WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL PLANTATION MEETING

as approved 4/5/25

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 5th, A.D. 2025, 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. **Mary Weber.**

Art. 2. To see if the Plantation will vote to discuss the Plantation Report. **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	$ 7,210.20
Second Assessor	$ 6,125.96
Third Assessor	$ 5,041.72
Treasurer	$ 7,723.35
Clerk	$ 2,331.12
Tax Collector	$ 2,873.24
Harbor Master	$ 487.91

Constable	$ 1,789.00
Fire Chief	$ 5,304.50
Subtotal Stipends	*$ 38,887.00*
FICA/MC	*$ 2,974.86*
Grand Total Stipends	**$** 41,861.86

All stipends reflect a 3% COLA increase from last year based on the Plantation employee compensation policy approved in 2022. **Passed.**

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Plantation Officers: First Assessor- **Jim Buccheri** , Second Assessor- **Andrew Dalrymple**, Third Assessor- **Michael Brassard**, Plantation Clerk- **Lisa Brackett**, Collector of Taxes- **Lisa Brackett**, Planning Board- **Assessors, Kathie Iannicelli, Christian Dederer**, Treasurer- **Miki Partridge**, all necessary members of the School Board- **Maura Conley**, Truant Officer- **Willard Boynton**, Fire Chief- **Kole Lord**, Road Commissioner- **Travis Dow**, Constable- **Matt Weber**, Harbor Master- **Sherm Stanley**.~~, all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Power District, and all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Water District.~~

There was a motion to amend article to remove "all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Power District, and all necessary Trustees of the Monhegan Plantation Water District." Motion passed to amend. Article passed as amended.

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

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

Civil Emergency Funds	Amt.Unknown
General Assistance	Amt.Unknown
Local Road Assistance	Est. $ 2,500.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	Est. $ 5,770.24
Public Library State Aid per Capita	Amt.Unknown
State Aid to Education, including Federal pass- through funds	Amt.Unknown

Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Est. $ 15.00
Other State Grants and/or other funds not listed below	Amt.Unknown

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

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

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

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

Art. 12. To see if the Plantation will vote to put the Mooring Fees into the Wharf Account. **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, 2025. **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 $53,378)** and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A § 15688. **Passed.**

Recommend: $ 53,378

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 **$ 273,611** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services model by **$ 273,611** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee? The school committee recommends **$273,611** 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. **Passed.**

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:	*$*	*387,381*
ESTIMATED STATE SUBSIDY:	*-*	*10,392*
ESTIMATED FROM SECONDARY RESERVE	*-*	*20,000*
CARRY OVER FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND:	*-*	*30,000*
LOCAL TAX ASSESSMENT:	***$***	***326,989 (53,378 + 273,611)***

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. **Passed.**

Recommend: $ 387,381

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. **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. **Passed.**

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

School Committee recommends: $ 245,351

- *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.** **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 5,801

- *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.** **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 19,743

• *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.** **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 92,839

• *This cost center is the total of 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.** **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 23,647

• *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 Secondary Reserve Account to use for secondary education room and board and tuition costs, if needed. **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 20,000

Art. 25. To see what sum the Plantation will authorize the School Committee to transfer from the ending balance of the school budgeted funds for the 25/26 school year to the Capital Reserve Fund. **Passed.**

School Committee recommends: $ 2,000

Art. 26. 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. **Passed.**

Art. 27. 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. **Passed.**

Art. 28. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Municipal Administrator dedicated account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 23,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 23,000.00

Art. 29. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Broadband Planning Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 34,500.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 5,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 29,500.00

Art. 30. To see if the Plantation will vote to support the fellowship of ~~Thomas McClellan~~, Island Fellow, for a second year. The cost for the second year is ~~$14,000.00~~ **$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 breakwater, wharf and shoreline.

There was a motion to amend the article to remove "Thomas McClellan" as well as changing the amount to $14,500. Motion passed to amend. Article passed as amended.

Art. 31. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Building Maintenance Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 24,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 24,000.00

Art. 32. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for a new Breakwater Reserve Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 25,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 25,000.00

Art. 33. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Long-Term Wharf Maintenance Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 8,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 8,000.00

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: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 25,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 25,000.00

Art. 35. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Monhegan Plantation Water District Dedicated Account: **There was a motion to amend the article to change "District" to "Department". Motion passed to amend. The article passed as amended.**

The Assessors Recommend: $ 65,000.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 45,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 20,000.00

Explanatory Note: In 2022, the Plantation held a Special Town Meeting in which funds were approved to be transferred from the Farrelly Fund to pay for a well drilling project. The $20,000 is the final of three installments intended to pay back that loan.

Art. 36. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Fire Truck Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 5,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 5,000.00

Art. 37. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Fire Barn Dedicated Account: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 15,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 15,000.00

Art. 38. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for EMS expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 28,000.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 19,500.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 8,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 500.00

Art. 39. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Fire Department expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 99,840.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 55,980.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 4,700.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 39,160.00

Art. 40. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for the Solid Waste Department expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 93,000.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 40,000.00

Transferred from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 11,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 42,000.00

Art. 41. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Road and Snow Removal expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 67,500.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 16,500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 16,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 35,000.00

Art. 42. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Plantation expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 39,000.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 18,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 21,000.00

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

The Assessors recommend: $ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 300.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 200.00

Art. 44. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Tax Collector's Department expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 300.00

Art. 45. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Treasurer's Department: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 500.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 300.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 200.00

Art. 46. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Rodent Control: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 2,000.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 1,500.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 500.00

