

## WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, FRANKLIN COUNTY

To: Deanna Caron, a resident of the Plantation of Coplin.

Greetings:

In the name of the state of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Coplin Plantation, qualified to vote on Plantation affairs, to assemble at the Stratton Community Building, Main Street, Stratton, ME at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 31, 2025, to vote on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 3.** To elect a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

Raised 2024: \$48,050.00      Recommended: \$51,872.00

**ARTICLE 5.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for office expenses.

Raised 2024: \$7,000.00      Recommended: \$7,000.00

**ARTICLE 6.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual town audit.

Raised 2024: \$8,000.00      Recommended: \$8,500.00

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the computer account.

Raised 2024: \$3,500.00      Recommended: \$2,500.00

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate funds for professional support, maintenance and licensing of various municipal software packages.

Raised 2024: \$15,500.00      Recommended: \$21,500.00

**ARTICLE 9.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the ambulance service subsidy.

Raised 2024: \$11,727.00      Recommended: \$15,351.00

**ARTICLE 10.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and services of Franklin County Animal Shelter.

Appropriated 2024: \$379.20      Recommended: \$474.00

**ARTICLE 11.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Municipal Association dues for the ensuing year.

Raised 2024: \$1,618.00      Recommended: \$1,618.00

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to contract for all approved road maintenance, road improvement, snow removal and sanding.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads.

Raised 2024: \$54,500.00      Recommended: \$54,500.00

**ARTICLE 14.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for additional snow removal at the Town Office.

Raised 2024: \$300.00      Recommended: \$500.00

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to appropriate \$3,000.00 from the designated Road Account for the purpose of summer road maintenance.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the plantation will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account, to perform required work to extend the end of Stratton Brook Road.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for summer road maintenance and brush cutting when and where needed.

Raised 2024: \$30,000.00      Recommended: \$30,000.00

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Plantation will vote to use the Excise Tax money to balance all accounts at the close of the Municipal year.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Plantation will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes paid within one month of the tax commitment to the Tax Collector and appropriate the balance from overlay.

Note: The cost of this discount is approximately \$5,300.00

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on taxes not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the ensuing year. Recommended: 7.5%

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Plantation will accept prepayment of taxes without interest paid on said taxes.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Plantation will vote to set interest rates to be paid by the Plantation on abated taxes. Recommended: 3.5%

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Plantation will vote to use the balance of Excise Tax Account, State Conservation Reimbursement, Education Grants and other funds and subsidies to reduce the 2025 tax commitment.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see how the Plantation will vote to dispense of the State Snowmobile refund money.

2025 Fees Received: \$145.64

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors and Treasurer of the Plantation to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Plantation for the nonpayment of taxes, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes if necessary; said loan to be paid out of money collected during the current year.

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the Plantation vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State Legislature.

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State Aid to Education
4. Civil Emergency Funds
5. Tree Growth Reimbursements
6. General Assistance Reimbursements
7. Veterans Exemption Reimbursements
8. State Grant of other Funds

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the cost of rent for town office space for a period of one year.

Raised 2024: \$9,600.00 Recommended: \$9,600.00

**ARTICLE 29.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection from the Town of Eustis.

Raised 2024: \$28,612.00 Requested: \$23,600.00

**ARTICLE 30.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the Stratton Community Building.

Raised 2024: \$1,000.00            Recommended: \$1,000.00

**ARTICLE 31.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Little League and Blanchard Park.

Raised 2024:		Requested:
Little League	\$207.00	\$409.00
Blanchard Park	\$363.00	\$1,023.00

**ARTICLE 32.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the area summer youth program.

Raised 2024: \$3,200.00            Recommended: \$3,200.00

**ARTICLE 33.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for use and maintenance of the Eustis Transfer Station.

Raised 2024: \$33,710.00            Requested: \$31,543.00

**ARTICLE 34.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stratton Library.

Raised 2024: \$7,995.00            Requested: \$9,171.00

**ARTICLE 35.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the food pantry.

Raised 2024: \$500.00            Requested: \$500.00

**ARTICLE 36.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

Raised 2024: \$2,269.00            Recommended: \$2,269.00

**ARTICLE 37.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the American Red Cross.

Raised 2024: \$100.00            Recommended: \$ 100.00

**ARTICLE 38.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Safe Voices.

Raised 2024: \$125.00            Recommended: \$125.00



**ARTICLE 39.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the contracted assessor’s account.

Raised 2024: \$2,000.00                      Recommended: \$2,000.00

**ARTICLE 40.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Land Use Planning Commission fee.

Raised 2024: \$10,620.00                      Recommended: \$12,240.00

**ARTICLE 41.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance (Property/Casualty & Workers’ Comp.)

Raised 2024: \$5,000.00                      Recommended: \$5,000.00

**ARTICLE 42.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the tax mapping account.

Raised 2024: \$4,000.00                      Recommended: \$2,000.00

**ARTICLE 43.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the road sign account.

Raised 2024: \$400.00                      Recommended: \$400.00

**ARTICLE 44.** To see what sum the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the purchase of emergency 911 street address signs for properties with dwelling units or structures without address signs.

Raised 2024: \$0                      Recommended: \$1,500.00

**Article 45.** To see if the Plantation will authorize the Board of Assessors to appropriate \$5,600.00 from the Designated School Bus Reserve Fund to reduce the 2025 tax commitment for education.

Recommended: \$5,600.00

Note: The current balance is \$17,133.00. There is no further need for this Reserve Fund as all transportation costs are included in the Coplin School Budget. The intent is to appropriate \$5,600.00 over five years to extinguish this Reserve Fund. The School Board endorses this action. This is year three of the five-year drawdown.

**ARTICLE 46.** To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the on-going renovation of the Coplin Plantation School House, under the direction of the Coplin School House Historical Society (CPSHHS).

Raised 2024: \$1,000.00                      Recommended: \$1,250.00

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account (surplus) to the contingency account for unforeseen, unbudgeted, or emergency purposes.

Appropriated 2024: 5,000.00

Recommended: \$5,000.00

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend up to 25% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting.

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate \$19,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account, for the purpose of funding one-half of the cost of a town-wide property revaluation to be undertaken in 2025.

NOTE: The intent of this article is to appropriate the second half of the estimated total cost of \$38,000.00. The State of Maine requires a property revaluation to be conducted every ten years or when a community's sales ratio (selling price versus current valuation) falls below seventy percent. The last revaluation was completed in 2008. The first half of the estimated cost was appropriated at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to contract with Parker Appraisal Company to perform a plantation-wide property revaluation in 2025, and to authorize the expenditure of \$38,000.00 to conduct the necessary work.

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus) at their discretion to reduce the 2025 tax commitment.

The Register of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at 5:30 PM at the Stratton Community Building, Main Street, Stratton, ME for the purpose of correcting the voter list. Anyone who is not registered may not vote.

ATTEST:

Coplin Plantation  
Joanne Bean, Clerk

ASSESSORS:

Danial C. Barker

Robert Farrar

John Dodson

COPLIN PLANTATION, MAINE

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the voters of the Municipality of Coplin Plantation, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Municipal Office in said Municipality, being a public and conspicuous place in said Municipality, on the 17th day of June 2024, being at least seven days before the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Seanne Carer", written over a horizontal line.

Resident of Coplin Plantation



**MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF  
COPLIN PLANTATION**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2025  
6 p.m.**

**STRATTON COMMUNITY  
BUILDING**

**Positions Open for Election:**

**One Assessor 3-year term  
One School Committee Member 3-year term**