## ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WARRANT TOWN OF WATERBORO

## **COUNTY OF YORK**

## STATE OF MAINE

To: Peter Cote a Resident in the Town of Waterboro, in the County of York and the State of Maine.

*GREETINGS:* In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby commanded to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Waterboro, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at Massabesic East Complex on West Road in said Town on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, at 7:00 a.m. then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 21 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Absentee ballots will be processed on July 11, 2020, July 12, 2020 and July 14, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator to preside at said election.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect all necessary Town Officials by secret ballot as follows:

Selectmen (Elect 2)	3 year term
Selectmen (Elect 1)	2 year term
RSU #57 Board of Directors (Elect 1)	3 year term
Waterboro Water District (Elect 1)	3 year term
Waterboro Water District (Elect 1)	2 year term

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$1,000,000 in general obligation bonds or notes of the Town or, in the alternative, to enter into a lease-purchase agreement to finance up to \$1,000,000 for the purchase of a new ladder truck to replace the Town's 1994 ladder truck, with the details of such borrowing or lease-purchase financing (including provisions that the bonds may be prepaid or subject to call for redemption with or without premium and the dates, maturities, denominations, and interest rates(s)) to be determined by the Board of Selectmen?

**Explanatory Note:** Our 26 year old ladder truck is worn out, undependable, breaks down often and is regularly out of service. Parts can be extremely expensive and hard to find for such an old vehicle. Both Selectmen and our Budget Committee approve of the new truck purchase as essential to public safety. Selectmen have presented the full \$1 million quoted price here, but they also intend to use at least \$200,000 from our rescue billing equipment account to lower the sale price to \$800,000 and lower the annual payment to less than \$100,000 per year for 10 years.

Total estimated debt service is not to exceed \$926,880 of which \$800,000 is estimated maximum principal after down payment and the estimated interest at a rate of 3% over 10 years is \$126,880. The Board of Selectmen recommends a "yes" vote. This question, if approved, authorizes the borrowing of funds for the purchase or lease-purchase with the first payment being in fiscal year 20/21 (after July 1, 2020 but before June 30, 2021.

Financial Statement: The issuance of bonds by the Town of Waterboro is one of the ways in which the

Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Waterboro as of April 15, 2020.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$1,134,061
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$234,425
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	<u>\$1,368,486</u>
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$0
Total Additional Bond to Be Issued If Approved By Voters	\$800,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bond	\$126,880
Total Additional Bond to Be Issued and Estimated Interest If Approved By Voters	<u>\$926,880</u>

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

/s/ <u>Gary Lamb</u> Treasurer, Town of Waterboro

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to acquire an approximately 27-acre parcel of land (Tax Map 5, Lot 22-1) located on Bennett Hill Road and owned by Bennett Hill Housing, Inc., subject to those terms determined appropriate by the Select Board, including an environmental assessment to determine that the property can be utilized for the production of gravel to be used by the Town and in consideration of this acquisition to deed to Bennett Hill Housing, Inc. two parcels of land currently owned by the Town of Waterboro (Tax Map 13, Lots 3 and 12 on the unimproved section of Carpenter Road) as partial consideration for such acquisition; and to raise, appropriate and expend \$100,000.00 for the remaining consideration to Bennett Hill Housing Inc. for the land acquisition.

**Explanatory note:** The 27 acre parcel (Map 5, Lot 22-1) across from our transfer station on Bennett Hill Road has over 200,000 cubic yards of gravel on it the town could conveniently use over the next decades. In trade the Town would pay \$100,000 to Bennett Hill Housing Inc., plus deed over two smaller pieces of Town owned wooded property (Map 13, Lots 3 and 12) that abut and would provide a buffer for Waterboro Sand and Gravel's North Waterboro quarry. Final approval by Selectmen of this transaction would be contingent upon the Bennett Hill property passing tests to assure the gravel source is marketable and without any pollution concerns. The \$100,000 expenditure will be paid out over a 10-year period.

