

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 13th day of June A.D. 2023, 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 20th day of June A.D. 2023 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

NOTE: The polls for voting will be open Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, 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 20th, 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 2023 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, 2023 to the annual town meeting should the annual town meeting not be held in June before the books close on June 30th, 2024.

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: 8%

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 2023 taxes will start on November 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024 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: 8%

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 \$455,629.00 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,064.00 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 \$766,871.00 for PROTECTION. Plus Northern Light Ambulance Reimbursement Funds, any grant funds and \$50,301.00 in Clifton Fire Contract funds (\$37,301 towards Fire Truck Loan Payment and \$13,000 towards equipment purchases).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,811.00 for WASTE DISPOSAL. Plus 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 \$500,900.00 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 \$25,208.00 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). Plus \$29,699.00 in Clifton Fire Contract funds towards the Rescue Truck Reserve.

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 2023-24.

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 2023-24 fiscal year tax commitment. Plus Revenue Sharing and Homestead Reimbursement Funds. **RECOMMENDED: \$627,500.00**

<u>REVENUE FUNDS</u>	2022-2023 Proposed	2022-2023 Expected	2023-2024 Proposed
Excise Taxes	\$450,000.00	\$470,000.00	\$450,000.00
Miscellaneous Fees & Income	\$35,000.00	\$48,766.13	\$35,000.00
Supplemental Taxes Collected	\$2,500.00	\$5,315.47	\$2,500.00
Interest	\$20,000.00	\$16,662.73	\$20,000.00
Unexpended Department Balances	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Unexpended Overlay	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Unappropriated Surplus	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL	\$627,500.00	\$560,744.33	\$627,500.00
Revenue Appropriated	\$627,500.00	\$527,500.00	\$627,500.00
Revenue Sharing	\$275,000.00	\$306,000.00	\$375,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$160,000.00	\$221,789.00	\$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, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for the Historical Society Building Fund up to \$10,000.00 . Funds to be held in a Reserve account by the Town. (Explanation: For every dollar raised by the Historical Society towards the Building Fund in the fiscal year the Town will match up to \$10,000.00)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the updated Floodplain Management Ordinance, required by FEMA.

(Explanation: the town received a letter of Final Determination (LFD) from the Federal Management Emergency Agency (FEMA) which sets the effective date of the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for the Lower Penobscot River watershed for July 19, 2023. Our town must adopt the updated Floodplain Management Ordinance in order to avoid being immediately suspended from the NFIP. Adoption of the new maps prior to the final map date will assure uninterrupted and continued participation in the NFIP.)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance. A copy of which is available at the Town Office.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 27. Adjournment.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND THIS
6th DAY OF JUNE 2023**

Mark Carreira, Chairman

Ray Wood, Jr., Vice-Chair

David McCluskey

Pamela Chapman

Deana Doughty

Eddington Board of Selectmen

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Appropriation 2021/22	Appropriation 2022/23	Request 2023/24	Increase/ Decrease
Town Manager Salary	60,000	60,000	65,000	5,000
Town Manager FICA	0	4,590	5,400	810
Office Salaries	111,800	115,000	131,600	16,600
Office FICA	13,200	8,798	10,100	1,302
Selectmen Salaries	6,200	6,200	6,800	600
Selectmen FICA	0	475	525	50
Planning Board Salaries	3,880	3,880	8,000	4,120
Planning Board FICA	0	300	612	312
Code Enforcement Salary	29,000	26,923	28,300	1,377
Code Enforcement FICA	0	2,060	2,200	140
Board of Assessors Salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Board of Assessors FICA	0	77	77	0
Assessors Agent	37,786	35,100	36,200	1,100
Assessors Agent FICA	0	2,686	2,800	114
Assessors Agent Supplies	150	150	150	0
Mapping/Reval	35,000	35,000	35,000	0
Elections	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Income Protection	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Health Insurance	27,250	27,500	29,500	2,000
Retirement	9,700	10,100	11,800	1,700
Insurance	13,500	13,750	14,000	250
Public Officials Insurance	5,500	5,500	5,600	100
Unemployment Tax	865	865	865	0
Computer License Fees	14,250	14,100	14,100	0
Mileage	1,200	1,200	1,500	300
Postage	2,250	2,250	2,250	0
Office Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Deed Copies	350	350	350	0
Lien Discharges	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
Public Notices	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Printing	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Workshop/Dues	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Memberships	4,600	4,600	4,600	0
Website	600	600	600	0
Legal Fees	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Audit	8,000	8,000	8,000	0
TOTAL	409,781	414,754	450,629	35,875

