

TOWN WARRANT

The clerk opened the meeting at 9 AM and read the opening greetings of the warrant.

County of Washington

State of Maine,ss.

To Neil R Butler, resident of the Town of Beddington, in the County of Washington.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Beddington qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Building on April 1, 2017, at 9:00 in the morning for the following purposes to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting, and to be paid \$25.00

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ron Varin as Moderator of the meeting. There were no other nominations. Ron Varin was elected Moderator by a show of hands 13 for Ron Varin.

Ron Varin was then sworn in as Moderator by Carol Varin, Clerk.

ARTICLE 2

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. For the election of such Officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of the Moderator and will close immediately after such Officers have been elected at which time the meeting will be resumed to act on the remaining articles.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Town Clerk. There were no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected Clerk by a show of hands, 13 for Carol Varin.

Carol Varin was then sworn in as Clerk by Ron Varin, Moderator.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Neil Butler as First Selectman. There were no other nominations. Neil Butler was elected First Selectman by a show of hands 13 for Neil Butler.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ron Varin as Second Selectman. There were no other nominations. Ron Varin was elected Second Selectman by a show of hands 13 for Ron Varin.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Debra Pollard as Third Selectperson. There were no other nominations. Debra Pollard was elected Third Selectperson by a show of hands 13 for Debra Pollard.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dottie Cardarelli as Tax Collector. There were no other nominations. Dottie Cardarelli was elected Tax Collector by a show of hands, 13 for Dottie Cardarelli.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mike Loughlin as Fire Chief. There were no other nominations. Mike Loughlin was elected Fire Chief in a show of hands, 13 for Mike Loughlin.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carol Varin as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Carol Varin was elected Treasurer by a show of hands, 12 for Carol Varin.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Phil White as School Committee Member. There were no other nominations. Phil White was elected School Committee Member by a show of hands 12 for Phil White.

The three members of the Board of Selectmen were then sworn in by Carol Varin, Clerk.

Dottie Cardarelli was sworn in as Tax Collector by Carol Varin, Clerk.

Mike Loughlin was sworn in as Fire Chief by Carol Varin, Clerk.

Carol Varin was sworn in as Treasurer by Ron Varin, Moderator.

Phil White was sworn in as School Committee Member by Carol Varin, Clerk.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the town will vote to fix a date on which assessed taxes for the ensuing year shall become due and payable. (Recommend August 1, 2017.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3 as read. Article 3 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the town will vote to fix an annual rate of interest to be collected on taxes remaining unpaid after some specific date, and set said date. (Town recommends after 9/30/17, interest rate be set at 7 %).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4 as read. Article 4 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated fund balance a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2017. (Recommend \$3,000.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5 as read. Article 5 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers, and others as listed, and to fix their salaries. (Recommend to raise \$36,000.00, which includes 8% for Town’s portion of payroll taxes.)

FIX SALARIES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. 1ST SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR/ADMINISTRATOR (\$ 6,000.00)
- 2ND SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR (1,500.00)
- 3RD SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR (1,500.00)
- 3
- B. TAX COLLECTOR - CERTIFIED (\$4,000.00)
- Agent - Bureau of Motor Vehicles (600.00)

Agent - Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife		(600.00)
C. TREASURER		(\$3,500.00)
D SCHOOL COMMITTEE:		
CHAIR PERSON		(\$ 200.00)
2 ND MEMBER		(150.00)
3 RD MEMBER		(150.00)
E. FIRE CHIEF		(\$1,000.00)
F. EMS OFFICER (APPOINTED)		(\$200.00)
G. HEALTH OFFICER		(\$200.00)
H. DOG CONTROL OFFICER: SET RATE		(\$ 200.00)
I. TOWN CLERK		(\$2,000.00)
J. REGISTRAR OF VOTER (Now a 2 year Appointment expires December 2014)		(\$600.00)
K CEO		(2,175.00)
K. PLANNING BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)
L. APPEALS BOARD	CHAIR PERSON	(\$200.00)
	EACH MEMBER	(\$100.00)
M. TOWN TO PAY .50 CENTS PER MILE FOR CONDUCTING TOWN BUSINESS IN PERSONAL VEHICLES.		
TOWN TO PAY \$25.00 TO ALL BOARD MEETINGS TO ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS		

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6 as read. Article 6 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for town Buildings.
(Recommend to raise \$ 5,000.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7 as read. Article 7 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Treasurer to use Surplus Funds

during the fiscal year in anticipation of Property Tax Receipts. (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 8 as read. Article 8 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to 25% of the 2017 budget in fiscal year 2018 prior to the Town Meeting. (Recommended)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 9 as read. Article 9 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Care of the Poor. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$5,528.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 10 as read. Article 10 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Care of the Cemetery. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$719.00 and raise \$600)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 11 as read.

