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TO: YORK COUNTY CITIES/TOWNS  
SUBJECT: COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE CAUCUSES  
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The caucuses to elect municipal and public representatives to membership on the York County Budget Committee are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at the York County Courthouse, 45 Kennebunk Road, Alfred, ME.**

In order for the caucuses to be successful, Elected Officials from the twenty- nine (29) cities and towns in the county should plan to attend. Only Elected Municipal Officials can vote to seat Budget Committee Members.

There are five (5) Districts in the County of York. Each district has two (2) elected municipal officials and one (1) member from the public for a total of three (3) members in each district and fifteen (15) members county-wide (5 districts x 3 members each = 15).

Included is a copy of the districts with the listing of the municipalities in each as well as the vacancies in each district and the length of term for each. The statute requires that only one (1) member can be elected from each town. A copy of the statute explaining the process is also attached.

Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

**COUNTY OF YORK**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**DISTRICT # 1**

ACTON, BERWICK, CORNISH, LEBANON, LIMINGTON  
NEWFIELD, NORTH BERWICK, PARSONSFIELD, SHAPLEIGH & SOUTH BERWICK

Paul Philbrick-Lebanon	Elected	Term expires 3-30-24
Jonathan Kinney-Limington	Elected	Term expires 3-30-25
<b>VACANT</b>	Public	Term expires 3-30-26

**DISTRICT #2**

ARUNDEL, BIDDEFORD, KENNEBUNK & KENNEBUNKPORT

Marc Lessard-Biddeford	Elected	Term expires 3-30-24
<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-25
<b>VACANT</b>	Public	Term expires 3-30-26

**DISTRICT #3**

BUXTON, HOLLIS, OLD ORCHARD BEACH & SACO

<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-25
<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-24
<b>VACANT</b>	Public	Term expires 3-30-26

**DISTRICT #4**

ALFRED, DAYTON, LIMERICK, LYMAN, SANFORD & WATERBORO

<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-26
<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-24
Jo-Ann Putnam-Alfred	Public	Term expires 3-30-25

**DISTRICT #5**

ELIOT, KITTERY, OGUNQUIT, WELLS & YORK

<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-26
<b>VACANT</b>	Elected	Term expires 3-30-24
Susan Wiswell-Kittery	Public	Term expires 3-30-25

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**§831. Committee established**

There is established the York County Budget Committee, referred to in this article as the "budget committee," to carry out the purposes of this article. As used in this article, "county commissioners" means the county commissioners of York County and "county" means York County. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).

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**§832. Membership**

The budget committee consists of 15 voting members and one nonvoting member selected as follows. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Municipal and public representatives.** No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, elected municipal officials within each commissioner district shall caucus and elect representatives to the budget committee from that district for terms as provided in paragraph A. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district, 2 of whom are elected municipal officials and one of whom is a public representative. No more than one member may represent the same municipality at a time.

A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus shall select one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. If a committee member ceases to be a municipal officer or official during the term of membership, the committee member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer or official to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

[PL 2007, c. 663, §14 (AMD).]

**2. Legislative member.** No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, the York County legislative delegation shall elect one of the delegation's members to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget committee.

[PL 2007, c. 663, §14 (AMD).]

**3. Committee chair.** The budget committee shall select its own chair each year.

[PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

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**§833. Budget procedures**

**1. Budget procedures.** The county commissioners shall submit itemized finance estimates in the form of a budget to the budget committee no later than 60 days before the end of the county's fiscal year.

[PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Budget review process.** The budget committee shall review the itemized estimated budget prepared by the county commissioners, together with any supplementary material prepared by the head of each county department or provided by any independent board or institution or another governmental agency. The budget committee shall prepare a proposed budget and may increase, decrease or alter the estimated budget as long as:

A. The budget committee enters into its minutes an explanation for any suggested change in the estimated expenditures and revenues as initially presented by the county commissioners; and [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

B. In the proposed budget, the total estimated revenues, together with the amount of county tax to be levied, equal the total estimated expenditures. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

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**3. Public hearing.** The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent by mail, or delivered in person, to the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

[PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Adoption of budget; tax levy.** After the public hearing is completed, the budget committee shall adopt a final budget and transmit that budget to the county commissioners.

A. The budget adopted by the budget committee may be changed only by a majority vote of the county commissioners and a majority vote of all elected members of the budget committee. Those actions are final and are not subject to further action by either the county commissioners or the budget committee. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

B. The budget adopted and changed under this subsection is the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes and the county tax authorized is apportioned and collected in accordance with section 706 ([./30-A/title30-Asec706.html](#)). [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW).]

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**§834. Interim budget**

If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, until a budget is finally adopted, the county shall operate on an interim budget which may not exceed 80% of the previous year's budget. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW) .

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**§835. Filing of final budget**

The budget committee shall file a copy of the final budget with the State Auditor on forms approved by the Office of the State Auditor. The State Auditor shall retain the forms for 3 years. [PL 1993, c. 623, §1 (NEW); PL 2013, c. 16, §10 (REV).]

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