

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 12th day of March 2024 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.

Motion to appoint Chris Chartrand as Moderator, motion 2nd- 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.

Verlan Lenfestey Jr.'s term expires March 2024 (VJ is not seeking an additional 3-year term)

Nominations for Ronald Gray, Thomas Batson, and Irvin Pinkham

96 Votes Cast as Follows

Ronald Gray – 64 Thomas Batson - 30

Irvin Pinkham – 1 Write in – VJ Lenfestey - 1

ARTICLE 4. To choose a **Selectman** to serve a one-year term.

William Gray's term expires March 2025 and he resigned January 20, 2024.

Nominations for Thomas Batson and VJ Lenfestey

87 Votes Cast as Follows

Thomas Batson – 20 VJ Lenfestey - 67

ARTICLE 5. To choose a **Road Commissioner** for the ensuing year.

Marcus Norton's term expires March 2024

Motioned to nominate Marcus Norton, 3 Votes Cast in favor of Marcus Norton

ARTICLE 6. To choose a **Director of SAD #37** to serve a three- year term.

Debra Murphy's term expires March 2024

Motioned to nominate Debra Murphy, 3 Votes Cast in favor of Debra Murphy

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **appoint all minor officers.**

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Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 8. 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 9. 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 23 – 24 \$23,367.59/Total Abatements FY 23 – 24 \$ 8,443.25)

Motioned to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 10. 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 11. 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, 2025 at 8.5%.** *(Maine State maximum allowed is 8.5%)*

Motioned to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 12. 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 13. 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 14. 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 2024 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owners(s) or if deceased, to his/hers/their/heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sales proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C(3), shall be returned to the former owner.

Motioned to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 16. 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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the budget amount in each budget category of the 2024-2025 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2025 until the annual town meeting in 2025. *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 to approve Articles 8 through 17, Seconded, Articles 8 through 17 Passed as written

All dollar amounts from Article 18-48 are recommended unanimously from the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee unless otherwise noted.

ARTICLE 18. 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

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Harbors** and to carryforward any unspent balance for this committee.

Recommended: \$25,000 (Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed)

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving the South Addison Landing.**

Recommended: \$75,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Addison Point Floats**.

Recommended: \$12,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

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

Recommended: \$ 72,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Pleasant River Ambulance Service**.

Recommended: \$ 130,872

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing and to carryforward any unspent balance.

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

Recommended: \$ 27, 000

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards a **Town-wide Revaluation** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 50, 000

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 36,291 (Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed)

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Emergency Funds** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 10,000

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for purchase and placement of **memorial flags on veteran graves and town displayed flags** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 4,500

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Computer Equipment and Software** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$14,750

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Online Rapid Renewal through BMV.** *(This will allow town residents to process vehicle and trailer reregistration's online. This is the initial start up costs and \$250 per year thereafter.)*

Recommended: \$1,325

Motioned to approve Articles 24 through 30, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 31. 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 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

Recommended: \$15,000

Motioned to approve Articles 31 through 33, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 32. 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 30th day of commitment. Postmark on 30th day will be accepted.

Recommended: \$60,000

Motioned to approve Articles 31 through 33, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Elections** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 4,500

Motioned to approve Articles 31 through 33, Seconded, Passed as written with recommended amount

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Operations** of the Fire Department and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Budget Committee Recommended: \$ 116,615 *(Original budget request by the Fire Department) (4 in favor and 1 opposed)*

Selectmen Recommended: \$ 92,865 *(per budget revisions provided by the Fire Department)*

Motioned to approve the Selectmen Recommendation \$92,865, Seconded, Passed with recommended amount by the Selectmen

****Out of Order After Article 58 - Motion to revisit Article 34, Seconded, Motion Passed***

Motion to approve the Budget Committee Recommendation \$116,615, Seconded, Passed

