

**TOWN OF JONESPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Jonesport-Beals High School Gym**

To: Roland (Skip) 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 ninth (9th) day of March, 2026, 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 Select Board 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 Select Board 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 2026, if said taxes are not paid by December 31, 2026. (The State Treasurer has determined 7.5% rate of interest as the highest conventional rate for Year 2026.)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to allow a two percent (2%) discount on taxes paid in full within 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 Recommendation: \$45,000.00**

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

Due to not having received the Town audit, the categories of funds listed below will be presented to the Town at the annual school budget meeting:

State and Local Road Assistance

- State Grants & Aid
- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement
- Veterans' Exemption
- Tree Growth
- BETE Reimbursement
- General Assistance
- Homestead Exemption

State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds)

- Educational Subsidy
- Other Revenues

Federal:

- Local Entitlement Grant
- Rethinking Responsive Education Ventures
- Title IA – Tier III
- Title IA – Disadvantaged
- Title IIA – Teacher Quality
- Title IVA – Student Support-Enrichment
- Rural and Low Income

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to direct the Assessor to deduct the Excise Taxes and other anticipated revenues received by the Treasurer in 2025-2026 from the Year 2025 appropriation.

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 305,000.00
Boat Excise Tax	9,500.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Delinquent Tax	1,000.00
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	200,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	00.00
State Park Fee Sharing	00.00
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00
General Assistance	00.00
Checking & Sweep Interest & other revenue	5,000.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	100,000.00
Fire Dept. Revenues (Town of Beals)	<u>21,667.00</u>
Total:	\$ 643,367.00

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend revenues generated from 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, CEO fees)
- c. Concealed Firearms Permits (Town's share of fees)
- d. Campground (donations collected for operation/maintenance)
- e. Mooring Fees
- f. Dog License Fees
- g. Fines/Reimbursements
- h. Town Website
- i. Cemetery Funds
- j. General Assistance Donations

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow or appropriate from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies during FY 2026-2027. (Creation of a form of contingency account can often avoid the necessity of calling a significant number of special town meetings during the year when 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 Select Board, 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 Select Board, on behalf of the Town, if permissible, to apply for, accept, and expend Federal and State Grant Funds during Fiscal Year 2026-2027; 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: Select Board 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 — \$58,000.00
- Office Personnel — \$53,000.00
- Legal Fees — \$10,000.00
- Computer Software — \$18,000.00
- Computer Equipment — \$1,000.00
- Town Maps — \$500.00
- Grant Writer — \$0.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION:

SR/BCR Total: \$140,500.00

ELECTED / APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

ARTICLE 21

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

- Assessor's Office — \$27,300.00
- Revaluation — \$50,000.00
- Select Board Members — \$3,000.00
- Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector — \$41,620.00
- Registrar of Voters — \$200.00
- Payroll Taxes — \$10,500.00

TOTAL ELECTED / APPOINTED OFFICIALS: SR/BCR Total: \$132,620.00

PROTECTION:

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection:

- 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 — \$500.00
- Shellfish Warden Salary/Expense — \$11,000.00
- Ambulance — \$101,000.00
- Additional Sheriff Protection — \$25,000.00

TOTAL PROTECTION: SR/BCR Total: \$222,660.00

ENFORCEMENT:

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Enforcement.

- CEO Expense/Payroll Taxes — \$0.00
- Animal Control Officer — \$0.00
- Planning Board Salaries (to be paid from fees) — \$0.00

TOTAL ENFORCEMENT: SR/BCR Total: \$0.00

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) — \$15,000.00
- Streetlights — \$36,000.00
- Sidewalks & Crosswalks — \$5,000.00

Sand/Salt Stockpile — \$30,000.00
Sand/Salt Maintenance/Lights — \$1,800.00
Snow/Ice Removal — \$185,283.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: SR/BCR \$273,083.00

HEALTH & SANITATION:

ARTICLE 25

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health & Sanitation.

Beach Property Maintenance — \$0.00
General Town Maintenance — \$5,000.00

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION: SR/BCR \$5,000.00

CEMETERIES

ARTICLE 26

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

Greenwood Cemetery — \$19,500.00
Clean-up & Memorial Day Flags — \$2,500.00
Tree Removal — \$0.00

TOTAL CEMETERIES: SR/BCR \$22,000.00

SOCIAL SERVICES:

ARTICLE 27

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services.
General Assistance — \$0.00

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES: SR/BCR \$0.00

LEISURE SERVICES:

ARTICLE 28

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

Peabody Memorial Library — \$19,000.00
Skating Pond — \$1,000.00
4th of July — \$10,000.00
Tennis/Basketball Courts — \$1,000.00
West Jonesport Park — \$0.00
Veteran's Memorial Park Maintenance — \$5,528.00
Campground (self-supporting) — \$0.00

TOTAL LEISURE SERVICES: SR/BCR \$36,528.00

ORGANIZATIONS:

ARTICLE 29

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Third Party Requests.

