

TOWN OF ADDISON WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

To, Shawn Dowling, constable 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 11th day of March 2025 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.

**VJ motioned to nominate Chris Chartrand as moderator, nomination was seconded.*

3 votes were cast, all votes cast for Chris Chartrand. Motion passes.

(Chris made announcements of the new Town Office hours beginning March 17th would be from 8:30 am -4:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with continued late hours on Wednesdays 8:30 am -6:00 pm. Also mentioned the special town meeting scheduled on March 31st after the Selectman's meeting to discuss the tear down of the Kelsey property.)

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.

**Joshua motioned to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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

Verlan Lenfestey Jr.'s term expires March 2025

**There was a nomination for VJ Lenfestey, nomination was seconded.*

3 votes cast, all votes cast for VJ Lenfestey. Motion passes.

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

Marcus Norton's term expires March 2025

**There was a nomination for Marcus Norton, nomination was seconded.*

3 votes cast, all votes cast for Marcus Norton. Motion passes.

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

Christopher Chartrand's term expires March 2025

**There was a nomination for Chris Chartrand, nomination was seconded.*

3 votes cast, all votes cast for Chris Chartrand. Motion passes.

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

**There was a motion to approve the authorization, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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 24 – 25 \$21,233.73/Total Abatements FY 24 – 25 \$ 3,394.34)

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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 **4%**, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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, 2026 at 7.5%.** *(Maine State maximum allowed is 7.5%)*

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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 2025 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.

There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.

ARTICLE 14. 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 owner(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, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C (3), 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, shall be returned to the former owner.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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 2025-2026 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2026 until the annual town meeting in 2026. *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.*

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

The following articles are recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee to be raised from taxation.

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

Recommended: \$6,000

Town received a letter from Central Maine Pyrotechnics stating there will have to be an increase on original contract due to recently implemented tariffs. The tariffs increased their product by 20% and their insurance premiums by 25%. There would have to be a 25-30% increase on contracted price bringing the total up to \$7800.00. We do have the option to keep the contracted price at a lesser show or pay the \$7800.00 to keep it as originally contracted.

**There was a motion to accept the \$7800.00 contract, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Days Committee** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$5,000

Budget Committee: 6 in favor 1 opposed

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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

Recommended: \$50,000

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administration Expenses**.

Recommended: \$ 64,000

A resident did inquire whether or not the expenses included the computer expenses.

Computer expenses are separate from Administration Expenses.

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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

Recommended: \$ 1,500

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Pleasant River Ambulance Service**.

Recommended: \$ 137,760

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 23. 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

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards a **Town-wide Revaluation** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 30, 000

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 35,000

Budget Committee: 6 in favor 1 opposed

**There was a motion to accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 26. 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.

Requested: \$ 10,000

Budget Committee: 2 in favor 5 opposed

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Motion made to not carry funds.
2. Resident stated that the building grounds and maintenance funds made an agreement with the Selectman a few years ago to raise \$10,000 per year for 5 years, this being the 5th year.

3. It was explained that the Budget Committee assumed with what the committee currently had in the account (\$40,000 in emergency fund and \$35,000 in regular account) should be sufficient.
4. VJ stated that he was unaware of any prior arrangements and that is it up to the Town's people to approve the funds raised.
*There was a motion to approve, motion was seconded. Motion passes.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **cemetery maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 2,103

It was asked as to which cemetery these funds helped maintain. It was explained that it will help maintain any Addison grave site if there is a request for maintenance.

**Motion to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Computer Equipment and Software** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$25,000

**Motion to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Hall Security.**

Recommended: \$800

**Motion to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

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 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.

Recommended: \$15, 000

1. *It was asked what the current "kitty" is with that kind of money going in every year.*
2. *It was explained that whatever is left over in this account at the end of every year, goes back into surplus and does not roll over.*
3. *Motion was made to approve articles 30-39 as written.*

Another motion was made to approve articles **30-38, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mayhew Public Library.**

Recommended: \$5,000

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: \$65,000

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: \$ 1,000

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

Recommended: \$ 116,211

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

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

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

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **MMA Dues**.

Recommended: \$ 3,000

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Payroll** - \$206,000, **Payroll Taxes** – \$20,000, **Health Insurance** - \$46,500, and **Unemployment Fund** - \$500.

