

TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tonia Merchant opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led in the salute to our country's flag.
Irene Rogers served as Ballot Clerk. Holly Iossa, John Church, and Milton Merchant served as Ballot Tellers.

To: Ruth Fenton 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 Wednesday, June 20, 2018 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. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination was made for Clifford Norton, III; he declined.

Nomination was made and seconded for Billy Milliken.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease; motion carried.

8 votes were cast in favor of Billy Millken.

Motion was made and seconded to allow Principal Tenney and Superintendent Howard to answer questions.

Motion carried; none opposed.

Motion was made and seconded to take Article 21 out of order.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,000 for the continued restoration of the Town clock in the Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

School Committee Recommends \$705,638.54

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$274,601.50

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 accept the article with the recommended amount of zero dollars.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

School Committee Recommends \$21,466.53

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$86,400.45

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$99,589.79

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$124,474.91

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$33,779.60

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 \$350,984.90

Motion was made and seconded to accept 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 accept the article with the recommended amount of zero dollars.
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 accept 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 \$1,128,172.90) 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 \$922,590.38

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the recommended amount of \$922,590.38.

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 \$368,758.32), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$368,758.32 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends \$368,758.32 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$368,758.32:

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 accept the article with the recommended amount of \$368,758.32.

Motion carried; 12 yes, 1 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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, 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 \$1,701,936.22

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

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 accept the article to give the authorization.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town of Jonesport will appropriate from the ending balance of school general operating funds for the 2018-2019 year to continue a reserve for repairs/maintenance and capital improvement.

School Committee Recommends \$5,000.00

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

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will repeal the Jonesport Local Food Ordinance that was approved March 12, 2018 and implement a revised Local Food Ordinance in accordance with new State of Maine guidelines. (FYI public hearing held April 11, 2018)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as read.
Motion carried; none opposed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will accept a gift of land (land being a fractional share of tax Map 10 lot 93), located on the Kelley Point Road.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.
Motion carried; none opposed.

Note: This was explained as heirship property with five families involved. The Town would be getting 1/5th.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,649.95, to be used for a mandatory Trio software Access to SQL upgrade.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.
Motion carried; none opposed.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.
Motion carried; none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

A True Copy Attested:

S/ Tonia J. Merchant, Clerk

