

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

To: Misty Kelley, Citizen 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 Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Tonia Merchant, Town Clerk, opened the meeting and led in the salute to our Country's flag.  
Michelle Holbrook served as ballot clerk. John Church, Suzen Polk-Hoffses, and Wendy Beal served as ballot tellers.

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; none opposed.  
6 votes were cast in favor of Billy Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded to allow nonresidents to speak; none opposed.

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

School Committee Recommends \$853,656.27

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

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

School Committee Recommends \$149,509.51

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

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

School Committee Recommends \$28,384.73

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount.  
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 \$168,509.86

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

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

School Committee Recommends \$89,605.64

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

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

School Committee Recommends \$146,779.37

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

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.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

School Committee Recommends \$289,078.66

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

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.

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.

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 \$902,634.22) 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 \$814,529.18

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

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 \$637,529.43), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$637,529.43 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends \$637,529.43 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$637,529.43:

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 amounts.

Motion carried; 10yes, 2 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, 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 \$1,755,168.65

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if in the event that the Town of Jonesport receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in the budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances for a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in section 15671-A, subsection 1, paragraph B for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article 16.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 17. 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 17.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$104,500 from surplus for a tax rebate to Roque Island.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read; "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$104,500 from surplus for a tax abatement to Roque Island."

Motion to amend carried; none opposed.

The amended article carried with none opposed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a lot of land East of Fairlane Drive for fair market value; said market value to be determined independently by town of Jonesport tax assessor once the property has been fully identified by a survey to be conducted and paid for by the Buyer.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a lot of land East of Fairlane Drive for the sum of \$10,000."

The motion to amend carried; none opposed.

The amended article was defeated by a vote of 0 Yes; 5 No.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a portion of Map 9, Lot 14 (North of an easterly extension of Woodward's southerly boundary) at a price of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand) per acre to Derrick and Starr Beal. The lot shall be fully identified by a survey to be conducted and paid for by the Buyer."

This motion to amend carried; none opposed.

The amended article carried; none opposed.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; none opposed.

A True Copy Attested:

Tonia J. Merchant, Town Clerk  
Town of Jonesport, ME