

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 11, 2014, 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 to be Moderator. 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 were adopted for this meeting by the majority of the votes.**

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

Thomas W. Batson's term expires March 2014

Article #4 **Thomas W. Batson was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast.**

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

Article #5 **John Woodward was nominated and elected. 3 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. 3 votes were cast.**

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

Angela Alley's term expires March 2014

Article #8 **Angela Alley and Chris Chartrand were nominated. A total of 59 votes were cast. Angela Alley received 30 votes and Chris Chartrand received 29 votes. Angela Alley 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 There was a brief discussion regarding the Grants and any possible restrictions, then the article was 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. (*Audit Balance in the Overlay Account, January 31, 2013 \$42,051.00. Total Abatements FY 13-14 \$2,877.50*)

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 2% on all Real Estate Taxes if paid in full on or before the 30th day of commitment. Amount to be raised from Taxation \$22,000.00.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article #13 Motion was made to amend to read a discount of 3%. It was explained that the amount of \$22,000.00 to be raised from taxation could not be increased at this meeting and would need a special town meeting to make that increase. The amendment was accepted and passed by the majority of the votes. The amended article was then passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 14. If the preceding article does not pass: To see if the Town will vote to charge 3.5% interest on all taxes uncollected after 30 days from the commitment date to December 31st.

Article #14 No action was necessary as Article #13 passed.

Article 15. 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 #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 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. This article to remain in effect until revoked by a future vote of the Town.

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 Tax Collector or 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 #17 Accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 18. 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 #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 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 2014 from money raised by Taxation during that year.

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

Article 20. 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 #20 It was questioned and discussed the payment arrangements that are made within the 30 days prior to foreclosure. Article was accepted as written and passed by majority of the votes.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,600.00 from Taxation for the salaries of Town Officers and Office Staff and to approve the salaries as per the following schedule:

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	78,976.00
Code Enforcement Officer	3,600.00
Town Constable	200.00
Town Payroll Taxes	10,598.00
<i>Subtract Carry Forward Balance</i>	<u>-5,024.00</u>
	\$103,600.00*

**Recommended by the Budget Committee.*

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

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unused balance of 'Interest on Line of Credit' account, \$7,740.* to the Fire Station Loan account. Funds to be applied to the first permanent Fire Station loan payment.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article #22 Accepted as written and passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 23. If the preceding article does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise \$7,740 from Taxation to be applied on account to the Fire Station Building Loan.

Article #23 No action was necessary as Article #22 passed.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sums requested in the schedule listed below. Raise from Taxation the sums requested and transfer funds from Surplus, Vehicle Excise tax, License Fees as requested in the following schedule:

From Taxation:

Employee Health Insurance	14,500.00
Computer Equipment/Software	4,700.00
Ambulance Service	28,105.20
Assessing/ Mapping	8,000.00
Fire Department	52,205.00
Fire Station Lot Loan	12,259.54
Town Hall Renovations	9,600.00
Fire Station Building Loan	28,000.00
Pleasant River Solid Waste	28,000.00
Shellfish	13,000.00
Street Lights	2,500.00
	<u>\$200,869.74*</u>

From Surplus:

Administration	18,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00
Veteran's Graves	2,000.00
Unemployment Fund-MMA	816.00
Mayhew Library	3,000.00
MMA/WCCGDues	2,348.00
Addison Day's Fireworks	1,500.00
Sand/Salt Shed Engineering	10,000.00
	<u>\$42,164.00*</u>

From Vehicle Excise:

Snow Plowing	128,000.00
Town Roads	12,000.00
Paving Reserve	10,000.00
Paving Loan	39,803.73
	<u>\$189,803.73*</u>

**Recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Article #24 Brief discussion regarding an E.M.A. Directors office and emergency shelter and grants. E.M.A. Director Tim Thompson provided the answers to these questions. Article was accepted as written and passed by majority.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the 'Dangerous Buildings' account to the 'Hall Renovations' account, \$4,920.* Funds to be used for repairs to the Town Hall.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee*

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

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,300.* for 'Town Properties' account from Taxation to be used for lawn care at town owned properties.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee by a 5 for vote, 3 opposed vote, 1 abstained.*

Article #26 Accepted as written. Moderator asked for a standing vote to be counted by the ballot clerks as the show of hands was too close. Yes-18 / No-26 Not passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Item 5, D, #3 to reinstate the double fee option for resident and non-resident commercial license applicants as an option instead of mandatory conservation, to be replaced and now read "Resident and Non-Resident commercial license applicants may pay twice the amount for a shellfish license as an option instead of mandatory conservation." ** To read as follows:

Resident and Non-Resident Commercial Licenses

Without Conservation Work

Resident: \$200.00

Non-Resident: \$400.00

With Conservation Work

Resident: \$100.00

Non-Resident: \$200.00*

Resident Student (18 and under): 25.00

Non-Resident Student (18 and under): \$50.00*

Seniors (65 and older) Complimentary

The Recreational Licenses will remain the same as last year, except: Senior Non-Resident Licenses will be Complimentary (10% of Resident Licenses sold*), as required by the Department of Marine Resources. **

**The total amount of all non-resident licenses to be sold will not exceed 10% of the resident licenses sold.*

***Recommended by the Shellfish Committee.*

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

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue maintenance of Clamshell Lane and to include maintenance of Fire House Lane where the new Fire Station is located.

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

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to open the walking trails at the Narrows to hunting during the months of October thru December.*

**Recommended by the Recreation Committee*

Article #29 Motion to table the article indefinitely. Passed by the majority of the votes to table indefinitely. Trails are not currently closed.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the returns from snowmobile registrations to the Narraguagus Snowmobile Club to be used to establish new and maintain existing trails and for clubhouse maintenance to be used for recreation of our citizens. (\$575.86 was transferred FY 13-14)

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

Article 31. 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 2014-15 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2015 to the March 10, 2015 annual town meeting.*

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

Explanation: Books close on January 30, 2015. If this article does not pass, the Town would operate without a budget until March 10, 2015.

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

Article 32. 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 Board of Selectmen.*

Article #32 Motion was made for the sum to be up to \$24,500.00. Passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 33. 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 Board of Selectmen.*

Article #33 Request was made for further explanation from the Selectmen. Accepted as written. Moderator asked for a standing vote to be counted by the ballot clerks as the show of hands was too close. Yes-20 / No-22 Not passed by the majority of the votes.

Article 34. 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 force the request on the warrant.

**If this article passes, appropriation will be raised from Taxation.*

Article #34 Accepted as read 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

United Cerebral Palsy

Special Olympics of Maine 866 893 4725

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

Downeast Health Services 207 667 5304

Community Health and Counseling Services 207 947 0366

Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District 207 255 4659

There were 93 registered voters attending this 217th Annual Town Meeting

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

Town of Addison, Maine
Warrant for Town Meeting
March 11, 2014

Warrant Article #1 through Article #34 are attached.

Dated:-----

Municipal Officers:

Bradford W. Hamel

Thomas W. Batson

David M. Ingersoll

A true copy of Warrant:

Attest:-----

Alice M. Tucker, Clerk
Town of Addison, Maine

Notary:-----

John R. Woodward
Town of Addison, Maine