

## TOWN OF ADDISON WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

*To, Amy Bright, resident of the Town of Addison in the County of Washington and the State of Maine:*

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Addison, in the County of Washington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the D. W. Merritt School on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

***Motioned to nominate Chris Chartrand as Moderator, 3 votes cast in favor of Chris Chartrand***

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for the governance of this meeting.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written***

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose a **Selectman** to serve a three-year term.

*Joshua Stubb's term expires March 2023*

***Nomination for Irvin Pinkham and Josh Stubbs, 87 votes cast in total, 12 votes for Pinkham, 74 votes for Stubbs, and 1 vote for Strout***

**ARTICLE 4.** To choose a **Road Commissioner** for the ensuing year.

*Marcus Norton's term expires March 2023*

***Motioned to nominate Marcus Norton as Road Commissioner, 3 votes cast in favor of Marcus Norton***

**ARTICLE 5.** To choose a **Director of SAD #37** to serve a three- year term.

*Everett Grant's term expires March 2023 (Everett is not seeking re-election)*

***Motioned to nominate Daniel Kane, 3 votes cast in favor of Daniel Kane***

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **appoint all minor officers**.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written***

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State funds, and/or Donations, that may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written***

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay any tax abatement refunds and interest from the **Overlay Account**.

*(Amount raised for Overlay FY 22 – 23 \$21, 970.78/Total Abatements FY 22 – 23 \$ 15, 174.07 )*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written***

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rate of abated taxes** to be paid by the Town, at a rate of 5%, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to set a date for the Tax Collector to settle with the Town and set a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes after that date. **Recommend January 31, 2024 at 8%.** *(Maine State maximum allowed is 8%)*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to accept **prepayments of up to 75 %** of last year's tax commitment on taxes not yet committed, **without interest**, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to automatically credit **overpayment of committed taxes** to the next year's taxes.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **borrow money** and issue the Town's negotiable notes therefore in anticipation of taxes in an amount not to exceed the taxable year of 2023 from money raised by taxation during that year.

*This article would allow the Selectmen to take out a tax anticipation loan in order to continue paying bills until taxes are committed and monies start coming in.*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any **real estate acquired** by the Town through non-payment of taxes to the public by sealed bid or public auction at such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deed for such property; except the Board of Selectmen may at their discretion allow the immediate previous owner up to 30 days to redeem such property by payment of **ALL** unpaid taxes on said property plus interest, lien costs and recording fees.

*Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy** established for Addison by State of Maine Law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved in the following articles will result in the tax commitment that is greater than the property tax limit.

*Passing this article does not increase your taxes; it confirms the tax appropriations approved by town voters at this meeting and gives the town power to override the State's Property Tax Levy Limit for Addison.*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed **¼ of the budget** amount in each budget category of the 2023-2024 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2024 until the annual town meeting in 2024. *This is a forward-looking article that provides continuing spending authority to the municipal officers for municipal expenditures made after the end of the budget or fiscal year being voted on in other parts of the same warrant but before the next annual town meeting or other meeting at which the next annual budget is adopted. The continuing authority is stated as a fraction of a 12-month budget. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 9 through 16***

**ARTICLE 17.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Days Fireworks**

**Recommended (Per 3-year contract 2022 -2024): \$5,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 18.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Harbors and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this committee.

**Addison Harbors Requested: \$25,000**

**Budget Committee Recommended: \$35,000** *(The increase would allocate funds to two new floats at the Addison Point Landing)*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount by the Budget Committee***

**ARTICLE 19.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administration Expenses.**

**Recommended: \$ 66,950**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 20.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Pleasant River Ambulance Service.**

**Recommended: \$ 107, 912**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 21.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Welfare.**

**Recommended: \$ 5,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 22.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing.

**Assessor - \$25,000, Mapping - \$1,000, and Tax Bills \Supplies - \$1,500.**

**Recommended: \$ 27, 500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 23.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards a **Town-wide Revaluation** and to establish a reserve account for this purpose.

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 20, 000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 24.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance** and to designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this committee.

**Recommended: \$ 26, 500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 25.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to **re-landscape parking and entries** to the North and East sides of the Town Hall Property as recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Committee **and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose only

**Recommended: \$ 50, 000**

***Motion, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 26.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemetery Maintenance** and to designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 2,500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 27.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for purchase and placement of **memorial flags on veteran cemetery lots** and **memorial flags** to be displayed in Town **and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for these purposes.

**Recommended: \$ 4,400**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 28.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Computer Equipment and Software and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for these purposes.

**Recommended: \$17,700**

***Motion, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will **ratify** the over expenditure of the **Contingency Funds** of **\$5000**.  
(*\$5,000 was moved from Contingency to cover the over expenditure in the General Assistance funds. This program is State Mandated and funds had to be made available*)

**Recommended: \$5,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 30.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Contingency** to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies as deemed necessary by the Selectmen during the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

**Recommended: \$15, 000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to allow a **discount of 3%** on all Real Estate Taxes if paid in full on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of commitment. Postmark on 30<sup>th</sup> day will be accepted.

**Recommended: \$50,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 32.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Elections**.

**Recommended: \$ 3,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 33.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Emergency Management and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 1,500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 34.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Operations** of the Fire Department and to designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 71, 923**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 35.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in anticipation of purchasing a new **Fire Truck and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose only.

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 12, 000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 36.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for obligated **loan payment** on **Fire Station #1.**

**Recommended: \$ 32,722**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 37.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Forest Fire** account **and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose only.

**Recommended: \$2,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 38.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Mandated **General Assistance and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 3,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 39.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Legal Fees and to** designate any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 15,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 40.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **MMA Dues.**

**Recommended: \$ 3,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 41.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Payroll** - \$154,800, **Payroll Taxes** – \$16, 000, **Health Insurance** (for 2 people) - \$27,245, and **Unemployment Fund** - \$400.

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 198, 445**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 42.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Shellfish and to designate** any unspent balance to a reserve account for this committee.

**Recommended: \$ 10, 000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 26 - 42 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 43.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District.**

**Recommended: \$ 71, 195** 1.) - keep service the same – pay 10 cents per pound

**\$ 87, 080** 2.) - covered by taxes = no per pound fee up to 300 lb. limit

***Motion made for a written ballot to approve either option 1 or 2. 93 votes were cast. 47 votes in favor of option 1 and 46 votes in favor of option 2. Article 43 passes with the recommended amount of \$71,195.00***

**ARTICLE 44.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting.**

**Recommended: \$ 4,500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 44-47 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 45.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Roads Maintenance and to designate** any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 60,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 44-47 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 46.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving and to designate** any unspent balance to a reserve account for this purpose.

**Recommended: \$ 120,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 44-47 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$ 228, 000** to be **taken from excise tax** for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand.**

**Recommended: \$ 228,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve articles 44-47 as written with recommended amounts***

**ARTICLE 48.** Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's **Shellfish Conservation Ordinance** be enacted based upon recommendation of the Shellfish Committee?

under **Section #5 Licensing - Section E: Open License Sales & Limitation of Diggers - Subsection E: - Non-resident Commercial Licenses:** **change proposed wording from:** "The Town Clerk, on the first day of license sales, shall issue a number of ~~Non-Resident Commercial~~ Licenses by Lottery. This number shall be 10% of the number of total resident licenses issued in the previous year - - **to:** The Town Clerk, on the first day of license sales, shall issue a number of **ALL Non-Resident Licenses by respective lotteries.** This number shall be 10% of the number of total resident licenses issued in the previous year. The rest of wording in Subsection E would remain as is.

**Motioned, Seconded, Passed to accept the amendments as written**

**ARTICLE 49.** Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's **Shellfish Conservation Ordinance** be enacted based upon recommendation of the Shellfish Committee?

under **Section #5 Licensing - Section 5: Night Digging:** change proposed wording to include: "The Town of Addison will close the Shellfish flats to harvesting of soft-shell clams at night from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise **April 1 - October 31 and two hours after sunset until two hours before sunrise November 1 - March 31 of the following year.**

**Motioned, Seconded, Passed to accept the amendments as written**

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$500 for constructing and placing a sign dedicating the **West River Landing** to Leroy Tibbett's and recognizing it as Leroy Tibbetts Shore.

Due to an oversight this article was not presented at the Budget Committee Meeting

**Article 50 was not passed**

**ARTICLE 51.** Shall an ordinance titled Town of Addison's **Building Permit Ordinance** Revised April 25, 2023 be enacted based on the Planning Boards recommendations as listed?

- *Revising certain sections of the Ordinance to improve readability.*
- *Deleting certification of payment of Sales Tax on New Manufactured Homes and including that form with the application.*
- *Deleting Building Permit Inspection schedule as it is included elsewhere in the recommended ordinance changes.*
- *Deleting Standard Conditions of Approval for Shoreland Zoning Projects and including this information with the application.*
- *Deleting Standard Clearing Conditions for Shoreland Zoning and providing these conditions to the applicants within the Shoreland Zone.*
- *Deleting the Department of Environmental Protection section from the Ordinance.*
- *Deleting Guidelines for Soil Stabilization with Shoreland Zone and providing these guidelines to applicants within the Shoreland Zone.*



- *Removing the Concrete Pour Inspection fee, as there is no reference to requiring this in the Ordinance. (Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Brodie reported that no other town in Washington County collects this fee).*

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to accept the amendments as written***

**ARTICLE 52.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mayhew Public Library**.

**Recommended: \$3,000**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount***

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the returns from the **Snowmobile Registrations** to the **Narraguagus Trail Riders** to establish and maintain existing trails for the use and recreation of our citizens.

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written***

**ARTICLE 54.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Downeast Community Partners/WHCA**.

**Requested: \$5,998**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 55.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Life Flight Foundation**.

**Requested: \$574**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to approve \$1,000 for Life Flight Foundation***

**ARTICLE 56.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Community Health & Counseling**.

**Requested: \$250**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 57.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Narraguagus Post #8, American Legion**.

**Requested: \$500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 58.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Eastern **Area Agency on Aging**.

**Requested: \$150**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 59.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pembroke Trotting Association**.

**Requested: \$500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed to not raise and appropriate funds for the Pembroke Trotting Association***

**ARTICLE 60.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Public TV**.

**Requested: \$100**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 61.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **The Lamb House**.

**Requested: \$500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 62.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) of Maine**.

**Requested: \$100**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 63.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **WCCP (Washington County Children's Program)**.

**Requested: \$500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

**ARTICLE 64.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **WIC program**.

**Requested: \$2500**

***Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written with requested amount***

Given under hands the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

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Verlan R. Lenfestey, Jr.

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William R. Gray

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Joshua L Stubbs

**SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ADDISON**

**A True Copy, ATTEST:**

**Municipal Clerk of Addison, Maine**

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Amy L. Lenfestey

Municipal Clerk

**RETURN**

**Pursuant of within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Addison, qualified as herein expressed to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at the Addison Post Office, Davis Service Station, Tyler Marine, and the Addison Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous in said Town.**


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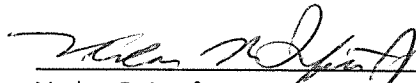
Amy Bright

**RESIDENT, TOWN OF ADDISON**

**April 14, 2023**

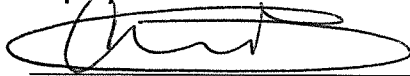
**Selectmen:**

  
Joshua L. Stubbs

  
Verlan R. Lenfestey Jr.

William R. Gray

**Deputy Clerk:**

  
Amy A. Bright

**Closed Meeting: 9:10 PM**