Recommended: \$ 273,000

It was asked how many people are covered by payroll and insurance. Explained there are 13 people on payroll and 3 on insurance.

**There was a motion made accept as written, the motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District** (PRSWDD). PRSWDD requests \$91,976. The Town has a carryforward balance of \$39,000 that can be used to reduce this amount for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Recommended from taxation: \$52,647

**Motion to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 5,500

Motion was made to accept Articles **41-45 as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Roads Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 60,000

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 130,000

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$ 245,200** to be **taken from excise tax** for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand**.

Recommended: \$ 245,200

ARTICLE 45. 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.

The following article is recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee to be transferred from surplus and does not increase taxation.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from surplus and appropriate toward **Principal balance on the Fire Station Loan**.

Recommended: \$ 25,000

*There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.

The following articles are requests to move funds between accounts and do not increase or decrease taxation.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from **Shellfish Expenses** to **Shellfish Reseeding** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Requested: \$ 2,500

*There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from **Assessor Mapping** to **Town Wide Reevaluation** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Requested: \$ 10,000

*There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.

***Motion was made to waive reading Article 49, motion was seconded, motion passes.**

ARTICLE 49. Shall an ordinance titled **Harbor and Coastal Water Ordinance for the Town of Addison, Maine 04606**, revised March 11, 2025, be enacted based on the Harbor Committee recommendations

Deleted from Article I Section 3: Harbor Masters *The Board of Selectmen appoints the Harbor Masters annually. Title 38, M.R.S.A., describes certain duties and responsibilities of this office. The Harbor Masters have the duty to Administer, enforce, or direct the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance with the authority granted by law and through their appointments as Harbor Masters.*

Deleted from Article I Section 3: Harbor Masters *In addition to the duties prescribed under Title 38, M.R.S.A., the Harbor Masters shall be overseers of the Town's waterfront facilities such as moorings, floats, docks, ramps, and channels. He/she shall make recommendations to the Harbor Committee for maintenance and improvements to all town-owned waterfront facilities. He/she shall have full authority to enforce all harbor regulations affecting the waterfront to the fullest extent permitted by law.*

Deleted from Article I Section 4: Town of Addison Harbor Committee *The Harbor Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. ***Amended. The Harbor Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.*

Deleted from Article I Section 4: Town of Addison Harbor Committee *Harbor Committee members shall be appointed for two (2) years with overlapping terms so that approximately half the membership shall be subject to change each year.*

Deleted from Article II Definitions 9. Resident: *Shall mean any person who has been domiciled in this municipality for at least six (6) months prior to the time his claim of such residence is made.*

Deleted from Article III Harbor Facilities & Regulations for Use Section 1: General Provisions Usage *No person shall loiter, create a public nuisance, or partake of alcoholic beverages on a town float, pier, wharf, ramp, or landing. No person shall be allowed on these facilities after 10:00 p.m. and before 5:00 a.m. unless going to or from a vessel. In addition, there shall be no overnight camping or overnight parking at either of the Addison Town Landing facilities. *** Amended. No person shall loiter, create a public nuisance, or partake of alcoholic beverages on a town, float, pier, wharf, ramp, or landing. No person shall be allowed on these facilities after 10:00 p.m. and before 5:00 a.m. unless going to or from a vessel. In addition, there shall be no overnight camping. No overnight parking is allowed except or parking in designated areas with written permission of the Harbor Master.*

Deleted from Article III 1-1 Addison Town Landing Facilities E. Storage *These facilities are not to be used for the storage of gear, traps, drags and other equipment. No drags, or other equipment shall be allowed to obstruct the launching ramps or otherwise be placed in such a manner that will inhibit access to the floats or the approach to the launching areas.*

****Amended. These facilities are not to be used for the storage of gear, traps, drags and other equipment. No drags, or other equipment shall be allowed for no more than a period of 24 hours to obstruct the launching ramps or otherwise be placed in such a manner that will inhibit access to the floats or the approach to the launching areas.*

Added in Article III 1-1 Addison Town Landing Facilities H. Buoys *All moorings must keep a buoy attached to them, with the mooring permit number displayed on the buoy, to show ownership.*

Deleted from Article III Section 2: Harbor Mooring Fees *The annual mooring fee charged residents shall be \$10.00 per mooring and the non-resident shall be \$30.00 per mooring provided that the mooring shall not be rented by the assignee to any other user for any length of time. All succeeding moorings will be 1.5 times the amount of the previous mooring fee.*

****Amended 3/9/04. The annual resident fee \$ 15.00 for the first mooring and annual fee for non-residents shall be \$40.00 for the first mooring. Additional moorings will be 1. 5 times for each succeeding mooring. Effective January 2005.*

****Amended 3/8/05. The annual mooring fee charges residents shall be \$20.00 per mooring and the non-resident shall be \$50.00 per mooring provided that the mooring shall not be rented by the assignee to any other user for any length of time.*

**** Amended 3/21/17. The annual mooring fee charged residents shall be \$50.00 per mooring and the non-resident shall be \$125.00 per mooring provided that the mooring shall not be rented by the assignee to any other user for any length of time. Effective January 2018.*

All mooring permits will expire the 31st day of December each year and issuance thereof will commence on January 1st each year. Each mooring will require an application on file at the Addison town office to identify the owner, type and location of mooring.

****Amended 5/13/98. All mooring permits will expire the 30th day of April each year and issuance thereof will commence on May 1st each year. Mooring fees unpaid by August 1st will be considered overdue, in default and subject to action as specified in the Addison Harbor Ordinance. Each mooring will require an application on file at the Addison Town Office to identify the owner, type, and location of the mooring.*

****Amended 3/12/02. To change the mooring fee date May 1st through April 30th each year to January 1st through December 1st each year.*

****Amended 3/21/17. To the change the mooring fees overdue date from August 1st to January 1st of the following year.*

Mooring fees unpaid by January 1st will be considered overdue, in default and subject to action as specified in the Addison Harbor Ordinance.

****Amended 3/21/17. The resident late fee will be \$50.00. A non-resident late fee will be \$125.00. Effective January 2018.*

****New Addition 3/8/05 Rental Mooring Fees: The annual mooring fee for rental moorings shall be \$100.00 per mooring.*

Revised in Article III Section 2: Harbor Mooring Fees 1. Fees *All fees are annual. The fee for a resident mooring will be \$50.00 and the fee for a non-resident mooring will be \$125.00. Rental moorings and moorings for floats must have approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. One approved the rental mooring fee will be \$150.00*

Revised in Article III Section 2: Harbor Mooring Fees 2. Late Fees *Mooring fees unpaid by January 1st of the following year will be considered overdue. Overdue fees shall be equal to the mooring fee, thus doubling for that calendar year. Mooring fees in default for more than 2 and a half years, will be reviewed the by the Harbor Master. A reasonable effort will be made to notify the mooring owner, and they will be given these options: pay all the overdue fees, sell the mooring by the end of August and pay all overdue fees, remove the mooring from Addison waters, or surrender the mooring to the Town of Addison. If the mooring owner chooses to surrender or remove the mooring, they will not be allowed another mooring permit until past fees are paid in full.*

Revised *Any references to Harbor Masters or overseers have been changed to Habor Master or overseer to correlate with the amendments made 1-12-18*

**There was a motion to accept as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

The following articles are requests for donation on which the Selectboard and Budget Committee give no recommendations.

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

Requested: \$5,998

**There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Sunrise Little League**

Requested: \$ 1,000

**There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Life Flight Foundation.**

Requested: \$574

**There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Narraguagus Post #8, American Legion.**

Requested: \$750

**There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Eastern Area Agency on Aging.**

Requested: \$300

**There was a motion to approve as written, motion was seconded. Motion passes.*

ARTICLE 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Public TV.**

Requested: \$150

There was a motion to accept Articles **54-58 as written, motion was seconded, motion carries.*

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Next Step.**

Requested: \$1,000

ARTICLE 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **WIC program.**

Requested: \$1,900

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

Requested: \$500

Given under our hands the 17th day of March 2025

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Verlan R. Lenfestey, Jr.

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Joshua L. Stubbs

Ronald A. Gray

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ADDISON

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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Amy L. Lenfestey

Municipal Clerk, Town of Addison

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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Shawn Dowling

CONSTABLE, TOWN OF ADDISON

March 17, 2025