

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 8 ,2016, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit;

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Volunteer Ballot Clerks were John Rittenhouse, Cheryl Paul and Donna Kausen. Ballot clerks were sworn in by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 1. Christopher Chartrand was nominated. 3 votes casts - 3 votes for Christopher Chartrand. Christopher Chartrand was elected as Moderator. Moderator was sworn in by the Clerk. Meeting was turned over to the Moderator.

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.

Article 2. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 3. To choose a Selectman to serve a three-year term.

(Michael L. Murphy's term expires March 2016)

Article 3. Timothy Thompson was nominated. 3 votes casts - 3 votes for Timothy Thompson. Timothy Thompson was elected as Selectman.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

(John R. Woodward's term expires March 2016)

Article 4. John Woodward was nominated. 4 votes casts - 4 votes for John Woodward.

John Woodward was elected as Treasurer.

Article 5. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

(Osborne Davis' term expires March 2016)

Article 5. Osborne Davis and Harold Tyler were nominated. 112 votes casts - Osborne Davis-73 votes and Harold Tyler-39 votes. Osborne Davis was elected as Road Commissioner.

Article 6. To choose two Overseers of General Assistance for the ensuing year.

(Recommended: Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd)

Article 6. Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd were nominated. 3 votes casts - 3 votes for Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd. Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd were elected as Overseers of General Assistance.

Article 7. To choose a Director of SAD # 37 to serve a three-year term.

(Everett Grant's term expires March 2016)

Article 7. Everett Grant was nominated. 3 votes casts - 3 votes for Everett Grant.

Everett Grant was elected as Director of SAD #37.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all minor officers.

Article 8. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 9. 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, that may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year.

Article 9. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 10. 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 15-16 \$13,842.71 . Total Abatements FY 15-16 \$13,857.87)

Article 10. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 11. 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%)

Article 11. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to charge 7% interest on all taxes collected after December 31st of the year of commitment. This authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 505 (4).

(Maine State maximum allowed is 7%)

Article 12. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 13. 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.

Article 13. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 14. 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.

Article 14. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 15. 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%)

Article 15. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 16. 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 2016 from money raised by Taxation during that year.

Article 16. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 17. 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.

Article 17. Motion made to remove the words "sealed bid". After much discussion the moderator asked for a show of hands to approve the amendment. This failed by the majority of the vote. The article was then accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 18. 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*

Article 18. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 19. 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 \$38,500.00.**

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

Article 19. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 20. 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 the Budget Committee*

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **TAXATION** **\$331,177.35**

| Department | Proposed Budget |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Payroll | \$110,921.00 |
| Health Insurance | \$19,770.00 |
| *Computer Equip/Software | \$7,200.00 |
| Shellfish | \$6,000.00 |
| Fire Department | \$56,200.00 |
| Fire St Construction Loan | \$35,537.35 |
| Street Lighting | \$3,200.00 |
| Pleasant River Solid Waste | \$36,500.00 |
| Pleasant River Ambulance | \$33,549.00 |
| Town Roads | \$12,000.00 |
| Tax Maps/Assessing | \$10,300.00 |

| <u>Payroll Budget</u> |
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| <i>Selectmen \$8,400.00</i> |
| <i>Overseers General Assist \$350.00</i> |
| <i>Fire Chief \$3,000.00</i> |
| <i>Assistant Fire Chief \$500.00</i> |
| <i>Treasurer \$3,000.00</i> |
| <i>*Office Staff \$83,974.00</i> |
| <i>Code Enforcement Officer \$3,600.00</i> |
| <i>Town Payroll Taxes \$10,000.00</i> |
| \$112,824.00 |
| \$1,903.00 <i>Minus Carry Forward</i> |
| \$110,921.00 |

**Includes a \$2,500. contingency.*

**Includes a 3% Increase*

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **SURPLUS** **\$51,296.00**

| Department | Proposed Budget |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Administration | \$22,000.00 |
| Legal Expenses | \$2,500.00 |
| Unemployment Fund | \$450.00 |
| Street Signs | \$175.00 |
| General Assistance | \$2,000.00 |
| Animal Welfare | \$1,840.00 |
| Revitalization/Energy Commi | \$1,115.00 |
| Mayhew Public Library | \$3,000.00 |
| Veterans Graves | \$1,950.00 |
| Fireworks | \$4,000.00 |
| Maine Municipal Association | \$2,266.00 |
| Paving-Contingency | \$10,000.00 |

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **EXCISE TAX** **\$207,174.73**

| Department | Proposed Budget |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Paving-Loan | \$39,803.73 |
| Sand-Salt Shed Payment | \$27,371.00 |
| Snow Removal/Sand-Salt | \$140,000.00 |

Article 20. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all snowmobile registration reimbursements from the State to **either** the Narraguagus Snowmobile Club **or** the Indian River Tamers Club to be used to establish and maintain existing trails for the use and recreation of all citizens.

**Amount to be transferred \$390.00*

Article 21. Motion was made to transfer the snowmobile registration reimbursements to the Indian River Tamers Club. This was accepted and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each budget category of the 2016-17 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2017 to the March 14, 2017 annual town meeting.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Article 22. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 23. 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 2016-17.

(\$7,500 was authorized for FY 2015-16)

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

Article 23. Motion was made for the sum of \$7500.00. This amount was accepted and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,998.00 for the support of the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA).

A petition was circulated to place the request on the warrant. If this article passes, appropriation will be raised from Surplus.

**Not recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article 24. Accepted as written. Representative from WHCA was there to give a summary of the assistance that has been issued to the residents of Addison. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to replace Section 5 Licensing, Part D-2 of the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance as follows: On the first day of license sales, the total number of non-resident licenses issued the previous year shall be made available. Thereafter, non-resident licenses will be issued in accordance with the 10% rule as described in M.R.S.A. 6671 (3E) Chapter 7 of the DMR Regulations.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 25. Motion was made to amend first sentence to read "On the first day of license sales, 10% of the number of total resident licenses issued in the previous year shall be made available to qualified non-residents". This was recommended by D.M.R. Amended article was accepted as read then passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to remove the specific license fees, as recommended by DMR from Section 5 Licensing, Part D-3 and Part I of the Shellfish Ordinance allowing the Shellfish Committee to set license fees with approval from the Selectmen.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 26. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 27. If the preceding article does not pass: To see if the Town will vote to increase Commercial Shellfish License fees to \$150. for residents with conservation time, \$300. for residents without conservation time, \$300. for non-residents with Conservation time and \$450. for non-residents without conservation time. Section 5 Licensing, Part D-3 of the Shellfish Ordinance.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 27. This article was Invalid as article 26 was passed.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 Licensing, Part D-5 of the Shellfish Ordinance by deleting the current text and inserting the following: The Town Clerk of the Town of Addison shall make available resident and non-resident shellfish licenses on June 20th of each year.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 28. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 Licensing, Part D-6 of the Shellfish Ordinance by removing the second sentence and inserting the following text: If an individual obtains the appropriate conservation time, but is unable to obtain a commercial shellfish license, their conservation time will rollover to the next year or until they are offered a commercial license.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 29. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to remove the specific number of hours for the conservation time requirement in Section 5, Part A-2 (a) of the Shellfish Ordinance. Conservation time varies given the type of conservation activity and duration of the tide.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 30. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to remove the text from Section 5 Licensing, Part A-2 (b) of the Shellfish Ordinance and replace it with the following text: Conservation activities will be determined by the Addison Shellfish Committee at a regular meeting.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 31. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to insert the word "personal" before the word "use" in Section 5 Licensing, Part A-3 and 4 of the Shellfish Ordinance since recreational harvest licenses are for personal use only.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 32. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 Opening and Closing of Flats, Part A and B of the Shellfish Ordinance by deleting the text of Part A and B and insert the following text in Part A: Any area that is closed by the State of Maine to shellfish harvesting due to bacterial pollution, whether classified as prohibited or restricted, is automatically closed by the Town of Addison for Conservation.

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 33. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 Definitions, Part A of the Shellfish Ordinance to increase the time requirement for residency in the Town of Addison from 3 (three) to 6 (six) months. This will be the same amount of time required by the State of Maine to be considered a resident.

Shellfish Committee Recommended

Article 34. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to add to Section 4 Definitions of the Shellfish Ordinance the following: Part E. Recreational: Refers to "Personal Use Only".

D.M.R. Recommended

Article 35. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 Licensing, Part B-2 of the Shellfish Ordinance by inserting the following text: If a shellfish license applicant's stated residency is questionable, they must provide documentation as requested by the Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk verifying their residency with the current address.

Shellfish Committee Recommended

Article 36. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to close the flats to harvesting of soft-shell clams at night from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise. (Shellfish Ordinance Section 6 Opening and Closing of Flats, Part B.)

Shellfish Committee Recommended

Article 37. Accepted as written. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to continue with the Renovation Plan of the Town Hall/Offices.

Article 38. Motion was made and accepted for a written ballot. A request was made for clarification of the article. Motion was made to table the article. 106 votes casts - YES - 97 votes and NO - 9 votes. Article is tabled.

Article 39. If the preceding article does not pass: To see if the Town will vote to build a new 50 x 40 ft. Town Hall/Offices and to spend up to \$8,500. from the Town Hall Renovations account for the design of a new Town Hall/Offices.

Article 39. This article was Invalid as article 38 was tabled.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours on said day of election, while polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person who becomes eighteen years of age on Election Day or after the close of registration prior to it. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

The following organizations have requested donations:

The Lifelight Foundation, P.O. Box 899, Camden, ME. 04843

Eastern Area on Aging, 450 Essex Street, Bangor, ME. 04401-3937

Community Health & Counseling Services, P.O. Box 425, Bangor, ME. 04402-0425

WIC Program, 248 State Street, Mill Mall, Suite 3A Box 10, Ellsworth, ME. 04605

American Red Cross, 145 Exchange St., Suite 1, Bangor, ME. 04401

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Town of Addison, Maine
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March 8, 2016

Warrant Article #1 through Article #39 with results are attached.

Dated: _____

Municipal Officers:

Timothy Thompson

Thomas W. Batson

David M. Ingersoll

A true copy of Warrant:

Attest: _____
Alice M. Tucker, Clerk
Town of Addison, Maine