

Town Meeting Warrant

To Danielle E. Loring, a Constable in the Town of Minot in the County of Androscoggin.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Minot, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Minot Town Office, in said Town on **Friday, March 6, 2026 at three forty-five o'clock (3:45) in the afternoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 by secret ballot and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set below, the polling hours therefore to be from four o'clock (4) in the afternoon until eight o'clock (8) in the evening.** The Registrar will be in session at the Minot Town Office at three o'clock in the afternoon (3:00pm), of said meeting day for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Minot Consolidated School, in said Town on **Saturday, March 7, 2026 at nine (9) o'clock in the morning,** The Registrar will be in session at the Minot Consolidated School, Minot at eight o'clock in the morning (8:00am) on Saturday, March 7, 2026, of said meeting day for the purpose of correcting the list of voters. Said inhabitants to meet then and there to act on Article 3 through the completion of the Warrant as legally posted, to wit:

- Article 1.** To elect by written ballot a **Moderator by Secret Ballot** to preside at said meeting and give him/her power to appoint tellers.
- Article 2.** To elect by secret ballot **one (1) Selectmen** for a term of three (3) years, to elect **two (2) members** of the **Superintending School Committee** for a term of one (1) year, and to elect **one (1) member** of the **Superintending School Committee** for a term of three (3) years.
- Article 3.** To hear and act on the **report of the Town Officers and acceptance of the Town Report.**
- Article 4.** To elect one (1) **Assessor** for a **three (3) year term.**
- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to **Chapter 2: Building Standards, Section 2-301.4 (Codes by Reference)** of the Land Use Code of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by deleting the strike out text and by adding the underlined language as shown.

Proposed ordinance changes are appended in Town Report immediately following Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

The Planning Board Recommends Article 5
The Board of Selectmen Recommend Article 5

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to **Chapter 4: Land Use Control Standards** by creating **Section 501.19 Event Venue** standards of the Land Use Code of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by adding the underlined language type as shown.

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The Planning Board Recommends Article 6
The Board of Selectmen Make No Recommendation

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to **Chapter 4** by creating **Sections 501.20 Small Engine Repair** and **501.21 Vehicle Repair** standards of the Land Use Code of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by adding the underlined language type as shown.

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The Planning Board Recommends Article 7
The Board of Selectmen Make No Recommendation

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to **Chapter 4: Land Use Control Standards, Section 501.14 (Accessory Use and Site Plan Permitting of Solar Energy Systems)** of the Land Use Code of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by adding the underlined language type as shown.

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The Planning Board Recommends Article 8
The Board of Selectmen Make No Recommendation

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to **Chapter 4: Land Use Control Standards, Sections 501.8 (Backlots), Sections 501.9 (Lots Served by Nonconforming Rights-of-Way)** and **Chapter 8: Minimum Street Construction Requirements** of the Land Use Code of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by adding the underlined language type as shown.

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The Planning Board Recommends Article 9
The Board of Selectmen Recommend Article 9

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt **administrative amendments** to the **Land Use Code** of the Town of Minot as adopted March 4, 2006 and amended through March 2, 2024, by adding the underlined language and deleting the strike out language type as shown.

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The Planning Board Recommends Article 9
 The Board of Selectmen Make No Recommendation

Article 11. To see if the Town of Minot will vote to carry forward the unexpended balances in the following **Reserve Accounts** and to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from these **Reserve Accounts** for the purposes for which they were established:

- Town Office Equipment Reserve Account**, balance of \$ **73.03**
- Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Account**, balance of \$ **11,231.01**
- Paving & Road Improvement Reserve**, balance \$ **56,713.46**
- General Assistance Donation (Eda’s Elf Fund) Reserve Account**, balance of \$ **7,623.19**
- Town Well Reserve Account**, balance of \$ **19,979.15**
- Cemetery Reserve Account**, balance of \$ **11,244.20**
- Minot Community Events Reserve**, balance of \$ **78.26**
- Fire Department Apparatus Reserve**, balance of \$ **21,536.73**
- Fire Department Grant Reserve**, balance of \$ **6,401.45**
- Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve**, balance of \$ **929.19**
- Conservation Committee Reserve**, balance of \$ **100.00**
- Recreational Field Maintenance Reserve**, balance of \$ **4,236.55**

Selectmen Recommend to carry forward all balances by a vote of 5 yes 0 no
 Budget Committee Recommends to carry forward all balances by a vote of 4 yes 0 no

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to setting the **salaries of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseer of the Poor**. Recommendations are as follows:

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
Selectmen	\$1,500.00 each	\$1,500.00 each
Chairman of Selectmen	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Three Assessors	\$ 50.00 each	\$ 50.00 each
Chairman of Overseer of Poor	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
TOTAL	\$8,150.00	\$8,150.00

Article 13. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint and set salaries for any necessary Town Officials including those that are elected as recommended in Article 12; and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Salaries and Benefits.** (\$473,120.00 in 2025, expended \$434,876.63)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 495,479.00	vote: 5 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 495,479.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Office Maintenance and Supplies** (\$42,800.00 in 2025, expended \$37,127.84)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 41,550.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 41,500.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 15. To if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$16,500.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance** to replace the 1999 boiler at the Minot Town Office.

