

WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL PLANTATION MEETING

To: Matthew J. Weber, Constable, Monhegan Plantation in the County of Lincoln.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Plantation of Monhegan in the said County, qualified to vote in Plantation affairs, to meet at the Monhegan Schoolhouse in said Plantation on April 11th, A.D. 2026, at 5:30 in the evening, then and there to act on the articles listed below.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Plantation will vote to discuss the Plantation Report.

Art. 3. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate from Taxation for the compensation of Plantation Officers and Officials. Stipends to be allocated with a minimum attendance (virtually, written comment or physically) at 9 Assessor's meetings.

Officers request:

	From Taxation:
First Assessor	\$ 7,419.30
Second Assessor	\$ 6,303.61
Third Assessor	\$ 5,187.93
Treasurer	\$ 7,947.33
Clerk	\$ 2,398.72
Tax Collector	\$ 2,956.56
Harbor Master	\$ 502.06
Constable	\$ 1,840.88

Fire Chief	\$ 5,458.33
<i>Subtotal Stipends</i>	\$ 40,014.72
<i>FICA/MC</i>	\$3,061.13
Grand Total Stipends	\$ 43,075.85

All stipends reflect a 2.9% COLA increase from last year based on the Plantation employee compensation policy approved in 2022.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Plantation Officers: First Assessor, Second Assessor, Third Assessor, Plantation Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Planning Board, Treasurer, all necessary members of the School Board, Truant Officer, Fire Chief, Road Commissioner, Constable, Harbor Master, and all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Power District.

Art. 5. To see if the Plantation will vote to transfer all un-mandated and unexpended balances to the Undesignated Funds Account.

Art. 6. To see if the Plantation will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below provided by the Maine State Legislature

Civil Emergency Funds	Amt.Unknown
General Assistance	Amt.Unknown
Local Road Assistance	Est. \$ 2,500.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	Est. \$ 7,375.60
Public Library State Aid per Capita	Amt.Unknown
State Aid to Education, including Federal pass- through funds	Amt.Unknown
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Est. \$ 9.00
Other State Grants and/or other funds not listed below	Amt.Unknown

Art. 7. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Interest on Property Tax receipts into the Cemetery Account.

Art. 8. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Interest on Checking into the Cemetery Account.

Art. 9. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Auto Excise Tax Receipts and Snowmobile and ATV registration fees into the Roads Account.

Art. 10. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Boat Excise Tax Receipts and Boat Agent Fees into the Wharf Operating Account.

Art. 11. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Vehicle Permit Fees into the Roads Account.

Art. 12. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Mooring Fees into the Wharf Operating Account.

Art. 13. To see if the Plantation will vote to collect the maximum interest the legislature will allow on all Personal and Property Taxes paid after October 1st, 2026.

Art. 14. To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act (**recommend \$72,088**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality'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 § 15688.

Recommend: \$ 72,088

Explanation: The school administrative unit'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.

Art. 15. Shall Monhegan Plantation raise and appropriate **\$ 280,236** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services model by **\$ 280,236** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee? The school committee recommends **\$280,236** for additional funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential

Programs and Services model: Public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 here on Monhegan costs significantly more than the state's formula allows for.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act.

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET:	\$ 402,958
EARNED INTEREST INCOME APPLIED	- 6,000
ESTIMATED STATE SUBSIDY:	- 9,634
CARRY OVER FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND:	<u>- 35,000</u>
LOCAL TAX ASSESSMENT:	\$ 352,324 (72,088 + 280,236)

Art. 16. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A § 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of the school.

Recommend: \$ 402,958.

Art. 17. To see if the Plantation will authorize the School Committee **to accept and expend** other anticipated and unanticipated revenues, educational grants and subsidies from Federal, State, local or private sources for the support of the school.

Art. 18. To see if the Plantation will vote to continue supporting the Monhegan School's commitment to participating in The Outer Islands Teaching and Learning Collaborative.

Art. 19. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize to be expended for **Regular Education.**

School Committee recommends: \$ 256,133.

- *This cost center is the total of Elementary Instruction, Field Trips and Secondary Instruction and Gifted & Talented.*

Art. 20. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize to be expended for **Special Education.**

School Committee recommends: \$ 6,075.

This cost center is the total of Special Education and Psychological Services.

Art. 21. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize to be expended for **Student and Staff Support.**

School Committee recommends: \$ 17,047.

• This cost center is the total of Social Work (Guidance), Improvement of Instruction, Health Services, Library/Media Education and Technology.

Art. 22. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize to be expended for **System Administration.**

School Committee recommends: \$ 92,460.

• This cost center is the total of the School Committee, Audit Fees Office of the Superintendent and Bookkeeping/Business Manager.

Art. 23. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize to be expended for **Facilities/Maintenance.**

School Committee recommends: \$ 31,242.

• This cost center is the total of Operations, Custodial and Maintenance.

