

TOWN OF JONESPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
March 14, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
JONESPORT-BEALS HIGH SCHOOL GYM

To: Roland Rogers, 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 fourteenth (14th) day of March, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

ARTICLE 9: To see what the Town will vote to charge for interest on delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Year 2022, if said taxes are not paid by the delinquent date of December 31, 2022. (The State Treasurer has determined 4% (four and 00/100 percent) as the highest conventional rate of interest for Year 2022.)

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 2022, 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).

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**

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.

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 7/1/20 to 6/30/21).

State and Local Road Assistance	\$ 8,764.00
State Grants I Aid:	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	148,467.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	132.00
State Park Fee	00.00
Veterans’ Exemption	1,152.00
Tree Growth	12,990.00
General Assistance	00.00
Homestead Exemption	<u>108,629.00</u>
Total :	\$ 280,134.00

State Aid to Education (including Federal pass through funds)

Educational Subsidy	\$ 125,667.00
Other Revenues	<u>4,782.00</u>
Total:	\$ 130,449.00

Federal:

Local Entitlement Grant	\$ 30,172.00
Local Entitlement Preschool	2,392.00
Rural Education Achievement Program	12,575.00
Title IA -Tier III	20,357.00
Title 1A- Disadvantaged	114,206.00
Title IIA -Teacher Quality	17,707.00
Title IVA-Student Support- Enrichment	29,816.00
School Emergency Relief Fund-1	94,303.00
School Emergency Relief Fund-2	14,442.00
Coronavirus Relief Fund 1	132,993.00
Coronavirus Relief Fund 2	<u>140,901.00</u>
Total:	\$ 609,864.00

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 2022-2023 from the Year 2022 appropriation.

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 275,000.00
Boat Excise Tax	10,000.00
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	00.00
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:	\$ 500,500.00

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

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 2022-2023. (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**

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.

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 2022-2023; 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.

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.

~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	61,000.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00
Computer Software	12,000.00
Computer Equipment	1,500.00
Town Maps	<u>0.00</u>
SR /BCR:	\$ 134,500.00

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

Assessor's Office	\$ 15,000.00
Board of Selectmen	2,500.00
Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector	38,903.00
Registrar of Voters	200.00
Payroll Taxes (Appointed/Elected Officials)	<u>9,670.00</u>
SR/BCR:	\$ 66,273.00

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	SR recommended \$20,000 BCR	33,275.00
Local Emergency Director		1,500.00
Harbor Master Salary & expenses		13,660.00
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:** \$ **150,435.00**

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**

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)	\$	25,000.00
Street Lights		25,000.00
Sidewalks and Crosswalks		5,000.00
Sand/Salt Stockpile		32,000.00
Sand/Salt Maintenance/Lights		1,500.00
Snow/Ice Removal		<u>152,820.00</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS **SB/ BCR:** \$ **241,320.00**

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 **SB/BCR:** \$ **2,500.00**

CEMETERIES:

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

Greenwood Cemetery	\$ 18,000.00
General clean-up & Memorial Day Flags	00.00
Tree Removal/expansion	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES	SR/BCR: \$ 20,500.00

SOCIAL SERVICES:

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

General Assistance	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	SR/BCR: \$ 00.00

LEISURE SERVICES:

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

Peabody Memorial Library	\$ 19,500.00
4 th of July	10,000.00
Town Clock	00.00
Tennis/Basketball Courts	1,000.00
West Jonesport Park	00.00
Skating Pond	1,000.00
Campground (self-supporting)	<u>00.00</u>
TOTAL LEISURE SERVICES	SR/BCR: \$ 31,500.00

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

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**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

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

Comprehensive Plan (1/2) (pay back to surplus) \$ 12,500.00
Comp. Plan 5,000.00

TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS: **SR/BCR:** **\$ 17,500.00**

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**

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to withdraw funds from surplus for road improvements in the sum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars and no/cents). To be paid back to the surplus account over a three year period at \$35,000 per year.

Article 34: To see if the Town is in favor of an Aerospace Facility being allowed to launch commercial rockets in the Town of Jonesport.(FYI-The Aerospace Committee will use this information to develop an Ordinance. This is NOT a binding vote!)

Article 35: To see if the Town would consider switching to the Town Manager form of government at some future time. (This is NOT a binding vote!)

Article 36: To see if the town will approve revisions to the Shoreland Zoning and Land Use Ordinance. (FYI copies of revisions are available.)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to borrow from surplus, \$14,000 (fourteen thousand dollars), per year, for two years to hire a grant writer/planner.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to accept ARPA funds of \$139,096.02 from the federal government for qualified projects. Also, to see if the Town will allow the funds to be expended on upgrade of broadband and internet within the Town.

TOTAL Budget Committee Recommendations for 2021-2022 **BCR:** **\$ 726,528.00**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Reference to Article 13 the figures are based on the 2020-2021 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, 2022. 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, 2021. 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.

The Board of Selectmen gives 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-Beals High School Gymnasium at Snare Creek on the 14th (fourteenth) day of March, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time. Given under our hands in the Town of Jonesport, Washington County, State of Maine first (1st) day of March 2022.

Dwight E. Alley, Selectmen

Harry Fish, Jr., Selectman

William K. Milliken, Selectman
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF JONESPORT

A True copy: Attest

Tonia J. Merchant, Town Clerk

TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE)
WASHINGTON)

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I, Roland E. Rogers, have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Jonesport to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the following businesses:

Jonesport Post Office
Jonesport Town Office
Hamilton Marine
Stewart's Grocery
Moosabec Video
Mannaford's

The same being public and conspicuous places in the said Town at or near the place appointed for said election as in said warrant directed on March 4, 2022, being at least seven (7) days before the said election.

Dated at Jonesport, Maine, March 4, 2022

Roland E. Rogers,
Resident
Town of Jonesport

