughter** to plow the Lake Moxie Road. (Voters approved the three year plowing contract with Andy Webb and Daughter at an Emergency Assessor's Meeting on October 5, 2023. Winter season 2025/2026 is the third and final year of said contract.)

**Recommendation: \$47,998.16**

Motion to accept as read: Barbara Norman

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion passes

**Art 15:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Sand and Salt Supply** for the Lake Moxie Road.

**Recommendation: \$12,500.00**

Motion to accept as read: Dave Rancourt

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 16:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **UKV Ambulance Service**.

**Recommendation: \$26,808.68**

Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion passes

**Art 17:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for Fire Protection from **The West Forks Fire Department**:

Required: \$15,000.00

Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 17A:** To see if the people will vote to appropriate and expend the ARPA FeDenise Rancourtal Funds to offset Fire Protection Services.

Offset: \$3,700.00

**Recommendation: \$11,300.00**

Motion to accept as read: Barbara Norman

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 18:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the **Moxie Dam Long Range Account**.

**Recommendation: \$30,000.00**

Moxie Dam Long Range Account Balance as of May 28, 2025: \$102,858.17

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 18A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Routine Dam Maintenance** at \$17.60 per hour, not to exceed \$2,000.00 per year.

**Recommendation: \$2,000.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 19:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Plantation Charges and Town Hall Maintenance**. (For a breakdown of expenditures, see Treasurer's Expense Report, **Plantation Charges**.)

**Recommendation: \$42,560.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 20:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the annual **audit** for Fiscal Year **2024-2025**.

**Recommendation: \$16,200.00**

Motion to accept as read: Sean Dubois

Second: Matt Predmore

Motion passes

**Art 21:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend for **LUPC** fees:

**Recommendation: \$13,878.00**

Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 22:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money to engage **Blue Star Accounting and Advising** service to assist with reconciling bank accountTom Sylvester and training staff to implement **GASB** standards.

**Recommendation: \$15,000.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Melanie MacTangay

Motion passes

**Art 23:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the yearly **TRIO Contract**.

**Recommendation: \$12,332.12**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion passes

**Art 23A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the installation, implementation, training and use of the **TRIO BMV Module**. (Yearly fee of \$962.50 thereafter.)

**Recommendation: \$9,812.00**

Motion to accept as read: Sean Dubois

Second: Scarlet DeShong

Motion passes

**Art 24:** To see if the people will vote to establish a **Training and Education Fund** to be used for the purpose of supporting continuing education and relevant matters for elected and appointed municipal positions. (The voters will have an opportunity to replenish this fund at the Annual Town Meeting via the annual Warrant.)

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Scarlet DeShong

Motion passes

**Art 24A:** If Article 23(24) passes, to see if the people will vote to raise, appropriate and expend money for the **Training & Education Fund**.

**Recommendation: \$10,000.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 25:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the yearly **Website** Licensing & Maintenance Fees.

**Recommendation: \$1,500.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Sean Dubois

Motion passes

**Art 26:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **MMA Insurance**. (General Liability, Workers Compensation, Property & Casualty, Crime Coverage, Forest Fire, and Public Official Liability).

**Recommendation: \$10,500.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 27:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for property assessing purposes as follows:

**Art 27A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money to update property information for tax assessment.

**Recommendation: \$3,000.00**

Motion to combine Articles 27 A through C: Tom Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 27B:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money to update property tax maps.

**Recommendation: \$3,000.00**

**Art 27C:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the state mandated property

**Recommendation: \$15,000.00**

Account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$30,000.00

Goal Account balance: \$60,000.00

Motion to accept Articles 27A,27B and 27C as recommended: Tom Sylvester

Second: Lindsey Weiser

Motion passes

**Art 28:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the **Long Range Road Account**.

**Recommendation: \$25,000.00**

Account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$146,347.79

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester

Second: Heather Sylvester

Motion passes

**Art 28A:** To see if the people will appropriate the surplus money from FEMA for the **Annual Road Maintenance Account**.

FEMA Grant: 24,511.26  
Money used for repairs due to December 18, 2023 storm: 5,190.87  
**Surplus: \$19,320.39**  
Account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$19,819.21

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Motion passes

**Art 29:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Principal and Interest payment** Tom Sylvester to Key Bank due on the **2018 Moxie Road Bond**. (Payment Tom Sylvester will be due in December 2025 and June 2026.)  
**Recommendation: \$84,029.38**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Motion passes

**Art 30:** To see what the sum of money the people will raise, appropriate and expend the money for:  
**Art 30A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the **CFWF operation**.  
**Recommendation: \$35,500.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 30B:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for the **CFWF site maintenance** budget share.  
**Recommendation: \$6,800.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes

**Art 30C:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for repayment of the **CFWF Closure Account**. (People voted to move \$100,000.00 from the CFWF Closure Account to offset taxes at town meeting on September 28, 2023 and to replenish the money at increment Tom Sylvester of \$25,000 per year until the \$100,000 has been restored.)  
**Recommendation: \$25,000.00**  
CFWF Account balance as of May 28, 2025: \$27,358.22

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 31:** To see if the people want the BOA to pursue selling the leased lots known as **God's Country Subdivision** to the public market.

