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**THE WARRANT
TOWN MEETING OF FRENCHBORO
JUNE 22, 2017**

State of Maine
Hancock County, ss

To: **Arthur Fernald**, in the Town of Frenchboro, in the County of Hancock, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Frenchboro, in the said County, qualified by the law to vote in town affairs, to meet in said town at the Municipal Building, on the day of June 22, 2017 at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Articles to Elect Town Officials

Article 1 To choose one moderator to preside at said meeting.

Ducan Bond chosen as moderator.

Article 2 To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a one year term. Sarah Brake's term expires 2017.

K. Smith Motions for Sarah Brake, second by B. Ransom, Sarah Brake elected for one year term

To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/
Overseer of the Poor for a two year term. The term of
Kim Smith' term expires 2017.

S. Brake motions for K. Smith, second by B. Ransom.

C. Shuey motions for C. Hodgkins, second by J. Lunt

With a written vote of 13-5 C. Hodgkins is elected for the two year term

Article 3 To choose one Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters for a one year term. Current clerk is Heidi Kelley.

S. Brake motions for Ann Fernald, second by H. Kelley. Ann Fernald elected to one year term.

Article 4 To choose one Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector for a one year term. Current Tax/Excise Tax Collector is Heidi Kelley.

K. Smith motions to elect Heidi Kelley, second by Z. Lunt, Heidi Kelley elected to a one year term.

Article 5 To choose one School Committee member for a three year term, The term of Laurette Lunt and Beverley Roxby expire 2017.

B. Ransom motions for L. Lunt for three year term, second by S. Brake

J. Lunt motions for C. Shuey for three year term, second by R. Tuner

With a written vote of 4- 14 C. Shuey is elected for three year term

B. Ransom motions for L. Lunt for one year term, second by S. Brake

C. Shuey motions for R. Turner for one year term, second by J. Lunt

With a written vote of 12-11 R. Turner is elected for the one year term.

Article 6

To choose one Fire Warden Committee Member for a two year term and one Fire Warden Committee Member for a one year term. Nate Lunt two year term expires in 2017 and Adam Paisley one year term expires in 2017

S. Brake motions for D. Saxby for two year term, second by K. Smith, Daniel Saxby is elected for two year term.

S. Brake motions for A. Paisley for one year term, second by B. Bost, Adam Paisley is elected for one year term.

Article 7

To choose four Harbor Committee members for one year Terms. The terms of Rod Bost, Zachary Lunt, Daniel Saxby, and Andy Smith expire 2017

S. Brake motions for, J. Lunt, D. Saxby, R. Bost, and A. Smith, second by Z. Lunt. Joe Lunt, Danny Saxby, Rod Bost, and Andy Smith is elected for one year term.

One member must be a Commercial Fisherman as set forth in the Frenchboro Town Dock, Float and Harbor Ordinance.

Article 8

To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

S. Brake motions for J. Lunt, second by C. Shuey, Joe Lunt is elected on to the planning board.

Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget

Article 9

To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 24,650.00

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 10

To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 28,095.00

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 11

To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Municipal Building Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 8,000.00

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 12 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Public Works Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 77,789.32

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 13 To see what sum Selectboard is authorized to expend for Fire Department Operational Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 3,500.00

Explanation: To be able to cover the costs of dispatch fees for 9-1-1, and enough funds for an emergency boat trip in the event of a fire.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 14 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend in Unclassified Accounts:

Select board recommends: \$1,200.00

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Articles to Transfer Funds

Article 15 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to Transfer from the Teacher House Reserve Account to the Teacher House Operational Account to expend for expenses on the Teacher's house.

Select board recommends \$ 1,000.00

Explanation: Instead of raising new funds, this amount will be moved to cover a problem with the water pump for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 16 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Municipal Building Reserve Account to the Municipal Building Operational Account.

Selectboard recommends \$3,000.00

Explanation: The building has been found to have some rot problems as well as electrical problems that need to be addressed. The building also needs new paint.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 17 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to appropriate from the General Fund Revenue sources to be used towards the 2017-2018 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Select Board recommends: All end of year General Fund Revenue source monies.

