

2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Friday, March 1, 2019
And
Saturday, March 2, 2019

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 1 p.m.. Friday March 1. The greetings and the return that the constable Gary Hill posted were acknowledged:

ARTICLE 1: Nominations for Moderator were called for and William Haynes was elected MODERATOR to preside at said meeting. He was sworn into office by the Town Clerk and opened the polls for voting on Article 2. The polls were open from 1-6 p.m. There were a total of 154 votes cast. The ballots were counted and the meeting was adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday. H. Sawin Millett was sworn in as deputy to preside over Saturday's meeting.

ARTICLE 2: SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR & OVERSEER OF THE POOR for a 3-year term. Todd Sawyer received 124 votes and Wyatt Andrews received 29. SAD 17 DIRECTOR for a 3-year term. Judy Green received 133 votes for school board.

March 2, 2019: The moderator called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. at the municipal building. Mr. Millett stated that he would be following the MMA moderator's manual. The results of the election were announced. Mr. Lessard announced that Brad Grover was stepping down as road commissioner as of Sept. 1 but would stay on as a winter snow plower.

ARTICLE 3: The Town voted to charge the rate of SEVEN PERCENT (7%) INTEREST on taxes paid after December 1, 2019.

ARTICLE 4: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to cover 2018 surpluses and overdrafts as defined in the table titled "CY18 Disposition of Surpluses and Overdrafts."

ARTICLE 5: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to temporarily borrow from the town's surplus accounts (checking and savings) to ensure that the Town has enough funds available to cover municipal obligations. All borrowed money will be returned to surplus within 60-days of the tax commitment.

ARTICLE 6: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to temporarily borrow from the following reserve accounts to cover temporary cash flow issues that might arise prior to the receipt of the current calendar year tax monies. All borrowed money will be returned to the appropriate accounts within 60-days of the tax commitment.
Forestry Account, Equipment Rotation Account

ARTICLE 7: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to permanently transfer surplus from some budgeted accounts to cover overdrafts in other budgeted accounts.

ARTICLE 8: The Town voted to grant the Selectmen the same authority granted to them in ARTICLES 4, 5 and 6 for the period of January 1, 2020 through the Annual Town Meeting in March of 2020.

ARTICLE 9: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12^{ths} of the budgeted amount of the 2019 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the March 2, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10: The Town voted to establish the following accounts as reserve accounts and to authorize the Selectmen to draw from these accounts to use those funds for the purposes that those accounts were established.

*Bisbeetown, Elm Vale, Pulpit Rock and Woodlawn Reserve Accounts
Garage Improvement, Winter Roads Emergency, and Equipment Rotation
Accounts, Sports and Recreation, Sand Lot Accounts, Dump Improvement
Accounts, Fire Department, Snowmobile and Surplus Savings Accounts*

ARTICLE 11: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES THEREON on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

ARTICLE 12: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to make final determination regarding the opening and closing of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA section 2953.

ARTICLE 13: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned assets with a value of \$30,000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 14: The Town voted to allow the Town to ACCEPT UNCOMMITTED FUNDS.

ARTICLE 15: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,415** and appropriate from prior year's revenue **\$1,155 = \$5,570** for the enforcement of STATE AND LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES. The amount recommended includes the fee paid to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

Note: 7 M.R.S.A § 3945 requires that all fees and court fines retained by the municipality for animal control must be kept in a separate account and must be used for the costs of animal control. Any money not expended for these purposes in a municipality's fiscal year does not lapse, but must be carried over to the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 16: The Town voted to appropriate **\$1,000** from carryover for the support of the APPEALS BOARD.

ARTICLE 17: The Town voted to raise **\$705** from taxes and appropriate **\$4,295** from carryover = **\$5,000** for ABATEMENTS ON TAXES.

ARTICLE 18: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$17,161** and appropriate from carryover **\$339** = **\$17,500** for a 1% discount on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of commitment.

ARTICLE 19: The Town voted to appropriate **\$4,500** from carryover for expenses related to a TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE.

ARTICLE 20: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$3,107** and appropriate **\$893** from carryover = **\$4,000** for UPDATING THE TAX MAPS.

