

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, SS

To: Chris Watson, Deputy Sheriff, in the Town of Eddington, in the County of Penobscot:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eddington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road, Eddington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of June A.D. 2018, at 8:00 a.m. then and there to act on Articles one (1) and two (2), then to adjourn and reassemble at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road, Eddington, on Tuesday, the 19th day of June A.D. 2018, at 6:30 p.m. then and there to act on the remaining Articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect officers by secret ballot as follows:

Selectmen – One 3-year term

One 2-year term

School District Director – One 3-year term

One 2-year term

NOTE: The polls for voting will be open Tuesday, June 12, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road. At the closing of the polls the meeting will adjourn until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at which time the Moderator will call the meeting to order at the Eddington Municipal Building, Meeting Room, for the purpose of transacting further business on the remaining Articles.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2018 taxable year in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town, such loans to be paid during said year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 2/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the annual budget during the period from July 1 to the annual town meeting should the annual town meeting not be held in June before the books close on June 30th, 2019.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint, on behalf of the Town, any and all necessary town officers required by law and not chosen at said meeting.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be paid on all taxes unpaid after said date.

RECOMMENDED: 8%

Taxes are due upon completion of the tax commitment. Half due September 30th and the other half due March 31st. Interest on unpaid 2018 taxes will start on October 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 or thirty (30) days from commitment, whichever is later.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest to be paid on abated taxes.

RECOMMENDED: 4%

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or the treasurer to accept payment of real estate and personal property taxes before the commitment date.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through non-payment of taxes thereon, subject to the advertising of same for three consecutive days in a local paper and town website or other publications, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deed for such property: except the Board of Selectmen shall allow the immediate previous owner or heirs (one generation) up to 30 days to redeem such property by payment of all unpaid taxes on said property plus interest, lien costs and recording fees.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to enter up to three year contracts. (Example: trash & recycling, snow removal, cemetery mowing.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant applications and contracts and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes with the understanding that no grant that requires longer than two years or longer financial commitment will be accepted unless approved at a Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make transfers and disbursements from Unappropriated Surplus, Reserve Funds and Capital Improvement Funds for the purpose of local matching funds up to \$5,000.00 for the year should the Town receive a grant or grants requiring matching funds.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money and personal and real property to the Town and to appropriate such gifts for such public purposes as the Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,080.00 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$376,362.00 for ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$279,900.00 for HIGHWAYS. Plus State Highway Funds.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$386,231.00 for PROTECTION. Plus Capital Ambulance Reimbursement Funds, any grant funds and Clifton Fire Contract funds not appropriated towards the fire truck bond payment.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,034.00 for HUMAN SERVICES. Plus PERC Reimbursement Funds, Municipal Review Committee Dividends, General Assistance Reimbursement funds.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use from Unappropriated Surplus, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expense and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2018-19

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: \$7,500.00

(Explanation: The creation of some form of contingency account can often avoid the necessity for calling for a special town meeting during the year when relatively minor issues can be resolved with the expenditure of minor sums.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to use the following source of funds to reduce the Town's 2018 fiscal year tax commitment. Plus Revenue Sharing and Homestead Reimbursement Funds. **RECOMMENDED: \$530,000.00**

| REVENUE FUNDS | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 Estimated |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Excise Taxes | 432,547.26 | 447,052.76 | \$450,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Fees & Income | 38,326.38 | 37,221.32 | 35,000.00 |
| Supplemental Taxes Collected | 3,714.19 | 589.36 | 2,500.00 |
| Interest | 17,687.51 | 17,438.22 | 18,000.00 |
| Unexpended Department Balances | 19,506.32 | 10,552.52 | 10,000.00 |
| Unexpended Overlay | 30,552.16 | 19,847.19 | 15,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 542,333.82 | 532,701.37 | 530,500.00 |
| Revenue Appropriated | \$475,000.00 | \$485,000.00 | \$530,000.00 |
| Revenue Sharing | 101,517.39 | 96,342.51 | 100,000.00 |
| Homestead Reimbursement | 46,821.00 | 114,501.00 | 75,000.00 |

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,130.00 for the Municipal Building Bond payment.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,000.00 for the CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (a continuing account)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,403.00 for Fire Truck Bond payment. Plus \$26,000.00 from the Clifton Fire Contract.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to take up to \$94,100.00 from unappropriated surplus to pay the abatement from Emera for the 2012 tax year of \$80,007.72 plus interest of \$14,072.59 as of July 16, 2018. Note: This abatement was denied by the Town of Eddington in 2015. Emera appealed to the State Property Tax Board, which granted the abatement. Town appealed to Superior Court and then to the Maine Supreme Court. The decision of both courts was to grant the abatement to Emera and must be paid by the Town of Eddington.


Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise funds matching money raised by the Historical Society in the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for the Historical Society Building Fund up to \$5,000.00 . Funds to be held in a Reserve account by the Town until property is acquired. (Explanation: For every dollar raised by the Historical Society towards the Building Fund in the fiscal year the Town will match up to \$5,000.00)


ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for a new electronic digital message sign for the Municipal Building.

ARTICLE 27. Adjournment.


**GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND THIS
5th DAY OF JUNE 2018**




Mark Carreira, Chair



Ray Wood, Vice-Chair



Joseph Powell



Pamela Chapman
Eddington Board of Selectmen