

**Town of Limerick
Annual Town Meeting
Warrant**

Friday, March 13, 2026

York, ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To: Stanley Hackett, a Constable in the Town of Limerick in the County of York, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Limerick in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building, 55 Washington Street in said town on Friday, 13th day of March 2026, A.D., at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 51 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To elect by secret ballot, Three Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, two for a three- year terms and one for two-year term, One Budget Committee Member for three-year term, Three Planning Board Members for three-year terms, One RSU # 57 Director for three-year term, Two Library Trustees for three-year terms, One Trustee of the Limerick Water District for three- year term, One Trustee of the Limerick Sewerage District for three-year term.

To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum questions:

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for St. Matthews Food Pantry

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for Saco River Corridor

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the American Red Cross

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Day One Program

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$797.00 for Life Flight

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,052.00 for Caring Unlimited.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 for invasive plants and boat monitoring.

\$2,500.00 for the Lake Arrowhead Conservation Committee

\$2,500.00 for Sokokis Lake Association.

\$2,500.00 for Pickerel Pond Association

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to appropriate all funds received from Snowmobile registrations from the State of Maine, for the Limerick Snowmobile Club, for the purpose of maintaining the snowmobile trails open for use by the public, pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A §13104.

Select Board recommend: Yes

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to:

A. Fix a date of commitment of September 1, 2026, with taxes due & payable 60 days thereafter, & to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest not to exceed the State of Maine maximum to be charged on taxes and tax liens, unpaid after said due date.

B. Authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell, and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town by any other means other than for nonpayment of taxes, with sale or sales to be by public auction, advertised in advance by posting notices in three conspicuous places in Town at least thirty days prior to the sale or sales, and to execute municipal quit claim deeds for such property.

C. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any tax-acquired property on such terms as they determine to be in the interest of the Town and to issue quit claim deeds for such property, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process as by required 36 M.R.S.A. §942-943 for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

D. Authorize the Select Board to purchase bonding security for the Town officers in cases so required by law.

E. Authorize the Select Board to appoint all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

F. Authorize the Select Board, at their discretion, to accept any lots deeded to the Town according to 30 M.R.S.A § 5654.

G. Authorize the Select Board, at their discretion, to make Town buildings available for use by Limerick residents, non-residents, non-profit organizations, all related Town committees, clubs, and Town sponsored activities.

The following conditions will apply to Town sponsored activities:

1. The Select Board shall appoint individuals to plan, organize, and staff the activity.

2. The Select Board shall have the authority and oversight and jurisdiction of the activity over hiring, safety, and cash management policies and procedures.

3. All funds collected and disbursed for the activity shall be accounted for in the Town's annual audit and overseen by the municipal treasurer.

H. Authorize the Select Board to accept any fees, grant monies, donations or reimbursements received, including when necessary, signing contracts, and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds and in accordance with the requirements of the grant, donation, or reimbursement.

I. Authorize the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed as authorized by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, with no interest to be paid on the same.

J. Authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12th of the 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027, to the annual Town vote held in March of 2027.

K. Authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of Town-owned lots within Lake Arrowhead Community, Inc. to abutters of such lots on terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the Town, all sales must be conducted and adhere to 36

M.R.S.A § 942-943

L. Authorize the Select Board to pay tax abatements and any applicable interest from overlay generated through tax commitment, or if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus), and to set the interest rate to be paid on such abatement at 2% per year for Fiscal Year 2026.

M. To have the Select Board adhere to the 2024 Fund Balance Policy, to ensure for the financial stability of the Town of Limerick.

N. Authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of Town owned lots (with or without buildings) with terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the Town and apply those proceeds to the Capital Project Reserve Account after all taxes and costs have been paid on each parcel and adhere to 36 M.R.S.A. §942-943.

O. To have the Select Board annually review with the town's assessing firm, the Maine Revenue Services' Certification of full equalized value of all real and personal property which is subject to taxation under the laws of Maine for the town and adjust assessment values to ensure maximum exemption status through the state of Maine.

Select Board Recommend: Yes.

Revenues.

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,251,205.00 estimated revenues from Excise Taxes, Fees, Urban Rural Improvement Program, Department Revenues, Bank Interest, and Property Tax Interest to reduce the 2026 Tax Commitment.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Urban Rural	51,216.00
Excise Fees	856,320.00
Boat Fees	9,655.00
Agent Fees	20,367.00
Clerk Fees	5,784.00
Code Enforcement	124,631.00
Planning Board	5,600.00
Bank Interest	29,077.00
Property Tax Interest	78,000.00
Transfer Station	70,555.00
Anticipated Revenues to Offset Tax Commitment	1,251,205.00

Contingency

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Unassigned Account to the Contingency Account and authorize the municipal officers to utilize as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: No

General Government

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$127,139.00 for Select Board and Municipal Support for the ensuing year.

Total Operations of Select Board and Municipal Support

127,139.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$66,038.00 for the Tax Collector's Department for the ensuing year.

Total Operations of Tax Collector's Department

66,038.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,993.00 for a Deputy Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Total Operations of Deputy Tax Collector

40,993.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,993.00 for the Deputy Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Total Operations of Deputy Town Clerk

40,993.00

Select Board recommend: Yes.

Budget Committee recommend: Yes

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$62,308.00 for the Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Total Operations of Town Clerk's Department

62,308.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 19

Shall the Town transfer the unexpended balance of \$6,644.00 from the Earned Paid Leave Account for 2025 and vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$16,509.00 for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Earned Paid Leave.

