

Town of Jonesport
Special Town Meeting Warrant
June 5, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Daylight Savings Time
Jonesport Elementary School Gym

To: Roland Rogers, Constable for 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 Elementary School Gymnasium at Snare Creek, in said Town on Wednesday, the 5th (fifth) of June 2024 to act on the following articles to wit:

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

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

School Committee Recommends \$1,055,730.44

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

School Committee Recommends \$274,007.01

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

School Committee Recommends \$0.00

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

School Committee Recommends \$36,541.86

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

School Committee Recommends \$170,882.57

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

School Committee Recommends \$142,718.40

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

School Committee Recommends \$178,074.52

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

School Committee Recommends \$32,000.00

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

School Committee Recommends \$448,775.81

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

School Committee Recommends \$ 0.00

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

School Committee Recommends \$17,500.00

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 \$1,057,034.55) 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 \$838,397.63

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 \$849,191.07), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$849,191.07 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The **school committee recommends \$849,191.07** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$849,191.07:

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.

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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$2,356,230.62

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.

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.

ARTICLE 18, To see if the Town will vote to expend ARPA funds of \$139,096.02 in other areas approved by the Federal Government, other than broadband. Some of these other categories include storm drain repair, culverts or damage caused by natural disaster. The Town accepted the funds at the Annual Town Meeting of March 14, 2022.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow up to \$40,000 from surplus for repairs to Sandy River Beach access. These will be paid back or reimbursed from FEMA funds or other income which meet proper guidelines for payment.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to borrow \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from surplus to be paid back over the next ten years for a property reevaluation. The payments would be \$10,512. for a total payback of \$105,120. (The cost of reevaluation will be approximately \$200,000. At present the wait time to hire a property evaluator is approximately two years.)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept the Maker's Point Road as a Town road once it has been brought up to the specifications as required by the town.

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 Elementary School Gymnasium at Snare Creek on the 5th day of June at 5:30 p.m. Daylight Savings Time. Given under our hands in the Town of Jonesport, Washington County, State of Maine 5th day of June 2024.

Harry Fish, Jr, Selectboard Member

Logan Alley, Selectboard Member

Denise Cilley, Selectboard Member

True Copy Attest:

Tonia J. Merchant, Town Clerk
TOWN OF JONESPORT, MAINE