

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2022/2023

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 at 180 Main Street, in said Town on Wednesday, the 11th of May 2022, 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 four (4) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2022 and one-half due on March 31, 2023.

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 two (2) percent per annum as per MRS36/506A.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$25,000 from Undesignated Fund for 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 voters will 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:

Police Department	\$ 1,229,701
Animal Control	14,550
Dispatch	<u>258,185</u>
Total	\$ 1,502,436

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$1,502,436

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

Fire Department	\$ 263,377
Emergency Management Services	6,379
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Emergency/Rescue Services	<u>98,298</u>
Total	\$ 667,789

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 667,789

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

Town Hall	\$ 84,874
Community Center	74,404
Community Center Food Pantry	200
Highway	980,670
Public Facilities	55,700
Town Garage	32,225
Transfer Station	<u>483,075</u>
Total	\$ 1,711,148

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 1,711,148

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	\$ 264,000
Road Bond Debt	<u>436,000</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

Total \$ 700,000

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$700,000 from Undesignated funds and to raise and appropriate \$1,578,143 for the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 9,250
Town Manager	289,728
Town Clerk	148,567
Finance	120,097
Computer	59,062
Administration	209,800
Tax Assessment	131,839
Employee Benefits	1,301,000
Streetlights	<u>8,800</u>
Total	\$ 2,278,143

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 700,000
and	
Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
and other revenue sources	<u>\$ 1,578,143</u>
Total	\$ 2,278,143

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	\$ 41,262
2010 CIP Debt	45,647
Library Construction Debt	116,750
Police Bond	276,665
Hwy Equipment	25,343
Hwy Building	<u>29,980</u>
Total	\$ 535,647

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
and other revenue sources	\$ 535,647

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

Code Enforcement	\$ 59,795
Planning	89,220
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>250</u>
Total	\$ 149,515

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
and other revenue sources	\$ 149,515

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

Social Services	\$ 51,700
Social/Civic Contributions	11,500
Recreation	120,613
Conservation Commission	4,750
Library	<u>191,573</u>
Total	\$ 380,136

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation	
and other revenue sources	\$ 380,136

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	95,000
Police Equipment	10,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Town Buildings Reserve	22,500
Compensated Absence Reserve	50,000
Pedestrian Safety	2,000
Comprehensive Plan Updates	40,000
Town Clerk Record Preservation	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$ 370,700

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources \$ 370,700

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 2022/2023 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$ 1,425,000
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	1,215,350
State Revenue Sharing	1,125,000
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	500,000
BETE Reimbursement	<u>13,000</u>
Total	\$ 4,278,350

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 5,108,578 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, this 12th day of April 2022 A.D.

s/
Mallory Cook

John J James

s/
John C Kareckas

s/
Jessica Cyr

s/
Jeff Minihan