Third Party Requests — \$1,000.00

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 — \$5,000.00

TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SR/BCR \$5,000.00

SURPLUS PAYBACKS

ARTICLE 31

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Paybacks:

Polk Lane — \$4,867.00

Maker's Point Road — \$30,930.00

Revaluation — \$10,512.00

TAN Payback — \$76,940.00

Campground Rd March ('24-32 remaining) — \$11,046.00

SR/BCR: \$134,295.00

ARTICLE 32

To see what sum the Town will allow The Select Board to direct the Assessor To deduct from the reserved Revenue Sharing Account for the year 2026-27 appropriation.

SR/BCR: \$15,000.00

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town shall vote to 1) authorize the appropriation of a sum not to exceed One Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$199,905) for its grant matching requirement for a grant award of Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$799,615) from the Northern Border Regional Commission grant [EGMS ID: GT-25FAC-00028] for the construction of a commercial working waterfront facility at Henry Point, including boat launch, parking and floating docks and to 2) authorize the funding of this appropriation by issuing general obligation securities, including any borrowing in anticipation of their sale by issuing temporary notes and renewal notes, in the name of the Town on such terms as the Treasurer of the Town and the Selectboard determine are necessary and proper pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5772 and other applicable Maine law, including fixing the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, premium(s), call(s), for redemption with or without premium, form(s) and other details of said bonds and notes and to provide for the sale thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO ARTICLE 33

1. Total Town Indebtedness:
 - a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid — \$0.00
 - b. Bonds authorized and unissued — \$0.00
 - c. Bonds to be issued if approved — \$199,905.00Total: \$199,905.00

2. Estimated costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.05% and with an estimated maximum term of five (5) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Bond Principal: Up to \$199,905.00
Total Estimated Interest: Up to \$31,751.40
Total Estimated Debt Service: Up to \$231,656.40

Estimated annual payments range from : \$46,331.28 to \$46,331.28.

3. Validity: The validity of bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

FYI: Intent is to pay the loan back using income from the working waterfront and harbor.


Michele Johnson, Treasurer
Town of Jonesport

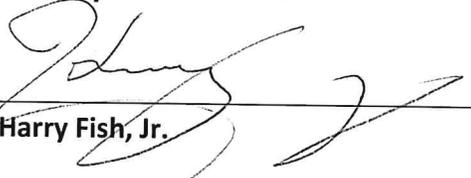
ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend any remaining funds previously designated for 46 Main Street from the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority's Stabilization Account for necessary maintenance, upkeep, insurance, security, or related property preservation costs until a final determination on the property's future is made by the townspeople.

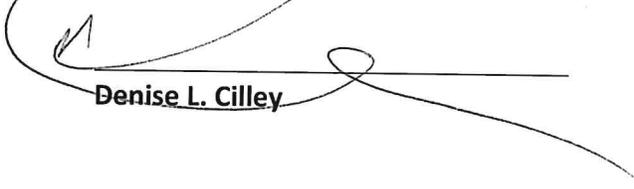
FOR YOUR INFORMATION (In reference to Article 34): Over the past several months, as shared with Jonesport via a public town meeting last year, Sunrise County Economic Council's Community Development Division has been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a Brownfields Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. This assessment will provide important information regarding the environmental condition of the property and help determine what opportunities or constraints may exist moving forward with any town-approved plan related to the property. Once said assessment report is received and reviewed, the Select Board intends to present clear, informed options to the voters for consideration at a future Town Meeting. We appreciate the community's patience as we complete this due diligence process and remain committed to transparency and keeping residents informed. There is approximately \$10,857 remaining in grant funds which are specifically designated by the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority Stabilization Fund for the stabilization of 46 Main Street while awaiting assessment outcomes and deliberating possibilities. Any funds not spent on stabilization will need to be sent back to the Land Bank. A copy of the grant contract related to said stabilization funds from the Land Bank is available upon request if any resident would like to access. No taxpayer dollars are being spent on stabilization or assessment activities related to 46 Main Street, Jonesport, Maine 04649.

The Select Board 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 9th(ninth) day of March 2026 at 3:00p.m., Daylight Savings Time. Given under our hands in the Town of Jonesport, Washington County, State of Maine, this twenty-sixth(26th) day of February 2026.

Jonesport Select Board



Harry Fish, Jr.



Denise L. Cilley

Tonia J. Merchant

True copy: Attest



Michele Johnson, Town Clerk
Jonesport, Maine