Excise Tax	
Auto	\$7,526.48
Excise Tax Fees	
Auto	\$96.00
Boat	\$11.00
Exemption Reimbursements	\$5,872.45
State Revenue Sharing	\$3,034.96
Earned Interest	\$1,617.39
Travel Reimbursements	\$213.75
Lien Fees	\$114.38
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$20,300.00
Total Income:	\$38,786.41

Treasurer's Note: At the end of the Fiscal Year, the following revenue related entries are made: Boat Excise Income goes to the Town Wharf Reserve Income Account; Transportation and Urban Renewal Income goes to the Road Reserve Income Account; Teacher's House Income goes to the Teacher's House Reserve Income Account; Fire Department Income goes to the Fire Department Reserve Income Account; and Gravel Pit income goes to the Gravel Pit Reserve Income Account. These adjustments are all authorized by Town Meeting votes from previous years.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 18 To see what sum, if any, the voters will appropriate from the General Fund to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Explanation: All the unexpended monies and debit from the FY 2016-17 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate has not yet been determined at the time of printing due to the audit.. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in warrant.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 19 To see if the town will vote to appropriate any non-dedicated funds
Received to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby
Decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Note: Articles 9-14 authorize a total budget of \$ 141,734.32

School Related Articles

FRENCHBORO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Articles

Note: Articles 20 through 30 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

Article 20 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction**
for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 93,289**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 95,668

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 21 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education**
for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 13,513**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 18,946

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 22 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and
Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30,
2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ -0-

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 23 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ -0-

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 24 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 10,905**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 10,765

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 25 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 8,225**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 7,509

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 26 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 19,392**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 16,372

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 27 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 11,700**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 11,100

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 28 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$ 27,065**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 15,140

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 29 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ -0-

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 30 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ -0-

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Note: Articles 20 – 30 authorize a total budget of \$ 184,089

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 175,500

Note: Articles 31, 32 & 33 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Hand Count

Article 31 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro 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 (**Recommend \$62,498**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise as the Town'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 for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

School Committee recommends **\$53,959**

Explanation: The Town of Frenchboro'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.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Hand Count

Article 32 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

School Board recommends \$ -0-

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Frenchboro's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Written Ballot Vote Required

Article 33

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 84,038**) for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$82,928**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 84,038** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 82,928**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2017-2018 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Frenchboro'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 on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Frenchboro's budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 31, 32 & 33 raise a total town appropriation of **\$ 137,997**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 142,035

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Note: Article 34 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Hand Count

Article 34

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the Town'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 **\$ 184,089**

Note: 2016-17 Amount was \$ 175,500

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 35 In addition to the amount in Articles 20 – 34, 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 2017-2018 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 passage.

Current Year Totals: \$ 20,355

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 36 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the school committee to have the Frenchboro Elementary School remain open for the 2017-2018 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately three students.

School Committee recommends passage

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Municipal Operational Articles

Article 37 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, and expend grant funds for the purpose stated in the grant provided that the acceptance of any funds requiring a match from Town funds would require town meeting approval.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 38 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 39 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property with value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms as the Board deems advisable.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 40 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for Frenchboro by State law.

Written Ballot Required

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Select board recommends passage.

Article 41 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after that date:

Select board recommends November 1, 2016 and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 42 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes:

Select board recommends 3% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 43 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 44 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to accept and approve the Frenchboro Maine Comprehensive plan, date; June 22nd 2017

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve as written 2nd. Hand Vote- Motion Carries.

Article 45 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select board to sell the Town property identified in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds in Book 2904, Page 669.

Explanation: This lot comprises approximately seven acres. A copy of the property deed is included with the warrant.

Select board recommends passage.

Motion to approve with the amendment that this parcel can not be broken up into any more then 3 parcels, amendment by K. Smith, 2nd, Hand Vote- Motion Carries.