



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Meeting Date	06/18/2025	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	4.i) Certification of Election results from the June 10, 2025 MSAD #11 School Budget Referendum Election		
Est. Cost			

Background Information

Please see the attached election results.

Requested Action	"I move to certify the election results from the June 10, 2025 MSAD #11 School Budget Referendum Election."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S RETURN AND CERTIFICATE
AS TO RESULTS OF VOTING

CITY OF GARDINER

I certify that the results of the votes taken on Articles 1 and 2 of the Warrant and Notice of Election in Gardiner for the Maine School Administrative District No. 11 Budget Validation Referendum held June 10, 2025 are as follows:

ARTICLE 1:

Yes 145
No 44
Blank 0

ARTICLE 2:

Yes 138
No 49
Blank 2

Dated: June 10, 2025

(Seal)

Signed: Kathleen Cutler
Kathleen Cutler, Municipal Clerk
Gardiner, Maine

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ELECTION CERTIFICATE
CITY OF GARDINER

I, the undersigned, Municipal Clerk of Gardiner, Maine (the "municipality"), hereby certify that the municipality has adopted no charter, bylaws, votes or other rules which relate in any way to the time, place or manner of calling or conducting referendum elections in said municipality except as follows:

I further certify that a Maine School Administrative District No. 11 ("District") budget validation referendum in this municipality was held on June 10, 2025 for the purpose of voting on the budget of the District for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and on continuing the budget validation referendum. With respect to that referendum, I certify that:

- (a) That the municipal officers met and countersigned the warrant and notice of Election calling said referendum as of the date set forth above their signatures;
- (b) The complete Warrant and Notice of Election for said referendum as furnished by the School Board and the return of posting of that Warrant and Notice of Election is attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (c) A copy of the ballots used at said referendum, as furnished by the School Board, is attached hereto as Exhibit B;
- (d) A copy of the Municipal Clerk's Return and Certificate as to Results of Voting is attached hereto as Exhibit C;
- (e) If the municipality is a town, a moderator was elected, was sworn, and presided over the town meeting at which the referendum was held, all as required by 30-A M.R.S. § 2524(2);
- (f) At least four days prior to the referendum (if the municipality is a town) and at least seven days prior to the referendum (if the municipality is a city) I posted specimen or sample ballots in one or more conspicuous places in the municipality;
- (g) If the municipality is a town, as required by 30-A M.R.S. §§ 2524(2), 2528(6) and 2528(8), ballot clerks were appointed by the Municipal Officers and sworn, instruction cards were printed and posted at each voting compartment, at least three instruction cards and five specimen ballots were posted in the voting room outside the guardrails, ballots were delivered and receipts given therefor, a moderator was elected, and a certified list of qualified voters was used at the meeting; and, if the municipality is a city, ballot clerks were appointed by the Municipal Officers and sworn as required by 21-A M.R.S. § 503-A, an adequate number of instruction posters and sample ballots were posted in the voting room outside the guardrails, ballots were delivered and receipts given therefor, and a certified list of qualified voters was used at the election;
- (h) As required by 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(2), I displayed at each polling place in the municipality a Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting in form delivered to me by the District;
- (i) A sufficient number of ballots was furnished to me and a record of the number furnished was kept by me as Clerk, upon receipt I counted and inspected the ballots in the presence of at least

one witness and found no errors or inaccuracies, and I delivered a receipt for the ballots to the School Board;

- (j) The registrar of voters held office hours while the polls were open, and no person who was entitled to vote was deprived of that right;
- (k) Absentee ballots were counted beginning at the times specified in the Notice of Absentee Ballot Processing Times, and the procedures for distributing, processing, counting, and recording with respect to absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications were followed in accordance with Title 21-A;
- (l) Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(3)(D), absentee ballots were processed and counted only if received on or after the day after the conclusion of the District budget meeting on May 27, 2025 and before the close of the polls;
- (m) Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. § 1486(3)(E), I marked "rejected" on all envelopes containing absentee ballots received before the day after the conclusion of the District budget meeting on May 27, 2025 or after the close of the polls;
- (n) Within 24 hours of the determination of the results of the vote in the municipality, I certified the total number of votes cast in the affirmative and the total number of votes cast in the negative to the School Board;
- (o) All other actions required to be taken by the municipality, or any official thereof, in order to make the aforesaid referendum legal and valid, have happened, been done, and performed in regular and due form as required by law; and
- (p) No recount has been requested by any resident of the municipality.

