

Article	1	To Choose a Moderator					
Article	2	To Conduct all state and local elections, for which purpose the polls will be open at 8:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM					
		POSITION	VACANCY	TERM			
		Selectboard	1	3 yr			
		RSU 38 School Board	1	3 yr			
Article	3	To see if the town will allow the following Non-Residents to speak at the Town					
		Town Clerk: Heather Wheeler	Town Deputy Clerk: Rachel Meader				
		All other Non-Residents will be nominated to speak on an article by article basis					
Article	4	To see if the Town will adopt the rules of the "Maine Moderator's Manual" as the official rules of this meeting.					
Article	5	To fix the pay of the following town officers and employees as Recommended Below:					
		Personnel Summarized Under Administration	23-24 rate	Budgeted hours	23-24-cap	Last Years	This Year
	5.01	Tax collector/Town Clerk	25.00	Salary	26.00	\$41,600.00	\$43,264.00
	5.02	Selectmen each	4,000	3.00	4,000	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
	5.03	Select Chair	1,200	1.00	1,200	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	5.04	GA Admin	1,000	1.00	1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	5.05	All other Admin Compensation				\$96,096.00	\$87,609.60
		Total Admin Salary & Wages				\$151,896.00	\$145,073.60
		FICA				\$11,620.04	\$11,098.13
		Total Admin Office Personnel				\$163,516.04	\$156,171.73
Article	6	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for General Government. Recommended:					
				Totals:		\$433,405.36	\$395,579.93
	6.01	Administration				263,122.20	228,788.92
	6.02	Legal Fees				6,500.00	6,500.00
	6.03	Elections				7,288.78	6725.90
	6.04	Contingency Fund				5,000.00	5,000.00
	6.05	Total Muni Bldg				16,841.95	22,087.22
	6.06	Municipal Building Lawn				28,880.07	29,875.27
	6.07	Municipal Bldg Office Equipment				7,140.00	3640.00
	6.08	Office Equipment Capital					800.00
	6.09	Property Tax Assessor				27,449.46	28,500.00
	6.10	Tax Maps				2,000.00	2,000.00
	6.11	MMA Membership Dues				3,085.00	3,283.00
	6.12	Total CEO				33,597.90	35,179.62
	6.13	Appeals Board					500.00
	6.14	Town Newsletter				2,000.00	1,000.00
	6.15	Planning Board				500.00	1,700.00
	6.16	Property Tax Abatements				10,000.00	10,000.00
	6.17	Town Match Grants				20,000.00	10,000.00
Article	7	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Capitol Improvement. Recommended:					
				Totals:		\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00

Article	11	To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Road Maintenance the following sum for the Messalonskee Watershed, to be matched 100% with a Clean Water Act Section 319 grant (US EPA, Maine DEP, 7 Lakes Alliance) to reduce erosion to improve water quality (to include, for example, Spring Hill Road and Cottle Hill Road) Total To Be Raised:					\$12,500.00
Article	12	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to \$31,000 of Federal ARPA funds for the Road Maintenance/Brush account. No taxpayer money will be raised or monies appropriated from tax revenue					\$31,000
Article	13	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Works & Highways Recommended:		Totals:		\$805,250.00	\$886,100.00
	13.01	Capital Improvement Funds				50,000.00	50,000.00
	13.02	FICA/Medicare Roads				3,500.00	1,500.00
	13.03	Road Maintenance/Bush				120,000.00	109,000.00
	13.04	Road Construction				260,000.00	320,000.00
	13.05	Bridge & Culvert				19,000.00	25,000.00
	13.06	Snowplow Contracts Road				258,550.00	266,300.00
	13.07	Snowplow Contracts Non-Road				11,200.00	11,300.00
	13.08	Winter Sand/Salt Stockpile				60,500.00	100,500.00
	13.09	Sign Account				2,500.00	2,500.00
Article	14	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Recreation and Community. Recommended:		Totals:		68,020.00	63,486.67
	14.01	Athletic Association				4,500.00	1,000.00
	14.03	Community Center				18,800.00	8,800.00
	14.04	Dr. Shaw Memorial Library				43,720.00	53,686.67
Article	15	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all the snow mobile fees reimbursed from the State of Maine for the Mount Vernon Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club					
Article	16	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for Cemeteries. Recommended:				3,359.00	2,750.00
Article	17	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following sums from estimated revenues and the undesignated fund. Recommended:				672,800.00	634,500.00

	17.01	Cable Franchise Fee				6,000.00	6,000.00
	17.02	Code Enforcement Permits				10,000.00	10,000.00
	17.03	Excise Tax Boat				2,500.00	3,000.00
	17.04	Excise Tax Car/Truck				280,000.00	300,000.00
	17.05	General Assistance				1,500.00	1,500.00
	17.06	Lien Income				6,000.00	6,000.00
	17.07	Lincoln Walton Trust Fund				12,000.00	10,000.00
	17.08	Municipal Revenue Sharing				250,000.00	200,000.00
	17.09	Tax Interest				18,000.00	18,000.00
	17.10	Town Clerk Fees state Agent Fees				10,000.00	10,000.00
	17.11	Transfer Station Fees & Revenues				11,000.00	11,000.00
	17.12	Tree Growth Refund				10,000.00	10,000.00
	17.13	URIP Local Road Assistance				48,000.00	49,000.00
Article	18	To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate \$5000 from the Aging in Place Maine Health Access Foundation Grant, to be used for the Mount Vernon Health Officer				60.00	5,000.00
Article	19	To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept and expend funds from any Federal, State, Local or Private grant or revenue funds not listed in other articles					
Article	20	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to reimburse all town officials and employees for necessary travel at the rate of \$0.46/mile					
Article	21	To see if the Town will authorize the Town Clerk or Deputies to charge a State Rate of \$25.00 for the receipt of checks with insufficient funds.					
Article	22	To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to expend the revenues of Special Revenue funds					
Article	23	To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to expend the income earned by the Cemetery Trust Funds, Noah A. & Nellie E. Clough Trust Fund, Dr. Gilman Trust Fund, Dr Snow Memorial Library Trust Fund and the Robert George Weis Memorial Fund for the purpose specified for each trust fund					
Article	24	To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to not authorize any payments that would overdraft an account (a budgeted expenditure), unless					

