

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2021/2022

State of Maine

County of York, ss.

TO: Joseph Rousselle, a Resident of South Berwick in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of South Berwick, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, 180 Main Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 18th of May 2021, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. Election to take place at 6:30pm Business session will be held immediately following.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to dispose of tax acquired Property in any manner in which the Town Council deems to be in the best interests of the Town.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of six (6) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2021 and one-half due on March 31, 2022.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Taxes not yet due or assessed. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid at zero (0) percent interest.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the "Tax Club", with interest waived for all members of the Club making regular payments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Club.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes due to abatement at three (3) percent per annum as per MRSA36/506A.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund the payment of property tax abatements (and applicable interest) granted during this fiscal year.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the deposit of all proceeds from the Parking Lease Agreement between the Town and Avesta Young Street LP dated December 12, 2014 and December 22, 2015 into a non-lapsing designated reserve account and to appropriate and expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the repair and maintenance of said parking lot.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Council to utilize funds from the TIF Account for the purposes denoted in the Final TIF agreement approved in 2020.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:
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| Police Department | \$ 1,105,830 |
| Animal Control | 11,162 |
| Dispatch | <u>244,697</u> |
| Total | \$1,361,689 |
- TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$1,361,689

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

Fire Department	\$ 261,172
Emergency Management Services	6,379
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Emergency/Rescue Services	<u>96,182</u>
Total	\$ 663,468

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 663,468

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

Town Hall	\$ 82,937
Community Center	72,805
Community Center Food Pantry	200
Highway	922,875
Public Facilities	55,950
Town Garage	23,000
Transfer Station	<u>415,950</u>
Total	\$ 1,573,717

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,573,717

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$62,500 from the Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP) funds and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Roads and Road Bond Debt:

CIP Roads	\$ 256,000
Road Bond Debt	<u>444,000</u>
Total	\$ 700,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP) \$ 62,500
and
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 637,500

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$700,000 from Undesignated funds and to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 7,000
Town Manager	165,865
Town Clerk	128,093
Finance	176,822
Computer	45,500
Administration	210,875
Tax Assessment	106,116
Employee Benefits	1,191,400
Street Lights	<u>15,000</u>
Total	\$ 2,046,671

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance \$700,000
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,346,671

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Debt Service:

Young Street Debt	\$ 43,022
2010 CIP Debt	46,546
Library Construction Debt	121,250
Police Bond	277,765
Hwy Equipment	27,700
Hwy Building	<u>30,200</u>
Total	\$ 546,483

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 546,483

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

Code Enforcement	\$ 47,089
Planning	57,402
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>250</u>
Total	\$ 104,991

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 104,991

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

Social Services	\$ 61,700
Social/Civic Contributions	11,500
Recreation	108,720
Conservation Commission	4,850
Library	<u>187,106</u>
Total	\$ 373,876

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 373,876

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$ 125,000
Office Equipment	15,000
Fire Equipment	90,000
Police Equipment	48,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Town Buildings Reserve	22,500
Compensated Absence Reserve	50,000
Pedestrian Safety	5,000
Comprehensive Plan Updates	5,000
Town Clerk Record Preservation	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$ 371,700

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 371,700

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following amounts from Excise Taxes, Non-Tax General Fund Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2021/2022 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$1,400,000
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	901,600
State Revenue Sharing	800,000
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	500,000
BETE Reimbursement	<u>13,200</u>
Total	\$3,614,800

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$4,295,078 Established for the Town of South Berwick by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 27th day of April 2021 A.D.

s/
John C Kareckas

John J James

s/
Keagan T. Roberts

s/
Abigail Kemble

s/
Mallory Cook