

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 14, 2017, 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. 3 votes were cast.

Moderator was sworn in by the Clerk. Meeting adjourned due to weather until 3/21/17. Will start with

Article 2 at that time.

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.

MEETING RECONVENED 3/21/17

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 choose a Selectman to serve a three-year term.

(Thomas W. Batson's term expires March 2017)

Article #3 Tom Batson and Tanya Rucosky were nominated. 62 votes were cast. Tom Batson - 51/Tanya Rucosky - 11. Tom Batson was elected Selectmen to serve a three-year term.

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

(John R. Woodward's term expires March 2017)

Article #4 John Woodward was nominated and elected. 3 votes were cast.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer's position from Elected to Appointed, beginning

Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article #5 Townspeople wanted to know - Why??? - Answer: Selectmen can advertise, interview, meet towns' needs and feel it is a more responsible way instead of a person being elected by the townspeople every year. **Motion - Did not pass by majority of the votes.**

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

(Osborne Davis' term expires March 2017)

Article #6 Obbie Davis and Dennis Moraisey were nominated. 76 votes were cast. Obbie Davis - 45 Dennis Moraisey - 31. Obbie Davis was elected as Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

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.

(Angela Alley's term expires March 2017)

Article #8 Angela Alley, Chris Chartrand, Betty Jordan, Tanya Rucosky, and Gary Magby were nominated. Angela Alley, Chris Chartrand, and Betty Jordan declined. Tanya Rucosky and Gary Magby accepted. 68 votes were cast. Tanya Rucosky - 24/Gary Magby - 44. Gary Magby was chosen as the Director of SAD#37 to serve a three-year term.

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 16-17 \$14,085.00. Total Abatements FY 16-17 \$7,226.00)

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 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 #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.

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 2017 from money raised by Taxation during that year.

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 Limt for Addison.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Article #19 Accepted and passed by a majority of 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 \$36,766.00.**

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

Article #20 Tim Thompson determined that the Taxation amount of \$36,766.00 was an estimated budget impact. After discussion, was 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 the Budget Committee*

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from **TAXATION** **\$338,514.35**

Department	Proposed Budget
Payroll	\$108,754.00
Health Insurance	\$20,300.00
Computer Equip/Software	\$8,981.00

Payroll Budget
Selectmen \$8,400.00
Overseers General Assist \$350.00
Fire Chief \$3,000.00

Shellfish*	\$11,645.00
ReSeeding	\$2,409.00
Fire Department	\$58,260.00
Emergency Management	\$2,000.00
Fire St Construction Loan	\$35,537.35
Buildings Maintenance	\$11,520.00
Street Lighting	\$3,055.00
Pleasant River Solid Waste	\$39,235.00
Town Roads	\$20,090.00
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$16,728.00

Assistant Fire Chief \$500.00
Treasurer \$3,000.00
Office Staff \$80,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer \$3,600.00
Minor Officers \$3,900.00
Town Payroll Taxes \$10,500.00

\$113,250.00

\$4,496.00 *Minus Carry Forward*

\$108,754.00

*The Selectmen are proposing a full time position, which affects Administration, Animal Control, Shellfish, and Payroll Departments.
Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from

SURPLUS

\$53,700.00

Department	Proposed Budget
Administration	\$25,981.00
Legal Expenses	\$2,500.00
Unemployment Fund	\$450.00
Street Signs	\$175.00
General Assistance	\$2,000.00
Animal Welfare	\$5,850.00
Revitalization/Energy Commi	\$1,350.00
Mayhew Public Library	\$3,000.00
Veterans Graves	\$1,590.00
Fireworks	\$4,000.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$2,304.00
Fire Dept-Grant Match	\$4,500.00

Warrant Articles for Municipal Expenses from

EXCISE TAX

\$222,243.00

Department	Proposed Budget
Paving Contingency	\$61,200.00
Sand-Salt Shed Payment	\$27,371.00
Snow Removal/Sand-Salt	\$133,672.00

Article #21 The Budget summary comparison was taken from page 34 in Annual Town Report. After discussion, accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,603.00 from Taxation for Pleasant River Ambulance.

