



**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL 2027 SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTION**  
**in COUNCIL CHAMBERS and via Zoom**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM**

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1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adjustments to the Agenda:
4. ORDER #102-2026 **Public Hearing** for the Fiscal 2027 School Budget
5. ORDER #103-2026 Appropriation for System Administration (School)
6. ORDER #104-2026 Appropriation for School Administration
7. ORDER #105-2026 Appropriation for Regular Instruction
8. ORDER #106-2026 Appropriation for Special Education
9. ORDER #107-2026 Appropriation for Student and Staff Support
10. ORDER #108-2026 Appropriation for Other Instruction
11. ORDER #109-2026 Appropriation for Facilities Maintenance
12. ORDER #110-2026 Appropriation for Transportation and Buses
13. ORDER #111-2026 Appropriation for Debt Services and Other Commitments
14. ORDER #112-2026 Appropriation for All Other Expenditures
15. ORDER #113-2026 Total Cost of Funding Public Education
16. ORDER #114-2026 Annual Payments on Debt Service
17. ORDER #115-2026 Additional Local Funds
18. ORDER #116-2026 Appropriation for Total Cost of Funding Public Education
19. ORDER #117-2026 Appropriation for Adult Education
20. ORDER #118-2026 Regional Vocational Adult Education Operating Budget

21. ORDER #119-2026 Acceptance of State, Federal or Other Sources of Funds
22. ORDER #120-2026 Acceptance of Enterprise and Agency Funds
23. ORDER #121-2026 FY27 International Program Budget
24. ORDER #122-2026 Additional Local Dollars in Support of the Food Service Program
25. ORDER #123-2026 Regional Vocational Operating Budget
26. ORDER #124-2026 Appropriation for Career and Technical Education

## **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Unfinished Business: N/A**

**New Business:**

27. ORDER #125-2026 Date, Time, Place, Warden
28. ORDER #126-2026 Processing Absentee Ballots
29. ORDER #127-2026 Office Hours of the Registrar
30. Adjournment

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87490766388>

**Meetings are open to the public for in-person attendance and via Zoom.**

Submit any public comments to the Town Manager prior to the meeting: [manager@millinocket.org](mailto:manager@millinocket.org) or call (207) 723-7000 Ext.5 to make special arrangements. Meetings are also available via Zoom and YouTube Channel.

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# Millinocket

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## **Citizen Guide to Town Council Meetings**

This is an overview of information related to Council Meetings. We hope it is helpful to understanding the process. Thank you for participating in our local government. The town meeting is a place where the public is encouraged to participate. Below are some of the terms:

- **Order** – Item of business to be proposed (motioned) to council for discussion and vote.
- **Motion** – A Councilor proposal to the whole Council for discussion and vote. This could include an Order, an Amendment, or other. Any councilor can make a motion at any point in time during a Town Council meeting, regardless of whether it is on the agenda or not.
- **Second** – A “second” is used when a councilor supports an order to be discussed and voted upon. Without a “second” an order or motion does not get discussed or voted on.
- **Amendment** – A change to an original order, which can be motioned by a councilor and approved or voted down by the whole council.
- **Minutes** – Summary of past meetings, including votes and discussion, that needs Council approval for officially entering the record.
- **Parliamentary Procedure**-This is the protocol used and questions go to the Council Chair. The Council follows Robert’s Rules of Order. The Council adopted additional procedures at the initial session of a new term.
- **Warrant** – a list of articles for items the Council may act on, which usually comes in the form of approving expenditures.
- **Mil Rate** – Tax rate. The tax rate determines what is paid in property taxes. It is stated in “so many dollars per thousand dollars of valuation.” Residential property owners may want to seek homestead exemptions or Veteran’s exemptions (for qualified veterans) to potentially lower their property tax rate, which may be done through the town’s Tax Assessor.
- **Two Minute Public Comment** – Typically the last agenda item provides any member of the public an opportunity to express general concerns, thoughts, or feedback publicly. The Council invites any and all people to speak. Each member of the public will be allowed to speak for a period of not more than two minutes and the Council shall not enter into a debate or a question-and-answer session unless the question can be answered in a brief statement without a debate. This will be at the discretion of the Council Chair.
- **Executive Sessions** – These are private meetings held by the Council when certain matters must be kept confidential to protect other parties, as required by US and/or Maine law, Town Charter, or by contract. This could include personnel issues, legal issues, economic development issues or other. No Action by the Council can be taken in Executive Session—only in public Council meetings can any vote or decision be made by the Council.

