

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, SS

To: Theresa Clair, Deputy Town Clerk, in the Town of Eddington, in the County of Penobscot:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Eddington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road, Eddington, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June A.D. 2022, at 8:00 a.m. then and there to act on Articles one (1) and two (2), then to adjourn and reassemble at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road, Eddington, on Tuesday, the 21st day of June A.D. 2022 at 6:00 p.m. then and there to act on the remaining Articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect officers by secret ballot as follows:

Selectmen – Two 3-year terms

School District Director – One 3-year term

School District Director – One 1-year term

NOTE: The polls for voting will be open Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eddington Municipal Building, 906 Main Road. At the closing of the polls the meeting will adjourn until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at which time the Moderator will call the meeting to order at the Eddington Municipal Building, for the purpose of transacting further business on the remaining Articles.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2022 taxable year in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town, such loans to be paid during said year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 2/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the annual budget during the period from July 1, 2022 to the annual town meeting should the annual town meeting not be held in June before the books close on June 30th, 2023.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint, on behalf of the Town, any and all necessary town officers required by law and not chosen at said meeting.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be paid on all taxes unpaid after said date.

RECOMMENDED: 4%

Taxes are due upon completion of the tax commitment. Half due October 31st or thirty (30) days after commitment date and the other half due March 31st. Interest on unpaid 2022 taxes will start on November 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023 or thirty (30) days from commitment, whichever is later.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to fix a rate of interest to be paid on abated taxes.

RECOMMENDED: 4%

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or the treasurer to accept payment of real estate and personal property taxes before the commitment date.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through non-payment of taxes thereon, subject to the advertising of same for three consecutive days in a local paper and town website or other publications, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deed for such property: except the Board of Selectmen shall allow the immediate previous owner or heirs (one generation or as deemed reasonable by the Board of Selectmen) up to 30 days to redeem such property by payment of all unpaid taxes on said property plus interest, lien costs and recording fees.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to enter up to five year contracts. (Example: trash & recycling, snow removal, cemetery mowing.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant applications and contracts and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for the authorized purposes with the understanding that no grant that requires longer than two years or longer financial commitment will be accepted unless approved at a Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make transfers and disbursements from Reserve Funds and Capital Improvement Funds for the purpose of local matching funds up to \$5,000.00 for the year should the Town receive a grant or grants requiring matching funds?

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money and personal and real property to the Town and to appropriate such gifts for such public purposes as the Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate and expend Reserve Funds available in the carryover accounts for General Road Maintenance, Major Road/Bridges, F.D. Equipment, Municipal Building and Municipal Office.

(Explanation: This would authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve expenditures for roadwork, building & equipment repairs, and unexpected purchases from existing reserve accounts, for the same category or line item. Thus, eliminating the need for a Special Town Meeting(s) to spend reserve funds only. For instance, if we have \$150,000 in the Major Roads/Bridges Account, the Board of Selectmen would have to schedule a Special Town Meeting to spend this money to repair a road.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,754.00 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,036.00 for MUNICIPAL BUILDING / FIRE STATION.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$679,057.00 for PROTECTION. Plus Northern Light Ambulance Reimbursement Funds, any grant funds and Clifton Fire Contract funds.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$158,631.00 for WASTE DISPOSAL. Plus PERC Reimbursement Funds and Municipal Review Committee Dividends.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$474,900.00 for HIGHWAYS. Plus State Highway Funds.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,287.00 for HUMAN SERVICES. Plus General Assistance Reimbursement funds.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,953.00 for CEMETERIES.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$56,000.00 for the CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (a continuing account).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use from Unappropriated Surplus, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expense and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2022-23.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: \$7,500.00

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to use the following source of funds to reduce the Town's 2022-23 fiscal year tax commitment. Plus Revenue Sharing and Homestead Reimbursement Funds. **RECOMMENDED: \$627,500.00**

<u>REVENUE FUNDS</u>	2021-2022 Proposed	2021-2022 Expected	2022-2023 Proposed
Excise Taxes	\$450,000.00	\$	\$450,000.00
Miscellaneous Fees & Income	\$35,000.00	\$	\$35,000.00
Supplemental Taxes Collected	\$2,500.00	\$	\$2,500.00
Interest	\$20,000.00	\$	\$20,000.00
Unexpended Department Balances	\$5,000.00	\$	\$5,000.00
Unexpended Overlay	\$15,000.00	\$	\$15,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$100,000.00
TOTAL	\$527,500.00	\$	\$627,500.00
Revenue Appropriated	\$527,500.00	\$527,500.00	\$627,500.00
Revenue Sharing	\$215,000.00	\$306,000.00	\$275,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$160,000.00	\$	\$160,000.00

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise funds matching money raised by the Historical Society in the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the Historical Society Building Fund up to \$5,000.00 . Funds to be held in a Reserve account by the Town until property is acquired. (Explanation: For every dollar raised by the Historical Society towards the Building Fund in the fiscal year the Town will match up to \$5,000.00)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to secure the necessary funds up to \$615,000.00 to replace the current fire engine #321.

(Explanation: Engine #321 was delivered in 1992 and does not meet current NFPA standards. It has a multitude of problems and has outlasted a typical life expectancy of 30 years. Engine 322, the current first out engine, is 20 years old, and should be placed into reserve status in order to make it last another 10 years.)

(Funding Explanation: If approved, a new engine would most likely not arrive until spring 2024. The last payment for Tanker 323's loan would be in July 2023. An additional town meeting vote will be needed at a later date to approve the exact payment methods and terms. Projected funding sources would be: \$200,000 from fire truck reserve account, \$315,000 loan, and \$100,000 from unappropriated surplus.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 27. Adjournment.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND THIS
24th DAY OF May 2022.**

Mark Carreira, Chairman

Ray Wood, Jr., Vice-Chair

David McCluskey

Pamela Chapman

Deana Doughty

Eddington Board of Selectmen