Dated: June 10, 2025

Signed: Kathleen Cutler
Kathleen Cutler, Municipal Clerk
Gardiner, Maine

(Seal)

Exhibits for Attachment and Return to Maine School Administrative District No. 11:

- Exhibit A: Fully signed and attested Warrant and Notice of Election with completed Return of posting.
- Exhibit B: Ballot copy.
- Exhibit C: Municipal Clerk's Return and Certificate as to Results of Voting, completed and signed.

**WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION CALLING
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 11
BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
(20-A M.R.S. § 1486)**

TO: Stephanie Houdlette, a resident of Maine School Administrative District No. 11 (the "District") composed of the City of Gardiner and the Towns of Pittson, Randolph, and West Gardiner, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby ordered to serve upon the municipal clerks of each of the municipalities within the District, namely, the City of Gardiner and the Towns of Pittson, Randolph, and West Gardiner, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election. Service shall be in hand within three (3) days of the date of this warrant and notice of election. The municipal clerks of the above municipalities shall immediately notify the respective Municipal Officers. The Municipal Officers shall meet forthwith and countersign this warrant and notice of election. The Municipal Officers shall provide below for the respective municipal clerks to post or have posted this warrant and notice of election.

**CITY OF GARDINER
DISTRICT BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM
WARRANT AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Kennebec County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Kristopher McNeil, Resident of Gardiner: You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of this municipality of the election described in this warrant and notice of election.

TO THE VOTERS OF GARDINER: You are hereby notified that a District budget validation referendum election will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gardiner, 14 Pray Street in the City of Gardiner on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for the purpose of determining the following questions:

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Maine School Administrative District No. 11 budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest District budget meeting?

Question 2: Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in Maine School Administrative District No. 11 for an additional three years?

INFORMATIONAL NOTE ON QUESTION 2:

A "YES" vote will require Maine School Administrative District No. 11 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 11.

The voting on Questions 1 and 2 shall be by secret ballot referendum. The polls will be opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The Registrar of Voters shall hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hand this day, May 1, 2025 at Gardiner, Maine.

Becky Fles
Becky Fles
Anthony Veit
Anthony Veit
Linda Caputo
Linda Caputo
Meaghan Carlson
Meaghan Carlson
Sean Focht
Sean Focht
Jeff Hanley
Jeff Hanley

[School Board Member - West Gardiner]
Joanne O'Brien
Michelle Tucker
Michelle Tucker
Barry Manning
Barry Manning
Molly Rogers
Molly Rogers
Elissa Tracey
Elissa Tracey

A majority of the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 11

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Stephanie Houdlette
Stephanie Houdlette
Resident of
Maine School Administrative District No. 11

Countersigned this May day of 7th, 2025 at Gardiner, Maine.

Sabrina H. Hat
Timothy Smith
Russell Chamberlain
Mark Allen Robert Carr

Verbon
Robert Kimball
Greg M. Groat

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Gardiner, Maine

A true copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election, attest:

Kathleen Cutler
Kathleen Cutler, Municipal Clerk
Gardiner, Maine

true attest

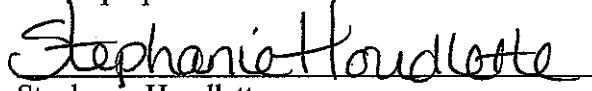
RETURN

Kennebec County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 11
May 2, 2025

Pursuant to the within warrant and notice of election, directed to me, I have served in hand upon the municipal clerk of Gardiner, an attested copy of this warrant and notice of election, directing the Municipal Officers of said municipality to call a Maine School Administrative District No. 11 budget validation referendum at said time and place and for the purposes therein stated.


Stephanie Houdlette
Resident of
Maine School Administrative District No. 11

RETURN

Kennebec County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: The Municipal Officers of the City of Gardiner

I certify that I have notified the voters of the City of Gardiner of the time and place of the Maine School Administrative District No. 11 budget validation referendum by posting an attested copy of the within warrant and notice of election as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF POSTING</u>
<u>5-8-25</u>	<u>12:10 pm</u>	<u>Gardiner Post Office</u>
<u>5-8-25</u>	<u>1:04 pm</u>	<u>South Gardiner Post Office</u>
<u>5-8-25</u>	<u>1:37 pm</u>	<u>Daves Diner</u>
<u>5-8-25</u>	<u>1:55 pm</u>	<u>Boys & Girls Club</u>
<u>5-8-25</u>	<u>2:22 pm</u>	<u>City Hall</u>

being public and conspicuous places in said municipality and being at least seven days next prior to election day.

Dated at Gardiner, Maine: 5-8-25, 2025


Kristopher McNeil, Resident
Gardiner, Maine