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**THE WARRANT
TOWN MEETING OF FRENCHBORO
JUNE 17, 2020**

State of Maine
Hancock County, ss

To: **Daniel Saxby**, 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 17th 2020 at four 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.

Rachel Bishop Chosen as Moderator

Article 2 To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a one year term. Christopher Hodgkins term expires 2020.

Sarah Brake Motions for Christopher Hodgkins, second by Christina Shuey, Christopher Hodgkins elected for one-year term.

Article 3 To choose one Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters for a one year Term. Current clerk is Ann Fernald.

Sarah Brake motions for Ann Fernald, second by Joe Lunt Ann Fernald elected to one-year term.

Article 4 To choose one Tax Collector for a one-year term.
Current Tax Collector is Daniel Swain.

Joe Lunt motions to elect Daniel Swain, second by Sarah Brake, Daniel Swain elected to a one-year term

Article 4a. To choose one Excise Tax Collector for a one-year term.
Current Excise collector is Rachel Bishop.

Sarah Brake motions to elect Rachel Bishop, second by Laura Venger, Rachel Bishop elected to a one-year term

Article 5 To choose one School Committee member for a one year term, The term of Margaret Porter term expires in 2020

No motion on the floor

To choose one School Committee member for a three-year term, the term of Christina Lunt expires in 2020

Sarah Brake motions for Christina Lunt, second by Laura Venger. Christina Lunt elected to three-year term.

Article 6 To choose one Fire Warden Committee Member for a one year Term. Alton Pinkham one-year term expires in 2020,

Christopher Hodgkins motions for Alton Pinkham, second by Sarah Brake. Alton Pinkham elected for one-year term.

Article 7 To choose four Harbor Committee members for one year terms and one Harbor Committee member for two-year term. The terms of Rod Bost, Joe Lunt, Daniel Saxby, and Zach Lunt expire 2020 and Alton Pinkham two-year term expire in 2020

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

David W. Lunt motions for Rod Bost, Joe Lunt, Daniel Saxby, and Zach Lunt for one year term, and Alton Pinkham for a two-year term, second by Sarah Brake. Rod Bost, Joe Lunt, Daniel Saxby, and Zach Lunt elected for one-year term, and Alton Pinkham elected for two-year term.

Article 8 To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Sarah Brake motions for Daniel Saxby to replace David Lunt Sr, second by Christina Lunt, Daniel Saxby is to replace David Lunt Sr. due to poor health conditions. Motion approved.

Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget

Motion made on the floor by Christopher Hodgkins to group together articles 9-14 to be voted as a block. Motion seconded, by Daniel Saxby. motion approved

Article 9 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 17,950.00

Article 10 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 37,930.00

Article 11 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Municipal Building Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 7,000.00

Article 12 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Public Works Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 71,700.00

Article 13 To see what sum Selectboard is authorized to expend for Fire Department Operational Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, 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.

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: \$2,200.00

Explanation: \$200 for the teacher house account, \$1,000 for charitable donations, \$1,000 to be raised for reserves. (\$1,000 for the town float and ramp reserve)

Sarah Brake Motions to approve blocked articles as written, second by Joe Lunt. Hand vote of 9, Motion Carries.

Articles to Transfer Funds

Motion made on the floor by Christopher Hodgkins to group together articles 15-17 to be voted as a block. Motion seconded, by Alton Pinkham. motion approved

Article 15 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 2020-2021 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	6,526.64
Excise Tax Fees	
Auto	149.20
Boat	0
State Revenue Sharing	5,000
Earned Interest	
Travel Reimbursements	0
Lien Fees	773.28
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,300
Total Income:	

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.

Article 16 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 2019-20 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.

Article 17 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.

Sarah Brake Motions to approve blocked articles as written, second by Christopher Hodgkins. Hand vote of 9, Motion Carries.

Note: Articles 9-14 authorize a total budget of \$ 140,280.00

FRENCHBORO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Articles

Note: Articles 18 through 28 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

Article 18 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 103,054**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 108,451

Sarah Brake Motions to approve as written second by Joe Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 19 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 15,942**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 21,285

Christopher Hodgkins Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 20 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30,

2021.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ -0-

Joe Lunt Motions to approve as written second by Sarah Brake. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 21 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ -0-

Christopher Hodgkins Motions to approve as written second by Joe Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 22 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends \$ 14,641

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 13,933

Christopher Hodgkins Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 23 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends \$ 8,685

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 9,190

Christina Lunt Motions to approve as written second by Joe Lunt Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 24 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 24,381**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 24,041

Christina Lunt Motions to approve as written second by Sarah Brake. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 25 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 5,850**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 5,850

Christopher Hodgkins Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 26 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$ 14,091**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 13,842

Christina Lunt Motions to approve as written second by Sarah Brake. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 27

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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ -0-

Sarah Brake Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 28

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ -0-

Christina Lunt Motions to approve as written second by Sarah Brake. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Note: Articles 18 – 28 authorize a total budget of \$ 186,644

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 196,592

Note: Articles 29, 30 & 31 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Hand Count

Article 29

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 \$39,035**) 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

School Committee recommends **\$32,551**

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.

Sarah Brake motion to approve as written and second by Christian Lunt, with a Hand Vote of 9 yeses to 0 no's- Motion Carries

Hand Count

Article 30 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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.

Christina Lunt motion to approve as written and second by Joe Lunt, with a Hand Vote of 9 yeses to 0 no's- Motion Carries

Written Ballot Vote Required

Article 31 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 106,746**) for the period July

1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(Recommend: \$106,746)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 106,746** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 106,746**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2020-2021 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 **\$ 139,297**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 163,696

Note: Article 32 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

With Sarah Brake written motion to approve as written and second by Christian Lunt, with a Hand Vote of 9 yeses to 0 no's- Motion Carries

Hand Count

Article 32

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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 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 **\$ 186,644**

Note: 2019-20 Amount was \$ 196,592

Christina Lunt motion to approve as written and second by Christopher Hodgkins, with a Hand Vote of 9 yeses to 0 no's- Motion Carries

Article 33 In addition to the amount in Articles 18 – 32, 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 2020-2021 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: \$ 19,415

Sarah Brake Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Article 34 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 2020-2021 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately four students.

School Committee recommends passage

Current Year Totals: \$ 19,415

Sarah Brake Motions to approve as written second by Christina Lunt. Hand Vote- Motion Carries

Municipal Operational Articles

Motion made on the floor by Christopher Hodgkins to group together articles 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, and 44 to be voted as a block. Motion seconded, by Alton Pinkham. motion approved

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.

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.

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.

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
Select board recommends passage.

With Sarah Brake written motion to approve as written and second by Christian Lunt, with a Hand Vote of 9 yeses to 0 no's- Motion Carries

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, 2020 and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

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.

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.

Article 44

To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to accept from Maine Coast Heritage Trust the donation of (1) an approximate five acre parcel of land popularly known as "Gooseberry Point," together with an access road, (2) a grant of \$5,000 for improvements to the road and parcel and (3) a donation of \$15,000 to the Frenchboro Fund, with the parcel being subject to restrictions allowing permanent public recreational access with no residential development, and such donations further to be subject to Maine Coast Heritage Trust acquiring the parcel from its current owners

Sarah Brake Motions to approve blocked articles as written, second by Joe Lunt. Hand vote of 9, Motion Carries.

MOTION by C. Hodgkins to adjourn at 4:30pm, second by S. Brake. **Motion passed**