Town of Jackman
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
Secret Ballot Election – Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Annual Town Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2026

To: Yvette Costello, a resident of the Town of Jackman, in the County of Somerset and 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 Jackman, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Jackman Municipal Building at 369 Main Street, in said town, on Wednesday the 18th day of March, 2026 A.D, at 10:00am then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot to act upon Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at Forest Hills School Gymnasium, 606 Main Street, in said town, on Thursday, March 19, 2026, A.D., at 7:00pm, then and there to act on Articles #3 through #37 as set out below to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

*** William Jarvis was nominated by Amelia Brochu. There were no other nominations. Motions for nominations to cease made by Yvette Costello, seconded by Amelia Brochu, all in favor. William Javis received 5 votes and was elected Moderator. William Jarvis was sworn in as Moderator and sworn in by Melissa Brann, Town Clerk. Moderator William Jarvis appointed Yvette Costello and Kera Powell Deputy Moderators.**

Article 2. To elect all necessary officers by secret ballot. **(58 Voters)**

Results of the March 18, 2026, Municipal Election:

Selectboard, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (2 positions)

Alan DuPlessis	51
C. Charles Lumbert	49
Kristy Griffin	2
Michelle Newman	1
Darryl Griffin	1
Glen Feeney	1
Mark St. Pierre	1
Brent Fox	1
Blanks	9

Jackman Utility District Trustee (2 positions)

Joseph Bergeron	22
Kristy Griffin	22
Mark St. Pierre	8
John Brochu	2
Steven Begin	1
Thomas Haggan	1
Sara Giroux	1
Darryl Griffin	1
Colby Snell	1
Blanks	57

School Board Director, SAD #12 (3yr. Term)

Nicolle Harmon	38
Danielle Hale	2
Marisa Achey	2
Mina Daigle	2
Anna Begin	1
Kristy Griffin	1
Michelle Newman	1
Shawn Dunning	1
Blanks	10

***William Jarvis, moderator, opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00pm. Rules of a Town Meeting were read aloud and Kera Powell, was appointed and sworn in as Deputy Moderator. Mr. Jarvis requested a motion to allow Richard Petrie, Jackman Town Manager to speak during the Town Meeting. Boyd Fortier made the motion; it was seconded and the motion clearly carried by a 2/3 majority.**

*** Attendance: 29**

***Select Board: Alan Duplessis, C. Charles Lumbert, Dave Carrier and Carolann Ouellette. Town Manager, Richard Petrie, Town Clerk Melissa Brann, Treasurer Kera Powell and Moderator William Jarvis. Registered Voters: Anna Begin, Michael Begin, Mari Carello-Bigner, Rebecca Chaisson, Linda Conrad, Yvette Costello, Boyd Fortier, Leon Gilbert, Kristy Griffin, Brad Guay, Lindsey Guay, Adam Harmon, Nicolle Harmon, Michelle Lumbert, Danisen Smith, Mark St. Pierre, Michael St. Peter and Karla Talpey. Non-residents Tom Duffus, Liz Petruska and Skye Carpenter.**

Article 3. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to increase the property tax levy (LD1) limit under 30-A MRSA § 5721-A if needed for the 2026 calendar year, based on the amount to be raised by the Town through property taxes under Article #27.

Note: *This article to be voted on by written ballot in accordance with 30-A MRSA §5721-A(7)(A).*

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

*** Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**
***Secret Ballot Results: 15 Yes/2 No**

Article 4. To see if the Town will set a rate of interest of 7% to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes. 7% is state maximum and is charged sixty days after commitment on unpaid taxes. (MRSA §505 4-A)

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 5. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote in accordance with (MRSA 36, §506) to authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept pre-payment of taxes not yet committed and pay no interest thereon.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 6. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to establish that 3% will be paid per year on the amount of overpayment to the taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes more than the amount finally assessed on April 1, 2026. (MRSA 36, §506 – A)

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Michael Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Town Manager Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$ 93,192.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $93,063.00

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Administrative Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$221,994.00***

Budget Committee recommend $243,303.05 **Select Board recommend $243,474.45**

($24,701.49 will be utilized from Reserve Accounts, remaining balance through taxation)

***Michael Begin motioned to accept the article with the Select Board's recommendation of $243,474.45. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Boards and Officials Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$22,998.00***

Budget Committee recommend $24,365.11 **Select Board recommend $24,048.52**

***Michael Begin motioned to accept the article with the Select Board's recommendation of $24,048.52. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Facilities Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$18,260.00***

Budget Committee recommend $22,875.34 **Select Board recommend $22,911.85**

($3,000.00 will be utilized from Reserve Accounts, remaining balance through taxation)

***Yvette Costello motioned to accept the article with the Select Board's recommendation of $22,911.85. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Reserve Funds Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$205,500.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $231,500.00