**Last FY Appropriation was \$33,549.00. This FY's budget request represents an increase of \$24,054.00. (72%)*

Article #22 Motioned to take up at the end of meeting. Courtney Hammond was Moderator at the Columbia Falls Town meeting and could not be there until later. After Courtney came, he came to podium and discussed issues of increases to the budget with the townspeople. Increases came from: Paid employees/not volunteers. Engine repairs/maintenance and roof repair to the building. After discussion, motion passed with a majority of the votes.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 from Taxation toward Handicap Access for Town Hall.

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

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer all snowmobile registration reimbursements from the State to 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 \$318.00*

Article #24 (AMENDED) changed Indian River Tamers Club to Narraguagus Snowmobile Club. Indian River Tamers Club no longer has a club that is why Article was amended. All monies from the Indian River Tamers Club were donated to The Ark Animal Shelter, Jonesport Food Pantry, and The Rod and Gun Club. Accepted as amended. Passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 25. 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 #25 (AMENDED) changed 2016-17 to 2017-18 and February 1, 2017 to February 1, 2018 and March 13, 2017 to March 14, 2018. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 26. 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 2017-18.

(\$7,500 was authorized for FY 2016-17)

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

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

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to approve a loan for a used rescue truck.

Loan amount not to exceed \$60,000. Interest rate of 2.35% and an estimated annual payment (Beginning FY 18-19) of \$13,032. for 5 years.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee*

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

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to increase mooring fees (Article III, Section 2 of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance) for residents from \$20.00 to \$50.00 annually.

Article #28 Question asked why such an increase? These monies would go to the Harbors/Landing improvements in Addison. Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes. \$50 will be the new mooring fee for residents starting in 2018.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to increase mooring fees (Article III, Section 2 of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance) for non-residents from \$50.00 to \$125.00 annually.

Article #29 Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes. Mooring fees for non--residents will be \$125 annually starting 2018.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to change the overdue date (Article III, Section 2 of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance) from August 1st to January 1st of the following year.

Article #30 Question asked vote to change what?? Answer: Mooring fees. Accepted and passed by a

majority of the votes.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to charge a late fee of \$50.00 for residents (Article III, Section 2 of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance) for unpaid mooring fees.

Article #31 Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes. \$50 + \$50 late fee = \$100

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to charge a late fee of \$125.00 for non-residents (Article III, Section 2 of the Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance) for unpaid mooring fees.

Article #32 Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes. \$125 +\$125 late fee= \$250

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 Opening and Closing of flats Part C of the Shellfish Conservation ordinance by adding the following text: It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, take or possess shellfish from any areas closed by the Town of Addison in accordance with DMR Regulation, Chapter 7. Harvesting Shellfish in a closed area is a violation of this municipality's ordinance and is punishable under MRSA Title 12 § 6671.

**Recommended by DMR and the Shellfish Committee*

Article #33 Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6 Opening and Closing of flats Part D of the Shellfish Conservation ordinance by adding the following text: Boundaries of Conservation Closures are explicitly defined in the conservation closure application submitted by the Town of Addison to DMR and are part of the resulting permit issued by DMR. These permits are posted at the Town Office and online: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/programs/municipal/towninfo.html>.

**Recommended by DMR and the Shellfish Committee*

Article #34 Accepted and passed by a majority of the votes.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,998.00 from Surplus for the support of the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA).

Article #35 Why not recommended by the Budget Committee??? Budget Committee did not want to show undue favoritism. After discussion, motion passed and accepted by the majority of the votes.

**Not recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article 36. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Floodplain Management Ordinance' be enacted?

Article #36 Motion to enact? Yes. Maps are more accurate and there will be mortgage hardships if not enacted. Accepted and passed by a majority of votes.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance.

Article #37 "Rewording" of the title - to include social clubs/retail sales. Discussion on the floor that there is a state vote in 2018 and no action should be taken now. Accepted and passed by majority vote.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$27,000.00 from Taxation for a Digital Sign.

**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article #38 Townspeople were opposed to this matter, even if a grant paid for a portion of the sign.

Article did not pass by a majority of the voters.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,312.00 from Taxation for a Security System at Town Hall.


**Recommended by the Budget Committee*

Article #39 Discussion included security which will record actions, but not stop it. It will be a deterrent. Accepted and passed by majority of the voters.

Selectmen:




Timothy H. Thompson



David M. Ingersoll



Thomas W. Batson

Clerk: 

Kimbley Davis