

2026 TOWN OF SEBEC TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF MAINE – COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS

TO: Geraldine Emmons, a resident in the Town of Sebec, in the County of Piscataquis:

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Sebec, qualified to vote in the affairs of the Town, to assemble at the Harland A. Ladd Municipal Building, in the said Town on Monday, the 10th of August, A.D. 2026 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1 To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting.
- ART. 2 To fix the salaries of the Town Officers for the ensuing year.
Select Board: 1st, 2nd & 3rd \$4,500.00/each
- ART. 3 To choose a Select Board Member to serve a 3-year term.
- ART. 4 To choose a MSAD#68 School Board Director to serve a 3-year term.
- ART. 5 To choose and fill any vacancies on any Boards/Committees;
- Planning Board (2) for 3-year term.
 - Health Officer to serve a 3-year term.
 - Any other vacancies.
- ART. 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept Cemetery Trust Funds of not less than \$200.00 when presented to the Town.
- ART. 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and give quit claim deeds for such property.
- ART. 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow money on terms they deem advisable in the anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.
- ART. 9 To see what rate the Town will set for delinquent taxes and what date or dates the Town will fix after which delinquency interest will be due, (State recommends set at 4 up to 7%)

Budget Committee Recommends:

November 1, 2026 as the date when 50% of the total amount of taxes shall become due and payable, and to charge interest on the unpaid tax at the rate of ___ % per annum, to accrue from November 2, 2026.
May 1, 2027 as the date when the remaining 50% of the total amount of taxes shall become due and payable, and to charge interest on the unpaid tax due at the rate % per annum, to accrue from May 2, 2027.

ART. 10 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 the 2026-2027 annual budget during the period from June 30, 2026 (when books close for the fiscal year) to the August 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

ART. 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads due to winter maintenance.

ART. 12 To see if the Town will vote to give money received from registration of snowmobiles and grant monies (for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails that are to be open to the use of the public at all times) to the Snowmobile Club(s) and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Snowmobile Club(s), under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for the purpose.

ART. 13 To see if the Town will vote to ratify overdraft accounts.

ART. 14 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Tax Collector to accept on behalf of the Town early tax payments.

ART. 15 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government expenses, salaries, office supplies, etc.

Requested Amount:	\$ 146,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends:	146,500.00
Carry Forward	(10,765.87)
Projected Revenue Sharing	(71,000.00)
Raise	\$ 64,734.13

ART. 16 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance and repair of the Harland A. Ladd Municipal Building.

Requested Amount:	\$ 38,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:	38,000.00
Carry Forward	(11,774.37)
Raise	\$ 26,225.63

ART. 17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for solid waste, recycling and demolition debris.

Requested Amount:	\$ 71,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:	71,000.00
Carry Forward	(11,383.24)
Raise	\$ 59,616.76

ART. 18 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Assistance.

Requested Amount:	\$	2,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		2,000.00
Carry Forward		(0)
Raise	\$	2,000.00

ART. 19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Care of Cemeteries.

Requested Amount:	\$	9,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		9,000.00
Carry Forward		(1,579.52)
Raise	\$	7,420.48

ART. 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Winter Roads, plowing, sanding, and snow fencing.

Requested Amount:	\$	191,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		191,000.00
Carry Forward		(19,377.38)
Raise	\$	171,622.62

ART. 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Summer Roads.

Requested Amount:	\$	120,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		120,000.00
Carry Forward		(26,491.43)
Raise	\$	93,508.57

ART. 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the traffic light at Sebec Four Corners.

Requested Amount:	\$	700.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		700.00
Carry Forward		(175.95)
Raise	\$	524.05

ART. 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Paving Roads Reserve and Road Construction account to be used when needed.

Requested Amount:	\$	160,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		160,000.00
Carry Forward		(19,988.55)
Road Reserve & Paving		(97,572.56)
Taken from Tree Growth Penalty		(9,222.89)
Projected LRAP (Local Road Assist. Program)		(33,216.00)
Raise	\$	0.00

- ART. 24** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for a Certified Tax Assessor.

Requested Amount:	\$	47,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		47,000.00
Carried Forward		(12,030.43)
Raise	\$	(34,969.57)

- ART. 25** To see if the Town will vote to deposit Tree Growth Penalties in the Road Construction Reserve account to be used when needed.

- ART. 26** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Road Sign Reserve account to be used as needed

Requested Amount:	\$	1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		1,000.00
Carried Forward		(518.40)
Raise	\$	481.60

- ART. 27** To see if the Town will appropriate approximately \$4,286.85 monthly (already included in the Fire Dept. budget) to fulfill the payments on the bond for the Fire Station, previously approved at the Special Town Meeting on June 15, 2025, and approve any early payments or payoffs to reduce interest costs.

- ART. 28** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell the current Fire Station at 719 Sebec Village Road, once the new station is completed. The sale will be a price agreeable to fair market value or by bid. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the Fire Station Bond.

- ART. 29** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Fire Protection.

