

**Warrant Article Language To be Placed on June 2024 Ballot**  
**re: Mayo Mill Dam**

**Question (Number TBD):** To see if the Town authorizes the Dover-Foxcroft Select Board to enter into an agreement with the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and others as may be beneficial for removal of the Mayo Mill Dam through the use of funds secured by ASF and TNC not through local taxes (initial estimated construction cost \$6,308,500), to initiate a process to develop a plan for a restored riverfront including enhancements to support economic and recreational opportunities for the downtown as well as opportunities for historic preservation, and to secure non local taxpayer funding to make riverfront improvements consistent with the plan (estimated cost \$6,000,000), all on the terms and conditions to be negotiated and approved by the Select Board acting in the best interests of the Town.

Dover-Foxcroft Select Board Recommends a “Yes” vote.

Dover-Foxcroft Mayo Mill Dam Steering Committee Recommends a “Yes” vote.

***Explanatory Note:***

*A “yes” vote means the Town authorizes the Select Board to remove the Mayo Mill Dam and develop a Riverfront Restoration Plan without using local taxes by entering into an agreement with the Atlantic Salmon Federation and The Nature Conservancy (or others as may be beneficial) to secure grants or other non-local tax sources. The availability of grants and other non-local taxpayer funding is time sensitive which is why the Select Board recommends a “yes” vote now to provide the Town with the best opportunity to secure these funds. Delaying action will decrease availability of grants and other non-local tax funding sources, and may result in lost opportunities all together to avoid use of local taxes on this project.*

*A “no” vote means the Town will need to fund studies, permitting, and repair construction costs of the Mayo Mill Dam using local taxes. Repair construction costs alone are initially estimated at \$7,500,000 - \$8,000,000 to fix the dam in compliance with federal regulations for dam safety and fish passage, with additional funding needed for annual dam maintenance and compliance costs. This is because Federal inspections of the Mayo Mill Dam show it has significant safety concerns.*

*The Town’s Mayo Mill Dam Steering Committee and Select Board performed extensive due diligence on options to address these safety concerns, weighing economic, social, historic, and environmental factors associated with dam removal or fixing the dam. This due diligence occurred for just over a year (12-14 months). Ultimately, both the Committee and Select Board recommend dam removal and a riverfront restoration plan as the best option. This is because it would be funded without local taxes and presents economic and recreational opportunities for the Town, with the ability to honor the historic contribution of the dam to the community.*

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Language Approved by the Town of Dover-Foxcroft Select Board on Monday, March 25, 2024