

TOWN OF ADDISON

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 said Town of Addison on March 10, 2015, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose three (3) ballot clerks.

Article #1 **Volunteers were Cheryl Paul, Donna Kausen and John Rittenhouse, ballot clerks were sworn in by the Clerk.**

Article 2. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article #2 **Richard Paul was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast. Moderator was sworn in by the Clerk.**

Article 3. 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 #3 **The rules of procedure in the Maine Moderator's Manual was adopted for this meeting by the majority of the votes.**

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

David M. Ingersoll's term expires March 2015

Article #4 **David Ingersoll and Dan Fortin were nominated. A total of 57 votes were cast. David Ingersoll received 36 votes and Dan Fortin received 21 votes. David Ingersoll was elected for Selectman- 3 year term by the majority of the votes.**

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

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

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

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

Article 7. To choose two Overseers of General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Recommended: Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd

Article #7 **Alice Tucker and Bobbi Floyd were nominated and elected. 4 votes for both were cast.**

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

Debra Murphy's term expires March 2015

Article #8 Debra Murphy and Chris Chartrand were nominated. A total of 51 votes were cast. Debra Murphy received 29 votes and Chris Chartrand received 22 votes. Debra Murphy was elected by the majority of the votes.

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

Article #9 Accepted as written and passed by the 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, which may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year.

Article #10 Accepted as written and passed by the 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 14-15 \$12,435.08. Total Abatements FY 14-15 \$7,415.00*)

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

Article 13. 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. Amount to be raised from Taxation \$31,395.00

**Recommended by the Budget Committee.*

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

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

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or the 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 #15 Accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or the Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed (up to 75% of the previous year amount) pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

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

Article 17. 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%) *See Article 16*

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

Article 18. 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 2015 from money raised by Taxation during that year.

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

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

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,800.00 from Taxation for the salaries of Town Officers and Office Staff and to approve the salaries as per the following schedule:

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| Selectmen | 8,400.00 |
| Overseers General Assistance | 350.00 |
| Fire Chief | 3,000.00 |
| 1 st Assistant Fire Chief | 500.00 |
| Treasurer | 3,000.00 |
| Office Staff | 81,350.00 |
| Code Enforcement Officer | 3,600.00 |
| Town Payroll Taxes | 10,000.00 |
| <i>Subtract Carry Forward Balance</i> | <i>-2,400.00</i> |
| | \$107,800.00* |

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

Article #20 Accepted as written and passed by the 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:

From Taxation:

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| Employee Health Insurance | 17,975.00 |
| Computer Equipment/Software | 3,893.00 |
| Ambulance Service | 31,903.20 |
| Assessing/ Mapping | 11,537.00 |
| Fire Department | 46,011.00 |
| Fire Station Lot Loan | 12,259.54 |

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| Town Roads | 11,390.00 |
| Paving Contingency | 10,000.00 |
| Fire Station Building Loan | 35,537.35 |
| Pleasant River Solid Waste | 31,577.00 |
| Shellfish | 13,520.00 |
| Street Lights | 3,200.00 |
| Revitalization** | 1,500.00 |
| | <u>\$230,303.09*</u> |

From Surplus:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration | 21,880.00 |
| General Assistance | 2,000.00 |
| Legal Expenses | 2,500.00 |
| Veteran's Graves | 1,410.00 |
| Unemployment Fund-MMA | 550.00 |
| Mayhew Library | 3,000.00 |
| Maine Municipal Dues | 2,187.00 |
| Street Signs | 147.00 |
| Addison Day's Fireworks | 1,500.00 |
| | <u>\$35,174.00*</u> |

From Vehicle Excise:

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| Snow Plowing | 156,714.00 |
| Paving Loan | <u>39,803.73</u> |
| | \$196,517.73* |

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

***Budget Committee passed by a 4-3 vote.*

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

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,320.00 from Taxation for the Shellfish account, said funds to be used for the Shellfish Warden.

**Recommended by the Selectmen*

Article #22 A resident questioned the pay for Shellfish Warden and article #23 Harbor Patrol as the same person does both positions. Selectman Michael Murphy addressed the question. After a brief discussion the article was accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to approve \$2,890.00 from the Carry Forward balance in the Harbors account, said funds to be used for Harbor Patrol. (Current Harbors Carry Forward balance \$29,188.50) **Recommended by the Selectmen*

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

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,364.75 and to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to \$14,364.75 for a term not to exceed 5 years. Said funds to be used for additional engineering costs (\$10,864.75) and additional construction costs (\$3,500.00) for a Sand-Salt Shed.

Explanation: \$300,000 had previously been approved, but bids for construction and engineering fees came in higher than anticipated. 74.2% of Construction Costs and up to \$15,000.00 for engineering will be reimbursed from the Maine Department of Transportation. Approved by selectmen and road commissioner, bid amount for Construction: \$303,500.00. Contract with CES for engineering: \$19,700.00 (paid to date \$8,835.25).

**Recommended by the Selectmen.*

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

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the returns from snowmobile registrations to the Indian River Trail Tamers Club to be used to establish new and maintain existing trails to be used for ATV and Snowmobile recreation of Addison as well as other citizens. (*\$490.00 was transferred FY 14-15*)

Article #25 Accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2015-16 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2016 to the March 10, 2016 annual town meeting.*

**Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Explanation: Books close on January 29, 2016. If this article does not pass, the Town would operate without a budget until March 8, 2016.

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

Article 27. 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 2014-2015.

(\$7,500. was authorized for FY 13-14)

**Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article #27 Motion was made to set the amount of \$7,500.00 which was seconded. Accepted and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 28. 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 under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than that Tax Levy Limit.*

Note from the Assessor: "The Property Tax Levy Limit needs to be increased by a Town Meeting vote, again this year, due to a reduction in State Revenue Sharing, a lower Income Growth Factor from the State Planning Office, and a minimum increase in property growth (i.e. new construction)."

**Recommended by the Selectmen.*

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

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,998* 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 #29 Accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

The following Organizations requested Funding from the Town of Addison. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the organization at the number provided:

Maine Public Broadcasting Network 800 884 1717

American Red Cross 207 272 9561

The Lifelight Foundation 207 230 7092

Child and Family Opportunities 800 834 4378

WIC Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program 207 667 5304

Eastern Area on Aging 800 432 7812

Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District 207 255 4659

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00PM

NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

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 elections. **Identification and Proof of Residency must be provided at the time of voter registration.** Photo I.D. and an official document showing your street address is required. Please come in if you have had a recent name or address change. Absentee ballot requests must be made by the 3rd business day before any election, (Thursday if the election is on Tuesday) unless there are special circumstances that arise. There are no absentee ballots for Town Meetings as these are Open Town Meetings.

THANK YOU FOR VOTING - REMEMBER "IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN"

If anyone has any questions, or would be interested in working as a Ballot Clerk or Ballot Counter, please call Bobbi Floyd at the Addison Town Office, Mon., Wed., and Fri. 8am-4pm 483-4678

Town of Addison, Maine
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March 10, 2015

Warrant Article #1 through Article #29 are attached.

Dated: _____

Municipal Officers:

Michael L. Murphy

Thomas W. Batson

David M. Ingersoll

A true copy of Warrant:

Attest:-----

Alice M. Tucker, Clerk
Town of Addison, Maine