

TOWN OF JONESPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
March 12, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
JONESPORT-BEALS HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Tonia J. Merchant, Clerk.

Pastor Andy Phillips opened with prayer, and Tonia led in the salute to our Country's flag.

Julie Farris served as Ballot Clerk. Lee Guptill, John Church, and Skip Rogers served as Ballot Tellers.

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 TWELFTH (12th) day of March, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with 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 Jane McMichen. Nomination was made for John Church; he declined. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.
5 Votes were cast for of Jane McMichen.

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.
8 votes were cast for Harry Fish, Jr.

ARTICLE 3: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Board of Assessors for a three (3) year term.
Nomination was made and seconded for Barbara (Barbie) Cirone.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; none opposed.
8 votes were cast for Barbie Cirone.

ARTICLE 4: 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.

Nomination was made and seconded for Julie Farris.

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

8 votes were cast for Julie Farris.

ARTICLE 5: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Moosabec Community School District Committee.

Nomination was made and seconded for Calvin Beal.

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

5 votes were cast for Calvin Beal.

ARTICLE 6: To elect the necessary member(s) of the Moosabec Community School District Board of Trustees.

Nomination was made and seconded for Julie Farris.

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

7 votes were cast in favor of Julie Farris.

ARTICLE 7: To elect three (3) Overseers of General Assistance.

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

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

51 voted in favor of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Fire Chief/Fire Inspector.

Nomination was made for Boyde Crowley.

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

9 votes were cast for Boyde Crowley.

ARTICLE 9: 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 authorize as read.

Motion carried; 53-0

ARTICLE 10: To see what the Town will vote to charge for interest on delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Year 2018, if said taxes are not paid by the delinquent date of December 31, 2018. (The State Treasurer has determined 8.00%(EIGHT and 00/100 percent) as the highest conventional rate of interest for Year 2018.)

Motion was made and seconded to charge 3% interest.

Motion carried 50-0.

ARTICLE 11: 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 2018, 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 amend the article to allow 0% (zero percent) discount.

Motion carried 35 yes; 27 No.

ARTICLE 12: If the town votes yes on Article 11, see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Discount. **SR/BCR: \$40,000.00**

No action needed; see article #11.

ARTICLE 13: 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; 42-0.

ARTICLE 14: 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 7/1/16 to 6/30/17.)

State and Local Road Assistance	\$ 9,884.00
State Grants I Aid:	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	85,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	159.00
State Park Fee	296.00
Veterans’ Exemption	1,860.00
Tree Growth	13,232.00
General Assistance	200.00
Homestead Exemption	<u>48,084.00</u>
Total :	\$ 158,715.00
State Aid to Education (including Federal pass through funds)	
Educational Subsidy:	107,049.00
Other Receipts:	<u>3,564.00</u>
	\$110,613.00
Federal:	
Title 1A	\$ 123,127.00
Proficiency Based Education	1,019.00
Title 11A	33,080.00
Title VI	2,812.00
Local Entitlement Grant	37,383.00
Preschool Grant	275.00
PEPG Grant	1,031.00
Gearup Grant	<u>30,724.00</u>
Total:	\$ 229,451.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the total of \$229,451.00.
 This motion was amended and seconded to accept the article with the total of \$158,715.00 and the total of \$229,451.00.
 The second motion was amended and seconded to accept article #14 with the total amount of \$498,779.00.
 Vote to accept the amended motion carried; 54-0.
 The final motion to accept article #14 with the total amount of \$498,779.00 carried; 56-0.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to direct the Board of Assessors to deduct the Excise Taxes and other anticipated revenues received by the Treasurer in 2018-2019 from the Year 2018 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	40,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	00.00
State Park Fee Sharing	00.00
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	1,500.00
General Assistance	00.00
Checking & Sweep Interest & other revenue	2,500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	40,000.00
Fire Dept. Revenues (Town of Beals)	<u>16,666.00</u>
Total:	\$ 360,666.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written with the total of \$360,666.00
 Motion carried; 50-0.

ARTICLE 16: 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 and 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. Sale of Trash Bags (help defray PRSWDD costs and decrease appropriation);
- f. Mooring Fees collected;
- g. Dog License fees;
- h. Fines/Reimbursements;
- i. Town website;
- j. Cemetery funds

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.
 Motion carried; 46-0.

Article 17: 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 2018-2019. (Creation of some form of contingency account can often avoid the necessity of calling a 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 \$20,000.00.

Motion carried; 55-0.

ARTICLE 18: 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 read.

Motion carried; 45-0.

ARTICLE 19: 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 2018-2019; 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; 48-0.

ARTICLE 20: 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; 35-0.

At this point, a 15 minute break was taken from 4:45-5:00 p.m.

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

BCR: Budget Committee Recommends

SR: Selectmen Recommends

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION:

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration:

General Administration Expense	\$ 50,000.00
Office Personnel	41,500.00
Legal Fees	5,000.00
Computer Software	7,700.00
Computer Equipment	1,500.00
Town Maps	<u>1,000.00</u>
SR/BCR:	\$ 106,700.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$106,700.00.

Motion carried 51 -1.

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Elected/Appointed Officials:

Assessor's Office	\$ 20,000.00
Board of Selectmen	1,900.00
Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector	31,257.00
Registrar of Voters	200.00
Payroll Taxes (Appointed/Elected Officials)	<u>7,550.00</u>

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION SR/BCR: \$ 60,907.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$60,907.00.

Motion carried; 55 -1.

PROTECTION:

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

Jonesport Vol. Fire Department Inc.	\$50,000.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	1,000.00
Moosabec Ambulance Service	16,440.00
Local Emergency Director	750.00
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	<u>11,000.00</u>

TOTAL PROTECTION SR/BCR: \$ 97,850.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$97,850.00.