23,153.00

NOTE: Transferring from the Earned Paid Leave Account \$6,644.00 and raise and appropriate an additional \$16,509.00 for total operations for the Earned Paid Leave Account at \$23,153.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$19,759.00 for Elections for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Elections

19,759.00

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$163,126.00 for Professional and Legal for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Professional and Legal Account. **163,126.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** No

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$78,000.00 for Unemployment and Worker's Comp for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Unemployment/Worker's Comp **78,000.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,575.00 for Maine Pers Retirement at a 9% Employer Match for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Maine Pers Retirement **14,575.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$102,408.00 for Health Insurance for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Health Insurance **102,408.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 25

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$18,275.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for General Assistance **18,275.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 26

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$45,625.00 for Administrative Costs for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Administrative Costs **45,625.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** No

Article 27

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$99,323.00 for Municipal Building, Brick Town Hall, Grange Hall, Old Fire Station, Building Repairs, Fuel, Utilities, etc. for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Municipal Building, Brick Town Hall, Grange Hall, Old Fire Station, Building Repairs, Fuel, Utilities, etc. **99,323.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 28

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$74,857.00 for Public Areas and Cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for Public Areas and Cemeteries. **74,857.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes **Budget Committee Recommend:** Yes

Article 29

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$107,807.00 for the Treasurer's Department for the ensuing year.

Total Operations for the Treasurer's Department **107,807.00**

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Article 30

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$226,731.00 for the Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Tax Assessing for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Code Enforcement	141,098.00
Planning Board	12,936.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,213.00
Tax Assessing	70,484.00
Total Operations of Assessing, Code Enforcement, Planning Board and Board of Appeals	226,731.00

Article 31

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$655,994.00 for the operations of Waste and Sanitation for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Transfer Station	215,994.00
Door to Door Contract	300,000.00
Tipping Fees	140,000.00

Article 32

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$255,560.00 for the operations of Repair of Highways for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Repair of Highways	255,560.00
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Article 33

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$400,000.00 for the Paving of Town roads for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Paving	400,000.00
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Article 34

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$629,340.00 for snow removal of Town Roads, Town Properties and Sidewalks for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Plowing Town Ways	418,000.00
Town Owned Properties Plowing	125,350.00
Washington/Main Street Sidewalks/Snow Removal	85,990.00

Article 35

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$881,850.00 for the operations of the Fire Department/Emergency Personnel for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: No

Operation Fire Department	212,550.00
Emergency Service Personnel	669,300.00

Article 36

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,100.00 for Emergency Management Services for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Emergency Management Services	7,100.00
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Article 37

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$19,821.00 for the Animal Control Officer for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Animal Control

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

19,821.00

Article 38

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,300.00 for Constable for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Constable

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

10,300.00

Article 39

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$87,884.00 for Streetlights and Hydrant Rentals for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Streetlights	24,000.00
Hydrant Rental	63,884.00
Total	87,884.00

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Article 40

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$97,981.00 for the operations of the Library Department for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Library

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

97,981.00

Article 41

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$28,250.00 for the Recreation Department for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Recreation Department

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

28,250.00

Article 42

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Ordinance **Exhibit Financial Reports**, which require the Treasurer to produce weekly and quarterly financial reports, to transmit such reports to the Select Board, and to exhibit such reports on the Town's Website, all as set forth in the proposed ordinance available with the Town Clerk and on the Town website.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Article 43

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$122,726.00 for interest and principle payments for Debt Services for the ensuing year for the new Fire Station payment. (Payment 2 of 20 years)

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 44

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$57,500.00 for paving and excavation work at the Transfer Station.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 45

Shall the Town vote to establish a new Capital Account in Fund 3 titled “Capital Project-Grant Acquisition,” for the purpose of supporting professional services and costs associated with preparing grant applications for restoration, renovation, preservation, handicap accessibility, and energy efficiency projects for Town of Limerick properties.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Article 46

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of supporting grant acquisition activities, including professional services and costs associated with preparing revitalization grant applications and said funds be applied to Capital Project-Grant Acquisition Account.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 47

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from Unassigned Fund Balance into the capital account entitled “Capital Project-Grant Acquisition.”

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 48

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Unassigned Fund Balance to a Capital Project Reserve Account to be set up named Dry Hydrants under the Fire Department. (This was appropriated already from the March 2025 Ballot)

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Public Access Television**Article 49**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds from the Town's cable franchise fees and expend those funds for the Town's share of the Saco River Community Television Regional Public Access Facility, equipment, and related costs of \$ 33,682.00, with said amount expended not to exceed the amount that the Town receives from the cable company's franchise fees.

Select Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 50

Shall the Town vote to transfer \$53,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account to the Repair of Highway Account.

Note: This will be to complete shoulder gravel work on Stone Hill Road

Select Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

If all the articles are passed as the Select Board recommend, Limerick is within the LD1 tax levy limit for 2026, as it also was for 2010-2025. (The following article is proposed as insurance in case the state does not fully fund its obligation to the Town or and unforeseen expenditure becomes necessary in the upcoming year.)

Article 51

Shall the Town vote to increase the property tax levy established for the Town of Limerick by the provisions 30-A M.R.S.A, § 5721-A 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 limit.

Select Board Recommend: Yes