

**TOWN OF EAST MILLINOCKET
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**~WARRANT ~
April 17, 2025**

Penobscot County, ss.

State of Maine

To Cameron T. McDunnah or any Constable in the Town of East Millinocket, Penobscot County, State of Maine.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of East Millinocket, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Schenck High School Auditorium on Thursday, the 17th day of April 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a **MODERATOR** to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town of East Millinocket will vote to accept a \$5,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (CPF Grant Number: B-24-CP-ME-1107) for the redevelopment of the former Great Northern Paper mill site.

The funds will be used for infrastructure improvements, building stabilization, and essential site work to facilitate future economic development. Further, to authorize the Select Board to expend these funds accordingly.

Explanation:

1. Purpose of the Grant:

- This grant will support the redevelopment of the former Great Northern Paper mill site, ensuring necessary infrastructure improvements to attract and support new businesses.
- The initiative is expected to stimulate economic growth and job creation in the region.

2. **Project Budget and Financial Impact:**
 - The total project cost is \$5 million, fully funded (no match) by this HUD grant. The funds will be allocated as follows:
 - Environmental Review: \$28,000
 - Site Work/Demolition/Cleanup: \$300,000
 - Project Administration: \$250,000
 - Construction/Renovation/Equipment: \$4,422,000
3. **Reporting Requirements:**
 - The Town must submit semi-annual performance reports in HUD's DRGR system within 30 days after each six-month reporting period (beginning in January or June following grant execution).
 - Reports must include a narrative of accomplishments for the reporting period.
4. **Financial Oversight:**
 - The Town must submit financial reports through DRGR or other HUD-approved platforms as specified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
 - HUD will review all reports and may reject incomplete submissions, requiring corrections. Grant funds cannot be accessed if reports are overdue.
5. **HUD Environmental Review Requirements:** EDI/CPF grants are subject to requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 or 24 CFR Part 58, and appropriate federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders.
6. **Project Closeout:** The grant will be closed out in accordance with 2 CFR part 200.344-346, as may be amended from time to time, except as otherwise specified in this Grant Agreement.

By approving this article, the Town of East Millinocket will move forward with the redevelopment of the mill site with financial support from HUD

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to implement a retirement program for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, currently under the Fire Department, with the employer match being 12.1%. This match would be in alignment with retirement benefits offered to other first responder departments within the town, and the Selectboard is authorized to take all necessary steps to establish and fund this program.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of adding fluoride to the Town's public water supply. If approved, the Selectboard shall be directed to take all necessary actions to ensure the removal of fluoride from the water system and to notify residents of the change. Annual cost of fluoride averages \$2100.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to amend its current policy on the Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave Program (PFML) to have the Town pay the full 1% contribution for this new program, as opposed to the current 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement between the Town and employees. This would provide the Town's employees with 100% of the FMLA-ME contribution, with no cost burden on the employee.

ARTICLE 6


To see if the Town will vote to officially implement the recall petition process for the Selectboard, which was previously approved by the Selectboard. This process allows for the recall of Selectboard members through a petition signed by a certain percentage of the Town's voters and includes procedures for the scheduling of a recall election. If approved, the Selectboard is directed to take all necessary actions to implement the process.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the current enterprise-style funding model for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and instead fund EMS as a municipal department through the Town's General Fund beginning in Fiscal Year 2025/2026, with costs to be raised and appropriated as part of the Town's annual budget or take any other action relative thereto.

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters will be in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours to correct the list of voters and receive applications for new registrations.

Given under our hands this 8th day of April 2025 A.D.


CLINT LINSOTT, CHAIRMAN

ANTHONY MOSCONE, VICE CHAIR

MICHAEL MICHAUD

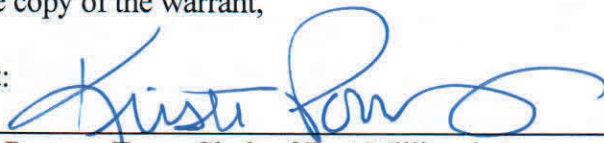

CHARLIE THERIAULT


DALE HAYES

EAST MILLINOCKET BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:



Kristi Powers, Town Clerk of East Millinocket