Revised Budget, the TL;DR version

Item	Original	New	Difference	
Consumables	\$750	\$500	-\$250	SCBA Batteries, AED pads, etc
General Liability	\$500	\$250	-\$250	Picnic and event insurance
Pagers	\$1,000	\$700	-\$300	Pagers and chargers- we can easily make this up in a VFA grant
Wildland New Equipment	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500	I hate to cut this one even a little this year
Misc Fire Equip	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250	Turnout bags, flashlights, and the nickel-and dime non-ppe stuff
MFSI/CMFAS/NFA	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500	This may have been a little high anyway
Fire Academy	\$5,400	\$2,700	-\$2,700	I think we will be okay here- if we send anyone to academy we can probably skate it till the 2025 budget. We could probably put on a pretty decent in-house academy for \$5,400
SCBA	\$12,000	\$3,000	-\$9,000	This will cover two new cylinders to extend the life our our current packs. Cecil is interested in buying our old packs. I told him \$6,000 so we may end up short only \$3,000 to keep the program alive this year.
Preemployment Medical	\$4,000	\$2,000	-\$2,000	Same with academy- we can skate this item to 2025 for anyone going to academy
Turnout Gear	\$15,000	\$8,000	-\$7,000	We'll try to make this up in grants
MC Equip Ins	\$1,500	\$500	-\$1,000	I still don't know what this was even for...
Totals	\$43,150	\$19,400	-\$23,750	

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in anticipation of purchasing a new Fire Truck and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 12,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

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 as written

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire account and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$2,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Mandated General Assistance and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 5,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Legal Fees** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 15,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

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

Recommended: \$ 3,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Payroll** - \$160,040, **Payroll Taxes** – \$17,000, **Health Insurance** - \$30,000, and **Unemployment Fund** - \$500.

Recommended: \$ 198, 445

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District**.

Recommended: \$ 88,941

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will **ratify** the over expenditure of the **Street Lights** of \$243.

Recommended: \$243

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

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

Recommended: \$ 5,500

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Roads Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 70,000 (*Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed*)

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 120,000 (*Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed*)

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$ 237, 000 to be taken from excise tax for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand**.

Recommended: \$ 237,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mayhew Public Library**.

Recommended: \$5,000

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 49. Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison's Building Permit Ordinance, Revised April 25, 2023, be enacted based upon the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Board.

- ***Under Minimum Standards – Sizes, Setback, and Other Requirements: Delete, "The minimum lot size must be met for dwelling unit or principal structure on the lot."***

(Note: This will bring the ordinance in compliance with the new State Law PL 2021, ch. 672(LD 2003)).

Article #49 removed during Emergency Selectmen's Meeting prior to Town Meeting on March 12th at 6:30 pm. Will be reviewed during a Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 50. 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 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Downeast Community Partners/WHCA**.

Budget Committee Recommended: \$5,998

Motioned to accept Articles 51 through 58, Seconded, both motions retracted

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison YMCA Recreational Basketball**.

Requested: \$ 2,013 *(Due to an oversight this article was not presented at the Budget Committee Meeting)*

Motioned to raise \$2,103, no second, motion failed – No funds raised

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Life Flight Foundation**.

Requested: \$574

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Narraguagus Post #8, American Legion.**

Requested: \$750

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Eastern Area Agency on Aging.**

Requested: \$300

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Public TV.**

Requested: \$100

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

ARTICLE 57. 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

ARTICLE 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **WIC program.**

Requested: \$2,100

Motioned, Seconded, Passed as written

Motioned to revisit Article 34, Seconded, Motion Passed *See Article 34*

Motioned to adjourn at 8:13 PM, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:13 PM

Given under our hands the 5th day of February 2024

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Verlan R. Lenfestey, Jr.

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Joshua L Stubbs

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ADDISON
A True Copy, ATTEST:
Municipal Clerk of Addison, Maine

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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 and the Addison Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous in said Town.

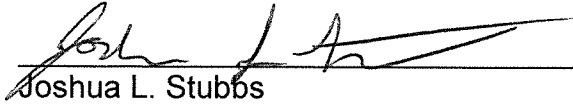
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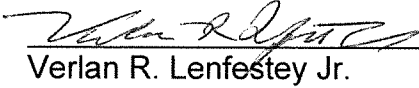
RESIDENT, TOWN OF ADDISON

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Selectmen:



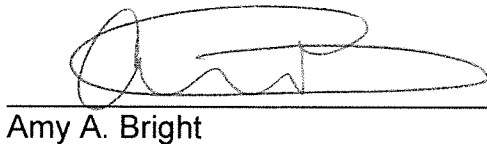
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