

**Town of Alna  
Minutes for Annual Town Meeting  
March 20 & 21, 2026**

**To: Honor Sage, Civil Constable** of the Town of Alna, County of Lincoln, 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 Alna, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Alna Firehouse on Friday, the twentieth day of March, 2026, at 8:00 A.M., then and there to act on Article one, and then by secret ballot on Article two, and to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the twenty-first day of March, 2026 at 10:00 A.M., then and there to act on Articles three through fifty, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

***Carl Pease was nominated and received 46 votes by secret ballot. Chris Cooper was nominated and received 3 votes by secret ballot. Carl Pease was elected and sworn in as moderator for Alna's 2026 annual town meeting. Pease appointed Amy Stockford as deputy moderator.***

**Article 2:** Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the twentieth day of March 2026, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

- **First Selectperson**, also serving as Assessor and Overseer, for a two-year term.

***Nicholas Johnston won the uncontested seat with 206 votes.***

- **School Committee Member**, for a three-year term.

***Douglas Morier won the uncontested seat with 221 votes.***

- **Road Commissioner**, for a one-year term.

***Michael Trask won the uncontested seat with 217 votes.***

**Article 3:** To elect by paper ballot one **Cemetery Trustee** for a three-year term. ***A motion was made to elect Michael Chaney, then seconded. Three out of 3 paper ballots elected Michael Chaney as cemetery trustee for a 3-year term.***

**Article 4:** To elect all other town officials or instruct the Select Board to appoint the same. ***Motion made, seconded and passed without discussion.***

**Article 5:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

***(The Select Board recommends the Tax Lien method) Moved as written, seconded, passed.***

**Article 6:** To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.

***(The Select Board recommends the Tax Lien method) Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 7:** To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who paid an amount more than that finally assessed, shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the over-payment at an annual rate of 4.5 percent.

***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506. ***Moved as***

***written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 9:** To see when the Town wishes to have taxes due and payable, and at what rate of interest charges will be added to the unpaid taxes.

*(The Select Board recommends the due date after June 15th, 2026, at the Assessors' discretion, 6.0 percent interest commencing sixty days after the date of the tax bill.)*

**Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount notto exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2026-2027 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2027, to the March 2027 Annual Town Meeting. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes and other revenues, as necessary for the purpose of paying Town obligations. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interests of the Town, except that the municipal officers shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if they choose to sell property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board to dispose of alewife rights in whatever manner they determine to be in the best interest of the Town for a periodof up to five years. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2026-2027, from Capital Highway Accounts to General Highway Account, and to authorize the Road Commissioner, with the approval of the Select Board to spend a portion, or the entire sum, as they see fit, on pavingor some other capital improvement, according to 23 M.R.S.A. §2701. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, andexpend grants and other funds received from State, Federal, and private funding sources for a specific purpose, and also authorize the Select Board to accept and expend gifts of money or items, provided the gift or the grant doesn't require a financial match or financial commitment on the Town's part. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter multi-year contracts (not to exceed 3 years) from Annual March Town Meeting 2026 to Annual March Town Meeting 2027, for the lease or purchase of goods & services when they deem it in the best financial interest of the Town. *(Select Board recommends passage)* **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used to pay for 2026 Principal and Interest due on the loan for the Town Office.  
*(Select Board recommends \$18,500)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$18,500. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used to pay for 2026 Principal and Interest due on the Cross Road repaving loan.  
*(Select Board recommends \$48,560)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$48,560. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account. (Select Board recommends \$60,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$55,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for legal services (Selectboard recommends \$20,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$20,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Building Maintenance Account. (Select Board recommends \$15,000) Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$10,500. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Computer Software and Support. (Select Board recommends \$20,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$15,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Computer and Copier Hardware. (Select Board recommends \$1,800) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$1,800. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 24:** To see what sum the Town will transfer from surplus for a Contingency Account to cover unexpected expenses for the ensuing year. (Select Board recommends \$10,000) Note: The amount transferred from surplus last year was \$10,000, of which \$10,000 was used as follows: \$1,088.61 to Administration expense, \$300 to office generator maintenance, \$49.92 to computer software/support, \$28.30 to humane society contract, \$298.36 to animal control and \$8234.81 to winter sand & salt. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries & Stipends.