ARTICLE 21: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$12,373** and appropriate from carryover **\$12,797** = **\$25,170** for a CERTIFIED ASSESSOR.

ARTICLE 22: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$900** and appropriate from savings **\$500** = **\$1,400** for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS GRAVESTONES in BISBEETOWN CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 23: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$6,000** and appropriate from savings **\$500** = **\$6,500** for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS GRAVESTONES in ELM VALE CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 24: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$1,012** and appropriate from savings **\$500** and **\$288** from carryover = **\$1,800** for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS GRAVESTONES in PULPIT ROCK CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 25: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$334** and appropriate from savings **\$500** and take **\$666** from carryover = **\$1,500** for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS GRAVESTONES in WOODLAWN CEMETERY.

ARTICLE 26: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$1,819** and appropriate from carryover **\$541** = **\$2,360** for the ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.

ARTICLE 27: The Town voted to raise and appropriate "0" for UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

ARTICLE 28: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$45,000** for LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION.

ARTICLE 29: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$10,600** for compensation on an annual basis for the WATERFORD FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS.

ARTICLE 30: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$8,224** for the employee retirement accounts.

ARTICLE 31: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$91,674** to provide HEALTH INSURANCE for the full-time employees of the Town.

ARTICLE 32: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$32,784** for FICA and Medicare.

ARTICLE 33: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$18** and appropriate from carryover **\$482 = \$500** for UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

ARTICLE 34: The Town voted to raise **\$2,715** and appropriate from carryover **\$1,285 = \$4,000** for GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

ARTICLE 35: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$26,024** for the STONEHAM RESCUE SERVICE.

ARTICLE 36: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,900** for LAKE CONSERVATION (Keoka Lake Association and LEA).

ARTICLE 37: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$2,000** for the WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 38: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$16,000** for the WATERFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Article 39: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$10,575** for CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Androscoggin Home Care	1,250	Community Concepts	\$1,750
Harrison Food Bank	500	Keoka Lake Boat Ramp	\$3,600
Life Flight of Maine	500	Safe voices	\$300
Senior Plus	500	Sexual Assault Prevention	\$450
Sweden Food Pantry	550	Tri-County Mental Health	\$1,000
Western Me Veterans	17		

ARTICLE 40: The Town voted to raise from **\$239,446** for the care of WATERFORD'S HIGHWAYS and BRIDGES.

ARTICLE 41: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$117,857** as a WINTER SUPPLEMENTAL to provide for the care of the roads during the WINTER MONTHS.

ARTICLE 42: The Town voted to appropriate from carryover **\$4,000** for Winter Sand for residents to take from the Town Garage.

ARTICLE 43: The Town voted to raise and appropriate "0" to replace funds drawn from the checking account to cover overages in the prior year's WINTER SUPPLEMENTAL account and to authorize the Selectmen to draw from this account should the need arise.

ARTICLE 44: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the following funds: rolled from prior year, **\$220,206**; 2018 excise tax, **\$203,914**; 2018 URIP, **59,320** (**=\$483,440**) to CONTINUE TARRING, SURFACING AND / OR RESURFACING WATERFORD'S ROADS.

ARTICLE 45: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$75,000** for the SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE FUTURE PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT and vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should the need arise for a piece of equipment.

ARTICLE 46: The Town voted to transfer "\$0" from the surplus savings account to support the equipment rotation plan, and to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from this account in support of the plan as shown in the Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 47: The Town voted raise from taxes **\$20,211** for INSURANCES.

ARTICLE 48: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$11,000** for WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

ARTICLE 49: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$8,063** and appropriate from carryover **\$602 = \$8,665** for FUEL, UTILITIES and MAINTENANCE for the TOWN GARAGE.

ARTICLE 50: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$20,270** and appropriate from carryover **\$6,030 = \$26,300** for FUEL, UTILITIES and MAINTENANCE for the MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

ARTICLE 51: The Town voted to raises from taxes **\$33,539** for OFFICE EXPENSES.

ARTICLE 52: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,875** and appropriate from carryover **\$22,625 = \$27,500** for LEGAL EXPENSES incurred by the TOWN.

ARTICLE 53: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$129,585** for TOWN OFFICIALS' SALARIES and to authorize the Selectmen to fix the salaries within this amount.

