

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2025

For a Special Town Meeting to be held on October 29, 2025, Aroostook County, ss.

To: Rick Gibbs, a citizen of the Town of Hersey, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hersey in said County, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Patten Town Garage located within the said Town of Patten, at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, the 29th day of October in the year A.D. 2025, there and then to act on Articles 1 through 3.

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2

Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Hersey Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Ordinance" be enacted?

Explanatory Note: The Town has had a moratorium ordinance on Large-Scale Systems but has recently lapsed so requires a new or fresh voter approval to reinstate while the Town considers what type of ordinance to adopt regarding solar energy systems.

ARTICLE 3

To vote on a policy direction of the Town regarding solar energy systems to further develop a proposed ordinance regulating solar energy systems for future voter consideration, presented as follows:

Option 1: To develop an ordinance regulating solar energy systems that prohibits large-scale solar projects but allows small scale solar energy systems provided they satisfy permit standards to be defined in the ordinance.

Option 2: To develop an ordinance regulating solar energy systems that allows both large-scale and small-scale solar energy system projects provided they satisfy permit standards to be defined in the ordinance.

Explanatory Note: This article seeks the voters' input on what policy direction the Town should use to further develop a detailed ordinance regulating solar energy systems that would later be presented to voters for review and consideration at a future Town Meeting.

In general, large scale solar projects are commercial that generate power at or above a certain defined capacity (megawatts), certain defined acreage, or that transmit power offsite onto the grid for consumption.

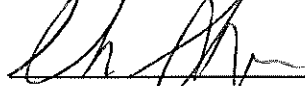
In general, small scale solar energy projects are those that involve onsite consumption

(e.g., residential use on a single property) or are below a certain defined capacity (megawatts), below a defined acreage, or involve projects that involve onsite consumption only (e.g., residential use on a single property; panels supporting a farm operations on that property only).

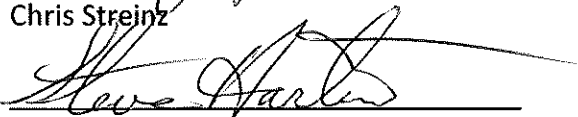
The Select Board encourages discussion of both Option 1 and Option 2, as well as what definitions to consider for large-scale and small-scale solar energy systems (e.g., megawatts, acreage, and/or onsite vs. onsite electricity consumption). After discussion, the Select Board requests a vote on which option the voters wish to pursue.

Dated this 21st day of October 2025.

Selectmen of Hersey



Chris Streinz



Steve Hartin

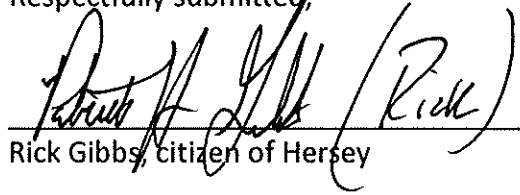
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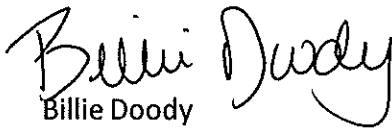
Town of Hersey, County of Aroostook, State of Maine. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Hersey, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the times and places for the purposes, therein named, posting this day attested copies of the Writ in Warrant, at the Patten Town Office, Patten Post Office and Ellis Family Market bulletin board, the same being public and conspicuous places within the Town.

DATED AT PATTEN, MAINE this 20th day of October, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,


Rick Gibbs, citizen of Hersey

ATTEST:


Billie Doody
Town Clerk