



2020 NEW GLOUCESTER TOWN WARRANT

To: Sharlene Myers, a resident of the Town of New Gloucester, County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of New Gloucester, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at New Gloucester Fire Station, 611 Lewiston Road, New Gloucester, Maine on Tuesday, the 14th day of July A.D. 2020 at 5:45 a.m., Daylight Savings Time, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 32, as set out below (Polls shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

OPERATIONS:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$74,425 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 105 Elections \$14,800; 106 Assessing \$42,150; 130 Unbudgeted Expenses \$15,000; and 138 Fuel Overrun Allowance \$2,475.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,485 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 101 Selectmen \$17,485.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$338,968 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 102 Administration \$338,968.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$338,968.

The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$353,968.

YES NO

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 108 Legal \$25,000.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,196 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 103 General Assistance \$8,000; 131 Health Officer \$500; 132 Animal Control \$16,896; and 135 Cemeteries \$20,800.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,228 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 112 Emergency Management \$2,275; 114 Street Lights \$7,000; and 115 Cumberland County Dispatch \$41,953.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$645,149 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 117 Fire & Rescue \$645,149.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$757,224 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 116 Public Works \$757,224.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$757,224.

The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$739,514.

YES NO

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$248,467 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 120 Solid Waste \$248,467.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$79,738 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 104 Buildings & Grounds \$65,803; and 113 Cable TV \$13,935.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$88,852 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 133 Parks & Recreation \$88,852.

The Select Board recommends \$88,852.

The Budget Committee recommends \$32,800.

YES NO

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$87,860 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 123 Library \$87,860.

The Select Board recommends \$87,860.

The Budget Committee recommends \$91,140.

YES NO

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,027 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 107 Code Enforcement \$61,027.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,046 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 122 Planning 60,046.

The Select Board recommends passage at \$60,046.

The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$35,872.

YES NO

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,048,403 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 109 Insurance \$480,650; 125 Social Security/Retirement \$201,271; and 139 Debt Service \$366,482.

The Select Board recommends \$1,048,403.

The Budget Committee recommends \$992,536.

YES NO

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$310,000 from taxation for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 144 TIF District \$290,000; and 145 Tax Abatements \$20,000.

The Select Board recommends passage as presented.

YES NO

CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES:

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to increase the level at which capital expenditures shall undergo Capital Improvement Program (CIP) review from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

The Select Board recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 → \$175,672) in the ensuing year.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 from taxation for the Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve Account (G1-388-00 – \$492,324) in the ensuing year.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 from taxation for the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (G1-391-00 – \$151,050) in the ensuing year.

The Select Board recommends \$50,000.

The Budget Committee recommends \$25,000.

YES NO

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$290,750 from taxation for the ensuing year for Account 149 Municipal Paving Projects.

The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 - \$175,672) for the purchase of H-3 One-ton Dump Truck.

The Select Board recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,000 from Fire Department Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 - \$492,324) for the purchase of Utility 1 Pick-up Truck

The Select Board recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for Steven's Brook Permitting. These funds are for permitting costs related to testing and engineering services and are required to ensure that the project is shovel ready next spring.

The Select Board recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend the following categories of State and Federal Revenue funds during the ensuing year:

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. MDOT LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program)
3. MDOT MPI (Municipal Partnership Initiative)
4. Tree Growth Reimbursement
5. General Assistance Reimbursement
6. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
7. Snowmobile Registration Funds
8. Public Library State Aid
9. Emergency Management Assistance/Homeland Security Grants
10. Other State Aid (*pass-through funds and property tax relief*)
11. State and Federal Grants or Other Funds (*not included in items 1 – 10, above.*)

The Select Board recommend passage.

YES NO

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues of \$1,819,626 to reduce the tax commitment (Revenue amounts shown are estimates): Building Inspection & Fees \$40,000; Transfer Station Permits \$2,400; Boat Excise Tax \$7,000; Auto Excise Tax \$950,000; Town Fees \$19,000; Recreation Program Fees \$15,600; Fines & Reimbursements \$4,000; Clerk Fees \$5,500; Rent Income \$1; Copy/Fax Fees \$125; Cable Franchise Fees \$28,000; Library Revenue \$1,000; Investment Income \$30,000; Capital Project Accounts Interest \$15,000; Animal Control \$2,000; Transfer Station Recycling \$20,000; Transfer Station Stickers (750 @ 10) \$7,500; Real Estate Tax Interest \$23,000; EMS Transport \$120,000; Capital Res. Funds (Contingent Articles 18-25) \$102,000; Undesignated Fund \$250,000; TIF (Public Works Annual Debt) \$72,500; TIF (Pineland Admin) \$10,000; PW Building Interest Income \$75,000; and FEMA Funds \$20,000.

The Select Board recommends passage.

YES NO

Article 28. **DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the following foreclosed properties in such manner and on such terms as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s): Map 6, Lot 36-D, Location, 576 Snow Hill Road, Land and Buildings.

YES NO

Article 29. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT BUDGETED. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to accept revenue in excess of amounts budgeted on behalf of the town.

YES NO

Article 30. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANTS. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and matching funds required for the authorized purposes.

YES NO

Article 31. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF MONEY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.

YES NO

Article 32. ACCEPTANCE OF *CONDITIONAL* GIFTS OF MONEY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the legal purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the legal manner specified by the donor.

YES NO

Article 33. RETURNING UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to return unexpended capital improvement funds to their corresponding capital reserve accounts.

YES NO

Article 34. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR LATE TAX PAYMENTS To see if the Town will vote to fix a date and terms when taxes shall become due and payable, and set an interest rate of 8.00 percent per annum. The 8% interest rate is authorized under Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505.4. (*Recommendation:* that the first Friday of October and April, Friday, **October 2, 2020** and Friday, **April 2, 2021** be established as the dates taxes are due and payable, and that interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum will be charged after such dates.)

YES NO

Article 35. **ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR ABATED TAXES.** To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate at four percent (4%) per annum to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.
 YES NO

Article 36. **ACCEPTANCE OF TAX PREPAYMENTS.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
 YES NO

Article 37. **DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY AND REAL PROPERTY.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of surplus town-owned personal and real property on such terms and conditions as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town and to deposit proceeds from such sales in the corresponding capital reserve accounts or Undesignated Fund.
 YES NO

Article 38. **USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE PER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR "PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES".** To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation of \$11,000 from the Cable Grant Account (G1-203 – \$45,847) for the ensuing year for the following: unanticipated maintenance of cable TV production and broadcast equipment. All unused funds will be returned to Cable Grant Account (G1-203) at the end of the ensuing year.
 YES NO

Article 39. Shall an ordinance entitled March 2020 Amendments to the Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance – Solar Energy Systems, be enacted?
The changes are being proposed to expand options in energy sources by providing standards for Solar Energy Systems. The Solar Energy System provisions set forth in this ordinance are intended to protect the public health and safety, promote the general welfare of the community, to conserve the environment, wildlife habitat, fisheries and unique natural areas, and to fit Solar Energy Systems harmoniously into the fabric of the community by assuring the standards are accomplished with the least possible regulation.
 YES NO

Article 40. Should a budget article fail, do you authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with existing budget for sixty (60) days?
 YES NO

Given under our hands this 15th day of June, 2020.

Linda Chase

Linda Chase, Chairman

Karon Gilles

Karon Gilles, Vice Chairman

George Colby

George Colby, Selectman

Joseph Davis

Joseph S. Davis, Selectman

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