

TOWN OF JONESPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
April 26, 2021 – 3:30 p.m.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
JONESPORT-BEALS HIGH SCHOOL GYM

To: Howard Mills, a resident of the Town of Jonesport, in the County of Washington, State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Jonesport, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Jonesport-Beals High School Gymnasium at Snare Creek, in said Town on Monday, the twenty-sixth (26th) day of April, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Tonia Merchant, Town Clerk, opened the meeting at 3:45 p.m. with prayer and the salute to our country's flag.

Barbara Cirone served as ballot clerk. John Church, Holly Iossa, and Roland (Skip) Rogers served as ballot tellers.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense the reading of the warrant in its entirety; none opposed.

ARTICLE 1: To elect, by ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination was made and seconded for William (Billy) Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

7 ballots were cast in favor of William (Billy) Milliken

Motion was made and seconded to allow non-residents to speak; none opposed.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Board of Selectmen to serve for a three (3) year term.

Nomination was made and seconded for Harry Fish, Jr.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

7 ballots were cast in favor of Harry Fish, Jr.

ARTICLE 3: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Jonesport School Committee, who will also be member(s) of the Moosabec Community School District School Committee for a three (3) year term.

Nomination was made and seconded for Julie Farris.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

7 ballots were cast in favor of Julie Farris.

ARTICLE 4: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Moosabec Community School District Committee for a three (3) year term.

Nomination was made and seconded for Calvin Beal.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

7 ballots were cast in favor of Calvin Beal.

ARTICLE 5: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Moosabec Community School District Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term.

Nomination was made and seconded for Julie Farris.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

7 ballots were cast in favor of Julie Farris.

ARTICLE 6: To elect three (3) Overseers of General Assistance.

Nomination was made and seconded for Board of Selectmen to be the Overseers of General Assistance.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

4 ballots were cast in favor of Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Fire Chief/Fire Inspector.

Nomination was made and seconded for Boyde Crowley.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.

5 ballots were cast in favor of Boyde Crowley.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the Town Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) to govern and enforce the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance regarding shellfish harvesting.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 9: To see what the Town will vote to charge for interest on delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Year 2021, if said taxes are not paid by the delinquent date of December 31, 2021. (The State Treasurer has determined 6% (six and 00/100 percent) as the highest conventional rate of interest for Year 2021.)

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with 3% (three percent) interest.

Motion carried; none opposed

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to allow a 3% (three percent) discount on all Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the Year 2021, if taxes are paid in full on or before thirty (30) days from post office mailing date of tax bills by the Tax Collector. (MRSA, Title 36, Section 505).

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with 0 % (zero percent) discount.

Motion carried; none opposed

Motion was made and seconded to readdress article #9. Motion failed with only 9 votes in favor of the readdress.

ARTICLE 11: If the town votes yes on Article 10, to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Discount. **SR/BCR: \$40,000.00**

This article is not applicable because no discount was allowed in article #10.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to MRSA, Title 36, Section 506.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. (estimated in the amount as listed below and based on Treasurer's Receipts of 7/1/19 to 6/30/20).

State and Local Road Assistance	\$ 10,886.00
State Grants I Aid:	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	103,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	146.00
State Park Fee	00.00
Veterans' Exemption	1,152.00
Tree Growth	13,000.00
General Assistance	00.00
Homestead Exemption	<u>81,718.00</u>
Total :	\$ 209,902.00

State Aid to Education (including Federal pass through funds)

Educational Subsidy	\$ 121,642.00
Other Revenues	<u>545.00</u>
Total:	\$ 122,187.00

Federal:

Local Entitlement Grant	\$ 31,294.00
Local Entitlement Preschool	2,340.00
Rural Education Achievement Program	45,101.00
Title IA	125,359.00
Title 1A- Disadvantaged	51,168.00
Title IIA	16,457.00
Title VI	33,301.00
Title IV – SSAE	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total: \$	335,020.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the stated amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to direct the Assessor to deduct the Excise Taxes and other anticipated revenues received by the Treasurer in 2021-2022 from the Year 2021 appropriation.

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 250,000.00
Boat Excise Tax	9,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Delinquent Tax	1,000.00
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	90,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	00.00
State Park Fee Sharing	00.00
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	1,000.00
General Assistance	100.00
Checking & Sweep Interest & other revenue	3,500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	100,000.00
Fire Dept. Revenues (Town of Beals)	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 474,600.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend revenues generated from each of the following accounts to be applied toward the operation of each program generating said revenue:

- a. Shellfish Conservation Expense (sale of licenses);
- b. Planning Board (building, medical marijuana fees, subdivision permits and CEO fees);
- c. Concealed Firearms Permits (Town's share of fees);
- d. Campground (donations collected for cost of operation and maintenance);
- e. Mooring Fees collected;
- f. Dog License fees;
- g. Fines/Reimbursements;
- h. Town website;
- i. Cemetery funds

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Creation of some form of contingency account can often avoid the necessity of calling a significant number of special town meetings during the year when relatively minor issues can be resolved with the expenditure of minor funds, but monies have not been appropriated for those purposes.) *Not an Appropriation* **SR/ BCR: \$20,000**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount of \$20,000.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable to the best interest of the Town, and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property after three (3) weeks of publication in a local newspaper.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, if permissible, to apply for, accept, and expend Federal and State Grant Funds during Fiscal Year 2021-2022; i.e., Community Development Block Grants; Public Facilities/Infrastructure Programs for Building Construction/Wastewater Systems/Wells; Small Community Grants (Wastewater systems); Maine Community Foundation; Maine Historic Preservation Comm.; Federal Emergency Mitigation Assistance Grants (FEMA) and Maine Emergency Mitigation Assistance (MEMA); Dept of Transportation’s Small Harbor Improvements Program (SHIP); Eastern Maine Development Corp., and any other grants which would be beneficial to the Town.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to MRSA, Title 23, Section 2953.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

~Key to abbreviations used in the following articles of this warrant~

BCR: Budget Committee Recommends

SR: Selectmen Recommends

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION:

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration:

General Administration Expense	\$ 50,000.00
Office Personnel	50,000.00
Legal Fees	30,000.00
Computer Software	11,000.00
Computer Equipment	750.00
Town Maps	<u>0.00</u>

SR /BCR: \$ 141,750.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elected/Appointed Officials:

Assessor's Office	\$ 40,000.00
Board of Selectmen	2,500.00
Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector	37,100.00
Registrar of Voters	200.00
Payroll Taxes (Appointed/Elected Officials)	<u>9,211.00</u>
SR/BCR:	\$ 89,011.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

PROTECTION:

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection:

Jonesport Vol. Fire Department Inc.	\$60,000.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	00.00
Moosabec Ambulance Service	20,000.00
Local Emergency Director	1,500.00
Harbor Master Salary & expenses	12,660.00
Float Repairs	5,000.00
Public Shore Access	0.00
Special Events Security	1,000.00
Shellfish Warden Salary/exp	11,000.00
Additional Sheriff Protection:	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL PROTECTION	SR/ BCR: \$ 136,160.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ENFORCEMENT:

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Enforcement.

CEO Expense/Payroll Taxes	\$ 00.00
Animal Control Officer/Expense	00.00
Planning Board Salaries (<i>to be paid from reserve</i>)	<u>00.00</u>

TOTAL ENFORCEMENT **SR/BCR:** **\$ 00.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

Streets & Roads (E-911 Costs included)			\$ 22,500.00
Road Paving (<i>Pay Back to surplus</i>)			28,300.00
Street Lights			21,000.00
Sidewalks and Crosswalks	SR \$0.00	BCR	5,000.00
Sand/Salt Stockpile			30,000.00
Sand/Salt Maintenance/Lights			1,000.00
Salt/Sand Shed (<i>Pay Back to surplus</i>)			5,572.00
Snow/Ice Removal			<u>148,320.00</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS **SR \$ 256,692.00** **BCR: \$ 261,692.00**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the BCR amounts totaling \$261,692.00.

After much discussion, the question was called; 1 opposed.

Motion carried; none opposed.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health & Sanitation.

Beach Property Maintenance		00.00
General Town Maintenance		<u>2,500.00</u>

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION **SR/BCR: \$ 2,500.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

CEMETERIES:

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries.

Greenwood Cemetery		\$ 17,000.00
General clean-up & Memorial Day Flags		00.00
Tree Removal/expansion		<u>2,500.00</u>

TOTAL CEMETERIES **SR/BCR: \$ 19,500.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.

General Assistance \$ 00.00

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES **SR/BCR:** **00.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$0.00.

Motion carried; none opposed.

LEISURE SERVICES:

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Leisure Services.

Peabody Memorial Library	\$ 21,000.00
4 th of July	10,000.00
Town Clock	5,000.00
Tennis/Basketball Courts	00.00
West Jonesport Park	00.00
Skating Pond	1,000.00
Campground (self-supporting)	<u>00.00</u>

TOTAL LEISURE SERVICES **SR/BCR:** **\$ 37,000.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ORGANIZATIONS (Third Party Requests):

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Third Party Requests.

Third Party Requests \$ 1,000.00

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS (Third Party Requests) **SR/BCR:** **\$ 1,000.00**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.

Economic Development Committee \$1,000.00

TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SR/BCR: \$ 1,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Special Programs:

Stream Crossing on Kelley Point Road \$20,000.00
Comprehensive Plan (1/2) (pay back to surplus) 12,500.00
War Monument 5,000.00

TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS: SR/BCR: \$ 37,500.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amounts.

After much discussion, the question was called. This passed 34-9.

Motion carried; one opposed.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to direct the Board of Assessors to deduct from the reserved Revenue Sharing Account from the Year 2021 appropriation.

SR/BCR: \$ 40,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sign a covenant to split the Campground property into a Working Waterfront and a campground for the public.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article.

After much discussion, the question was called, one opposed.

Motion carried; two opposed.

Dwight Alley, Selectman, updated those present on the Kingfish project. They are now in the permitting process.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to approve the resolution to uphold the 2nd amendment of the Constitution.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution.
After much discussion, the question was called, five opposed.
Motion carried; 37-8.

Total raised and appropriated \$727,113.00

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Reference to Article 13 the figures are based on the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Treasurer's Receipts. This is in accordance with the "State of Maine Fund Acceptance Law" that requires all municipalities to specifically vote to accept any funds provided to them by the State Legislature after July 1, 2021. The law requires separate warrant articles for each category of state funding. It is also a requirement to indicate an estimate of the amount that may be received for each category based on the Town Treasurer's Receipt Records and then use "unknown" if funds have never been received previously. The law further provides that if a town fails to accept state funds to which it is or may be entitled in accordance with the procedure outlined above, the state is prohibited from releasing those funds after July 1, 2020. The State Treasurer will withhold those funds until the Town can show proof that it has voted to accept state funds by adopting a specific warrant article dealing with that category of state funding.

Due to the fact the Town has not received dollar (\$) allocations for Elementary Education from the State of Maine nor has the Town been notified of the County Tax Assessment and the Moosabec Community School District Assessment; we are unable to provide a budget at this time. A meeting to vote on action for these articles will be held at a future date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Attest:

Tonia J. Merchant, Town Clerk
TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE

