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STATE OF MAINE, FRANKLIN COUNTY

To: Deanna Caron, a resident of the Plantation of Coplin.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Coplin Plantation, qualified to vote on Plantation affairs, to assemble at the Stratton Community Building, Main Street, Stratton, ME at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 30, 2026, to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

Raised 2025: \$51,872.00 Recommended: \$53,847.00

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for office expenses.

Raised 2025: \$7,000.00 Recommended: \$7,400.00

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the annual town audit.

Raised 2025: \$8,500.00 Recommended: \$7,500.00

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the computer account.

Raised 2025: \$2,500.00 Recommended: \$2,500.00

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate funds for professional support, maintenance and licensing of various municipal software packages.

Raised 2025: \$21,500.00 Recommended: \$18,000.00

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the ambulance service subsidy.

Raised 2025: \$15,351.00 Recommended: \$18,588.00

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and services of Franklin County Animal Shelter.

Appropriated 2025: \$474.00 Recommended: \$490.00

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Municipal Association dues for the ensuing year.

Raised 2025: \$1,618.00 Recommended: \$1763.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to contract for all approved road maintenance, road improvement, snow removal and sanding.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for winter roads.

Raised 2025: \$54,500.00 Recommended: \$54,500.00

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for additional snow removal at the Town Office.

Raised 2025: \$500.00 Recommended: \$500.00

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to appropriate \$3,000.00 from the designated Road Account for the purpose of summer road maintenance.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for summer road maintenance and brush cutting when and where needed.

Raised 2025: \$30,000.00 Recommended: \$30,000.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Plantation will vote to use the Excise Tax money to balance all accounts at the close of the Municipal year.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Plantation will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes paid within one month of the tax commitment to the Tax Collector and appropriate the balance from overlay.

Note: The cost of this discount is approximately \$5,500.00

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on taxes not paid by December 31st of the ensuing year. Recommended: 7.0%

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Plantation will accept prepayment of taxes without interest paid on said taxes.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Plantation will vote to set interest rates to be paid by the Plantation on abated taxes. Recommended: 3.0%

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Plantation will vote to use the balance of Excise Tax Account, State Conservation Reimbursement, Education Grants and other funds and subsidies to reduce the 2026 tax commitment.

ARTICLE 23. To see how the Plantation will vote to dispense of the State Snowmobile refund money.

2026 Fees Received: \$126.00

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors and Treasurer of the Plantation to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Plantation for the nonpayment of taxes, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes if necessary; said loan to be paid out of money collected during the current year.

ARTICLE 26. Shall the Plantation vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State Legislature.

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State Aid to Education
4. Civil Emergency Funds
5. Tree Growth Reimbursements
6. General Assistance Reimbursements
7. Veterans Exemption Reimbursements
8. State Grant of other Funds

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the cost of rent for town office space for a period of one year.

Raised 2025: \$9,600.00 Recommended: \$9,600.00

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection from the Town of Eustis.

Raised 2025: \$23,600.00 Requested: \$29,339.00

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the Stratton Community Building.

Raised 2025: \$1,000.00 Recommended: \$1,000.00

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Little League and Blanchard Park.

Raised 2025		Requested:
Little League	\$409.00	\$449.00
Blanchard Park	\$1023.00	\$3208.00

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the area summer youth program.

Raised 2025: \$3,200.00 Recommended: \$3,200.00

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for use and maintenance of the Eustis Transfer Station.

Raised 2025: \$31543.00 Requested: \$44,635.00

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stratton Library.

Raised 2025: \$9171.00 Requested: \$9,546.00

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the food pantry.

Raised 2025: \$500.00 Requested: \$500.00

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

Raised 2025: \$2,269.00 Recommended: \$2,900.00

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the contracted assessor's account.

Raised 2025: \$2,000.00 Recommended: \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Land Use Planning Commission fee.

Raised 2024: \$12,240.00 Recommended: \$13,968.00

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance (Property/Casualty & Workers' Comp.)

Raised 2025: \$4,000.00 Recommended: \$3,387.00

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the tax mapping account.

Raised 2025: \$2,000.00 Recommended: \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the road sign account.

Raised 2025: \$400.00 Recommended: \$1200.00

Article 41. To see if the Plantation will authorize the Board of Assessors to appropriate \$5,600.00 from the Designated School Bus Reserve Fund to reduce the 2026 tax commitment for education.

Recommended: \$5,600.00

Note: The current balance is \$11,533.00. There is no further need for this Reserve Fund as all transportation costs are included in the Coplin School Budget. The intent is to appropriate \$5,600.00 over five years to extinguish this Reserve Fund. The School Board endorses this action. This is year four of the five-year drawdown.

Article 42. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for the on-going renovation of the Coplin Plantation School House, under the direction of the Coplin School House Historical Society (CPSHHS).

Raised 2025: \$1,250.00 Recommended: \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account (surplus) to the contingency account for unforeseen, unbudgeted, or emergency purposes.

Appropriated 2025: \$5,000.00 Recommended: \$5,000.00

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend up to 25% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate funding for major repair work on the Kennebago Road.

Recommended: Appropriate \$21,000.00 from Unassigned Fund Balance

Raise and Appropriate: \$21,000.00

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus) at their discretion to reduce the 2026 tax commitment.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate and sell land identified on Tax Map 7 Lot 43 currently used as a personal driveway for property located at Tax Map 7 Lot 34 to the current owner for a sum determined by the Assessors.

The Register of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at 5:30 PM, March 30, 2026 at the Stratton Community Building, Main Street, Stratton, ME for the purpose of correcting the voter list. Anyone who is not registered may not vote.

ATTEST:

Coplin Plantation
Mary Donoghue, Clerk

ASSESSORS:

Danial C. Barker

Robert Farrar

John Dodson