

TOWN OF CASCO
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
June 3, 2026
Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027

To: Julie Koceika, Resident of the Town of Casco, in the County of Cumberland and the 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 Casco in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Crooked River Elementary School, 1437 Meadow Road, Casco, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June 2026 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3-37 as set out below AND to notify and warn said inhabitants to assemble on Tuesday, the 9th day of June 2026,, then and there to act on Article 2 by secret ballot, with the polls open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

Article 2. To elect, by secret ballot, the following municipal officers, officials, and school committee members:

- Two Selectboard members, each for a 3-year term.
- One Open Space Commissioner for a 3-year term
- One Casco Naples Transfer Station Council member for a 3-year term
- One MSAD # 61 Board of Directors member for a 3-year term

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal administrators or staff, and elected State officials, who are not registered voters of Casco, to speak as appropriate when recognized by the moderator.

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Operational Budget

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$966,752** to fund **ADMINISTRATION** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Payroll	\$592,486	\$574,814
Services	\$169,080	\$143,250
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 25,750	\$ 32,500
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 13,500	\$ 10,750
Training/Travel	\$ 16,400	\$ 16,400
Assessing	\$109,536	\$108,087
Legal Service	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Contingency	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$966,752	\$946,764

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$966,752

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance to fund **Contingency** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$30,000

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$152,605** to fund **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Code Enforcement	\$152,605	\$149,228
Total	\$152,605	\$149,228

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$152,605

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$82,975** to fund **PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, COMP PLAN IMPLEMENTATION and PLANNING SERVICES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Planning Board/ZBA	\$ 5,475	\$ 9,075
Comprehensive Planning Implementation	\$ 17,500	\$ 25,000
Planning Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 82,975	\$ 84,075

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$82,975

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$361,480** to fund **RECREATION, PARKS & BEACHES, FACILITIES, & CEMETERIES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Recreation	\$217,815	\$210,000
Parks & Beaches	\$ 29,000	\$ 37,500
Facilities-CCC, Access Building	\$109,665	\$107,831
Cemeteries	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500
Total	\$361,480	\$362,831

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$361,480

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$43,000** to fund **OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, VETERANS COMMITTEE, SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Account	FY27 Proposed Amount	FY26 Approved
Open Space Commission	\$ 15,500	\$ 4,000
Veterans Committee	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Safe Streets Committee	\$ 12,000	\$ 0
Water Quality Committee	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
Total	\$ 43,000	\$ 5,000

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$43,000

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$45,600** to fund **GENERAL ASSISTANCE and DONATIONS** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Account	FY26 Proposed Amount	FY25 Approved
General Assistance	\$ 42,350	\$ 46,270
Northern Light Health	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Through These Doors (Family Crisis)	\$ 0	\$ 1,100
Opportunity Alliance	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Casco Naples Meal Site	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,394
Bridgton Chamber of Commerce	\$ 0	\$ 500
Sebago Lakes Region Chamber	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Lake Region Bus Service	\$ 13,000	\$ 12,000
Casco Raymond Historical Society	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800
Life Flight	\$ 0	\$ 911
Crescent Lake Watershed	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Lake Monitoring Program	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Thompson Lake Environ. Assoc.	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Lake Environ. Assoc. Milfoil Project	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond Assoc.	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Maine Public Radio	\$ 0	\$ 100
Local Food Pantries	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Crooked River Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Other	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Lake Region ATV	\$ 2,500	\$ 0
Social Service Allocation (RTP)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Total:	\$ 45,600	\$110,175

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$ 45,600

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and donate the sum of **\$94,210** to the **Casco Public Library** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Casco Public Library	\$ 94,210	\$ 91,200
Total	\$ 94,210	\$ 91,200

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$ 94,210

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,344,575** to fund the **FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Payroll	\$1,022,550	\$971,994
Services	\$135,9250	\$111,070
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 83,250	\$ 88,250
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 78,250	\$ 78,550
Training/Travel	\$ 21,150	\$ 20,150
Total:	\$1,344,575	\$1,270,014

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$1,344,575

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,705 to fund **ANIMAL CONTROL & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	
Animal Control	\$104,305	\$103,000
Emergency Management	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,150
Total:	\$105,705	\$ 105,150

(Note of Explanation: Animal Control is a shared, regional approach. The account reflects all money spent by the Town with the anticipated revenue based on the regional agreement.)

