

State of Maine

TOWN OF ADDISON

Washington, SS

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To, Irvin Pinkham, constable for the Town of Addison in the County of Washington and the State of Maine:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Addison, in the said County of Washington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the D. W. Merritt School in the said Town of Addison on March 12, 2019, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit;

Meeting opened at 7:15PM.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
3 votes cast. Chris Chartrand elected Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for the governance of this meeting.
Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw membership with Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District and switch to Mark Wright Disposal for municipal solid waste services.

A public hearing was held on November 13, 2018. By switching, the town would save an estimated \$55,000. Mark Wright Disposal Service has offered members of Pleasant River Solid Waste an option to use it's service without any membership fee.
Accepted as written. Seconded. 156 votes cast. 43 Votes to Withdraw from PRSSWDD and 113 Votes to keep PRSSWDD. Article 3 did not pass to withdraw from PRSSWDD.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.** from **Surplus** for the removal of the "old clam shop" located at 5 Clamshell Lane, Tax Map 1 - Lot 105.

The Town had previously voted to "authorize the Selectmen to make arrangements to have the buildings removed and to place liens on the properties to recover the cost of removal". (Article 31 of the March 2009 Town Meeting) The Town has expended

\$16,542 in legal fees for a court order to remove the building. The Town has been trying to work with the owner for over 15 years. The owner is currently in bankruptcy. The Selectmen will make every attempt to recover costs from the property owner as part of legal action.

Article 4 - Budget Committee: Motion to appropriate \$15,000 3 yays, 5 nays. Did not pass

Article 4 -Budget Committee: Motion to appropriate \$10,000 3 yays, 6 nays. Did not pass
Motion to table indefinitely. Seconded to table. Tabled indefinitely.

Article 5. To choose a Selectman to serve a three-year term.

(Timothy H. Thompson's term expires March 2019.)

146 votes cast. William Gray - 81 | Keith Newman - 41 | Judy Rolfe - 23 | Chris Chartrand - declined.

No one - 1 vote. William Gray was elected Selectman to serve a three-year term.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer's position from Elected to Appointed beginning Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Most Maine towns have switched to an appointed Treasurer's position. This will allow the Selectmen to ensure a qualified individual will be chosen using the hiring process should a vacancy occur.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Accepted as written. Seconded. 136 votes cast. Yes - 95. No - 41. Passed as Appointed/Selectmen would hire a qualified candidate.

Article 7. If the Preceding Article does not pass: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

(John R. Woodward's term expires March 2019. John is not seeking re-election)

Dead Article.

Article 8. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

(Osborne Davis' term expires March 2019)

134 votes cast. Obbie - 44 | Marcus Norton - 89 | No one - 1.

Article 9. To choose two Overseers of General Assistance for the ensuing year.

(Recommended: Kimbley Davis and Amy Lenfestey)

Kimbley Davis and Amy Lenfestey were nominated to be the Overseers of General Assistance. 3 votes cast. Kimbley Davis and Amy Lenfestey were elected as the two Overseers of General Assistance.

Article 10. To choose a Director of SAD # 37 to serve a three-year term.

(Everett Grant's term expires March 2019, Everett is not seeking re-election.)

Chris Chartrand and Sherry Batson were nominated. Sherry Batson declined. 3 votes cast. Chris Chartrand was elected as the Director of SAD#37 to serve a three-year term.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all minor officers. Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State Funds, and/or Donations, that may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year. Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to create a new "Reserve" account to cover overages in any other line item town expense account that may occur during the fiscal year.

This account allows the Town to accumulate funds donated or awarded to the town by other sources than Federal or State government and/or grant funds. This account will accrue funding year over year with no contribution to surplus each year if the next two articles also pass.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Did not pass.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to move funds from the preceding Reserve

account to any other line item account in the budget for the purpose of balancing the immediate needs of changing demands of the government.

Should the Reserve account above be created, to allow the Selectmen to use the funds in the account to meet changing demands of the government, this article is needed.
Dead Article.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to fund the preceding Reserve account from reimbursements of legal expenses, shoreland zoning fines, and other sources.

Currently, there is no authority that allows the Selectmen in the name of the Town to accept gifts or other revenue from sources other than State or Federal government.
Dead Article.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay any tax abatement refunds and interest from the Overlay Account.
(Amount raised for Overlay FY 18-19 \$34,989.37 Total Abatements FY 18-19 \$4,435.39)
Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town of abated taxes at a rate of 3%, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.
(Maine State Minimum is 3%)
Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to charge 9% interest on all taxes collected after December 31st of the year of commitment. This authority granted herin shall be continued until revoked, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 505 (4).
(Maine State maximum allowed is 9%)
Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to automatically credit

overpayments of \$20.00 or less to the next year's tax and any amount greater than \$20.00 will be refunded to the taxpayer.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, without interest, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 506.

Prepayments of up to 75% of last years tax commitment.

Accept as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of interest at a rate of 3% on any overpayment of taxes due to an estimated prepayment of taxes before the commitment date that is greater than the final assessment, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506.

(Maine State Minimum is 3%)

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money and issue the Town's negotiable notes therefore in anticipation of taxes in an amount not to exceed the taxable year of 2019 from money raised by Taxation during that year.

This article would allow the Selectmen to take out a tax anticipation loan in order to continue paying bills until taxes are committed and monies start coming in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Accept as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through non payment of taxes to the public by sealed bid or public auction at such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deed for such property: except the

Board of Selectmen may at their discretion allow the immediate previous owner up to 30 days to redeem such property by payment of All unpaid taxes on said property plus interest, lien costs and recording fees.

Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy established for Addison by State Law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved in the following articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than that Tax Levy Limit.

Passing this article: does not increase your taxes, confirms the tax appropriations approved by town voters at this meeting;

and gives the town power to override the State's Property Tax Levy Limit for Addison.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 3% on all Real Estate Taxes if paid in full on or before the 30th day of commitment. Post mark on 30th day will be accepted. Amount to be raised from

Taxation \$40,000.00

**Recommended by the Budget Committee unanimously. Taxes are committed the same day bills are mailed.*

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue use of the Wind Turbine and to offer it for sale.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Buildings Maintenance Committee. The costs to maintain the Wind Turbine outweigh the benefits. Annual estimated savings: \$1,000. Estimated maintenance costs: \$2,500 - \$3,000 every 5 years.

Proceeds of the sale would accrue to the budget approved in Article 28.

Accepted. Seconded. Passed.

Article 27. If the preceding article does not pass, To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$3,000.00** from **Surplus** to maintain the Turbine.

The account balance of \$1,535 will be Carried Forward and used towards Maintenance costs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Budget Committee: 7 yeays, 1 nay, 1 abstention.

Dead Article.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$54,200** from **Taxation** for continued maintenance and to continue renovations to the Town Hall building.

Motion to amend article to read "To see if the Town will vote to raise \$54,200 from Taxation for continued maintenance on current town owned properties and to continue renovations to the Town Hall building. Seconded. Passed as amended.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$96,532.50** from **Taxation** for Pleasant River Ambulance.

**Last FY Appropriation was \$85,138.50. This FY's budget request represents an increase of \$11,394. (13% increase)*

Budget Committee: 5 yeays, 4 nays to make no recommendation.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unappropriated Surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2019-20. *(§7,500 was authorized for FY 2018-19)*

**\$15,000 is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee*

Motion to authorize \$10,000. Seconded. Passed.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums requested in the schedule listed below; raise from Taxation the sums requested and transfer funds from Surplus, Vehicle Excise Tax, and License Fees as requested in the following schedule:

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from TAXATION* **\$365,810.98**

**Does not include proposed appropriations from Taxation in other warrant articles.*

Department	Proposed Budget
Payroll*	\$125,000.00
Health Insurance	\$35,957.00
Computer Equip/Software	\$2,306.00
Shellfish	\$18,088.00
ReSeeding	\$750.00
Fire Department	\$56,805.00
Fire St Construction Loan	\$35,537.35
Rescue Truck Loan	\$11,674.63
Street Lighting	\$3,500.00
Pleasant River Solid Waste	\$57,311.00

**Includes Salary Increases for the Office Staff*

TAXATION Continued

Tax Maps/Assessing	\$18,382.00
Security System	\$500.00

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from SURPLUS* **\$65,850.00**

**Does not include proposed appropriations from Surplus in other warrant articles.*

Department	Proposed Budget
Administration	\$27,817.00
Legal Expenses	\$20,000.00
Animal Control	\$2,890.00
Unemployment Fund	\$465.00
General Assistance	\$2,000.00
Mayhew Public Library	\$3,290.00

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Budget Committee: 6 yavs, 3 nays.

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Budget Committee: 8 yavs, 1 nay.

Veterans Graves	\$2,550.00
Fireworks	\$4,500.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$2,338.00

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

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Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from

EXCISE TAX

\$241,364.00

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Department	Proposed Budget
Paving Contingency	\$50,000.00
Town Roads	\$37,664.00
Snow Removal/Sand-Salt	\$153,700.00

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/4 of the budget amount in each budget category of the 2019-20 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2020 to the March 10, 2020 annual town meeting. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is a forward-looking article that provides continuing spending authority to the municipal officers for municipal expenditures made after the end of the budget or fiscal year being voted on in other parts of the same warrant but before the next annual town meeting or other meeting at which the next annual budget is adopted. The continuing authority is stated as a fraction of a 12-month budget.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Addison Building Permit Ordinance (Revised May 13, 2010), to insert the following text after "Variance Requests" and before "Reconstruction":
Removal of Structures

In order to facilitate record keeping and to properly notify the Tax Assessor of the removal of taxable structures within the Town of Addison, owners are encouraged to file a Structure Removal Permit with the

CEO. This permit is a no fee permit. The CEO will inspect the site to confirm the removal of the structure referenced on the permit, after the date referenced on the permit for removal, and provide the appropriate notifications to the Assessor.

Said initial inspection will be at no cost to the property owner. Should the structure not be removed as stated on the permit, subsequent inspections by the CEO to confirm removal will be performed at the normal rate as "CEO Service Charge Fee". Property owner can reschedule CEO inspections at any time to accommodate any removal schedule changes.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,998.00** from **Surplus** for the support of the Down East Community Partners (formerly Washington Hancock Community Agency).

Budget Committee: 7 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention to not recommend.

Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.

Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Total number of voters - 166 Voters

The Following Organizations have requested donations:

The LifeFlight Foundation	230-7092
Community Health & Counseling	947-0366
Eastern Area on Aging	(800) 432-7812
Washington County Soil & Water	255-4659
WIC Program	667-5304

American Red Cross

941-2903

Maine Public (PBS)

(800) 884-1717

Lamb House

PO Box 355 Cherryfield

HEAL (Downeast Aids)

990-3626

Selectman:

Thomas W. Batson



Selectman:

Verlan R. Lenfestey, Jr.



Selectman:

William R. Gray



Clerk:

Kimbley M. Davis

