

TOWN OF JONESPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
March 13, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
JONESPORT-BEALS HIGH SCHOOL GYM

To: Howard (Buddy) Mills, Jr., 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 thirteenth (13th) 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 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 Town 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 2023, if said taxes are not paid by the delinquent date of December 31, 2023. (The State Treasurer has determined 4% (four and 00/100 percent) as the highest conventional rate of interest for Year 2023.)

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 2023, 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 7/1/21 to 6/30/22).

State and Local Road Assistance	\$ 9,020.00
State Grants I Aid:	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	130,000.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	212.00
Veterans' Exemption	1,703.00
Tree Growth	13,944.00
General Assistance	00.00
Homestead Exemption	<u>109,868.00</u>
Total :	\$ 264,747.00

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

Educational Subsidy	\$ 158,021.00
Other Revenues	<u>9,922.00</u>
Total:	\$ 167,943.00

Federal:

Local Entitlement Grant	32,614.00
Local Entitlement Preschool	864.00
Rural Education Achievement Program	28,584.00
Title IA -Tier III	26,688.00
Title 1A- Disadvantaged	112,939.00
Title IIA -Teacher Quality	17,799.00
Title IVA-Student Support- Enrichment	28,848.00
School Emergency Relief Fund 2	<u>168,044.00</u>
Total:	\$ 416,380.00

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 2022-2023 from the Year 2022 appropriation.

Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 300,000.00
Boat Excise Tax	10,000.00
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	1,500.00
General Assistance	00.00
Checking & Sweep Interest & other revenue	4,000.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	115,000.00
Fire Dept. Revenues (Town of Beals)	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 651,500.00

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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
- 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 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 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 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: 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	\$ 50,000.00
Office Personnel	66,000.00
Legal Fees	15,000.00
Computer Software	12,000.00
Computer Equipment	1,500.00
Grant Writer	<u>14,000.00</u>
SR /BCR:	\$ 158,500.00

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

Assessor’s Office	\$ 10,000.00
Select Board	3,000.00
Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector	42,104.00
Registrar of Voters	200.00
Payroll Taxes (Appointed/Elected Officials)	<u>9,700.00</u>
SR/BCR:	\$ 65,004.00

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	\$ 19,000.00		
General clean-up & Memorial Day Flags	500.00		
Tree Removal/expansion	<u>2,500.00</u>		
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	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>		
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	SR/BCR:	\$	10,000.00

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		
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.

Grant Writer	Payback	7,210.00
Economic Development Committee		<u>\$1,000.00</u>

TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	SR/BCR:	\$ 8,210.00
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

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

Comprehensive Plan payback		\$ <u>12,500.00</u>
	SR/BCR:	\$ 12,500.00

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to direct the Board of Assessors to deduct from the reserved Revenue Sharing Account from the Year 2021 appropriation.

SR/BCR:	\$ 100,000.00
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Article 33: To see if the Town will authorize one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) out of surplus, as matching funds for 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending in the amount of \$1,500,000., to be received by the Town to upgrade the Campground Road. These funds (\$100,000) will be paid back over 10 years, at \$11,046.00 per year.

Article 34: To see if the Town will approve the use of town land at the ball field behind the Peabody Memorial Library for the installation and use of EV charging stations. **Also,** to see if the Town will vote to take \$5,332.22 out of surplus for the match required by Efficiency Maine. (FYI at end of project the Nature Conservancy may consider Jonesport for \$2,000 towards the cost of the total project). These funds will be paid back over 2 years.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from surplus to be used for the War Monument project. The funds to be paid back to the surplus account over a five year period at \$5,750 per year. (Total pay back \$28,750).

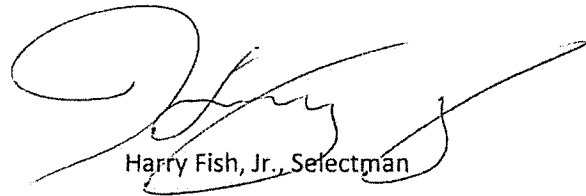
Article 36: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as matching funds for the Submerged Lands Grant of \$15,000 awarded to Jonesport for site work of a concrete launch ramp at the campground.

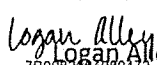
TOTAL Select Board and Budget Committee Recommendations for 2023-2024	BCR: \$ 943,571.44
	SR: \$ 929,571.44

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Reference to Article 13 the figures are based on the 2021-2022 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, 2023. 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, 2023. 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 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-Beal's High School Gymnasium at Snare Creek on the 13th (thirteenth) day of March 2023 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 2023.

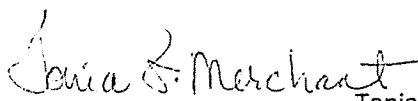

Harry Fish, Jr., Selectman

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TOWN OF JONESPORT

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