**<u>ARTICLE 5</u>**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$2,486,320** for Government expenses for the year ensuing.

	FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
General Government	\$399,155	\$419,660	\$419,660	\$396,605
Board Selectmen Salaries	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500
Loans and Leases	\$296,154	\$309,364	\$309,364	\$402,052
Insurances, Workers' Comp.,				
Medicare, Social Security, etc.	\$653,625	\$749,941	\$749,941	\$749,941
Town Clerk	\$64,830	\$69,060	\$69,060	\$67,230
Tax Collector	\$44,370	\$45,533	\$45,533	\$44,370
Treasurer	\$67,405	\$69,350	\$69,350	\$67,405
Information Technology/Website	\$116,467	\$118,225	\$118,225	\$116,467
Emergency Repairs-Broadcasting				
Equipment	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Municipal Buildings, Repairs, Fuel,				
Etc.	\$100,500	\$102,000	\$104,500	\$87,750
Hydrant Rental	\$59,700	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000
General Assistance	\$47,591	\$36,610	\$36,610	\$50,000
York County Taxes	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$410,000</u>	<u>\$410,000</u>	<u>\$410,000</u>
Total	\$2,283,297	\$2,424,243	\$2,426,743	\$2,486,320

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$236,230** for Tax Assessor, CEO, Planning Board, Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

		FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
Tax Assessor		\$64,000	\$71,400	\$71,400	\$63,500
Code Enforcement		\$88,010	\$91,414	\$90,914	\$86,210
Planning Board		\$7,850	\$8,050	\$8,050	\$7,850
Planning		\$103,440	\$78,996	\$78,996	\$74,970
Zoning Board of Appeals		\$3,700	<u>\$3,850</u>	<u>\$3,850</u>	<u>\$3,700</u>
	Total	\$267,000	\$253,710	\$253,210	\$236,230

**<u>ARTICLE 7:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$414,607** for the Waterboro Library and Recreation Departments.

		FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
Library		\$110,807	\$114,350	\$114,350	\$110,807
Recreation		\$320,000	\$323,400	\$323,400	<u>\$303,800</u>
	Total	\$430,807	\$437,750	\$437,750	\$414,607

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$2,011,137** for Trash Disposal/Transfer Station and Public Works.

	FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
Trash Disposal/Transfer Station	\$488,527	\$539,165	\$537,415	\$527,907
Public Works	<u>\$1,504,090</u>	<u>\$1,609,920</u>	<u>\$1,584,920</u>	<u>\$1,483,230</u>
Total	\$1,992,617	\$2,149,085	\$2,122,335	\$2,011,137

**<u>ARTICLE 9</u>**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$99,663** for Fire Department equipment in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

7000 - Equipment	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
	\$84,663	\$84,663	99,663

**Explanatory Note:** This equipment includes SCBA bottles, air compressor, Knox Box Key Secure 6, backup generator for Ossipee Repeater site and LED sign completion.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$26,800** for building improvements for the Fire Department and the Library in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

CIP - 7015 - Buildings	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
	56,800	56,800	26,800

**Explanatory Note:** These improvements include heaters for South Station as well as partial roof replacement, LED lights and repairs to the chimney at the Library.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$131,500** for upgrading roads in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

CIP - 7030 - Upgrade Roads	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
	\$131,500	\$131,500	131,500

**Explanatory Note:** Upgrades include culverts, ditching, pavement and drainage structures.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$1,400,569** for Fire Department, EMS and Police Services for the ensuing year. Any Rescue Service revenues in excess of \$20,000 at the end of the year shall be held in an account designated only for the purchases of equipment. Funds shall be spent only with Town Meeting/referendum approval except in the cases of emergency, including but not limited to equipment replacement or repair, and then only with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief as outlined in the Town of Waterboro Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Ordinance adopted October 28, 1997.

	FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
Public Safety Total	\$951,554	\$1,112,198	\$1,097,198	\$1,097,119
EMS Total	\$111,130	\$106,150	\$106,150	\$104,090
Ross Corner Fire Department	\$9,987	\$9,360	\$9,360	\$9,360
Contract Deputies (Police Services)	<u>\$190,000</u>	<u>\$190,000</u>	<u>\$190,000</u>	<u>\$190,000</u>
Total	\$1,262,671	\$1,417,708	\$1,402,708	\$1,400,569

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommendation of **\$73,683** for the miscellaneous Committee including Old Home Days and Agency expenses for the year ensuing.

		FY19/20 Approp.	Town Admin. Recommends	Budget Comm. Recommends	Selectmen Recommend
Misc. Committees		\$79,100	\$76,300	\$76,300	61,600
Misc. Agencies		<u>\$12,083</u>	<u>\$12,683</u>	\$12,683	<u>12,083</u>
	Total	\$91,183	\$88,983	\$88,983	73,683

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to allow state revenues from registration fees derived from the registration of snowmobiles to be placed in a separate account for the maintenance of Fire Roads for the year ensuing and to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, Public Works Director and a Representative from the Snowmobile Club.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**ARTICLE 15 :** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 8% per year on all unpaid taxes beginning on the day after the due date.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote set the rate of interest at 8% on abated property taxes due to overvaluation, as per 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**<u>ARTICLE 17</u>**: 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. §506.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**ARTICLE 18 :** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Public Works Director, with fiscal approval from the Town Administrator, to spend public funds on emergency winter maintenance for public safety reasons on private property after determination of emergency by the Fire Chief or Public Works Director, with funds to come out of the winter maintenance account.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**<u>ARTICLE 19</u>**: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the several Town Officers for the year ending June 30, 2019.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to accept gifts to the municipality and expend the same and to make application for and execute any documents required for various grants from the State and Federal Government, as well as individuals and private charities and foundations, and to further authorize said municipal officers to accept any such grants, if awarded, and authorize their expenditure for the purpose so specified.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to zero out all credit balances as of June 30, 2020 in all Departments of Town excluding the following end of year account balances to be carried forward until applied:

### **Municipal Buildings**

Supplies Building & Emergency Repair

## Health & Sanitation

Supplies: Hot Top, Roll Off Container Repairs & Maintenance: Vehicle, Roll Off Container, Equipment Contract Services: Grinding Purchase Capital: Buildings

#### **Public Works**

Supplies: Culverts, Hot Top, Salt & Sand Repairs & Maintenance: Vehicle, Pit Restoration, Town Road Contractual Services: Engineering, Plowing

# General Assistance

Rent

#### **Capital Improvements** Purchase: Equipment, Buildings, Upgrade of Roads

Miscellaneous Accounts Unclassified: Road Review Committee, Recycling Committee, Community Garden Committee

**Old Home Days** Full Remaining Balance

### **REVENUES CARRY FORWARDS**

CODE ENFORCEMENT--Fire Detectors LIBRARY--Donations RECREATION --Donations PUBLIC SAFETY--Donations GENERAL ASSISTANCE--Donations (misc., fuel, Christmas)

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Ought to pass

This warrant represents the following estimated sources of revenue towards our proposed municipal budget of \$6,880,509. Any other appropriations whose revenue source is not specified below will probably come from taxation revenue (which is estimated to be \$3,244,459).

Miscellaneous Department Revenues	\$1,069,800
Excise Tax and Rapid Renewal	\$1,300,000
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$800,000
Rescue Billing Fees	\$175,000
Transfer Station Fees	\$115,750
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$78,500
MDOT Block Grant	\$72,000
State/General Assistance Reimbursement	\$10,000
Ambulance Subscription	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total estimated revenue other than property taxes	\$3,636,050

Witness our Hands at Said Waterboro, Maine: This  $28^{th}$  day of April 2020.

Signed by Waterboro Board of Selectmen

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