

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
BUDGET REFERENDUM**

APRIL 25, 2023

**VOTING: 8 AM TO 8 PM – JAY COMMUNITY BUILDING
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE: MARCH 24 – APRIL 20
(Special Circumstance required for absentees after April 20th)**

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

Fourth Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (Vote for One – 3-year term)
DEMILLO, F. TIMOTHY

Fifth Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (Vote for One – 3-year term)
MCGRANE, GARY T.

School Board Members (Vote for Two – 3-year term)
FITZGERALD, ELAINE
OUELLETTE, SHARI A.
STAPLES, ROBERT

School Board Member (Vote for One – 2-year term)
RILEY, CHRISTINA

Jay Village Water Trustee (Vote for One – 3-year term)
DOIRON, RANDALL J.

North Jay Water Trustee (Vote for One – 3-year term)
Write-in candidate

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to lapse the overdrafts and unexpended balances.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to set October 2, 2023 and April 1, 2024 as the date that property taxes and sewer fees are due and payable.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to levy and accrue interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum on property taxes and sewer fees that are unpaid after October 2, 2023 and April 1, 2024.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2023 to October 1, 2023 or until a budget is passed for the 2023-2024 year in the event any budget fails.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, assessing, solid waste disposal, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance, and collective bargaining agreements.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$551,525.00 for **Town Government**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,000.00 for **General Assistance**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$174,525.00 for **Professional Services**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$857,826.00 for the **Police Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$330,639.00 for the **Fire Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$142,500.00 for **Insurance**?
(workers compensation, liability, unemployment)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$549,700.00 for the **Sewer Department**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$301,955.00 for **Debt Services**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,863,385.00 for **Public Works**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$325,000.00 for **Paving Capital Reserve**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$148,512.00 for **Curbside Collection**?

(Service provided by Archie's, Inc.)

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 6-2-0

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$194,055.00 for the **Jay-Niles Memorial Library**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$49,000.00 for **Ambulance Service**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$372,500.00 for **Hydrants / Street Lights**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town vote to appropriate all **revenues** received, that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other expenses, to reduce the tax commitment? Estimated \$2,703,000.00

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town vote to appropriate to the **Jay Snowmobile Club** the payment received annually by the Town of Jay from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from snowmobile registrations paid by Jay citizens?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1.00 for each ATV Registration that is done in the Town of Jay to the **Western Maine ATV Club**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the Cable TV Franchise Fees received annually by the Town of Jay from our Cable TV Company for the support and operation of **Public Access TV**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 8-0-0

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$675.00 for the **North Jay Grange**?

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 5-0-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: YES VOTE 7-0-1

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a **TAX CLUB** payment plan for property taxes on their primary and legal residence, whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her tax obligation for the current years property taxes; (2) the Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement; (3) the agreement is automatically terminated if the taxpayer misses two scheduled payments, the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club (4) only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and (5) taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the Town.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements approved by the Select Board/Assessors from the property tax overlay or, if necessary, Undesignated Fund Balance.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance those funds deemed necessary by the Select Board to reduce the amount of property taxes to be collected to fund the 2023-2024 budget in an effort to stabilize the tax rate in a manner consistent with prudent fiscal management.

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$93,322.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to Debt Service for a payment to be paid in June, 2023 out of the 2022-2023 budget?

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town vote by **secret ballot** on all warrant articles at the 2024 annual Town Meeting?

Information on RSU Voting: The RSU 73 Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6th at the Spruce Mountain High School Cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. At this meeting the School Budget will be set and the final referendum vote to approve or disapprove the overall budget will be voted on at the polls on April 25th.