		the payments are required by law, approved by voters at a Special Town Meeting, or are the result of a natural disaster. Excess revenues are not considered a part of the budgeted expenditures voted on at Town Meeting.					
Article	25	To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to issue orders for the closing of roads to winter maintenance.					
Article	26	To see if the Town will vote to make property taxes payable, one-half on September 29, 2023 and one-half on March 30, 2024, and that interest be charged on overdue taxes at the rate of 9.0% (or the maximum allowed by state law, if that is greater) per annum after those dates.					
Article	27	To see if the Town will adopt the reformatted, updated and corrected Mount Vernon Land Use Ordinance as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee					
Article	28	To see if the Town will adopt the proposed changes regarding Campgrounds and Summer Camps as to the Mount Vernon Land Use Ordinance as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee					
Article	29	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for the 2023-2024 dues for the Inter-Local agreement for the management of the Belgrade Area Dam				3,699.00	10,415.00
Article	30	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum for the 7 Lakes Alliance boat inspection program and erosion control work of 7 Lakes Youth Conservation Camp – by petition					2,000.00
Article	31	To see if the Town will authorize the use of the revenues from the Ordinance Review Committee, the Planning Board, Code Enforcement, Newsletter, and the Appeals Board to help offset the expenditures of such departments.					

Article	32	To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell and convey/advertised property belonging to the Town by reason of matured tax liens, by sealed competitive bids to be open in public at an announced time, to the highest acceptable bidder, retaining the right to accept or reject all bids at their discretion, after first posting notice of such sales in the same places that Town Warrant are posted. The Select Board is to give not less than ten days' notice of such sales in a local newspaper, with a description of the properties to be sold. The Select Board is to allow delinquent taxpayers the opportunity to redeem their former property until such time as a bid is accepted from another person on the advertised day of sale, by paying back taxes, administrative costs, and interest to the date of sale.					
Article	33	To see if the Town will vote to carry over Fire, Rescue, Transfer Station, Cemeteries, Public Access TV, Beach and Road accounts unspent balances as Department Capital Accounts, which may only be used by approval of the Select Board stating purpose in published agenda and minutes. Unspent balances in Capitol Funds, specified Special Revenue accounts (Library, Community Center, Aging In Place, Beach and Athletic), and the general fund contingency account will be carried over to the next year for that same account. Any other non-capital unspent balance accounts will lapse to General Fund.					
Article	34	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for these 5 Community Service/Non-Profit Organization Recommended:					
	34.01	30-Mile River Watershed Association				\$3,000.00	
	34.02	Sexual Assault Crisis & Support				\$574.00	

	34.03	Family Violence Project				\$2,000.00	
	34.04	Hospice Volunteers				\$1,000.00	
	34.05	Senior Spectrum				\$1,000.00	
Article	35	To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax levy limit of \$___ established for the Town of Mount Vernon by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the proceeding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.					7,574.00
Article	36	To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax limit only in the circumstance and only to the extent that projected State of Maine revenues for the fiscal year 2023-2024 including, but not limited to, municipal revenue sharing and homestead exemption reimbursement, are adjusted downwards between the annual Town Meeting and the date of commitment, and the result of those adjustments is that the property tax levy calculated at the date of commitment will be greater than the property tax levy calculated at the time of the annual Town Meeting.					
Article	37	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectboard to appropriate up to \$51,000 from the Town's unfunded balance account. \$30,000 for the Fire Station boiler and \$21,000 for the Town's backup antenna.					51,000.00
Article	38	To see if the Town will vote to adjourn					

Question 1:	Do you Favor The Regional School Unit No 38 Budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Regional School Unit budget meeting?	
Cost Center Summary Budget Category	Amount Recommended by School Board	Amount Approved by Voters at the Budget Meeting
Regular Instruction	\$8,852,332.00	\$8,852,332.00
Special Education	\$3,098,900.00	\$3,098,900.00
Career and Technical Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Instruction	\$534,501.00	\$534,501.00
Student and Staff Support	\$2,193,218.00	\$2,193,218.00
System Administration	\$787,204.00	\$787,204.00
School Administration	\$1,443,207.00	\$1,443,207.00
Transportation and Buses	\$1,240,052.00	\$1,240,052.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$3,436,477.00	\$3,436,477.00
Debt Service and Other Commitments	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Other Expenditures	\$114,287.00	\$114,287.00
Summary of Total Authorized General Fund Expenditures	\$21,700,178.00	\$21,700,178.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	Dyar, Clyde	Unenrolled
	Fast, Ona	Republican
	Grenier, Bob	Republican, Incumbent

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

	Buuck, Vanessa	Green Party
	Dunn, Tyler	Democrat, Incumbent
	Leslie Marco Gasper	Republican