Selectmen Recommend
Budget Committee Recommends

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Interdepartment & IT Services** for the ensuing year:

Mileage Reimbursement
Contract services (payroll, tax billing, trash removal...etc.)
Advertising
Annual Software Licensing
Hardware Upgrades
Network Security

(\$43,850.00 in 2025, expended \$52,084.62)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 42,550.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 42,550.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$50,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance** to create a reserve for a used roadside mower.

Selectmen Recommend
Budget Committee Recommends

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Operating Costs of the Town Garage and Equipment Repair.** (\$127,750.00 in 2025, expended \$110,413.05)

Selectmen Recommend **\$ 127,750.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends **\$ 127,750.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving and Patching Roads** for the ensuing year (\$410,000.00 in 2025; expended \$353,286.54)

Selectmen Recommends to appropriate a total of **\$410,000, raise \$332,356.00 and use \$77,644.00 from LRAP** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Budget Committee Recommends to appropriate a total of **\$410,000, raise \$332,356.00 and use \$77,644.00 from LRAP** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Winter Roads** for the ensuing year (\$397,100.00 in 2025, expended \$339,588.01)

Selectmen Recommend **\$ 423,100.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends **\$ 423,100.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Maintenance of Common Roads, Culverts, Bridges and Bushes** for the ensuing year. (\$352,000.00 in 2025, expended \$321,536.35)

Selectmen Recommend **\$ 347,000.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends **\$ 347,000.00** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 22. **To see if the Town supports purchasing a cardiac monitor for the Minot Fire-Rescue Department so that the Town can increase its permitted licensing level to provide advanced Emergency Medical Services.**

Selectmen Recommend purchasing a cardiac monitor through a 5-year lease purchase not to exceed \$13,500.00 per year or \$67,500.00 total purchase price.
vote: 4 yes 0 no

Budget Committee Recommends purchasing a cardiac monitor through a 5-year lease purchase not to exceed \$13,500.00 per year or \$67,500.00 total purchase price.
vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Minot Municipal Fire Department including the Rescue Division** for the ensuing year (\$272,620.00 in 2025, expended \$285,379.66)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 320,124.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 320,124.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to purchase a Fire Department Utility Vehicle to be financed for a term of four (4) years at a commercially reasonable rate of interest.

Selectmen Recommend an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and to be financed for a term of four (4) years at a commercially reasonable rate of interest. vote: 5 yes 0 no

Budget Committee Recommends the Same vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Principal Payments and Interest.** (\$70,840.00 in principal and interest in 2025, expended \$70,840.00)

2022 Plow Truck (3 of 3):	Principal:	\$62,585.00
	Interest:	\$ 8,255.00

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 70,840.00	vote: 5 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 70,840.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Contract Assessing & GIS Services.** (\$28,900.00 in 2025, expended \$29,900.00)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 29,900.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 29,900.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Code Enforcement and Planning** for the ensuing year. (\$57,100.00 in 2025, expended \$45,015.30)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 56,250.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 56,250.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Annual Audit** of the Town books and officer's accounts. (\$8,650.00 in 2025, expended \$6,600.00)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 8,650.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 8,650.00	vote: 4 yes	0 no

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Legal Fees** for the ensuing year. (\$10,000.00 in 2025, expended \$8,679.50)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 10,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 10,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **County Tax** set by Androscoggin County. (\$412,703.00 in 2025, expended \$412,703.00)

Selectmen Recommend	\$459,420.00	vote: yes 0 no
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Budget Committee Recommends paying the Androscoggin County Tax bill		vote: 4 yes 0 no
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Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Solid Waste Disposal & Contract Services.** (65,100.00 in 2025, expended \$99,122.49)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 90,100.00	vote: 5 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 90,100.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lights.** (\$3,000.00 in 2025, expended \$3,215.15)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 3,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 3,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Organizations.** (\$12,560.00 in 2025, expended \$12,551.88)

Maine Municipal Association (MMA)	\$ 5,000.00
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG)	\$ 5,000.00
Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (GAHS)	\$ 4,100.00

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 14,100.00	vote: 5 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends an amount not to exceed \$ 14,100.00		vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Insurance**. (\$64,600.00 in 2025, expended \$65,190.12)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 74,600.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 74,600.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Library Services** with the Auburn Public Library. (\$22,500.00 in 2023, expended \$22,500.00)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 23,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 23,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Control Officer**. (\$4,850.00 in 2025, expended \$5,134.71)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 4,850.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 4,850.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** (Health and Welfare). (Raised \$2,000.00 in 2025, expended \$1,914.67)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 2,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 2,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Elections and Tax Billing**. (\$22,894.00 in 2025, expended \$17,211.42)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 26,750.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 26,750.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the funding care and maintenance of **Minot's Cemeteries**. (\$31,752.55 in 2025, includes carryforward and plot sales; expended \$20,508.35)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 10,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 10,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for funding **Recreational Field Maintenance.** (\$10,563.97 in 2025 including carryforward, expended \$6,327.42)

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 5,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 5,000.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 41. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding the **snowmobile registration refund** received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Minot Moonshiners request **2026 snowmobile registration reimbursement** be donated to their club for trail maintenance.