- **To ask questions** or offer feedback during Town meetings, the public may do so within the public comment period of each order on the agenda. Any Councilor motion will be open to both the Council and the Public for discussion.

The public is asked to be respectful and orderly. It is of the Council Chairman's discretion to determine whether a public comment is disrespectful or inappropriate in nature, at which point the Chairman may request the ceasing of comment or removal of the public member.

Millinocket publishes the draft agendas on the website and Facebook prior to meetings. If you have questions, you may ask the manager and/or a Town Councilor before the meeting. The town website is [www.millinocket.org](http://www.millinocket.org).

**HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED?** Come up and speak or submit a written statement to the Council Chairman and/or Town Manager. The Town Council is always seeking public input to ensure all perspectives, beliefs and desires of the public are considered.

**Want to do more?** Become an appointed member of a committee or board such as the Planning Board, Events Committee, or Board of Appeals. The Town publishes these openings on the website, Facebook, and local newspaper. You may also request to serve on an existing subcommittee by filling out a form on the town website at:

<https://millinocket.org/government/committees-andboards/>.

**ORDER #102-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Public Hearing.

**IT IS ORDERED** That the Millinocket Town Council enter into a public hearing to discuss the FY2027 School budget.

**First Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Line Item Articles for Approval of the  
Millinocket School Department Budget  
2026-2027**

**ORDER #103-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for System Administration (School)

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$824,336.52 is hereby raised and appropriated for School System Administration for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$824,336.52.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #104-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for School Administration

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$518,042.29 is hereby raised and appropriated for School Administration for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$518,042.29.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #105-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Regular Instruction

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$2,899,145.74 is hereby raised and appropriated for Regular Instruction for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$2,899,145.74.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #106-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Special Education

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$1,976,699.21 is hereby raised and appropriated for Special Education for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$1,976,699.21

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #107-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Student and Staff Support

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$550,125.85 is hereby raised and appropriated for Student and Staff Support for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$550,125.85

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #108-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Other Instruction

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$370,978.65 is hereby raised and appropriated for Other Instruction for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$370,978.65

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #109-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Facilities Maintenance

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$1,509,277 hereby raised and appropriated for Facilities Maintenance for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$1,509,277.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #110-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Transportation and Busses

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$376,398.03 is hereby raised and appropriated for Transportation and Busses for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$376,398.03

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER 111-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Debt Services and Other Commitments

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$96,000 is hereby raised and appropriated for Debt Services and Other Commitments for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$96,000

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #112-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for All Other Expenditures

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$2,815.71 is hereby raised and appropriated for All Other Expenditures for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$2,815.71

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #113-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR Appropriation for Total Cost of Funding Public Education**

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$5,810,837.37 be appropriated for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that \$1,437,593.34 be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs, and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School Committee Recommends \$1,437,593.34

*Explanation: The Municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #114-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR** Appropriation for Debt Services

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$96,000 be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the municipality's legislative body for non-state-funded school instruction projects, on-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

The School Committee Recommends \$96,000

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.*

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Article for Additional Local Funds requires approval by a majority of the entire school committee membership and approval by a majority of the entire council membership.**

**ORDER #115-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR** Appropriation of Additional Local Funds

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$2,575,231.91 be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,437,593.34 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$2,575,231.91 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,137,638.57. The EPS formula does not reflect the actual cost of funding education in rural areas where education may cost more because of its smaller size as compared to larger city schools. Therefore, monies will provide revenues to fully fund programs and operate schools, as well as, contractual obligations, areas excluded under EPS such as 504 programs, extra and co-curricular activities, capital improvements and repairs, etc.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs.*

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Budget Article for Funding PreK-12 Education**

**ORDER #116-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR** Appropriation for Total cost of Funding Public Education

**IT IS ORDERED** that the School Committee be authorized to expend **\$9,123,820** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

The School Committee Recommends: **\$9,123,820**

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #117-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR Adult Education**

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$2,815.71 be appropriated for Adult Education and that \$2,815.71 be raised as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

The School Committee recommends a “Yes” vote.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #118-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR** Regional Vocational Adult Education Operating Budget

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Regional Vocational Adult Education Operating Budget, as approved by the Cooperative Board for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, be approved in the amount of \$44,832.50 (Millinocket’s share is \$2,815.71) with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of the Adult Education vocation programs.

