

**TOWN OF PARIS
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION
AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
and
Monday, June 15, 2026**

Secret Ballot Election June 9, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue, Paris, Maine

Town Meeting June 15, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
OHCHS Auditorium, 256 Main Street, Paris, Maine

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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To Elizabeth Knox, a resident of the Town of Paris, in the County of Oxford, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Paris in said county and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Avenue, Paris, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2026, A.D., at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium, 256 Main Street in said town on Monday, the 15th day of June, 2026, A.D., at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and then Articles 3 through 32 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said town meeting and to vote by secret ballot on the day of town meeting.

Article 2. To elect all Municipal Officers, Paris Utility District Trustees, and SAD #17 Directors.

Article 3. Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Paris Maine" be enacted?

Note of Explanation: *The Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Paris Maine would replace the existing Ordinance that was last revised in 2011. The hearing took place on May 4, 2026. "(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)" A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk, on the Town of Paris website www.parismaine.org.*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and divide equally all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Snow Hoppers Snowmobile Club and the Hungry Hollow Hustlers of South Paris to be used for maintenance of public snowmobile trails.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate franchise fees received from Charter Communications/Spectrum (formally Time Warner) to the Joint Cable Committee and the Public Access Channel for the period of one year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the Town as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S.A §943-C if they choose to sell the 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.A §943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. Nevertheless, if prior to the sale process the former owner of the property, or his or her successor in interest, pays all the outstanding indebtedness due, then the municipal officers shall execute quitclaim deed to sell and convey the property to him or her.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to set dates when the FY2027 taxes will be due, and when interest will be charged on FY2027 taxes, and what rate will be charged.

*Selectmen recommend: The first quarter of taxes will be due **August 17, 2026**, second quarter of taxes will be due **November 16, 2026**, third quarter of taxes will be due **February 16, 2027** and the fourth quarter of taxes will be due **May 17, 2027**. Interest will be charged at the rate of 6% per annum after the due dates for each quarter.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6% percent for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector and/or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, and pay no interest thereon, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and to credit such revenues to a designated account or to the general fund.

Article 11. To see if the Town will carry forward year-end balances on the following accounts: Cemeteries, Contingency, and all Capital Accounts.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts and donations of property, real or personal, and/or monies, from citizens and the residents of Paris and elsewhere, as deemed by them to be appropriate and useful to the Town's operations.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept grants and expend them as deemed by them to be appropriate and useful to the Town's operations.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any contract for goods, services, personnel or equipment previously funded by the Town, for no more than five years.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus the overdrafts to Town accounts as of June 30, 2026.

Article 16. To see if the town will approve transferring the following Capital Accounts/balances to the Operations Accounts within the Town departments, and to appropriate the balance of said Capital Accounts to reduce the FY27 Tax Commitment:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
90-11-36-37 Admin Auto	General Administration Operations
90-21-80-62 PD Equipment	PD Operations
90-22-80-21 PD Vehicle Maintenance	PD Operations
90-25-90-43 Gravel/Rip Rap	Hwy Operations
90-45-90-61 Fire Equipment Repair	Fire Operations
90-45-90-62 Fire Hose Testing	Fire Operations

*The Budget Committee and Select Board have recommended **Approval**.*

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve changing Capital Account 90-28-90-60 from “Fire Truck Capital Funds Truck Purchase” to “Fire Capital Funds Equipment Purchase.”

*The Budget Committee and Select Board have recommended **Approval.***

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to combine capital accounts 90-25-32-33 (“Plow Truck Sander”) and 90-25-32-35 (“Highway Equipment”) into a single account to be known as “Highway Equipment.”

