

WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL PLANTATION MEETING

as approved 4/11/26

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. **Marian Chioffi.**

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

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>	<i>\$ 40,014.72</i>
<i>FICA/MC</i>	<i>\$3,061.13</i>
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.

There was a motion to increase the stipends 10% from what was approved last year. It was not seconded. There was discussion about what the new cost is. Grand total stipends would be 46,048.36. The motion was seconded. 7 in favor. 8 opposed. Motion to amend does not pass.

16 in favor. None opposed. Article passed.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Plantation Officers: First Assessor- **Jim Buccheri**, Second Assessor- **Andrew Dalrymple**, Third Assessor- **Kyle Murdock**, Plantation Clerk- **Mary Weber**, Collector of Taxes- **Mel Greatorex-Way (one opposed)**, Planning Board- **Kathie Iannicelli, Christian Dederer, and Assessors**, Treasurer- **Miki Partridge**, all necessary members of the School Board- **Daphne Pulsifer**, Truant Officer- **Willard Boynton**, Fire Chief- **Scott Pendleton**, Road Commissioner- **Travis Dow**, Constable- **Matt Weber**, Harbor Master- **Sherm Stanley**, and all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Power District- **Mott Feibusch**.

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

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

Article Passed.

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

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

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. **Article Passed.**

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. **Article Passed.**

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

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

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. **Article Passed.**

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. **Article Passed.***

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) Article Passed.

Art. 16. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 202~~5~~⁶ and ending June 30, 202~~6~~⁷ 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.

There was a motion to amend the article to say "July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027".
Amendment Passed.

Article Passed.

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. **Article Passed.**

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. **Article Passed.**

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.* **Article Passed.**
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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. **Article Passed.**

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.* **Article Passed.**
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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.*

There was discussion about the role of the superintendent in the school and the related expenses. The school chair answered questions and reiterated that this role is legally required. Article Passed.

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. **Article Passed.***

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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. **Article Passed.**

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. **Article Passed.**

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed. (One opposed)

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. **Article Passed.**

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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: \$ 45,000.0

Article Passed.

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

There was discussion about if there is a need for the EMS budget is separate from the Fire Department. It was also noted that payroll for EMS was much less than what is reported in report of expenses for 2025. Article Passed.

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~~ \$102,735.36

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 50,000.00

Estimated Revenues: \$ 4,538.00

Raised from Taxation: ~~\$ 68,148.00~~ \$48,197.36

There was discussion about money being raised for medical transport. It was explained that this money is usually not spent but raised to ensure transport can happen if needed. Generally, those being transported are able to pay for the service. There was discussion about lowering the budget \$10,000 for a cabinet for the repeater because there is one on island that can be utilized.

There was a motion to amend the fire department budget to \$102,735.36 which is a 2.9% increase from last years budget, lowering the from taxation line. Amendment passed (1 opposed).

Article Passed as amended.

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.*

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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.

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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~~ \$18,600

Estimated Revenues: \$ 900.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: \$ 8,500.00

Raised from Taxation: \$ ~~19,200.00~~ **\$9,200.00**

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.

There was discussion about the role of a manager and whether one is needed as the 3rd assessor has traditionally performed these duties.

There was a motion to amend the article to \$18,600 lowering the raised from taxation to \$9,200.

Article passed as amended.

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

There was discussion to clarify that this is about exploring the purchase and logistics and not actually purchasing. There was discussion about the town forming a wharf committee.

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

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

Article Passed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm.

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

Attendance*: 29 Total, 24 non-voters

Kole Lord
Jenn Pye
Andrew Dalrymple
Liz Dudley
Jessie Weary
Emily Springer
Mary Weber
Travis Dow
Kyle Murdock
Jes Stevens

Marian Chioffi
Miki Partridge
Jim Buccheri
Alex Reid
Shelly Giroux
Katherine Radune
Danny Bates
Chris Smith
Susan Gilbert
Carley Feibusch

Lucas Chioffi
Christian Dederer
Maura Conley
Steve Carvahlo
Rebecca FitzPatrick
Matt Weber
Pam Rollinger
Jennifer Pendleton
Daphne Pulsifer

*Registered voters in bold