

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2016/2017

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 17th of May 2016, 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, 2016 and one-half due on March 31, 2017.

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 authorize the deposit of all proceeds from the Parking Lease Agreement between the Town and Avesta Young Street LP dated December 12, 2014 and December 22, 2015 into a non-lapsing designated reserve account and to appropriate and expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the repair and maintenance of said parking lot.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

Police Department	\$ 816,468
Animal Control	9,144
Dispatch Center	345,204
Total	\$1,170,816

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$1,170,816
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ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

Fire Department	\$ 196,554
Emergency Management Services	6,144
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Total	\$ 502,433

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 502,433
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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

Town Hall	\$ 72,201
Community Center	68,379
Highway	761,181
Public Facilities	43,075
Town Garage	18,195
Transfer Station	294,325
Solid Waste Transportation	91,285
Total	\$ 1,348,641

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,348,641
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ARTICLE 12. 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:

Roads	\$ 700,000
Total	\$ 700,000

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 \$ 476,000 \$ 159,560
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ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve a capital project consisting of road reconstruction, renovation and paving, including engineering, design and any other reasonably related costs thereto, (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 to provide for the costs of the project and (3) authorize the Treasurer and Chairperson of the Town Council to issue general obligation securities of the Town of South Berwick (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for a term not to exceed 10 years, with an interest rate not to exceed 3%, and delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Town Council the discretion to fix the dates(s), place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities on behalf of the Town of South Berwick and to provide for the sale thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK

1.	<u>Total Town Indebtedness</u>	
	A. Bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2015	\$ 2,165,527
	B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
	C. Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved	\$ 4,000,000
	Total	\$ 6,165,527
2.	<u>Costs</u>	
	At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3%, with a term not to exceed 10 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:	
	Principal:	\$ 4,000,000
	Interest:	\$ 660,000
	Total Debt Service:	\$ 4,660,000

3. Validity
The validity of the bond and of the voters' ratification of the bond may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service of the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.


Perry A. Ellsworth, Treasurer

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Approval

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 6,350
Town Manager	156,506
Control/Collection	205,478
Computer	43,100
Administration	153,295
Tax Assessment	102,570
Employee Benefits	1,146,260
Street Lights	50,000
Compensated Absence Reserve	30,000
Total	\$ 1,893,559

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,893,559

ARTICLE 15. 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:

Young Street Debt	\$ 49,319
2010 CIP Debt	54,044
Library Construction Debt	140,000
Total	\$ 243,363

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset) \$ 34,220
and
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 209,143

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Records Department:

Town Clerk	\$ 70,700
Total	\$ 70,700

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 70,700

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

Code Enforcement	\$ 54,196
Planning	41,276
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	160
Total	\$ 95,882

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 95,882

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

Social Services	\$ 59,232
Social/Civic Contributions	11,150
Emergency/Rescue Services	81,986
Total	\$ 152,368

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 152,368
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ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Recreation/Parks and Conservation:

Recreation	\$ 81,037
Conservation Commission	4,845
Total	\$ 85,882

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 85,882
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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Library:

Library	\$ 136,086
Total	\$ 136,086

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 136,086
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ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$ 100,000
Office Equipment	15,000
Fire Equipment	70,000
Police Equipment	45,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Town Buildings Reserve	15,000
Police Station Reserve	90,000
Total	\$ 345,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 345,000
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ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance the following amount for Capital Improvements – Special Projects: Vine Street/Route 236:

Special Projects: Vine Street/Route 236	\$	24,000
Total	\$	24,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	24,000
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ARTICLE 23. 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 2016/2017 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$	1,204,600
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues		767,620
State Revenue Sharing		383,250
State Revenue Sharing Residual		22,955
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement		225,000
BETE Reimbursement		14,000
Total	\$	2,617,425

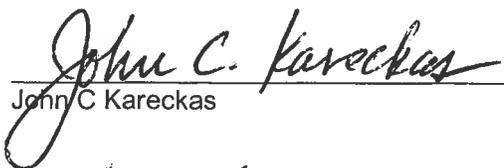
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 3,605,007 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

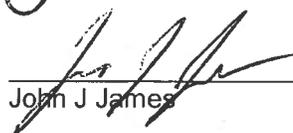
ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 19th day of April 2016 A.D.



John C Kareckas

Russell H Abell



John J James



Laura S Leber

Thomas A Chase