

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2014/2015

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 20th of May 2014, 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, 2014 and one-half due on March 31, 2015.

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 Timber Harvesting of Town owned land into a non-lapsing designated account and to expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the timber harvesting and to fund contributions to Eastern Trail, Conservation and any other environmental programs.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the deposit of all proceeds from the Sale of Town owned land into a non-lapsing designated account and to expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the sale, reimburse the undesignated (general) fund for any tax appropriation of contributions to Eastern Trail, Conservation Coordinator, and any other environmental/recreational programs, and to fund additional expenses for them.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

pages	Police Department	\$ 746,779
W-18	Animal Control	8,430
to	Dispatch Center	330,252
W-19	Total	\$1,085,461

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$1,085,461

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

page	Fire Department	\$ 175,315
W-17	Emergency Management Services	5,875
	Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
	Total	\$ 480,925

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 480,925

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

pages	Town Hall	\$ 75,565
W-15	Community Center	73,070
to	Highway	723,640
W-16	Public Facilities	42,575
and	Town Garage	15,745
W-20	Transfer Station	287,303
through	Solid Waste Transportation	88,521
W-22	Total	\$ 1,306,419

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,306,419

ARTICLE 13. 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-26	Total	\$ 600,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant	\$ 70,280
and	
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Transfer	280,000
and	
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 249,720

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

pages	Town Council	\$ 5,800
W-12	Town Manager	129,500
through	Control/Collection	207,375
W-14	Computer	40,150
and	Administration	148,790
W-16	Tax Assessment	100,607
and	Employee Benefits	845,120
W-19	Street Lights	43,000
and	Compensated Absence Reserve	30,000
W-26	Total	\$ 1,550,342

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,550,342
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ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Debt Service:

page	Community Center Debt	\$ 74,741
W-25	Young Street Debt	53,255
	2010 CIP Debt	54,417
	Library Construction Debt	144,625
	Total	\$ 327,038

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 327,038
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ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Records Department:

page	Town Clerk	\$ 66,151
W-12	Total	\$ 66,151

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 66,151
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ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

pages	Code Enforcement	\$	54,053
W-14	Planning		39,526
to	Historic District Commission		250
W-15	Zoning Board of Appeals		160
	Total	\$	93,989

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$	93,989
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ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

page	Social Services	\$	80,860
W-24	Social/Civic Contributions		10,923
and	Emergency/Rescue Services		81,986
W-17	Total	\$	173,769

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$	173,769
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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:

pages	Recreation	\$	75,042
W-22	Conservation Commission		4,845
to	Total	\$	79,887
W-23			

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$	79,887
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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Library.

page	Library	\$	123,786
W-23	Total	\$	123,786

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$	123,786
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ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

pages	Highway Equipment	\$ 100,000
W-26	Office Equipment	16,000
to	Fire Equipment	80,000
W-28	Police Equipment	40,000
	Transfer Station	15,000
	Municipal Facilities	15,000
	Shorey's Bridge	50,000
	Total	\$ 316,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
 Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance \$ 170,000
 and
 Raise and appropriate from general taxation
 and other revenue sources \$ 146,000

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for Capital Improvements – Police Station Reserve:

page	Police Station Reserve	\$ 20,000
W-26	Total	\$ 20,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
 Raise and appropriate from general taxation
 and other revenue sources \$ 20,000

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 2014/2015 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

pages	Excise Taxes	\$ 1,055,000
W-8	Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	731,558
to	State Revenue Sharing	345,643
W-9	State Revenue Sharing Residual	141,400
	Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	140,000
	BETE Reimbursement	12,000
	Total	\$ 2,425,601

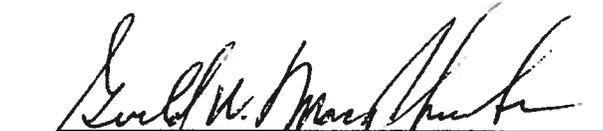
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

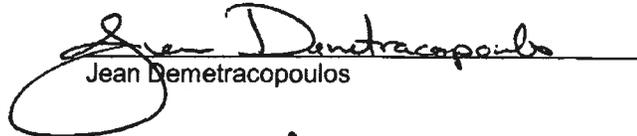
ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 3,293,367 established for the Town of South Berwick by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy 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 22nd day of April 2014 A.D.


Gerald W. MacPherson Sr.


Jean Demetracopoulos


David H. Webster


John Kareckas

Russell Abell