

Sample Ballot
Town of Jefferson, Maine
Municipal Town Meeting Referendum Election
April 22, 2025

Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of Poor Three Year Term (Vote for One)	School Committee Member Three Year Term (Vote for Two)	Road Commissioner Three Year Term (Vote for One)
☐ Claudia A. Orff-Reed 210	☐ Daryl Leeman 114	☐ Wayne Johnston 192
	☐ Susanne Williamson 105	
	☐ John A. Bernier (Andy) 105	

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Election Results

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 3.** Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to charge 7.5% interest on personal and real estate taxes after October 1st following commitment?

Yes 120 No 89

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 4.** Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$531,219 for Administration of local government?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
Recommended by Budget Committee: (11-0-0)

Administration

	2024	2025
Officers' Salaries	17,500	17,500
General Salaries	260,076	313,919
Officers' Expenses	2,000	2,500
Office Expenses	60,000	63,400
Legal	7,000	7,000
Audit	22,500	37,000
Insurance/Bonding	16,500	17,500
Planning Board	2,000	2,000
Appeals Board	400	400
Code Enforcement	15,000	18,000
Liens/Discharges	8,500	8,500
Assessors' Agent Salary	30,000	30,000
Elections/Town Meeting	18,000	12,500
Contingency Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

TOTALS 460,476 531,219

Yes 144 No 72

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 5.** Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$490,605 for protection and health and to allow the Select Board to expend Animal Control Revenue in order to offset Animal Control Expense?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
Recommended by Budget Committee: (11-0-0)

Protection/Health

	2024	2025
Transfer Station	119,263	124,705
Streetlights/911 Signs	5,500	5,500
Jefferson Fire Department	65,000	70,000
Forest Fire Suppression	500	500
Animal Control	14,000	14,000
General Assistance	3,000	3,000
Emergency Management	500	500
Ambulance Service	<u>238,444</u>	<u>272,400</u>

TOTALS 446,207 490,605

Yes 156 No 61

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 6.** Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$496,650 for roads and highways?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
Recommended by Budget Committee: (11-0-0)

Roads/Highways

	2024	2025
Wages	9,500	9,500
General Road Repair	44,000	50,000
Winter Maintenance	85,000	85,000
Snow Plowing Contracts	<u>315,670</u>	<u>352,150</u>

TOTALS 454,170 496,650

Yes 177 No 40

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 7.** Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,523 for unclassified expenses?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)
Recommended by Budget Committee: (11-0-0)

Unclassified

	2024	2025
Unorganized Cemeteries	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	750	750
Public Library	7,561	7,773
Jefferson Scholarship	3,000	3,000
Jefferson Annual Scholarship	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

TOTALS 15,311 15,523

Yes 165 No 53

☐ Yes ☐ No **Art. 8.** Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 5/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2025 budget during the period from January 1, 2026, to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting?

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☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 9. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, such sums not to exceed the current tax commitment? Submitted by the Select Board Yes 162 No 57
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 10. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses for emergencies in general assistance, winter road repair and winter maintenance that may occur during the fiscal year 2025? Submitted by the Select Board Yes 176 No 44
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 11. To see if the Town will require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs, personal representative or devisees six months to repurchase the property on terms the Board deems in the best interests of the Town; if no repurchase occurs, the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C. If the Board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the Board may sell the property in any manner it deems in the best interest of the Town. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. Submitted by the Select Board Yes 174 No 40
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 12. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to deposit all new funds received from the annual Alewife harvest into the Meserve Mill Dam Fund reserve account for future repairs to the dam? Submitted by the Select Board Yes 185 No 35
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay an interest rate of 0% (zero) as a courtesy to taxpayers who wish to prepay some or all of their uncommitted taxes. Submitted by the Select Board Yes 194 No 28
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 14. Shall the Town of Jefferson expend from the State Block Grant the sum of \$54,344 for reconstruction of Town Roads? Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner Yes 188 No 34
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 15. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus an amount of \$73,950 for repairs and modifications of the town office building? Submitted by the Select Board Yes 138 No 81
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 16. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus an amount of \$100,000 for repaving and reconstruction of Town roads with any unspent funds to be added to the Road Expense Account? Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner Yes 167 No 51
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 17. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate from unreserved surplus the sum of \$60,000 to go towards the cost of property revaluation? These funds to be invested by the Town Treasurer until needed, with Select Board approval of the Funds use. Submitted by the Select Board Yes 112 No 102
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 18. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Jefferson Fire and Rescue Fire Truck and Rescue Reserve Fund? These funds to be invested by the Town Treasurer until needed, with the Select Board's approval of the Fund's use. Submitted by Jefferson Fire and Rescue Yes 161 No 58
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 19. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to enact an ordinance titled "Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance of 2025"? Submitted by Jon Olsen Yes 131 No 82
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 20. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from unreserved surplus to be deposited into the Fire Truck Reserve account for a future fire truck? These funds to be invested by the Town Treasurer until needed, with the Select Board's approval. Submitted by Jefferson Fire and Rescue Yes 161 No 59
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 21. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support Midcoast Conservancy in employing local youth, controlling Hydrilla, and protecting the water resources of Damariscotta Lake? Submitted by Midcoast Conservancy Yes 150 No 71
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 22. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate the amount of snowmobile registration refund monies received from the State for the benefit of the Jefferson Snopackers Inc.? Submitted by Jefferson Snopackers Inc. Yes 157 No 65
☐ Yes ☐ No	Art. 23. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,194 for the benefit of Maine General Hospice? Submitted by Loretta McNeil, Volunteer Supervisor for Maine General Hospice Yes 157 No 64
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☐ Yes	Art. 24. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the benefit of Sweetser Mental Health?	
☐ No	Submitted by Justin Chenette, Sr Director Public Relations	Yes 145 No 72
☐ Yes	Art. 25. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,677 for the benefit of Spectrum Generations?	
☐ No	Submitted by Lindsay MacDonald, Community Engagement Officer	Yes 130 No 91
☐ Yes	Art. 26. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the benefit of Healthy Kids?	
☐ No	Submitted by Charlene C. Corbett, Executive Director	Yes 153 No 68
☐ Yes	Art. 27. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$930 for the benefit of New Hope for Women?	
☐ No	Submitted by Joan R. Lemole, Development Director	Yes 143 No 79
☐ Yes	Art. 28. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help with the operation of Jefferson Community Food Pantry?	
☐ No	Submitted by Candace F Hilton	Yes 177 No 45
☐ Yes	Art. 29. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect the Select Board to serve as members of the Fish Committee for jurisdiction of Alewife rights?	
☐ No	Submitted by the Select Board	Yes 179 No 44
☐ Yes	Art. 30. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert E. Clark, Sr. trustee for the Clary Memorial Highway Fund for a three-year term?	
☐ No		Yes 191 No 30
☐ Yes	Art. 31. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert E. Clark, Sr. for Davis Worthy and Deserving Poor and Shepard Charitable Trust Fund for a three-year term?	
☐ No		Yes 189 No 33
☐ Yes	Art. 32. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate from unexpended surplus an amount not to exceed available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate?	
☐ No	Recommended by the Select Board	Yes 202 No 20
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