Art. 24. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize the School Committee to transfer from the ending balance of the Plant/Maintenance funds for the 26/27 school year to the Capital Reserve Fund.

School Committee recommends: \$ 2,000

Art. 25. Shall the school committee be authorized to transfer up to \$40,000 from the unexpended balances to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and expend up to \$50,000 from said account for any unexpected or emergency school facility capital needs.

School Committee Recommends a Yes Vote

Art. 26. Shall the school committee be authorized to transfer \$10,000 from the ending balance of the Secondary Education fund for the 26/27 school year to the Secondary School Reserve Account and expend up to \$32,000 from said account for any unexpected secondary student tuition and room and board.

School Committee Recommends a Yes Vote

Art. 27. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to make application for and execute any documents related to federal, state, or private grants, and to accept said grant funds if awarded and authorize their expenditure for the purpose specified in the grant.

Art. 28. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to dispose of tax acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Plantation, except that the Board of Assessors shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell 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.

Art. 29. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Municipal Administrator dedicated account:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 20,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 20,000.00

Art. 30. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for the Broadband Planning Dedicated Account:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 39,500.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 5,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 34,500.00

Art. 31. To see if the Plantation will vote to support the continuing fellowship of Elizabeth Dudley, Island Fellow, for a second year. The cost for the second year is \$14,500.00 to be appropriated as a part of Plantation Expenses. The primary tasks of the Fellow will be to identify and make applications for new funding opportunities in addition to increasing the Plantation's capacity to generate revenue streams, creating new community partnerships as well as maintaining existing relationships that involve the upgrade of Monhegan's working waterfront including the breakwater and wharf.

Art. 32. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Building Maintenance Dedicated Account:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 17,600.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 17,600.00

Art. 33. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Breakwater Reserve Dedicated Account:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 25,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 25,000.00

Art. 34. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Wharf Reserve Fund in a dedicated account:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 25,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 25,000.00

Art. 35. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to appropriate and expend from revenues for the Monhegan Plantation Water District Dedicated Account:

The Assessors Recommend: \$ 45,000.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 45,000.00

Art. 36. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for EMS expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 29,000.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 19,500.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 8,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 1,500.00

Art. 37. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Fire Department expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 122,686.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 50,000.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 4,538.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 68,148.00

Art. 38. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for the Solid Waste Department expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 103,000.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 45,000.00*

Transferred from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 7,500.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 50,500.00

**This revenue estimate includes a \$1 increase in red bag and cardboard sticker price.*

Art. 39. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Road and Snow Removal expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 52,000.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 20,000.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 32,000

Art. 40. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Plantation expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 51,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 51,000.00

This includes budget items such as insurance, payroll expenses, administrative supplies, and various professional services.

Art. 41. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Clerk's Department expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 400.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 100.00

Art. 42. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Tax Collector's Department expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 300.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 200.00

Art. 43. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Treasurer's Department:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 400.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 100.00

Art. 44. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Rodent Control:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 2,250.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 2,050.00

Art. 45. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Wharf Operating expenses:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 28,600.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 900.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 8,500.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 19,200.00

The Assessors recommend the creation of a year-round Dock Manager position at a salary of \$10,000. It is also recommended to fund 7-day-a-week coverage for wharf monitoring. Both the Dock Manager duties (seasonally) and 4 days of wharf monitoring have been performed by the

Third Assessor for 20-25 hours per week since 2021. These 2 changes would result in an overall budget increase of approximately \$18,000 higher than the 2025 appropriation.

Art. 46. To see if the Plantation will support exploring the purchase of a wharf forklift and associated costs for maintenance, operations, and storage.

Art. 47. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the LifeFlight Medical Service:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 3,100.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 3,100.00

Art. 48. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the winterization of the new Monhegan First Aid Station:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 1,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 1,000.00

Art. 49. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the St. George Ambulance:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 700.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 700.00

Art. 50. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for a regional EMS service:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 700.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 700.00

Art. 51. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Maine Seacoast Mission's Health Services:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 1,500.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 1,500.00

Art. 52. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Maine Island Coalition Dues:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 200.00

Art. 53. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Island Institute's Programs Department:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 200.00

Art. 54. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Monhegan Island Sustainable Community Association:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 15,000.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 15,000.00

Art. 55. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Monhegan Memorial Library:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 500.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 500.00

Art. 56. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Sweetser, a behavioral health non-profit:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 200.00

Art. 57. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Spectrum Generations, Central Maine's Area Agency on Aging:

The Assessors recommend: \$ 100.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ 100.00

The Assessor's hereby give notice that they will be in session on the 11th of April A.D. 2026 at the Schoolhouse and place of meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 5:00pm EST until the polls are closed.

Given unto our hands this the 10th of March A.D. 2026

JAMES F. BUCCHERI

First Assessor

ANDREW DALRYMPLE

Second Assessor

MICHAEL BRASSARD

Third Assessor
