

THE WARRANT

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

HANCOCK, ss

STATE OF MAINE

To: Patrick Kane, a Deputy Constable in the Town of Surry, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Surry, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Surry Municipal Building in said town on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 2020, at 7:45 A.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at the meeting.
2. To elect designated town officers by secret ballot (M.R.S.A. Title 30-A, Sections 2528 and 2529).

The polls for voting on Article 2 will open at 8:00A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M., at the Surry Municipal Building. The business meeting will begin on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 9:30AM at the Surry Civic Center (Surry Elementary School Gym).

Budget recommendations by the Select Board appear below in many of the following articles. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget amounts and made recommendations to the Select Board.

3. To see if the Town will vote to pay a stipend of \$4,300.00 per year to each of the Select Board Members. Funding for this article is in Article #7.

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

4. To see if the Town will vote to continue to pay a stipend of \$1,430.00 per year to each of the Assessors. Funding for this article is in Article #7.

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

5. To see if the Town will vote to pay a stipend of \$510.00 per year to each of the Select Board Members for the administration of General Assistance. Funding for this article is under Article #57.

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

6. To see if the Town will vote to pay a stipend of \$918.00 per year to each of the Select Board Members for oversight of the Transfer Station. Funding for this article is under Article #33.

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$274,335.00 for Administration of the Town, which includes: Administrative Costs of \$218,725.00; Assessing costs of \$35,660.00; and Municipal Building Operations of \$19,950.00.

- To Raise from Taxation: \$99,335.00

- To Appropriate from Fund Balance: \$100,000.00
- To Appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$75,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

8. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2020-2021 budget and to see if the Town will spend \$200,000 of that carry forward and apply it to the 2020-2021 budget.
9. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration Services for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.
 - School Committee Services
 - Office of the Superintendent Services
 - Contingency Funds

School Committee Recommends: \$128,322.44

10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student Transportation Services for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$134,623.01

11. To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instructional Services for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.
 - Regular Secondary Program
 - Elementary Instructional Services
 - Gifted and Talented Program

School Committee Recommends: \$1,678,080.78

12. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support Services for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.
 - Library Services
 - Student Health Services
 - Instructional Technology
 - Instructional Staff Training
 - Guidance Services
 - Academic Student Assessment
 - Curriculum Development

School Committee Recommends: \$89,702.61

13. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration Services for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$170,992.89

14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$151,738.21

15. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education Program for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

- Special Education Instructional Programs
- Office of the Director of Special Education

School Committee Recommends: \$403,322.45

16. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

- Co-Curricular
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- After School Program

School Committee Recommends: \$41,451.88

17. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 fiscal year.

- Food Service Operations

School Committee Recommends: \$97,663.69

18. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend : \$1,967,527.19 for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688). Recommend (\$1,797,233.68).

Note: The total allocation amount in this Article (which includes an amount of state subsidy) is an estimate. If the state calculates a higher amount of state subsidy revenue, the school department will use the calculated amount of state subsidy in its actual budget, and a correspondingly lower amount of balance forward and other miscellaneous revenues. These adjustments will not increase the expenditures authorized in this budget.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,967,527.19

“State Mandated Explanation: “The town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the town must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

19. (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year. Recommend (\$626,920.83), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$626,920.83 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

School Committee Recommends: \$626,920.83

(In order to maintain the current educational programs and offerings, the school committee recommends raising the \$626,920.83 in additional funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$626,920.83).

State Mandated Explanation: “The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects or the non-state funded portion of school construction projects that will help achieve the town's budget for educational programs.”

20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for local nutrition allocation purposes (the school lunch program) for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year.

School Committee Recommends: \$36,764.94

21. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act , non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,895,897.96

22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to raise and appropriate the same of \$25,000 to establish a School Construction Reserve Account.

School Committee Recommends: \$25,000.00

23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to raise and appropriate the same of \$5,000 to establish a Technology Reserve Account.

School Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,100.00 for Harbor Master expenses:

- To raise from Boat Excise Reserve: \$1,100.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$67,980.00 for the Surry Fire Department. This includes \$6,000.00 for Fire Chief's and Assistant Fire Chief's salaries, \$12,000.00 stipend for the firefighters, SS/Medicare \$1,380.00, and \$48,600.00 for operating expenses.

- To raise from Taxation: \$67,980.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$33,615.00 for a 12-month contract with Peninsula Ambulance Corps.

- To raise from Taxation: \$33,615.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,905.00 for an Animal Control Program.

- To raise from Taxation: \$4,905.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,175.00 for the E911 program, to be used for Hancock County dispatching fees, addressing and street signs.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$4,175.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,400.00 for electricity for streetlights.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$1,400.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

30. To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of labor and equipment for Public Works Department using the Labor Reimbursement and Private Equipment Rates published by the State of Maine as a guideline.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$9,410.00 for Road Commissioner administrative expense. This includes a stipend at \$6,000.00 a year, mileage allowance of \$2,950.00 and SS/Medicare at \$460.00.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$9,410.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

32. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$322,350.00 for the Town road budget which includes winter roads (\$167,850.00), road maintenance (\$68,500.00), roadside mowing (\$6,000.00), and road paving (\$80,000.00).

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$292,350.00
- To appropriate from Local Roads Assistance Program Reserve: \$30,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$122,964.00 for its 12-month share of operating the Blue-Hill-Surry Solid Waste Transfer Station for the 2020-2021 year.

