

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

Tonia Merchant, Clerk called the meeting to order. Jean Guptill and Barbara Cirone served as Ballot Clerks. Lindsey Alley, John Church, and Leanne Beal served as Ballot Tellers. Tonia Merchant led in the salute to our Country's flag and Pastor Andy led in prayer.

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:

Motion was made and seconded to dispense 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 Gary Willey.

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

9 votes were cast in favor of Gary Willey.

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 Dwight E. Alley

Nomination was made and seconded for Logan Alley.

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

Dwight E. Alley received 36 votes; Logan Alley received 93.

Logan Alley was elected Selectmen for a 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.

Nomination was made and seconded for Suzen Polk-Hoffses.

Nomination was made and seconded for Colon Alley.

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

Suzen Polk-Hoffses received 36 votes; Colon Alley received 80.

Colon Alley was elected for a 3-year term.

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

Nomination was made and seconded for Rebecca Stanwood.

Nomination was made and seconded for Velton Alley, Jr.

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

Rebecca Stanwood received 73 votes; Velton Alley, Jr. received 41.

Rebecca Stanwood was elected Selectmen for a 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.

Nomination was made and seconded for Ernest Kelley, Jr.

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

7 votes were cast for Ernest Kelley, Jr.

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

Motion was made and seconded to elect the Board of Selectmen to be Overseers of General Assistance.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Nomination was made and seconded for Boyde Crowley.

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

7 votes were cast for Boyde Crowley.

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.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as read.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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.)

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with a 3% (three percent) interest rate.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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).

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as printed.
Article was defeated by a vote of 10 in favor; 65 opposed.

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**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the sum of \$0.00 (zero dollars).
Motion carried; none opposed.

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.

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

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

140,901.00

Total: \$ 609,864.00

Motion was made and seconded to take this article up with the correct figures at the Special Town Meeting for the School Budget. (There were discrepancies with the figures in the Town Report and the posted warrant.)

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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*

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$20,000.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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.

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

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.

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

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.

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

~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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$134,500.

Motion carried; one opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$66,273.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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**

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to include the SR of \$137,160.

Motion to amend carried; none opposed.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the BCR of \$150,435.

Motion was made and seconded to call the question; none opposed.

Motion to approve the article with the BCR of \$150,435 carried; none opposed.

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**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$0.00.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$241,320.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 25 with the recommended amount of \$2,500.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$20,500.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$0.00.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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>

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article 28 with the recommended amount of \$31,500.

Motion carried; none opposed.

TOTAL LEISURE SERVICES	SR/BCR:	\$ 31,500.00
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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>
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TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS (Third Party Requests)	SR/BCR:	\$ 1,000.00
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Motion was made and seconded to approve article 29 with the recommended amount of \$1,000.

Motion carried; none opposed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.

Economic Development Committee	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	SR/BCR:	\$ 1,000.00
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Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$1,000.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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	<u>5,000.00</u>

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

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$17,500.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article with the recommended amount of \$40,000.

Motion carried; none opposed.

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.

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

Motion carried; none opposed.

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!)

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

Motion was made and seconded to have the vote by written ballot; Motion carried; 1 opposed.

Motion to allow the launch of commercial rockets in the Town of Jonesport failed by a vote of 25 Yes and 98 No.

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!)

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

Motion was made and seconded to move the question; none opposed.

Motion to consider switching to the Town Manager form of government failed to a small handful of yes to an overwhelming opposed.

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

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will approve revisions to the Shoreland Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as presented at the public hearing held on February 23, 2022 and subsequently revised.

Motion carried; 1 opposed.

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.

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

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: "**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 be paid back in years 3-7 in the amount of \$7,210 each year.** (Note: borrow \$14,000 years 1 & 2; payback \$7,210 years 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7).

After much discussion the question was called; none opposed.

Amended article carried; none opposed.

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.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Motion carried; none opposed.

TOTAL Budget for 2022-2023 \$666,528.00

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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