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$105,705

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,107,463** to fund **PUBLIC WORKS/ROADS AND DAMS** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed	Approved
	Amount	

Payroll	\$194,287	\$172,245
Services	\$668,576	\$650,700
Supplies/Equipment	\$209,000	\$214,000
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 28,000	\$ 20,000
Training/Travel	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Subtotal Public Works:	\$1,100,963	\$1,058,045
Dams	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Total:	\$1,107,463	\$1,064,545

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$1,107,463

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,404,413** to fund **MUNICIPAL BENEFITS/INSURANCE AND UTILITIES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed Amount	Approved
Benefits & Insurance	\$905,413	\$830,323
Utilities	\$138,000	\$123,500
Total:	\$1,404,413	\$953,823

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$1,404,413

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$516,314** to fund the **TRANSFER STATION AND BULKY WASTE FACILITY** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed Amount	Approved
Interlocal Agreement	\$393,314	\$390,658
Professional Services	\$123,000	\$105,000
Total:	\$516,314	\$495,658

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$516,314

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$346,776** for **DEBT SERVICE** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	FY27	FY26
Account	Proposed Amount	Approved
Debt Services	\$346,776	\$352,963
Total	\$346,776	\$352,963

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$346,776

These funds have already been committed during previous town meetings, and this is the payment amounts

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to receive and appropriate non-property tax revenues, not otherwise dedicated for specific purposes, to reduce the property tax commitment for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Anticipated non-property tax revenues for fiscal year beginning July 01, 2026, include the following approximation of State and Town Revenues:

	FY 27 Proposed Amount	FY26 Approved
I. Excise Tax	\$ 1,000,000	\$925,000
II. Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 475,000	\$395,000
III. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 150,000	\$170,000
IV. BETE Reimbursement	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
V. Other Non-Property Taxes	\$ 677,270	\$668,597
Total ESTIMATED Non-Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,367,270	\$2,223,597

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$2,367,270

Article 19. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 505(2), will vote to set the dates that FY 2026-2027 real and personal property taxes are due, as follows: first half shall be due Wednesday October 07, 2026 or 45 days after commitment, whichever date is later, and second half shall be due Wednesday, March 3, 2027, and to charge interest starting seven (7) days after each due date.

Article 20. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 505(4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by the dates established in Article 20 and that interest, at the rate of 4.0% per annum, shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes.

Article 21. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 4.0%.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes, and to set the interest at 0% APR for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept and expend state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations and other revenue on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, so long as those conditions do not require the expenditure of matching funds by the town in excess of approved budgets, and to appropriate grant funds or such other donations and other revenues for authorized purposes, as the Selectboard deems in the best interest of the Town during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to retain, sell or dispose of, by such means and upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems advisable, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute such contracts, deeds and other instruments, and to take such other actions as may in the Selectboard's judgment be advisable to effect the sale of such property, or, if the property is residential property and is occupied by the immediate former owner(s), the Selectboard may convey the property to the immediate former owner(s) upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town within 90 days of notice to the immediate former owner(s) of the repurchase opportunity; provided, however, that the Selectboard shall comply with the requirements of 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if it chooses to retain the property or sell the property to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a waiver of foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds in which the tax lien certificate is recorded prior to expiration of the right of redemption pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectboard that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept and expend gifts, donations, or any other funds meant to support the municipal function, operation, or improvement of the Town during the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to sell and/or dispose of town-owned personal property determined to be obsolete or surplus to the Town's needs, with a value of \$100,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies necessary for the payment of any tax abatements, including interest, approved by the Assessor from the property tax overlay, or if necessary, from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued plowing and sanding of certain private roads for which the Town has obtained public easements and which meet the

criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 9, 2021, or any subsequent criteria or standards, and authorize the Selectboard to discontinue the plowing of certain private roads that no longer meet criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 9, 2021, or any subsequent criteria or standards, or where the public easement has been withdrawn or denied.

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Capital Improvement/Equipment Budget

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the purpose of purchasing laptops and related equipment for municipal use, including but not limited to computers, necessary software, and accessories.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$20,000

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,000** (\$53,000) for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the Central Fire Station, including but not limited to the replacement of garage doors and the installation of a new boiler...

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$53,000

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** for the purpose of purchasing public safety equipment, including but not limited to a gear dryer, a cardiac monitor, and air tanks.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$100,000

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of repairing the roofs of the Community Center and the Town-owned Post Office building.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$150,000

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** for the purpose of purchasing and installing a replacement generator for the Brown Avenue Public Works and Fire Department building.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$24,000

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,000** for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Brown Avenue Public Works and Fire Department building.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$39,000

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for the purpose of repairing the Town sand and salt storage shed.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$75,000

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$880,000** and to appropriate the sum of **\$120,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance, for a total appropriation of **\$1,000,000**, for Fiscal Year 2027 pavement preservation and road repair projects.

Selectboard and Finance Committee recommend ought to pass at \$1,000,000

Given under our hands this 5th day of May 2026 at Casco, Maine.

Grant Plummer, Selectboard Chair: _____

Robert MacDonald, Selectboard Vice-Chair: _____

Mary-Vienessa Fernandes, Selectboard Member: _____

Scott Avery, Selectboard Member: _____

Eugene Connolly, Selectboard Member: _____

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____,

Penny Bean, Town Clerk