Requested Amount:	\$	123,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends:		123,000.00
Unspent Monies-Move to Fire Truck Res		11,952.67
Carried Forward		0.00
Town of Barnard Projected Income		(9,017.65)
Grant Monies		(2,992.55)
Raise	\$	110,989.80

ART. 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Boat Landing Reserve to be used as needed.

Requested Amount	\$	1,400.00
Budget Committee Recommends		1,400.00
Carried Forward		(835.00)
Raise	\$	565.00

ART. 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the annual 4th of July fireworks in Sebec Village.

ART: 32 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of Town owned Personal Property with a value of \$1,500 or less under terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ART. 33 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at __% pursuant to 36 MRSA 506-A

ART. 34 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year.

Requested Amount:	Take from Overlay
Budget Committee Recommends:	Take from Overlay

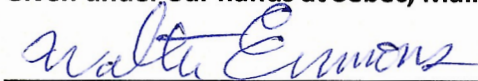
ART. 35 To see if the Town will adopt the local option (Sec. 1. 36 MRSA 1483-A) Exemption for residents permanently stationed or deployed for military service outside the state.

ART. 36 To see if the Town will approve the Select Board to contract, without a bid process, for anything \$10,000.00 or under.

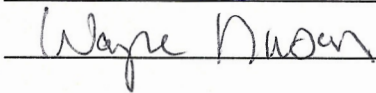
ART. 37 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed "Food Sovereignty Ordinance for the Municipality of Sebec."

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session in said Town at 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the same day of said meeting for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Sebec, Maine on the 31st, day of July, 2026

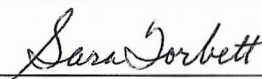


Walter Emmons, Chairman



Wayne Nason

Eric Weidman

Attested By: 

Sara Torbett – Town Clerk Date: 7-31-2026

July 31, 2026

**Geraldine Emmons,
Resident of Sebec**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Sebec, qualified to vote, of the time and place of said Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the following locations:

**Harland A. Ladd Municipal Building
Town of Sebec Website**

All being conspicuous public places within the Town of Sebec, on July 31, 2026

Dated at Sebec this 31st day of July 2026.

**Geraldine Emmons,
Resident of Sebec**

TOWN OF SEBEC, MAINE

LOCAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ORDINANCE

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the **"Town of Sebec Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance."**

Section 2. Authority and Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under **7 M.R.S. §§ 281–286**, as amended.

The purposes of this Ordinance are to:

- A. Increase access to locally produced food for residents of the Town;
- B. Support the ability of residents to grow, raise, harvest, produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced food;
- C. Encourage sustainable agriculture and local food production; and
- D. Reduce governmental regulation of direct producer-to-consumer food transactions to the fullest extent authorized by Maine law.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize any activity prohibited by state or federal law.

Section 3. Right to Food

The residents of the Town of Sebec possess the right to save and exchange seeds and to grow, raise, harvest, produce, process, obtain, sell, purchase, and consume food of their own choosing for nourishment, sustenance, bodily health, and well-being, provided that such activities do not involve trespass, theft, poaching, or other violations of private property rights, public lands, or natural resource laws.

Section 4. Exemption from Certain State Licensing and Inspection Requirements

To the extent authorized by **7 M.R.S. §§ 281–286**, producers, growers, and processors of food and food products located within the Town are exempt from state food law licensing and inspection requirements for direct producer-to-consumer transactions conducted in accordance with applicable Maine law.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exempt any person from requirements imposed by state or federal law that are not subject to municipal exemption.

Section 5. Definitions

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

A. Direct producer-to-consumer transaction means the exchange of food or food products directly between a producer and a consumer by sale, barter, or trade at:

1. The producer's property or premises;
2. Roadside stands;
3. Farmers' markets;
4. Community events or fundraisers;
5. Community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs;
6. Buying clubs;
7. Delivery arrangements;
8. Herd-share agreements; or
9. Other private arrangements authorized by Maine law.

B. State Food Law means the provisions of Titles 7 and 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes that regulate direct producer-to-consumer food transactions.

C. Local Food means food or food products intended for human consumption that are grown, raised, harvested, produced, processed, or prepared within the Town of Sebec, including but not limited to:

- Vegetables;
- Fruits;
- Milk and dairy products;
- Meat and meat products;
- Poultry and poultry products;
- Eggs;
- Fish and seafood;
- Fresh produce;
- Live plants;
- Cider and juice;
- Acidified foods;
- Fermented foods; and
- Canned fruits and vegetables.

D. Producer means a person who:

1. Cultivates or harvests food from the land;
2. Raises livestock or poultry;
3. Harvests food from waters;

4. Produces, prepares, or processes food through activities including baking, bottling, canning, cooking, cutting, drying, fermenting, freezing, grinding, mixing, packaging, pasteurizing, washing, waxing, or similar processes; or
5. Serves or otherwise provides food directly to a consumer.

Section 6. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the voters of the Town of Sebec at a duly called Town Meeting, unless otherwise provided in the vote adopting the Ordinance.