There was discussion about the many stones leaning over and broken. It will likely take several years to accomplish the repairs. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 11 to read "carry the balance forward of \$719.00 and raise \$1000.00".

*The amendment to Article 11 passed with a show of hands 14 to 0.
Article 11, as amended, passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.*

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Snow Removal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$12,596, appropriate \$10,000 from surplus, and raise \$30,000).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as read. Article 12 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Administration. (Recommend to raise \$17,000, and appropriate \$5,000 from surplus.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 13 as read. Article 13 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate from overlay to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon. (Recommend \$2,000.00 from overlay)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 14 as read. Article 14 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Structural Fire Protection. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$5,954 and to raise \$1,000 for a new forestry truck)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as read.

There was discussion that our forestry truck is 40 years old. The Town can ask for donations from the lake road associations in Beddington, and the Lead Mountain Pond Association. A down payment could be made on a newer truck

Article 15 passed with a show of hands, 14 to 0.

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be paid to the following charities:

(Recommend)

Washington County Children's Program	\$ 125.00
Washington -Hancock Community Agency	100.00
Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens	50.00
Community Health & Counseling 6	50.00
Eastern Agency on Aging	100.00
Red Cross	75.00

United Cerebral Palsy of NE Maine	50.00
Washington County Soil & Water Conservation	130.00
Cherryfield Ambulance	200.00
Down east Hospice	50.00
HEAL	25.00
Literacy Volunteers of Washington County	25.00
Cherryfield Library	50.00
Lifelight Foundation	\$100.00
DELAS	\$20.00
	\$1,150.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 16 as read. Article 16 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money shall be raised and or appropriated for the purpose of funding in a scholarship to be administered by the Beddington School Committee. (Recommend carry balance forward of \$3,775.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 17 as read. Article 17 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$3,887, raise \$8,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 18 as read.

Cherryfield will be issuing new dump stickers in a different color this spring/summer. Residents will need the new stickers.

Article 18 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 19

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for power and heat for Town buildings and street lights.

(Recommend to raise \$5,000)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 19 as read. Article 19 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 20

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 which they feel are in the town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as read. Article 20 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, said property to be disposed of by bid, and to execute quit claim Deeds for such property according to the law in the State of Maine. The proceeds of the sale, lease, or other means of disposal shall be applied to all back taxes, interest, lien fees and costs involved in the sale; and any balance shall be placed in the General Capital Projects Fund to be established for future municipal projects.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 21 as read.

There was discussion about a lot that is likely to foreclose at the end of the year.

Article 21 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Planning Board. (Recommend carry balance forward (\$10,228.00))

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 22 as read. Article 22 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for 911 Street Signs, and 911 addressing issues. (Recommend to carry balance forward of \$ 2,360.00)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 23 as read. Article 23 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE ⁸24

To see if the Town will vote to enter into contracts to accept State, Federal and Private Grants

which the Board of Selectmen feel are in the Town's best interest to accept.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 24 as read. Article 24 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to donate the Snowmobile Funds received from the State of Maine to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club. (Recommend \$ 72.00).

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 25 as read. Article 25 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 26

To see how the Town will pay the County Tax of \$79,833. 2016 Tax \$73,385 (Recommend raise \$79,833)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 26 as read. Article 26 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law for the Town of Beddington. In the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a Tax Commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 27 as read. Article 27 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLES 28 TO 30 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$ 45,724.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 28 as read. Article 28 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$ 4,000.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 29 as read. Article 29 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends \$17,500.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 30 as read. Article 30 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLES 31 RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

Total Appropriated: \$36,393.93

Total Raised: \$ 35,994.42

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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 a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 31 as read. Article 31 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 32 RAISES LOCAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 32: (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$24,002.43), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$23,577.14, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee **recommends** \$24,002.43 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$23,577.14: transportation and tuition costs.

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 kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipal budget for educational programs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 32 as read.

There was discussion that costs have gone up.

Article 32 passed with a paper ballot vote, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 33 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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 \$67,224.00) (Town recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2017 to raise \$33,000, appropriate \$23,000 from designated fund balance and appropriate \$7,000 from the undesignated fund balance.)

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 33 as read. Article 33 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 34 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 34: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 34 as read. Article 34 passed with a show of hands, 14 yes, 0 no.

ARTICLE 35

To adjourn:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Given under our hands the 13th day of March, 2017

SELECTMEN OF BEDDINGTON

**Neil R Butler
Ronald Varin
Debra Pollard**

**TOWN OF BEDDINGTON
SCHOOL REPORT**

**TO: CITIZENS OF BEDDINGTON
BEDDINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Phil White

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TERM EXPIRES

2017*

Barbara Antunes
Alma Loughlin

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* ELECT ONE FOR THREE YEARS