

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 13, 2018, 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.

Article #1. Chris Chartrand was nominated and elected to be Moderator. "Show of hands." Unanimous vote for Chris Chartrand. Moderator was sworn in by the Clerk. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM due to weather until 3/20/18. Will start with Article 2 at that time.

MEETING RECONVENED 3/20/18

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. The rules of procedure in the Maine Moderator's Manual were adopted for this meeting by the majority of the votes.

Article 3. To see if the Town of Addison agrees with the Washington County Commissioners and the County Sheriff that additional expenditures for additional officers is warranted. *This is an advisory vote and is not legally binding.*

Article #3. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 4. To choose a Selectman to serve a three-year term.

(David M. Ingersoll's term expires March 2018. David is not seeking re-election.)

Article #4. Peter Davis | VJ Lenfestey | Roberta Pinkham | Keith Newman were nominated. 109 votes cast. Peter Davis - 6/VJ Lenfestey - 71/Roberta Pinkham - 13/Keith Newman - 19. Verlan Lenfestey Jr. was elected Selectman to serve a three-year term.

Article 5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

(John R. Woodward's term expires March 2018)

Article #5. John Woodward was nominated and elected. 4 votes were cast.

Article 6. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

(Osborne Davis' term expires March 2018)

Article #6. Obbie Davis was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast.

Article 7. To choose an Overseer of General Assistance for the ensuing year.

(Recommended: Kimbley Davis)

Article #7. Kimbley Davis was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast.

Article 8. To choose a Director of SAD # 37 to serve a three-year term.

(Debra Murphy's term expires March 2018)

Article #8. Debra Murphy was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all minor officers.

Article #9. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 10. 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 #10. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 11. 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 17-18 \$50,441.41 Total Abatements FY 17-18 \$2,466.03)

Article #11. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 12. 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 #12. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to charge 8% 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 8%)

Article #13. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 14. 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 #14. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 15. 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.

Article #15. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 16. 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 #16. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 17. 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 2018 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.

Article #17. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 18. 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 #18. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 19. 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 #19. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 20. 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 \$33,920.00.

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

Article #20. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 21. 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** **\$371,794.45**

Department	Proposed Budget	Payroll Budget	Last FY
Payroll	\$100,210.00	Selectmen \$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
Health Insurance	\$20,491.00	Overseers General Assist \$350.00	\$350.00
Computer Equip/Software	\$13,710.00	Fire Chief \$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Shellfish	\$15,128.00	Assistant Fire Chief \$500.00	\$500.00
ReSeeding	\$1,750.00	*Treasurer \$3,600.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Department	\$53,890.00	*Office Staff \$81,000.00	\$80,000.00
Emergency Management*	\$655.00	*Code Enforcement Officer \$4,800.00	\$3,600.00
Fire St Construction Loan	\$35,537.35	Minor Officers (Constable) \$650.00	\$3,900.00

Rescue Truck Loan	\$11,674.63
Buildings Maintenance	\$29,600.00
Street Lighting**	\$3,180.00
Pleasant River Solid Waste	\$43,125.47
Town Roads	\$9,243.00
Paving Contingency	\$20,000.00
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$13,600.00

*Budget Committee made no recommendation.

**Budget Committee passed by a vote of 2/5 with 3 abstaining.

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from

SURPLUS

\$62,365.00

Department	Proposed Budget
Administration	\$25,970.00
Legal Expenses*	\$10,000.00
Dangerous Buildings*	\$5,000.00
Unemployment Fund	\$456.00
Street Signs	\$484.00
General Assistance	\$2,000.00
Revitalization/Energy Commi	\$2,965.00
Mayhew Public Library	\$3,290.00
Veterans Graves	\$1,384.00
Fireworks	\$4,000.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$2,316.00
Fire Dept-Grant Match	\$4,500.00

Town Payroll Taxes \$10,500.00

*Includes salary increases: \$112,800.00

\$12,590.00 Minus Carry Forward

\$100,210.00

\$10,500.00

\$113,250.00

*Budget Committee made no recommendation.