The School Committee Recommends a “Yes” vote

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #119-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Acceptance of State, Federal, or Other Sources of Funds

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Town of Millinocket Town Treasurer is authorized to accept and expend grants, including carryover amounts, from State, Federal or other Sources for the interest of education in Fiscal 2027. Special dedicated revenue budget amounts, to be in addition to the amounts appropriated and raised in the general budget **\$9,123,820** and the clearing account budget. Amount unknown but estimated to be **\$725,000**. Sources include Title 1-A, Title II-A, Title V, Tier IV, Local Entitlement, and others.  
(Some of these monies are now included in the new EPS funding model adopted in 2005 by the Maine State Legislature.

The School Committee Recommends a “Yes” vote.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #120-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Acceptance of Enterprise and Agency Funds

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Town of Millinocket Town Treasurer is authorized to accept and expend enterprise and agency funds, including any carryover funds, on behalf of the following: with any amounts to be expended in the clearing account budget in addition to amounts appropriated and raised for the general education budget **\$9,123,820** and the special revenue budget **\$725,000**. Amount unknown but estimated to be **\$575,000**. Sources include: Millinocket School Lunch Program, and any others. (Some of these monies are now included in the new EPS funding model adopted in 2005 by the Maine State Legislature).

The School Committee Recommends a “Yes” vote.

**BE IT ORDERED**, that in addition to the amount approved for the total school budget next fiscal year, the school committee is authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, including the foreign student tuition program and the dual diploma program, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #121-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** FY27 International Program Budget

**IT IS ORDERED** that the International Program Revenue Budget of \$20,248.50 and Expense Budget of \$20,248.50 be approved; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any Fund Balance will be transferred to the School Department's Operating Budget at the end of the fiscal year; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Town of Millinocket's Town Treasurer is authorized to accept and expend funds related to the approved International Program Budget to the extent that the funds are available by September 1, 2026 and throughout FY27 to cover the program expenses.

**PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #122-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR** Additional Local Dollars in Support of the Food Service Program

**IT IS ORDERED** that the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate \$0 in additional local dollars in support of the food service program.

The School Committee Recommends \$0

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #123-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR Regional Vocational Operating Budget**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Regional Vocational Operating Budget, as approved by the Cooperative Board for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, be approved in the amount of \$2,351,924.47 (Millinocket's share is \$0) with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of the vocational programs.

The School Committee Recommends a "Yes" vote

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #124-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Appropriation for Career and Technical Education

**IT IS ORDERED** that \$0 is hereby raised and appropriated for Career and Technical Education for Fiscal 2027.

Recommended: \$0

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #125-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Date, Time, Place, Warden for the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 State Primary and the FY27 School Budget Validation Referendum

**IT IS ORDERED** that the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 State Primary and FY27 School Budget Validation Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stearns High School Gymnasium.; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Diana M. Lakeman shall be Warden of said elections.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #126-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Processing Absentee Ballots for the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 State Primary and the FY27 School Budget Validation Referendum.

**WHEREAS,** Title 21-A MRSA Section 759.7 allows the Election Warden to process absentee ballots while the polls are open; and

**WHEREAS,** processing such ballots will assist the Election Clerks and result in an expedited process after the polls are closed; and

**WHEREAS,** expediting the process after the polls are closed will result in some savings to the Town of Millinocket;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that the Election Warden is authorized to process absentee ballots at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. during the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 State Primary and the FY27 School Budget Validation Referendum on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER #127-2026**

**PROVIDING FOR:** Office Hours of the Registrar for the FY27 School Budget Validation Referendum and the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 State Primary.

**WHEREAS,** Title 21-A MRSA Section 122(6) specifies the process that the Registrar must follow in registering voters; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town Clerk also serves as Registrar; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Clerk has regular hours on four business days before election day to register voters; and

**WHEREAS,** being open evening hours as required by law to receive voter registrations will be an added cost to the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that it is not necessary that the Registrar be opened to accept voter registrations for two hours in the evening between 5 P.M. and 9 P.M. on at least three days before election day.

Passed by the Town Council \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_