


**Sample Warrant Article Ballot**  
**State of Maine**  
**Annual Town Budget 2021 Referendum**  
**March 20, 2021**  
**For the Town of Pittston**

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Ballot

**Instructions:** To cast your vote on each Article, please fill in the oval under Yes or No. The oval must be filled in completely to have your vote count. Example: 

**Article 1:** The moderator was chosen when the polls opened.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote that if article 3,10, and/or 11 do not pass, the amounts appropriated in the 2020 calendar year for the subject article shall be adopted for the 2021 calendar year.

Article	Yes	No
2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0

Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 0 Against, and 1 Abstain.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$515,192 for General Administrative Services as follows: \$85,000.00 from surplus, \$12,000 from Excise and \$418,192 from taxes, with unspent monies to go to Surplus, and permission to accept monies donated to the Town for General Assistance purposes. Included in this article are monies for salaries, office expenses, debt service, contractual services, insurances, technology upgrades and other necessary expenses.

Article	Yes	No
3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,660 for solid waste disposal.

Recommendation of Select Board: 1 For, 2 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain.

Article	Yes	No
4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for disposing of Town recyclables with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of Select Board: 2 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 8 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain.

Article	Yes	No
5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Turn the Ballot over to Continue to Vote.**

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**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,907 for the following: \$1,500 for the purpose of improving the Pittston River Walk; \$6,000 to purchase two additional

monuments for the Veterans Memorial; and \$35,407 for 13 charitable affiliations and 24 cemeteries, with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Article	Yes	No
6	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,269 for the Gardiner Public Library.

Article	Yes	No
7	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 2 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 6 For, 2 Against, and 0 Abstain.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,875 for the Boys & Girls Club of Gardiner.

Article	Yes	No
8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 2 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 6 For, 1 Against, and 1 Abstain.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to secure a contract for a revaluation of the Town and to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for this revaluation which will be placed in a Revaluation Savings Account.

Article	Yes	No
9	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and release \$669,320 from Excise Tax and/or the Highway Excise Tax Reserve for the Town's highway accounts and budget, with unspent monies going into the Highway Excise Tax Reserve Account, and to allow monies to be released from Highway Excise Tax Reserve and/or Local Roads Savings Account for any emergency work on Town roads as deemed advisable by the Select Board and the Road Commissioner.

Article	Yes	No
10	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 0 Against, and 1 Abstain.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,800 for Fire Protection Services with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Article	Yes	No
11	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 8 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain.

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**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Treasurer to do the following:

Article	Yes	No
12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

1. Secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year if necessary and release funds from the contingency fund for interest charges for this loan.
2. To release from contingency fund monies to cover the net result of abatements and supplemental taxes for taxes previously assessed.
3. To release funds from designated savings accounts for the intended purposes of those accounts.
4. To release monies received through grants and reimbursements to the Town's operating accounts and expenses.
5. To dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property with a value of \$1,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems advisable.
6. To spend an amount not to exceed one third of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2021 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the March 2022 Annual Town Meeting.
7. To appropriate 100% of the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to be released to the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of snowmobiles at all times and to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem advisable for that purpose. Amount received is \$1,145.26.
8. To see if the Town will fix 30 days after Commitment and November 30, 2021 for dates when the taxes shall be due and payable, with an annual interest rate of 4% interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the Tax Collector to collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 35 M.R.S.A. § Section 36 (prepayment of taxes), and to fix the rate of interest at 3% to be paid on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(436 M.R.S.A).

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 0 Against, and 1 Abstain.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$386,151 established for the Town of Pittston by State law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article	Yes	No
13	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recommendation of Select Board: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstain. Recommendation of the Budget Committee: 7 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstain.