

**TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Tonia Merchant, Clerk, opened the meeting at 6:00p.m. and led in the salute to our Country's flag. David Rier served as Ballot Clerk. Pam Smith, Lisa Marin, and Arnie Smith served as Ballot Tellers.

To: Howard Mills Jr., Special Constable of the Town of Jonesport

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 Elementary School Gymnasium on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

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

ARTICLE 1. To choose 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; all in favor.

4 votes were cast for Billy Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded to allow Melissa Tenney, Principal of JES and Dr. Howard to speak.

Moton carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$746,559.44

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$746,559.44.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends \$300,424.70

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$300,424.70.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends \$0.00

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$22,191.48

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$22,191.48.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends \$91,921.90

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$91,921.90.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$111,732.94

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$111,732.94.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$133,113.19

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$133,113.19.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$24,644.61

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$24,644.61.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends \$366,985.03

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$366,985.03.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends \$ 0.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$0.00
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends \$5,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$746,559.44.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-k to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (School Committee Recommends \$983,086.19) and to see what sum the Town of Jonesport will raise as the Town of Jonesport contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-k to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends \$861,443.75

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$861,443.75.
Motion carried; none opposed.

Explanation: The Town of Jonesport contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-k to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 14. (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (School Committee Recommends \$594,482.10), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$594,482.10 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends \$594,482.10 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$594,482.10:

The new EPS funding formula determines subsidy based on many variables such as State valuation, student enrollment and the overall GPA recommended. Our operation expenditures for instructional staff, special education, library, athletics, operation and maintenance of the plant, transportation and system administration/support exceed that which the State feels is necessary. Due to decreased enrollment, increased State valuation and small school size this method of subsidy calculation requires additional local money be raised above that which the State calculates is needed to operate our elementary school.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$594,482.10.

Motion carried; 8 yes, 0 No.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-k to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payments on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-k to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of our school.

School Committee Recommends \$1,802,573.29

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$1,802,573.29.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes that are not required to be accounted for in the school operating budget, for example Title 1 funding, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article and allow the School Committee to expend.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will accept the Town of Jonesport Cemetery Ordinance with the following additional language (changes are in bold)

Section 3.1 The Cemetery Committee shall have the authority to make all necessary by-laws and regulations for their own government and for the management of the cemeteries. It shall be their duty to direct the planting, pruning, and cultivation or removal of trees and shrubs. They shall maintain the avenues and pathways as funds are available.

The Committee shall have the full authority to do and perform whatever may be necessary to carry into full effect the object of the cemetery. Should Funeral Directors of their operatives open or cause a grave to be opened without permission the Committee shall have the authority, following a notice and a hearing, to suspend the violator's right to perform any services in the town's cemeteries. **Funeral Directors who act without Cemetery Committee approval and, as a result, cause damage to the cemetery (i.e. damage to surrounding headstones or lots), open the wrong gravesite, or cause the wrong person to be interred in a gravesite will be responsible for all costs associated with repairing the damage done or rectifying the situation**

Section 3.2 – Ornaments, ETC – The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, fences, edging material (made of cement, stone or other permanent materials), shepherd's hook, trellises, and similar articles upon plots will not be permitted. Solar powered lights will be limited to two (2) placed adjacent to the monument. The town, through its Cemetery Committee, also reserves the right to remove any item(s) deemed inappropriate.

Lot owners will be notified regarding violations in writing via certified, return receipt mail.

Lot owners will have thirty (30) days to remove items(s).

After thirty (30) days and notification to the lot owner, the Cemetery Committee will remove the item(s) to the town office.

After and additional thirty (30) days if the item(s) have not been retrieved they will be disposed of **at the lot owner's expense.**

Installation and Foundations: No foundations will be required under single markers up to and including twenty- four Inches (24") wide and twelve inches (12") high. Any marker over the aforementioned size will require a concrete foundation approved by the Cemetery Committee. A marker of any size requires a foundation **no more than four inches (4") square with the top flush with the ground to facilitate mowing.**

Upright markers, such as veteran's markers, and memorials made of wood and concrete are not allowed; they must be placed on a stone base.

If the Cemetery Committee finds that any monument, structure, effigy, display, inscription, or design placed in or upon any lot is improper or offensive the Cemetery Committee shall have the right to enter upon such lot and remove the offensive or improper object or objects. **Lot owners will be notified regarding violations in writing via certified, return receipt mail. Lot owners will have thirty (30) days to remove the offensive or improper object or objects. After thirty (30) days if the offensive or improper object or objects have not been removed then the Cemetery Committee will remove the offensive or improper object or objects at the lot owner's expense.**

Removals: Removals will not be made without a signed order from the next of kin and the owner of the lot or grave. A licensed funeral director must be present as per State of Maine guidelines and all necessary legal paperwork must be completed and filed **with a copy being filed with the town office.**

Lots – 4.3 Transfer of Lots – No owner or proprietor of any lot located in a town maintained cemetery shall have the right to sell, transfer, and/or convey any interest in such lot or lots without first offering in writing the option to re-purchase that interest to the Cemetery Committee at the original price charged for said lot or lots. If after sixty (60) days the Cemetery Committee has decided not to purchase the lot or lots then the owner must receive a written letter of rejection **sent certified, return receipt mail** before allowing a third party to purchase the lot or lots. A new owner must register with the Cemetery Committee so that cemetery records can be kept updated. The new owner must follow all the rules and regulations that the Cemetery Committee has set forth. The third party buying the lot, or lots will pay only the recorded sale price of said lot or lots.

6.0 Mandated Review: This ordinance shall be reviewed every five (5) years **or when deemed necessary by the Cemetery Committee.**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with an amend section Lots- 4.3 to read: **“Lots – 4.3 Transfer of Lots** – No owner or proprietor of any lot located in a town maintained cemetery shall have the right to sell, transfer, and/or convey any interest in such lot or lots without first offering in writing the option to re-purchase that interest to the Cemetery Committee at the original price charged for said lot or lots. Once the Cemetery Committee receives notification, the Cemetery Committee, shall have up to sixty (60) days to exercise their option with notification via certified mail with return receipt requested. The lot(s) owner may convey to a third (3rd) party within sixty (60)

days only after receiving a waiver in writing from the Cemetery Committee. A new owner must register with the Cemetery Committee so that cemetery records can be kept updated. The new owner must follow all the ruled and regulations that the Cemetery Committee has set forth. The third party buying the lot, or lots will pay only the recorded sale price of said lot or lots.

Motion to amend carried; none opposed.

Motion to accept with the amendment carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town of Jonesport Food Truck Ordinance.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to amend the Town of Jonesport Land Use and Development Ordinance Sect 7. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS F. Lots 5. from: "In the event that a non-conforming lot was created after January 19, 1988, the lot may be used for an accessory structure to a residential use provided the structure has no provision for plumbing facilities and does not exceed 450 square feet in gross floor area."

To read: "In the event that a non-conforming lot was created after January 19, 1988, the lot may be used for an accessory structure provided the structure has no provision for plumbing facilities and does not exceed 450 square feet in gross floor area."

Note: Public Hearing was held June 12, 2019.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The Selectmen give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session for the purpose of correcting the voting list and registering new voters at the Jonesport School Gymnasium on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

A True Copy: Attest

Tonia Merchant, Town Clerk
Town of Jonesport, ME