

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 10, 2020, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit;*

**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 choose a Selectman to serve a three-year term.

*(Thomas W. Batson's term expires March 2020)*

**73 votes cast. Joshua Stubbs - 49 | Thomas Batson - 24**

**Joshua Stubbs was elected Selectman to serve a three-year term.**

**Article 4.** To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

*(Marcus Norton's term expires March 2020)*

**74 votes cast. Osborne Davis - 13 | Marcus Norton - 61**

**Marcus Norton was elected Road Commissioner to serve a one-year term**

**Article 5.** To choose two Overseers of General Assistance for the ensuing year.

*(Recommended: Kimbley Davis and Amy Lenfestey)*

**Moved to accept the nominations. Seconded. Passed**

**Article 6.** To choose a Director of SAD # 37 to serve a three-year term.

*Gary Magby's term expires March 2020.*

**3 votes cast. Gary Magby was elected Director of SAD# 37 to serve a 3-year term.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all minor officers.

*Taken out of order*

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 8.** 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. | 1 opposed**

**Article 9.** 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 19-20 \$35,984.90/Total Abatements FY 19-20 \$6,485.06)*

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 10.** 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 5%, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 11.** 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 herein 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 12.** 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.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to accept prepayments of up to 75% of last year's tax commitment on taxes not yet committed, without interest, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A § 506.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 14.** 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.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 15.** 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 2020 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.*

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 16.** 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 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).*

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 17.** 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.*

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 18.** 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 \$45,000.00**

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise **and appropriate \$45,500** from **Taxation** for continued maintenance on current town owned properties and to continue renovations to the Town Hall building.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed. | 1 opposed**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise **and appropriate \$96,532.50** from **Taxation** for Pleasant River Ambulance.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed. | 5 opposed**

**Article 21.** 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 2020-21. *(\$10,000 was authorized for FY 2019-20)*

**Motioned to raise the same amount as FY2019-2020. Seconded. Passed**

**Article 22.** 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:

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **TAXATION\*** **\$385,364.68**

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

<b>Department</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Payroll*	<b>\$125,115.00</b>
Health Insurance	<b>\$23,853.00</b>
Computer Equip/Software	<b>\$6,981.00</b>
Shellfish	<b>\$6,057.00</b>
Forest Fire	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

*\*Includes Salary Increases for the Office Staff*

*\*Includes 7% Increase and Insurance for 3 Employees*

**TAXATION Continued**

Fire Department	<b>\$57,301.00</b>
Fire St Construction Loan	<b>\$35,537.35</b>
Rescue Truck Loan	<b>\$11,674.63</b>
Street Lighting	<b>\$3,374.00</b>
Pleasant River Solid Waste	<b>\$50,181.70</b>
Tax Maps/Assessing	<b>\$36,091.00</b>
Security System	<b>\$500.00</b>

Addison Harbors **\$26,699.00**

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **SURPLUS\*** **\$57,067.00**

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

<b>Department</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Administration	<b>\$23,112.00</b>
Legal Expenses	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
Animal Control	<b>\$1,348.00</b>
Unemployment Fund	<b>\$424.00</b>
General Assistance	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Mayhew Public Library	<b>\$3,290.00</b>
Fireworks	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
Maine Municipal Association	<b>\$2,393.00</b>

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **EXCISE TAX** **\$243,611.00**

*Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

<b>Department</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Paving Contingency	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
Town Roads	<b>\$37,664.00</b>
Snow Removal/Sand-Salt	<b>\$155,947.00</b>

**Article 23.** 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 2020-21 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2021 to the March 9, 2021 annual town meeting.

*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 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of the 'Shellfish Conservation Ordinance' by replacing the text as follows: "A. Resident: The term resident refers to a person who has been domiciled in this municipality for at least Six consecutive months directly prior to the time of their claim of such Residence is made.

The burden of proof will be on the applicant. To best determine resident eligibility new residents shall provide ~~two~~ **"Three (3)"** forms of proof of residency from the list below. At least one shall be from Section 3 in chart below. All licensed harvesters will provide proof of residency on an annual basis. Junior/Student Resident must have Parental/Custodial proof of residency.

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

**Article 24. Continued**

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Deed AND record of most recent mortgage payment</li> <li>• Copy of lease AND record of most recent legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy</li> <li>• Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy AND record of most recent rent payment</li> </ul>	<p>A Utility bill or other work order dated within the past 60 days including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Gas Bill</li> <li>*Oil Bill</li> <li>*Electric Bill</li> <li>*Telephone Bill</li> <li>*Cable or Satellite Bill</li> </ul> <p>Dated within the past year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*W-2 Form</li> <li>*Excise (vehicle) tax bill</li> <li>*Property Tax bill</li> </ul> <p>Dated with the past 60 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Letter from approved Government Agency</li> <li>*Payroll Stub</li> <li>*Bank or Credit Card Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Driver's License displaying physical address</li> <li>• Valid Maine photo ID card displaying physical address</li> <li>• Valid Passport displaying physical address</li> <li>• Current vehicle registration displaying physical address.</li> </ul>

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 of the 'Shellfish Conservation Ordinance' by replacing the text as follows: ~~Night Digging~~ **"Harvesting"**: The Town of Addison will close the Shellfish Flats to harvesting of soft-shell clams at night: ~~from one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise.~~

**"April 1st to November 30th" one half (1/2) hour after sunset until one half (1/2) hour before sunrise.**

**December 1st to March 31st two (2) hours after sunset to two (2) hours before sunrise."**

*Motioned to take out of order. Seconded. Unanimous. Will be addressed at Special Town Meeting.*



**Article 26.** 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).

**Accepted as written. Seconded. Passed.**

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