Art. 47. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend from revenues for Wharf Operating expenses: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 16,500.00

Estimated Revenues: $ 300.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 8,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 8,200.00

Art. 48. To see if the Plantation will support the implementation of a Wharf Maintenance Surcharge applied to each passenger ticket on any ferry serving Monhegan. Year-round resident tickets would be exempted from the Surcharge fee. **Passed.**

Explanatory Note: Given the combined impact of dramatically higher tides and storm surges and the ongoing wear & tear on the Wharf superstructure created by up to 6 arrivals and departures during the peak tourist season, the Plantation is facing ***major*** *long term wharf maintenance expenses. This includes repair and replacement of the current structural components (re-surfacing, piling replacement, etc.) and equipment (ramp lifts, electrical supply, lighting, etc.) PLUS the planned wharf redesign based upon the completed and accepted Wharf Resiliency Study (2024). Over the years, the boat services have generated the major percentage of their revenues without sharing any of the costs to maintain the only docking facility on Monhegan. Provisions of the Federal and State Grants that funded the last major Wharf reconstruction in 2009 state that any revenue generated by the users of the facility can only be used for its maintenance and improvement. This limitation would serve to free up taxation revenue that would otherwise have to be dedicated to wharf maintenance, so there would be a net gain in Plantation funds for other Island projects.*

The actual Surcharge amount would be determined by negotiations with all ferry services, which would have to be uniform. For example, based on an annual estimate of total passengers arriving on Monhegan, the Assessors project that a $1 Surcharge could possibly raise annually $40-$50k in Wharf Maintenance revenues. These funds could be used to pay for current projects or to possibly replace/add to the Plantation payment to the Wharf Resiliency Reserve Fund that is adding $25k a year from taxation.

If the Article passes, the Plantation would hold a Public Hearing to further discuss issues and options for implementing this surcharge.

Art. 49. To see if the Plantation will support adding a supplemental local fee to the existing 9% State Sales Tax to any rental property managed by a property manager or hotel room charge. The proceeds would be for a specific use such as Public Safety, Island Infrastructure, Resiliency, etc. **Article did not pass.**

Explanatory Note: Tourism is a major contributor to the sustainability of Monhegan. A solid Island infrastructure needs to be in place for tourism to continue. Costs to maintain our roads, provide public safety services, guest amenities (e.g.porta potties),clean water, boat landing/departure, Internet and electricity are all increasing dramatically. Likewise, taxation to home and business owners has also risen significantly. This proposal would ease the burden on taxpayers by cost-sharing with our overnight visitors. This Article would be just a vote of support (or not) for the concept of a local fee since it has not yet been approved by the legislature.

For example, the Assessors estimate that a 1% supplemental fee could generate approximately $25-25k annually from the hotels and B&B's and another $10-15k annually for rental properties that use a property manager.

The Assessors bring this revenue-generating idea with the caveat that this would only take effect if enabling legislation was passed. If it's approved, we could then ask our state representative to propose a bill that would enact this concept.

If the Article passes, the Plantation would hold a Public Hearing to further discuss issues and options for implementing this supplemental local rental Sales Tax .

Art. 50. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the LifeFlight Medical Service: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 3,100.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 3,100.00

Art. 51. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the ~~winterization of the new~~ **capital campaign of the** Monhegan First Aid Station: **There was a motion to amend the article to $5,000.00. 5 opposed. Motion to amend passed. There was a motion to amend the article to read "for the capital campaign of the Monhegan First Aid Station". Motion to amend passed. The article passed as amended.**

The Assessors recommend: ~~$ 1,000.00~~ $5,000.00

Raised from Taxation: ~~$ 1,000.00~~ **$5,000.00**

Art. 52. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the St. George Ambulance: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 700.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 700.00

Art. 53. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for a regional EMS service: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 700.00

Transfer from Undesignated Funds Account: $ 600.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 100.00

Art. 54. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Maine Seacoast Mission's Health Services: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 1,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 1,000.00

Art. 55. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Maine Island Coalition Dues: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 200.00

Art. 56. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Island Institute's Programs Department: **Passed.**

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 Monhegan Island Sustainable Community Association: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 15,000.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 15,000.00

Art. 58. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for the Monhegan Memorial Library: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 500.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 500.00

Art. 59. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Sweetser, a behavioral health non-profit: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 200.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 200.00

Art. 60. To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend for Spectrum Generations, Central Maine's Area Agency on Aging: **Passed.**

The Assessors recommend: $ 100.00

Raised from Taxation: $ 100.00

Moved to adjourn at 7:30pm.

The Assessor's hereby give notice that they will be in session on the 5th of April A.D. 2025 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 12th of March A.D. 2025

JAMES F. BUCCHERI

First Assessor _____

ANDREW DALRYMPLE

Second Assessor _____

MICHAEL BRASSARD

Third Assessor _____

Attendance*: *25 Total, 21 voters*

Thomas McCllelan	Miki Partridge	Steve Carvahlo
Theresa Carvahlo	**Daniel Bates**	**Jackie Boegel**
Willard Boynton	**Jim Buccheri**	**Andrew Dalrymple**
Travis Dow	**Felicia Dunson**	**Walker Ellis**
Carley Feibusch	**Rebecca FitzPatrick**	**Susan Gilbert**
Angela Iannicelli	**Kathie Iannicelli**	**Hanna Mellor**
Jennifer Pendleton	**Daphne Pulsifer**	**Jenn Pye**
Chris Smith	**Jes Stevens**	**Mary Weber**
Matt Weber		

**Registered voters in bold*