***Nicolle Harmon motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$148,908.00***

Budget Committee recommend $185,035.87 **Select Board recommend $186,196.68**

($11,778.98 utilized from Reserve Accounts, remaining balance through taxation)

***Anna Begin motioned to accept the article with the Select Board's recommendation of $186,196.68. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$197,980.00***

Budget Committee recommend $209,049.27 **Select Board recommend $209,399.56**

***Nicolle Harmon motioned to accept the article with the Select Board's recommendation of $209,399.56. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Snowmobile Trails Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$95,000.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $95,000.00

($18,000 from taxation, $77,000 reimbursed by State Grants)

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Border Riders Capital Equipment Reserve Trails Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$25,000.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $20,000.00

***Michael Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Parks and Recreation Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$9,170.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $8,489.00

***Anna Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Newton Airport Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$21,515.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $26,608.84

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Community Services Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$89,510.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $95,093.00

***Anna Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Paramedicine Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$573,456.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $601,394.24

(Jackman's 2026 share is $332,080.40 through taxation)

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$77,443.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $117,026.00

(Jackman's 2026 share is $34,593.45 through taxation)

***Lindsey Guay motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Ambulance Service Department Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$84,500.00***

(With carry-over funds from 2024 and revenue in 2025 there was NO COST to the taxpayer)

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $87,000.00

(With carry-over funds from 2025 and projected 2026 revenues there will be NO COST to the taxpayer)

***Lindsey Guay motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$2,000.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $2,000.00

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for **Economic Development Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$5,000.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $5,000.00

***Nicolle Harmon motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Town Grounds Fireworks Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$5,000.00***

Budget Committee and Select Board recommend $15,000.00

($10,000 utilized from Reserve Accounts, remaining balance through taxation)

***Lindsey Guay motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town of Jackman will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Unclassified (Charitable Donations) Budget.**

2025 Budget was: ***$6,133.00***

Budget Committee recommend $8,088.00 **Select Board recommend $8,138.00**

***Anna Begin motioned to accept the article with the Budget Committee's recommendation of $8,088.00. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 26. To see if the Town of Jackman will authorize the Select Board to use surplus funds to reduce taxes.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 27. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to apply these estimated revenues toward approved Articles 7 through 25: **Excise $300,000**, **Paramedicine $269,313.84, Revenue Sharing $160,000**, **Transfer Station Revenue $85,206.35**, **Snowmobile Grant Revenue $77,000**, **Airport Revenue $16,200**, **Fire Dept. Revenue**

$77,070.79, Ambulance Service Dept. Revenue, $75,000, Other Revenue $210,757.74, Reserve Accounts $49,480.47 and approximately **$100,000 in surplus funds** for a total of **$1,420,029.19;** the remainder to be raised through property taxes, together with the Town's County Tax Assessment and the Town's local share of education costs as determined in the School Budget Referendum.

Budget Committee recommend $669,861.54 **Select Board recommend $671,313.95**

***Anna Begin motioned to accept the article in the amount of $671,263.95. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 28. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to re-appropriate 2025 Carry Forward Account Balances in addition to the Town Budget of 2026.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Michael Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 29. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town of Jackman, to sell and dispose of any town owned property, real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of Taxes, thereon, on such terms set by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 30. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer funds between operating accounts approved in this warrant, based upon changes and the un-anticipated needs of the town during the current fiscal year of 2026. The total expenditure of all accounts shall not exceed the approved budget. All such transfers shall be identified at the next annual town meeting.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Micheal Begin motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 31. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027, to the March 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 32. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned surplus personal property as well as abandoned and unclaimed or surplus property acquired by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 33. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to refund Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credits as authorized by 36 MRSA §1482 (5) (D)

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Nicolle Harmon motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 34. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to accept any unanticipated funds that the Town receives and have the Town Treasurer receive the funds and allocate them to the correct reserve or surplus accounts.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 35. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for, and to see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate any and all Federal, State, County and other community Grants for any purpose for which such Grants may be available, and to accept any funds provided by the Maine State Legislature.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 36. To see if the Town of Jackman will authorize the Select Board to credit such reserve and general fund accounts all monies received from interest on said accounts providing such interest have not been allocated in a prior warrant article.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Lindsey Guay motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Article 37. To see if the Town of Jackman will vote to authorize the Select Board, to waive the automatic foreclosure of any real estate lien whenever, in their judgment, it is inadvisable for the Town to tax-acquire the property due to its hazardous or worthless condition or its potential liabilities or for similar reasons.

Select Board recommend a yes vote.

***Boyd Fortier motioned to accept the article as presented. Seconded. Article clearly carries.**

Moderator William Jarvis reminded the public to be kind and nice to the Town Office Staff, they are only doing their job.

William Jarvis, Moderator appointed Alan DuPlessis and C. Charles Lumbert as Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. Mr. Jarvis also appointed Kristy Griffin as Utility District Trustee.

Adjournment: Anna Begin motioned to adjourn at 7:56pm. Seconded. Clearly carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Brann

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