

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE
WARRANT
TO
Bernard Broder
A CITIZEN IN THE TOWN OF ACTON
YORK, SS**

Greetings - In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Acton Elementary School on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to vote on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1:** To choose a moderator for said meeting.
- ARTICLE 2:** To choose three (3) members of the Warrant and Finance Committee for a two-year term. (Leslie Berlan, Dennis Long and Lee Robator's terms are expiring)
- ARTICLE 3:** To choose one (1) alternate member for the Warrant and Finance Committee for a two-year term. (Lori Wood's term is expiring)
- ARTICLE 4:** To choose two (2) members of Road Committee for a three-year term (Jay Ward and William Wawrzeniak's terms are expiring)
- ARTICLE 5:** To choose two (2) members of the Conservation / Forest Committee for a two-year term. (James Chadbourne and Ryan White's terms are expiring).

ZONING ARTICLES

- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to EXPANSION IN SHORELAND DISTRICT OR RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICT WITHIN THE SHORELAND ZONE as specified below:

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1.4.11.4 Relocation – A non-conforming structure shall be relocated within the boundaries of the parcel on which the structure is located provided that the site of relocation conforms to all setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board, and provided that the applicant demonstrates that the present subsurface sewage disposal system meets the requirements of State Law and the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules or that a new system can be installed in compliance with the law and said Rules. In no case shall a structure be relocated in a manner that causes the structure to be more non-conforming. In determining whether the building relocation meets the setback to the greatest practical extent, the Planning Board shall consider the size of the lot, the slope of the land, the potential for soil erosion, the location of other structures and utilities with associated easements on the property and on adjacent properties, the location of the septic system and other on-site soils suitable for septic systems, and the type and amount of vegetation to be removed to accomplish the relocation. The Planning Board shall not consider any improvements to the property that have occurred within the preceding five (5) years. A building permit must be obtained within eighteen (18) months of Planning Board approval.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to DEFINITIONS as specified below:

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Utilities – The facilities necessary for the transmission of but not limited to electricity, gas, telephone communications, cable television, sewerage, water or similar services which are currently or may in the future become available.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS as specified below:

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4.11.1 Dimensional Requirements– Each lot that is not part of a subdivision must be a minimum of five (5) acres and meet the following requirements:

~~a) Maximum Net Residential Density (dwelling units per net residential acre) .two (0.2) acres~~

~~One (1) Dwelling Unit = 0.2 acres Five (5) Acres Lot Size~~

~~b) Minimum Road or Street Frontage per dwelling unit three hundred fifty (350) ft.~~

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 9: (THIS ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED BY PETITION) Shall the Town amend Sections 5.9.2.d.1 and 5.9.2.d.9 of the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance, regarding the Mineral Extraction Industry as follows:

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1) No part of any extraction operation shall be permitted within ~~one~~ three hundred (~~100~~ 300) feet of any property or street line, except the drainage ways to reduce run-off into or from the extraction area may be allowed up to fifty (50) feet of such line. Natural vegetation shall be left and maintained on the undisturbed land.

9) Natural vegetation shall be retained within ~~100~~ 300 feet of the property line or street line. The Planning Board may require the applicant to provide screening, a berm, or a combination where the natural buffer is

inadequate. A 25-foot natural buffer will be maintained from any wetlands of ¼ acre to 2 acres, as determined by a credentialed professional.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$3,584,272 for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written:5-1

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$1,476,741 for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$72,472 for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$753,086 for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$357,931 for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-1

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$238,143 for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-1

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$412,978 for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$596,599 for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$0 for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLES 20 AND 21 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Acton will appropriate \$4,719,856.48 for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and to see if the Town of Acton will raise \$4,153,040.23 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, section 15688.

Explanation: "The school department'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, is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise to receive the full amount of state dollars."

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-1

ARTICLE 21: (This Article requires a written Ballot) To see if the Town of Acton will raise and appropriate \$2,350,229 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model, by \$2,350,229 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

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 kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs."

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

ARTICLE 22 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend \$7,492,222 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, from the School Department'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, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written:5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-1

ARTICLE 23 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 23: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

School Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 5-0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To approve the article as written: 6-0

MUNICIPAL BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the current Town of Acton Mooring Ordinance, previously adopted on April 6, 2024?

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4- 0

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of surplus town-owned equipment, having an estimated value less than or equal to **\$5,000**, on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to execute any necessary documents to accomplish said purpose. All equipment estimated to have a value of more than **\$5,000** shall be put out to public bid. Proceeds received from such sales shall be placed in the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of tax-acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the Board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. No Select Board member, during the term of his or her office may acquire from the Town any interest in real estate acquired by the Town on account of nonpayment of taxes

unless the owner of record at the time of foreclosure was the Select Person or the son, daughter, spouse, or parent of the Select Person.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to have Real Estate and Personal Property taxes first payment come due on October 15, 2026 and the second payment on April 15, 2027 interest to be charged at 7.0% on all taxes paid after October 15, 2026 and April 15, 2027 and interest on abated taxes to be paid by the Town at 7.0% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A, and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept the pre-payment of taxes before the tax commitment with no interest.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to pay wages and equipment for repair and maintenance of public ways according to the following schedule: (Rates by the hour)

Wages

Road Commissioners \$ 37.47

Equipment w/ Operator

Laborer w/no equipment	\$ 27.04
Backhoe 2wd	\$ 90.40
Backhoe 4wd	\$ 97.40
Loaders (base rate for 1 yd loader)	\$ 91.47
Loaders over 1 yard capacity, add	\$ 22.15
Grader GVW 21,000	\$ 148.77
Chainsaw and hand-held power tools	\$ 39.51
Mowing Tractor w/sickle bar/rake	\$ 100.89
Mowing Tractor w/boom mower	\$ 139.37
Trucks 1-2 cubic yards	\$ 72.80
Trucks 3-4 cubic yards	\$ 80.00
Trucks 5-7 cubic yards	\$ 90.00
Trucks 12 cubic yards	\$ 98.38
Tri Axle	\$ 107.84
Patrol Vehicle	\$ 62.40
Excavators up to 20,000 lbs	\$ 137.55
Excavators over 20,000 lbs	\$ 156.18
Excavators over 40,000 lbs	\$ 168.13
Multi Use Tractors/Skidsteer	\$ 114.40
Attachment	\$ 26.00

In the event that the Road Commissioner is the operator of the equipment, a deduction of \$37.47 will be taken from the equipment rates listed above. Additionally, if the Town of Acton is presented with a situation of needing winter road equipment rates, for this fiscal year, the Select Board is hereby authorized to negotiate such rates.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek bids for the sale of two 6 Yard Stainless Torwel winter sanders, sell the sanders to the highest bidder(s), and place the proceeds of such sales into the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all the funds received from the State from snowmobile registration revenue to local Snowmobile Clubs for maintaining their snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails are to be open to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation for fiscal year 2026-2027 by anticipated municipal revenues to be received during the year, and to use funds from the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance to further reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

Municipal Revenues Include:

Excise taxes, intergovernmental revenues (federal, state and county grants and subsidies), licenses, permits and fees, charges for services (e.g., rescue services), and all other miscellaneous non-tax revenues (e.g. interest and penalties, investment earnings, etc.).

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,143,240 for **General Government.**

Governing Body	\$ 63,585
Office Assistants	\$ 123,602
Municipal Management	\$ 499,622
Elections	\$ 10,606
Treasurer	\$ 72,721
Town Administrator	\$ 130,527
Assessing	\$ 44,000
Land Use	\$ 198,577

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-2

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 2,133 for **Health and Welfare.**

Health Officer	\$ 633
General Assistance	\$ 1,500

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to liquidate and transfer to the General Fund the remaining balance of the Fire Department Donations Fund (\$2,376.93) and Fire Department Capital Fund (\$8,808.79). Furthermore, to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$1,217,713.28** and appropriate **\$1,228,899** for **Public Safety**.

Fire Department	\$1,056,817
Animal Control	\$ 22,110
Emergency Management	\$ 20,587
Other Public Safety	\$ 129,385

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** for **Roads Maintenance**.