ARTICLE 54: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$1,688** and appropriate from carryover **\$2,312 = \$4,000** for care and maintenance of Waterford Parks.

ARTICLE 55: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$7,238** and appropriate from carryover **\$1,408 = \$8,646** for the PLANNING BOARD.

ARTICLE 56: The Town voted to raise **\$4,000** for the REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES.

ARTICLE 57: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$44,486** and appropriate from savings **\$5,000 = \$49,486** for SPORTS and RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

ARTICLE 58: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$4,880** and appropriate from savings **\$2,120 = \$7,000** for maintenance and repair of the SAND LOT ballfield and park.

ARTICLE 59: The Town voted to raise “\$0” for the support of the annual FALL FOLIAGE ROAD RACE and awarding of the Tony Waldeier scholarship.

Note: This program is a “net zero” program meaning that there is no cost to the taxpayers. The program raises money throughout the year. Any funds that remain after expenses are given out through the scholarship program. As a result, expenses always = income. Since the funds pass through the town’s checking account, our auditor recommends an annual vote on a budget for legal purposes.

ARTICLE 60: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$7,000** for STREET LIGHTS.

ARTICLE 61: The Town voted to raise from taxes **\$221,350** for the USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSFER STATION.

Waterford’s Approximate Share (65%): \$143,878
Albany and Stoneham (35%): \$ 77,472

ARTICLE 64: The Town voted to raise from taxes \$7,354 and appropriate from carryover \$146 = \$7,500 for speed enforcement in Town.

ARTICLE 65: The Town voted to ACCEPT the following as provided by the Maine State Legislature (CY2018):

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$32,699
Veterans Reimbursement	\$ 2,060
Highway Block Grant (URIP)	\$59,320
State Revenue Sharing	\$59,679
Snowmobile Reg. Reimbursement	\$ 0

Total = \$153,758

ARTICLE 66: The Town voted to allocate **\$20,509** from the 2018 school tax surplus to lower the school portion of the mill rate.

Note: When we set the mill rate last year we estimated the amount of taxes required to cover our payments to the school. Our actual expenditure was \$20,509 less than budgeted. Per 20-A M.R.S.A §15004, any unexpended monies raised for the schools must be carried forward for the same purpose in the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 67: The Town voted to take \$318,004 HELP REDUCE THE TAX COMMITMENT.

RECOMMEND:	\$318,004
State Municipal Revenue Sharing:	\$ 59,679
2018 Revenue	\$258,325

Note: When combined with earlier article votes, the total amount of deductions taken to offset taxes are:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 59,679
State Grant (URIP)	\$ 59,320
Vehicle Registrations - Roads	\$203,914
2018 Revenue to Offset Taxes	\$258,325
Carryover from Prior Year	\$284,416
Taken from Checking Surplus	\$ 0
Taken from Savings	\$ 9,120
Prior Year SAD#17 Surplus	\$ 20,509
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<i>Total</i>	<i>\$895,283</i>

If all spending articles are approved as submitted, and the vote to reduce the tax burden is also approved as submitted, and property values remain the same, it should be possible to keep the 2019 mill rate the same as 2018 (\$15.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value).

ARTICLE 68: The Town voted to accept (\$20,900) funds received from Oxford County for mutual aid provided to the Town of Albany by the Waterford Fire Department and to deposit that money into a special equipment account for future department purchases and voted to authorize the Selectmen to allocate money from the account should a piece of equipment become available during the year.

ARTICLE 69: The voters authorized the Selectmen to ACCEPT DONATIONS AND GRANTS offered to the Town when they deem them to be in the Town's best interest and to authorize the Selectmen to agree to those terms and conditions that may be set as conditions of the grants or donations and to appropriate any accepted grants or donations for the purposes stipulated.

ARTICLE 70: The voters approved permanently taking **\$26,345.75** from the 2017 budget surplus to cover overages in the Equipment Rotation account incurred when replacing the 2000 International and 2004 Sterling plow trucks.

Before the meeting was adjourned Mr. Millett swore Todd Sawyer into office for Selectmen-Assessor-Overseer of Poor- each for a 3-year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Brenda J. Bigonski