<b>Town Officials</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$60,000	\$57,000
Dep Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$28,000	\$25,000
1st Selectperson/Assessor	\$3,665	\$3,665
2nd Selectperson/Assessor	\$3,665	\$3,665
3rd Selectperson/Assessor	\$3,665	\$3,665
Treasurer	\$9,000	\$9,000
Deputy Treasurer	\$500	\$500
Road Commissioner	\$5,000	\$5,000
EMA Director \$15/hr calls	\$500	\$500
Fire Chief	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fire Warden	\$100	\$100
Deputy Fire Chief	\$2,000	\$2,000

Assistant Fire Chief	\$4,500	\$4,500
Fire Captains (3@\$2000)	\$6,000	\$6,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$15,000	\$15,000
Health Officer	\$125	\$125
Planning Board Chair	\$1,000	\$1,000
Planning Board Secretary	\$100	\$100
Planning Board Members \$25/meeting or site visit	\$3,000	\$3,000
Civil Constable	\$125	\$125
	<b>\$151,945</b>	<b>\$145,945</b>

(Select Board recommends the Town Officials' Salaries & Stipends for a proposed total of \$145,945) **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 26:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for elections and townmeetings. (Select Board recommends \$4,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$3,500. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security, Medicare & FMLA (Select Board recommends \$17,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$17,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Historical Building Maintenance Account. (Select Board recommends \$20,000) Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$15,000. Balance in this account is \$17,282.01 as of January 31, 2026. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 29:** To see what sum the Town will authorize to be transferred to the Historical Building Maintenance Account from the Historic Building Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining the Town's historic buildings. (Select Board recommends releasing the total balance of funds to date) **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 30:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department:

	2025	2026
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$73,565	\$72,525
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$13,163	\$16,470
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$19,480	\$11,340
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$1,500	\$2,000
Group Life Insurance Policy	\$7,930	\$12,205
Radios	\$4,100	\$4,100
1 Air Pack Replacement + Spare bottle	\$8,000	\$8,000
Air Bag Replacement	\$800	\$800

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,538</b>	<b>\$127,440</b>
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*(Fire Department recommends passage for an aggregate total of \$127,440)* **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 31:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for eligible fire department volunteers.

*(Fire Chief and Select Board recommend \$16,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$16,500. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 32:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Account.

*(The Fire Department recommends \$75,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$125,000. The reserve balance is \$346,764.09 as of January 31, 2026. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the tax assessment, commitment, and associated expenses.

	2025	2026
Annual Valuation Update	\$12,500	\$12,500
Tax Maps	\$1,500	\$1,500
CAMA Database Access	\$2,000	\$2,500
On-line Access	\$2,000	\$2,500
Trio Module for Remote Access	\$250	\$250
William Van Tuinan update	\$5,000	\$0
Lincoln County Registry of Deeds	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,250</b>	<b>\$20,250</b>
		\$2,572 carryover

*(Select Board recommends \$17,750)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$24,250. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 34:** To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Property Tax Revaluation.

*(Select Board recommends \$24,000)*

Note: The Select Board (Assessors) expects to complete a property revaluation in 2026.

The cost of the revaluation is estimated to be approximately \$70,000. Balance in the Property Tax Revaluation Reserve account is \$48,698.12 as of January 31, 2026.

**Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 35:** To see what sum the Town will authorize to be transferred to the Property Tax Revaluation Maintenance Account from the Property Tax Revaluation Reserve Account for the purpose of a town wide revaluation to be completed in 2026.