Selectmen Recommend to donate **the 2026 snowmobile registration reimbursement to the Minot Moonshiners Snowmobile Club** vote: 5 yes 0 no

Budget Committee Recommends to donate **the 2026 snowmobile registration reimbursement to the Minot Moonshiners Snowmobile Club** vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be donated to **Charitable Organizations.** (\$0.00 raised in 2025)

Requests:

LifeFlight	\$ 692.00
SafeVoices	\$ 500.00
Sweetser	\$ 1,500.00
Seniors Plus	\$ 500.00
United Way	unspecified amount
Maine Public	\$ 100.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 85.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,877.00

Selectmen Recommend	\$ 0.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no
Budget Committee Recommends	\$ 0.00	vote: 4 yes 0 no

Article 43. To see what action the Town wishes to take to establish a Minot Fire-Rescue Department Cost Recovery and Billing Policy and Fee Scheduled to be approved and adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommend
Budget Committee Recommends

Article 44. Shall the Town vote to accept the **categories of funds** listed here as provided by the Maine State Legislature (Categories), and further authorize the Town to expend any such funds (Selectmen so recommend): Municipal Revenue Sharing; Local Roads Assistance Program; State Aid to Education; Public Library Aid Per Capita; Civil Emergency (FEMA) Funds; Snowmobile Registration Money; Tree Growth Reimbursement; General Assistance Reimbursement; Veteran's Exemption and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement; and State and Federal Grants or other funds.

Article 45. To see what action the Town wishes to take to establish a **due date for payment for the 2026 property taxes** and to set the interest rate applied to delinquent accounts. (2025 was December 15, 2025 with 7.5% interest)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends **December 15, 2026 with interest charged thereafter at the State maximum rate of 7.0%**

Article 46. To see what action the Town wishes to take to establish an **overpayment interest rate**.

Selectmen recommend a rate 4 percentage points less than the delinquent rate as allowed by State law for overpayments resulting from abatements not pre-payment of taxes.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to give the **Selectmen** the **authority** to use whatever sum they deem advisable from surplus to **lower the 2026 tax rate**. (Selectmen so recommend).

Selectmen so recommend

Article 48. To see if the Town will give the **Selectmen** the authority to **estimate the Excise Tax Revenue** and use the same to **lower the 2026 tax rate** (Selectmen so recommend).

Selectmen so recommend

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **spend an amount not to exceed 25% of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2027 annual budget** during the period of **January 1, 2027 through the 2027 Annual Town Meeting**.


Article 50. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding authorizing the **Tax Collector to collect interest and costs** before applying funds to the principal of the oldest outstanding tax assessment.

Selectmen so recommend

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Selectmen to overdraft accounts** with **uncontrollable expenditures** when necessary and such overdraft will come out of the Undesignated Fund Balance.

- Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote **to authorize the Town Treasurer**, with approval of the **Selectmen, 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 in the best interest of the Town and execute quitclaim deeds without covenant for any such property. Except that the Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by Title 36 MRS § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote **to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans** in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loan or loans to be paid during the ensuing year out of money raised during the ensuing year by taxes.
- Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Selectmen and Town Treasurer** to sell and assign **unmatured tax liens** for not less than the unpaid interest and costs.

To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

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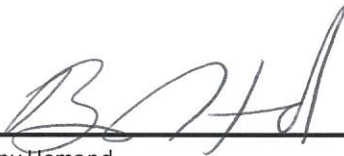
Lisa Cesare
Selectboard Chair

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Daniel Gilpatric
Selectboard Vice-chair

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Matthew Callahan
Selectman

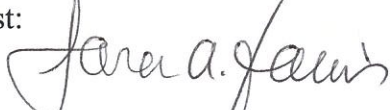
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Brittany Hemond
Selectman

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Dean Campbell
Selectman

A true copy of the Warrant

Attest: 
Sara Farris, Town Clerk
Town of Minot

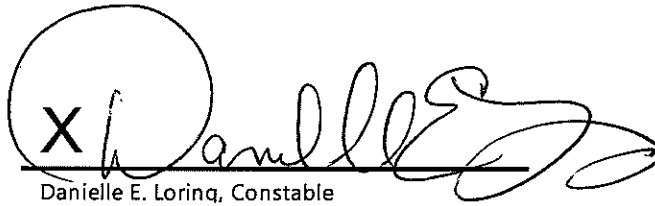


CONSTABLE'S RETURN

County of Androscoggin, ss

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Minot to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by having posted attested copies of the Warrant at the Minot Town Office, Minot Post Office, Minot Country Store, Slattery's Hardware, and the Minot Consolidated School, the same being public and conspicuous places within the said Town of Minot the 10th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six, the same being at least seven days before the appointed time for said meeting.

Dated at Minot this 10th day of February, two thousand and twenty-six.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle E. Loring". The signature is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature, there is a large circle containing a bold, black "X" mark.

Danielle E. Loring, Constable