

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2015/2016

State of Maine

County of York, ss.

TO: Joseph Rousselle, a Resident of South Berwick in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of South Berwick, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the R.P.Gagnon Assembly Hall at the Town Hall on Main Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 19th of May 2015, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. Election to take place at 6:30 p.m. Business session will be held immediately following.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner in which the Town Council deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of seven (7) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2015 and one-half due on March 31, 2016.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid at zero (0) percent interest.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the "Tax Club", with interest waived for all members of the Club making regular payments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Club.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes due to abatement at three (3) percent per annum as per MRSA36/506A.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund the payment of property tax abatements (and applicable interest) granted during this fiscal year.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

pages	Police Department	\$ 809,338
W-25	Animal Control	8,584
to	Dispatch Center	336,636
W-28	Total	\$1,154,558

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$1,154,558
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ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

page	Fire Department	\$ 190,776
W-23	Emergency Management Services	6,044
to	Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
W-25	Total	\$ 496,555

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 496,555
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ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

pages	Town Hall	\$ 73,556
W-20	Community Center	73,978
to	Highway	754,766
W-22	Public Facilities	44,075
and	Town Garage	19,565
W-28	Transfer Station	291,909
through	Solid Waste Transportation	89,710
W-32	Total	\$ 1,347,559

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,347,559
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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant funds and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Roads:

page	Roads	\$ 600,000
W-38	Total	\$ 600,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant and Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 64,440 \$ 517,775 \$ 17,785
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ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

pages	Town Council	\$ 6,050
W-14	Town Manager	148,303
through	Control/Collection	212,179
W-18	Computer	40,100
and	Administration	149,620
W-22	Tax Assessment	101,769
and	Employee Benefits	1,024,600
W-23	Street Lights	49,000
and	Compensated Absence Reserve	30,000
W-28	Total	\$ 1,761,621

and
W-37 TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,761,621

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset) and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Debt Service:

page	Community Center Debt	\$ 70,603
W-36	Young Street Debt	42,527
and	2010 CIP Debt	54,788
W-37	Library Construction Debt	142,500
	Total	\$ 310,418

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset) \$ 34,220
and
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 276,198

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Records Department:

page	Town Clerk	\$ 67,097
W-14	Total	\$ 67,097

and
W-15 TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 67,097

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

pages	Code Enforcement	\$ 53,845
W-18	Planning	36,360
to	Historic District Commission	250
W-20	Zoning Board of Appeals	160
	Total	\$ 90,615

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 90,615

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

page	Social Services	\$ 63,971
W-35	Social/Civic Contributions	10,325
to	Emergency/Rescue Services	81,986
W-36	Total	\$ 156,282
and		
W-25	TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:	
	Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
	and other revenue sources	\$ 156,282

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Recreation/Parks and Conservation:

pages	Recreation	\$ 77,459
W-32	Conservation Commission	4,845
to	Total	\$ 82,304
W-33		
	TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:	
	Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
	and other revenue sources	\$ 82,304

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Library.

page	Library	\$ 127,384
W-33	Total	\$ 127,384
to		
W-35	TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:	
	Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
	and other revenue sources	\$ 127,384

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

pages	Highway Equipment	\$ 100,000
W-37	Office Equipment	16,000
to	Fire Equipment	70,000
W-38	Police Equipment	40,000
	Transfer Station	10,000
	Town Buildings Reserve	15,000
	Police Station Reserve	20,000
	Total	\$ 271,000
	TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:	
	Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
	and other revenue sources	\$ 271,000

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance the following amount for Capital Improvements – Special Projects: Railroad Ave Parking Lot:

page	Special Projects: Railroad Ave Parking Lot	\$ 100,000
W-38	Total	\$ 100,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance \$ 100,000

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Capital Improvements – Shorey Bridge Project the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Special Projects: Route 236/Academy St/Vine St Match

page	Special Projects: Route 236/Academy St/ Vine St Match	\$ 57,100
W-38	Total	\$ 57,100

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance: \$ 22,225
and
Appropriate from Capital Improvements –
Shorey Bridge Project \$ 34,875

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following amounts from Excise Taxes, Non-Tax General Fund Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2015/2016 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

pages	Excise Taxes	\$ 1,104,800
W-8	Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	742,935
to	State Revenue Sharing	362,380
W-10	Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	150,000
	BETE Reimbursement	12,000
	Total	\$ 2,372,115

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 3,481,060 established for the Town of South Berwick by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 21st day of April 2015 A.D.

John C. Kareckas

Jean Demetracopoulos

Russell H. Abell

John J. James

Laura S. Leber