- To appropriate from Fund Balance: \$25,000.00
- To raise from Taxation: \$25,000.00
- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$72,964.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

34. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$27,000.00 for cemetery maintenance and improvements.

- To raise from Taxation: \$27,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

35. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$800.00 for a 12-month contract with Haslam Septic of Ellsworth for the right to dump septic waste from Surry households into their DEP licensed holding tanks, and \$2,800.00 for porta-potties in town areas.

- To raise from taxation: \$3,600.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$16,320.00 for Code Enforcement Officer wages and expenses.

- To raise from Taxation: \$16,320.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

37. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,700.00 for Planning Board, Board of Appeals and UDO revision expenses.

- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$1,700.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

38. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,700.00 for the Conservation Commission.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$3,700.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

39. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the Alewife Committee.

- To appropriate from Alewife Reserve: \$500.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$7,330.00 for the Ellsworth City Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$7,330.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

41. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,913.00 for the Blue Hill Library.

- To raise from Taxation: \$3,913.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

42. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$4,810.00 for the Surry Memorial Park for maintenance.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$4,810.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

43. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,265.00 for maintenance of the Osgood Lot.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$5,265.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

44. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$9,250.00 for the maintenance and construction of Town waterways properties.

- To appropriate from Boat Excise Reserve: \$3,500.00
- To raise from taxation: \$5,750.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

45. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the utilities at the Old Town Hall. (Surry Historical Society).

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

46. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,180.00 for Old School House expenditures, including renovations, repairs and electricity costs.

- To raise from Taxation: \$3,180.00

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

47. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,375.00 for the Maine Bicentennial Committee.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$1,375.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

48. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$700.00 for the Ellsworth Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

- To raise from Taxation: \$700.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

49. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,000.00 for the support of Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

- To raise from Taxation: \$1,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

50. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,709.00 for the support of the Downeast Community Partners (formerly Washington Hancock County Agency).

- To raise from Taxation: \$5,709.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

51. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$2,270.00 for the support of Northern Light Health (formerly Hancock County Home Care and Hospice).

- To raise from Taxation: \$2,270.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

52. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 from taxation for the financial support of Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

53. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 from taxation for the financial support of Friends in Action of Ellsworth.

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

54. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$1,350.00 from taxation for the financial support of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

- To raise from Taxation: \$1,350.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

55. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$12,000.00 for the Surry Children's Backpack Food Program.

- To appropriate from Backpack Contribution Reserve Account: \$12,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

56. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$500.00 for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program.

- To raise from Taxation: \$500.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

57. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$9,200.00 for the Surry Recreation Program. This includes YMCA funding of \$3,750.00.

- To raise from Taxation: \$9,200.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

58. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$5,378.00 for General Assistance, which includes a stipend for the General Assistance Administrators.

- To appropriate from Tree Growth Reimbursement: \$1,796.00
- To appropriate from General Assistance Reimbursement: \$3,582.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote

59. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$55,400.00, or such other amount that should become due and payable during Fiscal Year 2021, for long term debt incurred: \$41,500.00 for expansion and renovation of the Fire Department, and \$13,900.00 for purchase of the Emergency Rescue Vehicle.

- To raise from Taxation: \$27,400.00
- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$28,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$17,500.00 for a contribution to the sinking fund for early retirement of long-term debt.

- To appropriate from Excise Tax Reserve: \$17,500.00

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$15,000.00 and authorize the Select Board to use such funds as they deem necessary to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2021.

- To appropriate from Revenue Sharing Reserve: \$15,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

62. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$10,000.00 for a contribution to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Outlay Reserve Account.

- To raise from Taxation: \$10,000.00

Select Board and Finance Committee recommend a YES vote.

63. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,370 from Fund Balance to cover the following overdrafts from the budget which were confirmed by the annual audit for fiscal year 2019:

- Administration: \$1,474
- Assessing: \$1,084
- Municipal Building Operations: \$4,310
- Street Lights: \$33
- Libraries: \$27
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors: \$167
- County Tax: \$1
- Long Term Debt: \$10,274

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

64. To see if the Town will vote to establish that taxes will be payable upon commitment.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

65. To see if the Town will vote that property taxes shall be paid in two equal installments for the fiscal year 2021, the first half being due September 30, 2020, and delinquent thereafter, and the second half being due March 30, 2021, and delinquent thereafter, with interest at an annual rate of 7% charged on delinquent taxes.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

66. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 5% pursuant to 36 M. R. S. A., Sec. 506-A.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

67. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$3,000.00 to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

- To raise from Taxation: \$3,000.00

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. , Sec. 506.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

69. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable in accordance with state laws and regulations, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

70. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of town owned personal property with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

71. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint necessary officers and officials not already chosen.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

72. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to accept any State, Federal or private grants that may become available to the Town or the Blue Hill-Surry Solid Waste Committee.

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

73. To see what action the Town will take regarding the alewives fisheries. (Select Board recommends the Town renew alewife fishing rights with the Maine Department of Marine Resources for Fiscal Year 2021 and that control of alewife fisheries be the responsibility of the Select Board, including authority to negotiate a contract for a period of up to three years for the taking of alewives as a means of income to the Town).

Select Board recommends a YES vote.

Given under our hands this 26 day of June, 2020

Stephen D. Bemiss

William I. Matlock

Betsy Armstrong

A True Copy Attest: _____

Patrick Kane, Deputy Constable

Town of Surry, June ____, 2020

Non-posted warrant

There may be additional articles