

**TOWN OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE
2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE WARRANT**

Hancock, S.S.

State of Maine

TO: Danny Mitchell, Jr., Constable of Winter Harbor in the County of Hancock:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the residents of the Town of Winter Harbor, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Winter Harbor Municipal Building, 20 School Street in said town, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June 2018, at 8:00 am, then and there to act on Articles 1 and 2, (Polling hours: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm);

And to notify said residents to reconvene at Hammond Hall in said town at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, the twentieth day of June 2018 to act on Articles 3-31, as set out below, to wit:

Article 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To elect the following town officials by secret ballot: one member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor to serve until the 2021 annual town meeting; two members to the Planning Board to serve until the 2023 annual town meeting; one member to the Planning Board (Alternate) to serve until 2023 annual town meeting; one Utilities District Trustee to serve until the 2021 annual town meeting; one Water District Trustee to serve until the 2021 annual town meeting.

**ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT
OF OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS**

Article 3

To choose twelve (12) residents to serve on the Winter Harbor Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Article 4

To choose fifteen (15) residents to serve as members of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for the ensuing year.

Article 5

To choose three (3) Trustees for five-year term to serve as a member of the Winter Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees.

Article 6

To choose seven (7) residents to serve on the Harbor Committee for the ensuing year, the residents to be selected as follows: three (3) commercial fishermen, two (2) recreational boaters, and two (2) residents at large.

Article 7

To choose five (5) residents to serve on the Recreation Committee Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Article 8

To fix the salary for the ensuing year of the appointed Harbor Master in accordance with the Harbor Ordinance. (Currently \$1,000)

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen appoint all other Town officials and members of Town boards and committees.

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Notice

The Town's share of the Regional School Unit Budget has been set: **\$1,092,255.00** (FY 17-18 - \$1,012,706.00)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Expenditures

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,215.00 for General Government Administration. (The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.)

<u>General Government</u>		<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
Total:	Administration	\$163,847.00	\$167,215.00

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,980.00 for the Board of Assessors and Planning Board. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.)

<u>Board of Assessors/Planning Board</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
Assessing	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00
HCPC	825.00	850.00
CEO	<u>2,676.00</u>	<u>2,730.00</u>
Total: Board of Assessors/PB	\$ 14,901.00	\$ 14,980.00

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,802.00 for operation, maintenance and repair of town facilities. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.)

<u>Town Building Operations</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
Gym	\$ 34,114.00	\$ 14,907.00
Municipal Public Safety Bldg	20,016.00	20,620.00
Wharf	12,600.00	7,000.00
Scout	<u>2,275.00</u>	<u>2,275.00</u>
Total: Town Buildings	\$69,005.00	\$ 44,802.00

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$427,897.00 for Public Safety. (The Board of Selectmen recommends approval and the Budget Committee recommends approval with exception of the Police Department .)

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
Fire Department	\$ 57,620.00	\$ 66,995.00
Police Department	103,468.00	103,680.00
Roads	222,425.00	185,723.00
Solid Waste	<u>69,784.00</u>	<u>71,499.00</u>
Total: Public Safety	\$453,297.00	\$427,897.00

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,468.00 for the following miscellaneous expenses or appropriations. *(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.)*

Miscellaneous

Library	\$14,000.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00
Third Party Requests:	
Downeast Community Partners (WHCA)	750.00
Downeast Horizons	300.00
Downeast Trans-Island Explorer	500.00
Eastern Area on Aging	750.00
Eleanor Widener Dixon Memorial Clinic	600.00
Emmaus Homeless Shelter	250.00
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	500.00
LifeFlight Foundation	516.00
Lifeline Food Pantry	750.00
Maine Coast Memorial Hosp-Prescript Assist	750.00
Schoodic Arts for All	750.00
Schoodic National Scenic Byway	750.00
VNA Home Health Hospice	136.00
Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program	280.00
Yesterday's Children, Inc.	<u>300.00</u>
Total-Third Party Requests	7,882.00
EMA Director	150.00
Hydrants	59,040.00
Ambulance	4,644.00
County Tax	80,252.00
Lawn & Grounds Maintenance	<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL: Miscellaneous	\$ 177,468.00

FY 17-18 = \$165,472.00

Notification to Taxpayers:

The taxpayers of the Town of Winter Harbor are hereby notified that the sum of \$80,252 will be required for payment of Winter Harbor's share of the Hancock County taxes. *(FY 17-18 = \$79,406.00)*

Note: County Tax is increased by \$846.00

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,150.00 for the following Special Projects. *(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.)*

<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
Comprehensive Plan	0.00	0.00
Homestead Exemption	5,000.00	5,000.00
Property Revaluation	3,000.00	3,000.00
Downtown Revitalization	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sewer Note	13,173.00	12,800.00
Recreation Committee	2,750.00	2,750.00
PD Cruiser Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00
Investment Fund Repayment	40,000.00	40,000.00
Records Conservation	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total: Special Projects	\$ 66,523.00	\$ 66,150.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES - General Fund Revenues

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 2018/2019 receipts to the General Fund appropriations to offset taxes. *(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends approval.)*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Auto Excise Taxes	\$ 95,000.00
Boat Excise Taxes	5,000.00
Gym Rental	500.00
Clerk's Fees	2,900.00
Permit Fees	800.00
Sale, Trash Bags	16,000.00
Interest: Tax & Bank Account	3,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	8,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,600.00
MRC Member Tip Fee Rebate	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$135,300.00

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend, to offset taxes, the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature. *(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends approval.)*

Category	Estimated Amount
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 500.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	8,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Funds	12,038.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	8,000.00
Veterans' Exemption Reimbursement	<u>500.00</u>
Total: Estimated Revenues	\$29,038.00
<i>FY 17-18 - \$29,038.00</i>	

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to place unexpended balances from this fiscal year into a tax reduction reserve account to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the next fiscal year. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

SPECIAL FUND FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 19

To see if the Town will appropriate all Local Roads Assistance Program (formerly Rural-Urban Initiative) funds (local road assistance estimated \$11,500) to the Town Roads account for capital improvement. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to have the 2018/2019 fiscal year taxes due in two increments: one-half to be due on or before October 31, 2018, and one-half to be due on or before April 30, 2019; and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes paid after the due dates. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment (i.e., prior to the date of commitment) of taxes and vote to pay 0% interest on said payments. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, at a rate of 7.00% per annum. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and if they decline, advertising for sealed bids on same, and stating the lowest bid acceptable, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosure when it is in the best interest of the Town. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$622,909.88 established for Winter Harbor by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved, under the 2018 Town Meeting warrant, will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax limit. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.) Ballot vote required.*

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, any Federal or State funds received. *(The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.)*

Article 26

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from "Unappropriated Surplus" as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the 2017/2018 fiscal year. (*\$20,000 customary amount*)

Article 27

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to vote for the dissolution of Coastal Recycling. (*Will be used only to protect the Town's interest.*)

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations that they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property, which they deem unusable, on such terms as they deem advisable.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A., Section 2953 and the posting of roads to heavy traffic, when appropriate or necessary.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set the date of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of May 2018.

Winter Harbor Board of Selectmen

Billy Bob Faulkingham
William R. Faulkingham

Robert Hemenway
Robert Hemenway

Kyle Bragdon
Kyle Bragdon



Cathy Carruthers
Attest: Cathy J. Carruthers, Town Clerk