District 1 Roads	\$ 100,000
District 2 Roads	\$ 100,000

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$5,000** for the maintenance of **Flat Ground Road** consistent with Article 26-A of the 06/12/2018 Town Meeting.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$483,296** for **Winter Roads**.

District 1 Roads	\$ 150,670
District 2 Roads	\$ 176,501
Sand/Salt Stockpile	\$ 156,125

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$498,396** for **Other Public Works**.

Public Works Building	\$ 15,000
Transfer Station	\$ 473,391
Other Public Works-Dams	\$ 10,005

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,174 for Parks, Culture, and Recreation.

Conservation	\$	500
Forestry	\$	1,359
Acton Public Access TV	\$	14,702
Recreation	\$	34,613
Cemeteries	\$	10,000

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$94,211 for Donations to Outside Organizations.

Acton Public Library	\$	35,710
Acton Ecumenical Food Pantry	\$	2,500
Acton Shapleigh Historical Society	\$	2,500
Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps	\$	24,100
Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance	\$	20,000
Balch Lake Improvement Association	\$	2,000
Caring Unlimited	\$	801
Great East Lake Improvement Association	\$	2,000
So. Maine Agency on Aging	\$	1,500
So. Maine Veterans Cemetery	\$	1,500
York County Comm. Action	\$	1,600

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Contingencies for the purchase of equipment or to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenditures and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2026-2027.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-2

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be transferred to the existing Lincoln School Donation Fund for future expenditure on the Lincoln School.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-2

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund called the "Garvin Road Project Fund" and to raise and appropriate \$108,000 to the fund for the purpose of repairing and overlaying portions of Garvin Road. Any funds remaining in this account after the completion of the repair, or no later than 06/30/2028, shall be returned to the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance and the fund shall be dissolved.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund called the "**Sanborn Road Project Fund**" and to raise and appropriate \$262,500 to the fund for the purpose of repairing, reclaiming, and paving portions of Sanborn Road. Any funds remaining in this account after the completion of the repair, or no later than 06/30/2028, shall be returned to the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance and the fund shall be dissolved.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 6-0

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund called the "**Sam Page Road Project Fund**" and to raise and appropriate \$62,000 to the fund for the purpose of repairing and overlaying portions of Sam Page Road. Any funds remaining in this account after the completion of the repair, or no later than 06/30/2028, shall be returned to the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance and the fund shall be dissolved.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 5-1

Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund called the "**Hopper Road Project Fund**" and to raise and appropriate \$148,000 to the fund for the purpose of repairing, reclaiming, and paving portions of Hopper Road. Any funds remaining in this account after the completion of the repair, or no later than 06/30/2028, shall be returned to the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance and the fund shall be dissolved.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 5-1

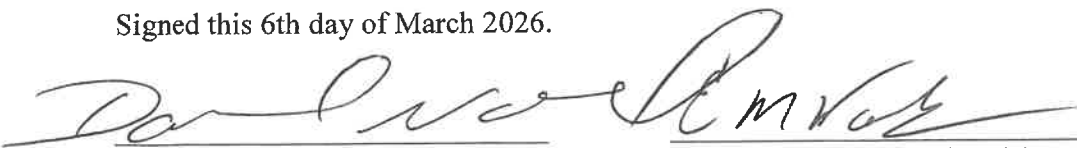
Select Board Recommendation: Approve the article as written 4-0

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to liquidate the Town Hall Parking Lot Fund (current balance \$53,697) and transfer the balance back to the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance.

Warrant and Finance Recommendation: Approve the article as written 5-1

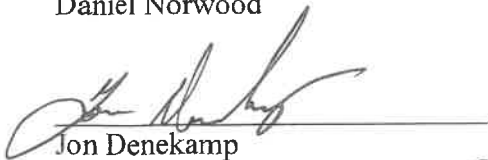
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Signed this 6th day of March 2026.




Daniel Norwood

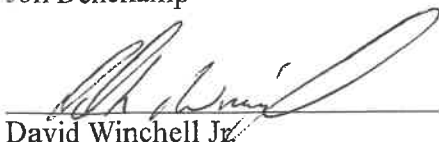
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