

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2026

April 7, 2026

6:30PM – Hancock Grammar School

John (Jack) Bridges, Jr., opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Tom Johnston nominated Linda King as moderator, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

HGS: Ellen Halliday presented the school budget of \$6,700,835.92, local share of \$4,760,345.00 and \$125,000.00 in reserves. She gave a thank you speech to all present thanking the residents of Hancock for all the support given to the school and its programs. At present there are 194 students in pre-K-8. There were questions from committee members on the ventilation system, payment amounts and time frame, portable classroom conditions, increase in electricity, school buses and if adding on to the school was a viable option in place of a new school.

Motion to approve the budget as submitted by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Admin/office staff/compensation: \$265,200.00. Motion to approve by George Colwell, second by Tom Johnston, passed

CEO: \$55,320.00. Motion to approve by Chris Holmes, second by Tom Johnston, passed

Selectboard: \$10,000.00. Motion to approve by Chris Holmes, second by Tom Johnston, passed.

Appeals Board: \$200.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Planning Board: \$21,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Elections: \$3,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Town Hall: \$54,400.00. Motion by to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Assessors Agent: \$48,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Admin/admin: \$120,700.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Fire Dept.: 153,020.00. Motion to approve by George Colwell, second by Savanna Havey, passed.

First Responders: \$17,550.00. Motion to approve by George Colwell, second by Tom Johnston, passed.

Street Lights: \$5,500.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Northern Light Ambulance: \$30,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Animal Control: \$4,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Bill Birdsall, passed.

Landfill Monitoring: \$2,000.00. Motion to approve by Bill Birdsall, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Paving: \$200,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Snow: \$208,500.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Salt Shed: \$9,500.00. Motion to approve by George Colwell, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

911 Enhancement (RCC). \$10,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Town Road Reserve. \$100,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Bill Birdsall, passed.

Public Works/ Carter Beach. \$76,000.00. Motion to approve by Chris Holmes, second by Bill Birdsall, passed.

Schoodic Curbside Trash: \$154,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Recreation Committee. \$4,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Monument Lot. \$1,200.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Memorial Day. \$1,200.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Riverside. \$11,500.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Hillcrest: \$2,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Bill Birdsall, passed.

Pinetree: \$5,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Shellfish: \$4,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

General Assistance. \$10,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Bill Birdsall, passed.

County Tax. \$312,864.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Tannery Legal. \$5,000.00. Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, second by Chris Holmes, passed.

Hancock Historical Society. \$3,000.00. Motion to approve by Rick Merchant, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Hancock Point Village Improvement. \$3,000.00. Motion to approve by Chris Holmes, second by Brandon Eugley, passed.

Ellsworth Library: Requested amount \$14,796.00

Schoodic Food Pantry: Requested amount \$3,000.00.

Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic: Requested amount \$700.00

Lifeflight Foundation: Requested amount \$617.00.

Loaves and Fishes: Requested amount \$2,500.00.

WIC: Requested amount \$2,500.00

Friends in Action: Requested amount \$2,500.00

Hospice: Requested amount \$1,500.00

Y.M.C.A: Requested amount \$6,000.00.

H.O.M.E: Requested amount \$700.00

Sweetser: Requested amount \$250.00

Eastern Area Agency on Aging: Requested amount \$700.00.

Aroostook County Action Program. Requested amount \$987.00.

Team Hailey Hugs. Requested amount \$100.00

Total: Requested amount \$36,850.00.

Motion to make no recommendation to all of the above in yellow and let the town residents vote on these at town meeting by Tom Johnston, second by Adam Foster, passed.

Total Budget: \$6,832,849.00.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm by Chris Holmes, second by Savanna Havey, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl A. Robinson".

Cheryl A. Robinson

Town Clerk/Admin. Asst.