Motion carried; 50-0.

ENFORCEMENT:

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

CEO Expense/Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,000.00
Animal Control Officer/Expense	2,000.00
Planning Board Salaries (<i>to be paid from reserve</i>)	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL ENFORCEMENT **SR/BCR:** **\$ 9,000.00**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$9,000.00

Motion carried; 49 -1.

PUBLIC WORKS:

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works.

Streets & Roads (E-911 Costs included)	\$ 17,500.00
Road Paving (<i>Pay Back to surplus</i>)	32,500.00
Street Lights	20,000.00
Sidewalks and Crosswalks	1,000.00
Sand/Salt Stockpile	35,000.00
Sand/Salt Maintenance/Lights	700.00
Salt/Sand Shed (<i>Pay Back to surplus</i>)	10,000.00
Snow/Ice Removal	<u>144,000.00</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS **SR/BCR:** **\$ 260,700.00**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$260,700.00.

Motion carried; 41 -0.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

ARTICLE 26: 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	2,800.00
PRSWDD Contract	<u>\$ 59,000.00</u>

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION **SR/BCR:** **\$ 61,800.00**

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$61,800.00.

Motion carried; 57-3.

CEMETERIES:

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

Greenwood Cemetery		\$ 16,650.00
General clean-up & Memorial Day Flags		<u>6,500.00</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES	SR/BCR:	\$ 23,150.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amounts for a total of \$23,150.00.

Motion carried; 60-0.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

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

General Assistance		<u>\$ 3,000.</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	SR/BCR:	\$ 3,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount for a total of \$3,000.00.

Motion carried 53-0.

LEISURE SERVICES:

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Leisure Services.

Peabody Memorial Library		\$ 23,000.00
4 th of July		10,000.00
4 th of July banner donation	SR \$2,500	BCR: 2,000.00
Tennis/Basketball Courts		2,000.00
West Jonesport Park		00.00
Skating Pond		500.00
Campground (self-supporting)		<u>00.00</u>
TOTAL LEISURE SERVICES	SR: \$38,000.	BCR: \$ 37,500.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the SR recommended amounts for a total of \$38,000.00. (Banner donation to be \$2,500.)

Motion carried; 75-0.

ORGANIZATIONS (Third Party Requests):

ARTICLE 30: 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 amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried; 55-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

ARTICLE 31: 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 for a total of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried; 58-0.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw funds in the amount of **\$5,000. (five thousand & no/100)** from surplus for removal, storage and reinstallation of the Town Clock in the steeple of Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church.

Motion was made and seconded to approve in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion carried; 80-0.

Note: The Town voted to accept the clock at their Annual Town Meeting in March of 1892.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw **\$3,562. (Thirty-five hundred sixty-two and no/100 dollars)** from surplus for the local match as required by the Submerged Lands Program Grant received by the Town in the amount of \$15,000. Funds will be used to repair Sandy River Beach.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Motion carried; 73-1.

Article 34: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to pursue the purchase of the Jonesport Campground, using funds from surplus not to be repaid. Total not to exceed **\$450,000.** (four hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars).

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to authorize the Board of Selectmen to pursue the purchase of the Jonesport Campground, using funds from surplus not to be repaid. Total not to exceed \$380,000.00.

It was explained that the property would remain a campground in the short- term. In the long-term, the campground and water-front access probably would not be reconciled. If and when that was no longer possible, the working waterfront must be foremost. The working waterfront provides stability for our community of fishermen and the generations of fishermen to come.

Motion was made and seconded to vote by written ballot. The motion carried; 61-25.

The question was called by a vote of 60- 20.

The amended article passed with a vote of 73 yes, 33 no.

ARTICLE 35: 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 2017 appropriation.

SR/BCR: \$ 40,000.00

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the amount of \$100,000. 00.

Call the question was defeated by a vote of 17 yes, 20 no.

The motion resulted in a tie 20-20.

Motion was made and seconded to revote with a written ballot. Motion carried; 32-12.

The motion with the amount of \$100,000.00 was defeated 32-30.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the amount of \$80,000.00.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 23 yes; 25 no.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion carried; 40-7.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Assessors to deduct up to **\$100,000. (One hundred thousand and no/100) dollars** from surplus to reduce the tax commitment for the 2018 tax year.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with an amended amount of \$40,000.00.

Motion carried; 40-1.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance as written. A public hearing was held August 2, 2017 at 3:45 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to pass as written.

Motion carried; 36-0.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3. Applicability of the Town of Jonesport Land Use and Development Ordinance as follows: "This Ordinance shall apply to all proposals for new structures, and to proposals for enlargement of existing structures, and to all new uses of land, except agriculture and forest management activities, and single story outbuildings of one hundred (100) square

feet or less *that meet all performance standards listed in Section 6. Performance Standards and Section 7. Additional Standards.* See Table of Land Uses, Section 15 for more specific information.” (Change in italics.)

Motion was made and seconded to accept as read.

Motion carried; 34-0.

Advisory Article 39: Discussion concerning crime and law enforcement in Washington County and the Washington County Council of Government budget.

The purpose of this article was to allow the Town’s people to express their concerns and help the Selectmen get a feel of what direction the Town would like for them to take.

Some questions that arose:

Will there be more coverage?

Will there be more sectors?

What is our influence going to be for a higher level of enforcement?

If we report, will they respond?

What can we do without violating peoples’ rights?

There will be more community meetings in the future.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes by:

Tonia J. Merchant, Town Clerk

TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Reference to Article 14 the figures are based on the 2016-2017 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, 2018. 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, 2017. 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 later date.

Attest: