

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE AROOSTOOK, SS

TO: W. A. Cote, a resident and citizen of the Town of Weston, County of Aroostook, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Weston, in said county, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to **MEET** (following MECDC guidelines) at the **WESTON TOWN OFFICE, IN SAID TOWN, ON JUNE 05, 2020 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK AM IN THE MORNING** to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. #1 To elect a **MODERATOR** to preside at said Meeting.
- Art. #2 To elect one **SELECTMAN** for a term of *three* (3) years. The *three* (3) year term of **JOHN RIBE** having expired.
- Art. #3 To elect one **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER** for a term of *three* (3) years. The *three* (3) year term of **DWAYNE YOUNG** having expired.
- Art. #4 To see if the Town will vote to set the date that property taxes will be due as **due upon receipt**, and to give a **2% discount** for payment of taxes within thirty (30) days of commitment date, and to fix the rate of **interest at 6%** for unpaid amounts beginning sixty (60) days after the commitment date, and to allow receipt of taxes from tax club members **without interest** after due date, and to fix the rate of interest paid for overpayments at **3%** per annum.
- Art. #5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 taxes that are not yet due or assessed, and to pay **interest thereon** at a rate of **0%** pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
- Art. #6 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a loan or temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town, such loans to be repaid during the current tax year. Also, to authorize the Selectmen, (for and on behalf of the town), at their discretion as to the time, interest and term of payment, to aggregate, loans to be paid during the current year by taxes, such notes to be signed by the Selectmen and Treasurer.
- Art. #7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from the excise tax account to such appropriated accounts as required covering account overdrafts.
- Art. #8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town, for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for same; except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s); and at their discretion may retain such property; and further allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
- Art. #9 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from undesignated funds, as they deem advisable to meet unexpected expenses or emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2021-22.

Recommendation: from Undesignated Fund: **25,000.00**

Art. #10 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Officials** for the ensuing year. Officers to include:

Selectmen/Overseers of the poor	5,250.00
Planning Board Chairman	600.00
Planning Board Members	1,200.00
Appeals Board (if convened)	150.00
Code Enforcement Officer	4,000.00
Fire Ward/Forestry Liaison	400.00
Animal Control Officer/Travel/Fees/Supplies	750.00
Sexton	350.00
Social Security/Medicare	1,000.00
Travel/Education	1,775.00
LHO (Local Health Officer)	200.00
TOTAL	15,675.00

FY 20-21 \$15,275.00

Recommendation:	From Revenue:	4,702.50	30.0%
	From Property Tax:	<u>10,972.50</u>	70.0%
	TOTAL	15,675.00	

Art. #11 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government for the ensuing year. General Government will include the following:

Administrative Assistant	36,895.00
Part-Time Help	5,000.00
Social Security/Medicare	3,206.00
Audit	4,250.00
Office Expense: includes utilities, bldg. maint., supplies, dues/membership, elections, postage, computer maint. contract, advertising, copier contract, printing and misc.	21,900.00
Travel & Education	3,000.00
Legal	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$76,451.00

FY 20-21 \$74,622.00

Recommendation:	From Excise Tax:	32,109.42	42.0%
	From Revenue:	15,290.20	20.0%
	From Property Tax:	7,645.10	10.0%
	From Undesignated Fund:	<u>21,406.28</u>	28.0%
	TOTAL	76,451.00	

Art. #12 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Capital Office Reserve to be available to the Selectmen to expend as needed. Funds will be set aside in a reserve account for future capital expenditures for the office.

FY 20-21 \$500.00

Balance as of 05/01/2021 \$2,363.04

Recommendation:	From Revenue:	500.00
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Art. #13 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Capital Building Maintenance and Repair Reserve Account. Funds will be set aside in a Reserve Account for future expenditures as needed.

FY 20-21 \$1,000.00

Balance as of 05/01/2021 \$12,774.80

Recommendation:	From: Property Tax:	500.00
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- Art. #14 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Insurances for the ensuing year.
FY 20-21 \$42,950.00
Recommendation:
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| From Property Tax: | 16,359.00 | 38% |
| From Revenue: | 9,471.00 | 22% |
| From Excise: | <u>17,220.00</u> | 40% |
| TOTAL | 43,050.00 | |
- Art. #15 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a certified assessor to assist the local assessors for the ensuing year.
FY 20-21 \$4,000.00
Recommendation: From Revenue: **4,000.00**
- Art. #16 To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Revaluation, to be set aside in a reserve account.
FY 20-21 \$8,250.00
Balance as of 05/01/2021 \$50,090.75
Recommendation: From Property Tax: **4,000.00**
- Art. #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay for discounts, approved tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year of 2021/2022. (*Explanation: The Selectmen, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under Title 36 MRSA section 710 but require voter authorization to spend Overlay. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.*)
FY 20-21 Overlay Authorized
Recommendation: From Overlay: **Yes**
- Art. #18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Road Maintenance and to designate the account as non-lapsing and to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds into the following fiscal year as they deem appropriate. (Includes Salt for Winter Roads).
FY 20-21 \$46,700.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: **46,450.00**
- Art. #19 To see if the Town will vote to accept monies from LRAP and appropriate those monies for Capital Road Projects.
FY 20-21 \$13,000.00
Recommendation: Estimated from LRAP: **13,000.00**
- Art. #20 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal for the ensuing year. (2nd year of three- year Contract).
FY 20-21 \$65,000.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: **65,000.00**
- Art. #21 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Transfer Station for the ensuing year.
FY 20-21 \$55,710.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: **55,264.00**
- Art. #22 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection contract with Danforth for the ensuing year.
FY 20-21 \$6,000.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: **6,000.00**

- Art. #23 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year.
FY 20-21 \$3,500.00
Recommendation: From Undesignated Fund: 3,500.00

- Art. #24 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Mowing of Town Cemeteries and Public Lands for the ensuing year. (2nd year of three-year contract)
FY 20-21 \$5,950.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 5,950.00

- Art. #25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service for the ensuing year. Funds are administered through the Northern Washington Southern Aroostook Regional Ambulance Service Committee.
FY 20-21 \$16,250.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 16,200.00

- Art. #26 To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Capital Road Reserve.
FY 20-21 \$40,000.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 50,000.00
Balance as of 05/01/2021 \$74,983.31

- Art. #27 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Cemeteries Repair Reserve Account.
FY 20-21 \$2,700.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 750.00
Balance as of 05/01/2021 \$19,322.18

- Art. #28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$187.20 for the sludge disposal fee for Houlton Septic System for the ensuing year. *Closed article*
FY 20-21 \$187.20
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 187.20

- Art. #29 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Dues/Memberships as follows:

Northern Maine Development Commission-	\$ 921.02
Maine Municipal Association-	\$1,494.00
Food Pantry-	\$1,800.00
Danforth Library-	\$ 150.00
Greater East Grand Area Chamber	\$ 100.00
Cary Library-	\$ 600.00
Houlton Humane Society-	\$ 700.00
S. Aroostook Soil & Water Con. District-	\$ 100.00
<u>East Grand Snowmobile Club-</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

FY 20-21 \$6,172.00
Recommendation: From Property Tax: 5,905.02

- Art. #30 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Third- Party requests as follows:

Maine Public Broadcasting Network-	\$ 100.00
Aroostook County Action Program-	\$ 45.60
N. Maine Veterans Cemetery in Caribou-	\$ 100.00
Hope and Justice Project-	\$ 200.00
Memorial Day Cemetery Flags-	\$ 125.00

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THE REGISTRAR HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT HE WILL BE IN SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING AND CORRECTING THE LIST OF VOTERS AT THE TOWN OFFICE, AT 8:00 AM ON THE DAY OF SAID MEETING.

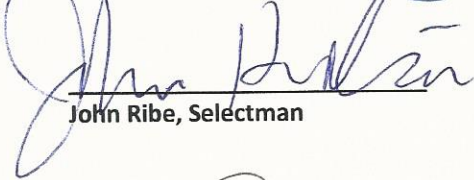
SIGNED THIS 6 DAY OF MAY, 2021



Michael Cheetham, Chairman of Board of Selectmen

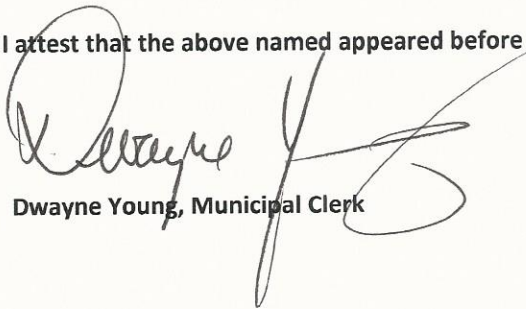


Karen Cummings, Selectman



John Ribe, Selectman

I attest that the above named appeared before me and signed this warrant of their own free will.



Dwayne Young, Municipal Clerk

Dated: May 6, 2021

This meeting will be held in a space that will not allow social-distancing, face coverings will be required to be worn.