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from

EXCISE TAX

\$216,448.00

Department	Proposed Budget	
Paving Contingency	\$30,000.00	
Sand-Salt Shed Payment	\$27,371.00	Final Payment
Snow Removal/Sand-Salt	\$159,077.00	

Article #21. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,138.50 from Taxation for Pleasant River Ambulance. *A motion is needed by a representative of PRA to take this article out of order.*

**Last FY Appropriation was \$57,603.00. This FY's budget request represents an increase of \$27,535.50.*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article #22. Tabled until Courtney Hammond was able to attend. Cheryl Paul spoke on PRAS' behalf in the interim. Motion to amend and accept last yr's amount - \$57,603.00 | Seconded . Not passed by majority of the votes as townspeople wanted to wait to hear a response from Courtney Hammond. Courtney Hammond presented facts that supported PRAS' increases in costs/operating expenses. Further discussion on the floor by townspeople was if there would be consent increases in the future. Tim Thompson " Town should stay with PRAS. No better than PRAS when it is working well. Not managed well." Motion to amend as written. Seconded. Passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$8,200.00 from Taxation for the addition of Fire monitoring to the burglar alarm system at the Town Hall.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Budget committee passed by a vote of 2/5 with 3 abstaining.*

Article #23. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 24. 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 2018-19 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2019 to the March 12, 2019 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.

Article #24. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 25. 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 2018-19. *(§7,500 was authorized for FY 2017-18)*

**§7,500 is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee*

Article #25. Accepted with \$7,500.00 and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to replace the current Addison Shellfish Ordinance with the proposed Addison Shellfish Ordinance created by The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) and the Shellfish Committee.

**Recommended by DMR, the Shellfish Committee and the Board of Selectmen*

Article #26. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4 'Town of Addison Harbor Committee' of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance by replacing the text as follows: "The Harbor Committee shall consist of **five (5)** members **plus two (2)** alternates, appointed by the Board of Selectmen."

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Article #27. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4 'Town of Addison Harbor Committee' of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance by replacing the following text as follows: "Harbor Committee members shall be appointed ~~for (2) two years with overlapping terms so that approximately half the membership shall be subject to change each year.~~" **annually.**"

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

Article #28. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 1: General Provisions 'Usage' of the Harbor and

Coastal Ordinance by replacing the text as follows: "No person shall loiter, create a public nuisance, or partake of alcoholic beverages on a town float, pier, wharf, ramp, or landing. No person shall be allowed on these facilities after 10:00 p.m. or before 5:00 a.m. unless going to or from a vessel. In addition there shall be no overnight camping. **Limited overnight parking is allowed in designated areas with permission from the Harbor Master."** ~~or parking at either of the Addison Town Landing facilities."~~

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

Article #29. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 1-1 Addison Town Landing Facilities: "E. Storage of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance by adding the following text: "These facilities are not to be used for the storage of **personal and commercial property, including but not limited to vessels, gear, traps, drags, smelt huts, and other equipment.** No drags or other equipment shall be allowed to obstruct the launching ramps or otherwise be placed in such a manner that will inhibit access to the floats or approach to the launching areas **at any time.** **Violation of this article will result in a per day fine as defined by the Addison Board of Selectmen annually."**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Article #30. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance.

The Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance passed at last year's Town Meeting has expired.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Article #31. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 32. 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).

**No recommendation from the Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee.*

Article #32. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.


The Following Organizations have requested donations:

The LifeFlight Foundation

230-7092

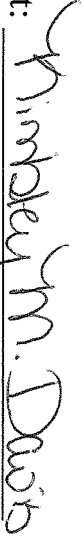
Community Health & Counseling	947-0366
Eastern Area on Aging	(800) 432-7812
Washington County Soil & Water	255-4659
WIC Program	667-5304
American Red Cross	941-2903
Maine Public (PBS)	(800) 884-1717
Lamb House	PO Box 355 Cherryfield
HEAL (Downeast Aids)	990-3626

Selectmen:


Timothy H. Thompson


Verlan R. Lenfesty Jr.


Thomas W. Batson

Attest: 
Kimbley M. Davis, Clerk
Town of Addison, Maine