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Melanie MacTangay

Motion to amend article 31 to read To see if the people want the BOA to pursue selling the land known as **God's Country Subdivision** to the public market: Justin Stimpson

Second: Heather Sylvester  
Motion passes

Amended motion 31 passes

**Art 31A:** If Article 30(31) passes, to see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for legal fees required to determine the feasibility of said sale of leased lot Tom Sylvester.  
**Recommendation: \$5,000.00**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Heather Sylvester  
Motion passes

**Art 32:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money for **Somerset County Tax**.

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Charlie Hathaway  
Motion passes

**Art 33:** To see if the people will vote to raise, appropriate and expend money for the following **donation request:**

**Art 33A:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500.00** for **The Forks Area Chamber of Commerce.**

Motion to accept as read: Lindsey Weiser  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 33B:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$3,000.00** for **The North Cove Association.**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 33C:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$250.00** for the **American Red Cross.**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 33D:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$250.00** for **Jackman Region Community Association, Inc..**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

**Art 33E:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend money (Sharyn Peabodyecific amount was not designated) for **Winslow Community Cupboard.**

**Recommendation: \$500.00**  
Motion to accept as recommended: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes

**Art 33F:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000.00** for **Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club Inc..**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes

**Art 33G:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000.00** for **St. Peter's Food Pantry.**

Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes

**Art 33H:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000.00** for **The Forks Fish and Game Association.**

Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes

**Art 33I:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,000.00** for **The Forks Area Snowmobile Trail Club System.**

Motion to accept as read: Tom Sylvester  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes

- Art 33J:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,000.00** for **Lake Moxie ATV Ride**  
**Denise Rancour Tom Sylvester.**  
Motion to accept as read: Heather Sylvester  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes
- Art 33K:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,700.00** for the **Pyrotechnics Firework Show** scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2025.  
Motion to accept as read: Lindsey Weiser  
Second: Sean Dubois  
Motion passes
- Art 33L:** To see if the people will raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500.00** for **Lake Moxie Campers Association.**  
Motion to accept as read: Sean Dubois  
Second: Lindsey Weiser  
Motion passes  
(Total for donation request Tom Sylvester listed above: **\$24,700.00**)

**Art 34:** To see if the people will vote to **collect interest at 7.5% on unpaid taxes after November 28, 2025.**

Motion to combine Articles 34 through 39 : Tom Sylvester  
Second: Charlie Hathaway  
Motion to combine articles passes  
Articles 34 through 39 pass

**Art 35:** To see if the people wish to authorize the tax collector to accept **prepayment of taxes** not yet committed pursuant to MRS Title 36, §506 and to refund without interest any excess amount paid in over the amount finally committed.

**Art 36:** To see if the people will approve the following property tax collection policies:

**Art 36A:** Any overpayment of taxes from \$0.01 to \$100.00 will not be refunded due to cost of administration.

**Art 36B:** Any tax monies \$101.00 and over will be refunded less the amount of the town's cost of processing.

**Art 37:** To see if the people will authorize the Board of Assessors to expend from the un-appropriated surplus to meet unanticipated emergencies that may occur during the fiscal year 2025-2026. Expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 shall require a Sharyn Peabody special Town Meeting.

**Art 38:** Will the people vote to accept any grant Tom Sylvester, reimbursement Tom Sylvester or other monies as provided by the State of Maine, such as Maine Revenue Services, Maine Property Tax Services, Tree Growth, the Department of Transportation and others, and to Sharyn Peabody expend it or disburse to the assigned entity, for the purpose intended as approved by the Assessors.

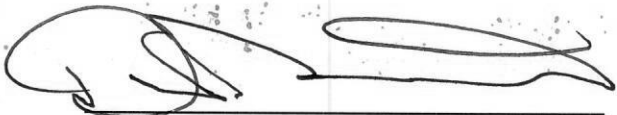
**Art 39:** To see if the people will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors on behalf of the Plantation, to disburse of any real estate acquired by the Plantation for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Motion to adjourn: Heather Sylvester

Second: Tom Sylvester

Motion Passes

For YouTube Video see: [https://youtu.be/wKe5PfSz\\_Ug](https://youtu.be/wKe5PfSz_Ug)



David Rancourt, First Assessor



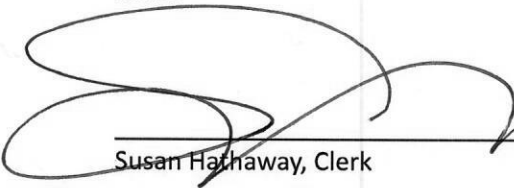
Charles Hathaway, Second Assessor



Justin Stimpson, Third Assessor

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Attest: I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the warrant given unDenise Rancourt my hand this 17th day of June, 2025.



Susan Hathaway, Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitanTom Sylvester of the The Forks Plantation, qualified by law to vote in plantation affairs, to assemble at The Forks Plantation Town Office on the 17th day of June 2025 at six o'clock in the evening then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at The Forks Plantation Town Office, West Forks Post Office, Berry's General Store, and Caratunk Post Office, conSharyn Peabodyicuous and public places within The Forks Plantation general area, on the 9th day of June 2025, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.