*(Select Board recommends releasing the total balance of funds to date)* **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.

*(Select Board and Road Commissioner recommend \$125,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$125,000. Balance in this

account is \$185,111.76(Includes \$75,000 earmarked for Rabbit Path Road repairs on retainer from CMP, leftover balance to return to company) **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 37:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

*(Select Board recommends \$115,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$125,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 38:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the snow removal contract and associated expenses.

*(Select Board recommends: Snow removal contract \$300,000, Sand and Salt for Winter Roads \$50,000, Total \$350,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$325,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 39:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a contract to provide for stray animals.

*(Select Board recommends contracting with Midcoast Humane for \$1,121.80)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$1,058. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 40:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to contract for Animal Control services.

*(Select Board recommends contracting with Lincoln County and raising and appropriating \$5,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$2,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 41:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to contract for ambulance service.

*(Select Board recommends \$32,000.)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$30,000. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 42:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	\$200	\$200
Healthy Kids	\$1,800	\$1,800
Eldercare of Lincoln County	\$0	\$1,000
Garry Owen House	\$300	\$0
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$0	\$337
Lincoln County Television (LCTV)	\$1,500	\$1,500
Midcoast Chapter American Red Cross	\$900	\$900
Midcoast Humane (Neuter/Spay Fund)	\$250	\$250
MPBN	\$150	\$225

New Hope Midcoast	\$995	\$995
Spectrum Generations	\$827	\$910
Sweetser	\$767	\$767
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$710	\$710
Veggies to Table	\$1,000	\$1,000
Waldo Community Action Partners	\$172	\$0
Whitefield Library	\$1,000	\$1,000
Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Dept.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Wiscasset Public Library	\$5,200	\$5,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,651</b>	<b>\$21,794</b>

***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 43:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the cemetery account.

*(Select Board recommends \$10,000)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$10,000. The balance in this account is \$23,687.30. ***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 44:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Committee for Alna History.

*(The Committee for Alna History and the Select Board recommend \$800)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$800. ***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 45:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Friends of Head Tide Church.

*(The Friends of Head Tide Church and the Select Board recommend \$1,500)*

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$1,500. ***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 46:** To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2025 excise taxes to reduce the 2026 tax rate.

*(Select Board recommends up to 90% of prior year's excise taxes.)* ***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 47:** To see if the Town will enact an ordinance entitled "Town of Alna Property Tax Assistance Ordinance" and if so, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to fund the associated account for Fiscal year 2026/2027. Note: Copies of the ordinance are available on the Town website and at the Town Office. **Motion made to reduce the sum raised to zero dollars. Seconded. Motion failed. Motion made to reduce the sum raised to twenty dollars. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion made to close debate and go directly to vote. Seconded. Passed. Motion made to move the article as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 48:** To see if the Town will donate to the State of Maine the right of way (land and/or rights therein) shown on a plan of land entitled "Egypt Road, Town Way, Alna, Lincoln County (Work Identification Number (W.I.N. 027836.03)), and release the State of Maine from their obligation to provide an appraisal and offer for the real estate needed for the above referenced project. *(Select Board recommends approval)*

Note: Copies of the plan are available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

***Moved as written, seconded and passed.***

**Article 49:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to close Egypt Road and detour traffic, for a period of up to 135 days, between June 1, 2027, and October 31, 2027, for the replacement of the bridge over Ben Brook. *(Select Board recommends approval)* **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

**Article 50:** Shall an ordinance entitled, "Proposed Amendments to Town Ordinances to Regulate and Control Bedrock Quarrying and Mining Operations," be enacted?  
*(Select Board recommends approval)*

Note: Copies of the proposed ordinance are available on the Town website and at the Town Office. **Moved as written, seconded and passed.**

Attested by:

Lisa L Arsenault, TOWN CLERK

Respectfully Submitted on March 25, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa L Arsenault", written over a horizontal line.