*The Budget Committee and Select Board have recommended **Approval.***

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer Capital Account Paris Library Roof in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Paris Public Library.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administrative Services** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$692,651.54** **FY 25-26: \$652,111.11**
 Budget Committee Recommend: **\$692,651.54**

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$74,610.67** **FY 25-26: \$165,374.00**
 Budget Committee Recommend: **\$74,610.67**

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends	Fiscal Year 25-26
Police Department Cruiser Lease	\$28,409.00	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00
Catch Basin Project	\$35,570.00	\$35,569.00	\$35,569.00
Highway Department Excavator	\$10,631.00	\$10,631.00	\$10,631.00

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Police Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$1,129,719.45** **FY 25-26: \$1,150,000.00**
 Budget Committee Recommend: **\$1,129,719.45**

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Highway Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$1,128,000.00** **FY 25-26: \$1,164,317.63**
 Budget Committee Recommend: **\$1,128,000.00**

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Boards and Committees** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$8,286.00** **FY 25-26: \$8,286.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$8,286.00**

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Parks and Recreation Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$45,500.00** **FY 25-26: \$44,345.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$45,500.00**

Note of Explanation: *Mowing is contracted out with multiple departments and is now in Unclassified Accounts*

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Social and Community Services** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$266,896.00** **FY 25-26: \$248,372.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$266,896.00**

- Paris Public Library: **\$259,396.00**
- Hamlin Memorial Library: **\$ 5,500.00**
- Paris Cape Historical Society **\$2,000.00**

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$10,000.00** **FY 25-26: \$15,000.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$10,000.00**

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Norway-Paris Solid Waste** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$402,022.00** **FY 25-26: \$590,830.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$402,022.00**

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Unclassified Accounts** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$750,007.30** **FY 25-26: \$680,962.73**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$750,007.30**

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$404,407.00** **FY 25-26: \$390,909.00**
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$404,406.96**

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Expenditures** for the ensuing fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$1,091,320.00**

Budget Committee Recommend: **\$1,091,320.00**

Accounts	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends	Fiscal Year 25-26
FD Building Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$17,800.72
FD Truck Purchase	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,927.90
FD Equipment	\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$46,830.63
FD Equipment Repair	Moved to operating		
FD Yearly Hose Testing	Moved to operating		
Highway Equipment Purchase	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$450,045.64
Highway Equipment Repairs	-	-	\$102,010.41
Highway Gravel-Rip/Rap	Moved to operating		
PD Equipment <i>(ammunition, uniforms, investigation supplies)</i>	Moved to operating		
PD Vehicle Maintenance	Moved to operating		
PD Vehicle Equipment <i>(lights, sirens, etc..)</i>	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,445.00
PD Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0
PD Cameras	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,507.00
PD Radar Units	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0
Road Reconstruction	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$961,760.71
Town Wide Computer Updates	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,273.62
Town Wide Safety Equipment	-	-	\$0
Admin Building Improvements	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00
Admin Vehicle	Moved to operating		
Abatement Expense	\$2,620.00	\$2,620.00	\$0
Parks & Rec	-	-	\$19,398.78
Cornwall Preserve	-	-	\$2,812.50
Highway Building	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00
Fire & Town Office Parking lot	-	-	\$100,000.00
Town Revaluation	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00	\$163,000.00
Totals	\$1,091,320.00	\$1,091,320.00	

Article 32. To see what sum of money if any, the Town will appropriate in Anticipated General Revenues for the purpose of offsetting the 2026-2027 tax rate.

Selectmen Recommend: **\$2,925,290.80**

FY 25-26: \$2,640,931.00

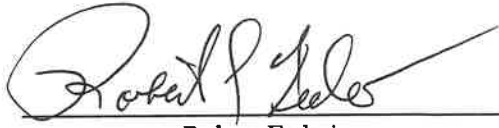
Budget Committee Recommend: **\$2,925,290.80**

Dated this 4th day of May, 2026, in the Town of Paris, County of Oxford and State of Maine.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
TOWN OF PARIS**



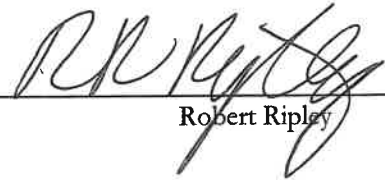
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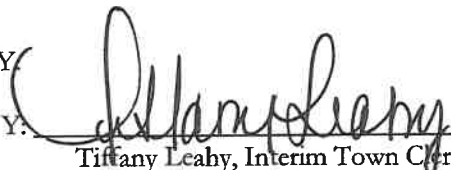
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ATTESTED BY:  DATE May 4th, 2026
Tiffany Leahy, Interim Town Clerk, Paris, Maine