Municipal Building / Fire Station ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Appropriation 2021/22	Request 2022/23	Request 2023/24	Increase/ Decrease
Building Maint.	15,200	15,200	15,500	300
Utilities	29,000	31,000	35,000	4,000
Municipal Building Loan Payment	68,501	68,542	68,542	0
Mowing	4,800	5,294	4,522	-772
IT Services	15,000	17,000	19,000	2,000
IT Equipment			2,500	2,500
TOTAL	132,501	137,036	145,064	8,028

PROTECTION ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Appropriation 2021/22	Request 2022/23	Request 2023/24	Increase/ Decrease
Animal Control	5,500	5,500	5,500	0
Pen. Co. S.O. Con.	98,138	99,800	103,293	3,493
F.D Insurance	22,000	22,250	32,500	10,250
F.D Operations	41,975	58,800	74,950	16,150
F.D. Physicals	1,000	1,800	2,000	200
Fire Chief	23,278	23,278	25,278	2,000
Fire Chief Expense	200	200	200	0
Call FF Comp	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Full Time Regular Comp.	141,100	145,330	164,100	18,770
Overtime	0	15,000	25,000	10,000
Holiday Pay	0	11,000	13,000	2,000
Perdiem Coverage	41,200	46,176	49,900	3,724
Vacation/Sick Pay Coverage	5,050	5,050	5,800	750
Health Insurance	57,850	46,000	48,650	2,650
Retirement	20,500	22,960	27,500	4,540
FICA	21,100	23,781	26,600	2,819
F.D. Equipment	12,500	12,500	12,500	0
Fire Truck Loan Payment	19,000	19,000	19,000	0
Training	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Bangor Water	28,000	32,450	35,000	2,550
Brewer Water	31,160	34,582	42,500	7,918
Street Lights	3,000	3,600	3,600	0
TOTAL	622,551	679,057	766,871	87,814

WASTE DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Appropriation 2021/22	Request 2022/23	Request 2023/24	Increase/ Decrease
Solid Waste Disp	62,000	62,000	65,000	3,000
Solid Waste Contingency	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Trash Collection	79,648	83,631	87,811	4,180

Bulky Waste Cleanup	10,000	10,000	5,000	-5,000
TOTAL	154,648	158,631	160,811	2,180

HIGHWAYS	Appropriation	Request	Request	Increase/
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Decrease
General Maintenance	125,000	125,000	125,000	0
Road Loan Payment	120,000	120,000	120,000	0
Winter Maint.	129,900	129,900	155,900	26,000
Major Rds & Bridges	50,000	100,000	100,000	0
Total	424,900	474,900	500,900	26,000

HUMAN SERVICES	Appropriation	Request	Request	Increase/
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Decrease
Task Force Aging	500	500	500	0
Historical Society	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Veteran's Memorial	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
ECCC	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Clifton Food Pantry	3,750	3,750	3,750	0
Road Side Flags	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Chemo Pond Water	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
General Assistance	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Regional Recreation	7,868	11,537	11,537	0
Muni Field Rec	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Total	23,618	27,287	27,287	0

CEMETERIES	Appropriation	Request	Request	Increase/
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Decrease
Cemetery Maint.	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Sexton Stipend	0	0	5,000	5,000
Cemetery Mowing	9,680	11,953	10,208	-1,745
Total	19,680	21,953	25,208	3,255

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	Appropriation	Request	Request	Increase/
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Decrease
Muni. Building	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Muni. Office	3,500	3,500	3,500	0
Fire Truck	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Rescue Unit	7,500	7,500	7,500	0
Fire Equipment	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
Total	56,000	56,000	56,000	0

HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Appropriation	Request	Request	Increase/
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Decrease
Building Fund Req.	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000

TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT

Budget Amount

2,142,770

2022-2023 Total Budget
1,963,228

Increase
179,542