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**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE
WARRANT
TO
ROBERT ANDERSON
CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE**

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the **Acton Elementary School, 700 Milton Mills Road**, on April 28, 2015 at 7 0'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for said meeting:

Theodore Kryzak Jr. nominated Richard Nass as Moderator, seconded by William Lotz. No other nominations. Richard Nass was elected moderator by written secret ballot.

ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 12 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$2,743,579
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$2,743,579

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$2,743,579; seconded by Mary Station. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$883,856
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$883,856

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$883,856; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends: \$0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$0

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$0.00; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends: \$43,163

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$43,163

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$43,163; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends: \$351,638

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$351,638

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$351,638; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$230,440

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$230,440

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$230,440; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends: \$177,275

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$177,275

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$177,275; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student Transportation.

School Committee Recommends: \$258,000

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$258,000

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$258,000; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends: \$407,638

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$407,638

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$407,638; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends: \$0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$0

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$0.00; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures including Nutrition.

School Committee Recommends: \$125,271

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Authorizing the Expenditure of \$125,271

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$125,271; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLES 13 AND 14 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act \$3,432,619.25 and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,128,593

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Unanimously Raising \$3,128,593 and Appropriating \$3,432,619

"Explanation: The school department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

Judy Shain made a motion to raise \$3,128,593 and appropriate \$3,432,619 as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 14: (This Article requires a written Ballot)
To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend \$1,662,445) that exceeds the state's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (Recommend \$2,022,267) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee Recommends:

\$1,662,445 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,022,267: The Essential Programs and Services allocation model does not fully support all the costs of a K-12 program. These funds support programming not included in the Essential Programs and Services Model.

The Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:

Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,662,445 in excess of the Essential Programs and Services (hereinafter called EPS) minimum to cover the costs of kindergarten, the school nutrition program, high school student transportation and other programs and services not included in the EPS model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school department's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment of non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Acton School Department budget for educational programs.

Judy Shain made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1,662,445 that exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,022,267 as recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Article 14 was voted on by written secret ballot 43-3; motion carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 15 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town of Acton will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: **\$5,220,860**
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: **Unanimously that the Acton School Department be authorized to expend \$5,220,860, this being the total appropriated in Articles 2-12**

Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$5,220,860. This article authorizes the School Committee to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. The article does not raise any additional money. The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:

Local Allocation	\$3,128,593.
Additional Local Allocation	\$1,662,445.
EPS State Subsidy	\$344,822.
School Nutrition Revenues	\$70,000.
Medicaid/Maine Care	\$15,000.

Total \$5,220,860.

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the School Committee's Recommendation of \$5,220,860; seconded by Mary Stanon. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLES 16 THROUGH 18 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 16: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: **Adoption of the Article**
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: **Unanimously that the School Committee be authorized to spend the sums described in the article**

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Acton will appropriate the receipt of certain Federal and State Grants and carry any previous balances for the following Special Revenue Accounts:

Title IA	Title IIA
Local Entitlement	Preschool
Small Rural School	Proficiency Based Learning

School Committee Recommends: **Adoption of the Article**
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: **Unanimously the Appropriation of the Monies Described in the Article**

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to fund the food service budget in addition to amounts raised by taxation for food services in the school operating budget.

School Nutrition Revenues	\$70,000.
Total	<u>\$70,000.</u>

School Committee Recommends:	Adoption of the Article
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:	Unanimously Appropriation of the Additional \$70,000 of the Funds, for the Nutrition Program, Described in the Article.

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 19 ESTABLISHES THE TUITION AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town of Acton will vote create a Designated Tuition and Assistive Technology Reserve Fund, to transfer \$150,000 from the School Undesignated Fund to the Designated Tuition and Assistive Technology Reserve Fund and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of covering unexpected new residents moving in with high school students, home school students deciding to attend charter schools or the high school and new residents with students having special needs.

School Committee Recommends:	Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:	Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 20 ESTABLISHES THE PROFESSIONAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Professional Reserve Fund, to transfer \$10,000 from the Schools Undesignated Fund to the Designated Professional Reserve Fund and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of covering legal and other professional services for unpredicted legal issues.

School Committee Recommends:	Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends:	Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 21 ESTABLISHES THE TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Technology Reserve Fund, to transfer \$10,000 from Schools Undesignated Fund to the Designated Technology Reserve Fund and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of unexpected mission critical system failures during a budgetary year.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 22 ESTABLISHES THE HEALTH RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Health Reserves Fund, to transfer \$15,000 from the School Undesignated Fund to the Designated Health Reserve Fund and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of covering employee health insurance changes, including marriage, new family, etc. This may be used to cover any penalties charged due to the Affordable Care Act.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 23 ESTABLISHES THE SECURITY AND SAFETY UPGRADES RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Security and Safety Upgrade Reserve Fund, to transfer \$35,000 from the School's Undesignated Fund to the Designated Security and Safety Upgrades Reserve Fund and to expend funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of addressing security and safety issues identified in the long term and strategic planning.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 24 ESTABLISHES THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, to transfer \$40,000 from School's Undesignated Fund to the Designated Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and to expend funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for purposes of addressing major planned capital improvements.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 25 ESTABLISHES THE MATCHING GRANT RESERVE FUND, AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO AND EXPENDITURE FROM THAT FUND

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town of Acton will vote to create a Designated Matching Grant Reserve Fund, to transfer \$10,000 from the School's Undesignated Fund to the Designated Matching Grant Reserve Fund and to expend funds from that Reserve Fund. This Fund is used for maximizing grant opportunities available to Acton School Department.

School Committee Recommends: Adoption of Article as written
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accepted Article as written 5-1

Judy Shain made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the School Committee; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 26: Shall amendments to the Town of Acton Solid Waste Ordinance be enacted?
Copies of said ordinance are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adoption of Ordinance as revised and amended by Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written

Theodore Kryzak Jr. made a motion to approve the article as written and recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by William Lotz. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

Motion to recess @ 7:45pm until 8:00am Tuesday, May 5, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

After the conclusion of the vote on the warrant articles, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 8:00am, at which time the polls for the referendum question listed below will be open until 8:00pm at the Acton Town Hall, 35 H Road, Acton Maine to vote on the following question:

QUESTION 1:

Do you favor approving the Town of Acton School Budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Town Meeting held on April 28, 2015?

Signed this 9th day of April, 2015.

Ss/Kryzak, Theodore J Jr. - Chairman

Ss/Shields, William - Selectman

Ss/Walsh, Edward - Selectman

Town of Acton

True Attested Copy,

**Jennifer Roux
Town Clerk 05/01/2015**