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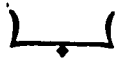
OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

Town of Chester

Maine



FOR THE YEAR

1943 - 1944

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

*To Leo Harmon, a Constable of the Town of Chester, in the County
of Penobscot,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in said County qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Chester at the schoolhouse in District No. 4, or Town Hall, in said town on Monday, the 20th day of March, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

- Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To act on the report of the officers of the past year.
- Art. 4. To choose three selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose three assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a member of the superintending school committee for a term of three years.
- Art. 7. To choose three overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To vote to see what compensation or commission the town will pay for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

- Art. 10. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To choose one or more road commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To choose all necessary town officers.
- Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for incidental expenses.
- Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the poor.
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for town highways and bridges.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for State Road patrol.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for schools.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for schoolhouse repairs.
- Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$156.00 for maintenance of the third class road.
- Art. 20. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the State Aid joint account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment of State Aid road in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.
- Art. 21. To see what sum the town will appropriate or raise for highways and bridges.
- Art. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$20.00 for public health nursing in Chester, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for cemeteries.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for snow removal.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to elect a cemetery committee of three.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote the manner in which the snow plowing will be done the coming winter, by bid or otherwise.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell and dispose of all town timberland.

Art. 28. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$100.00 for auditing town books for year.

Art. 29. To see if the town will grant and raise \$50.00 for elections.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for superintending schools.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote for the collector of taxes to settle with the town at the end of each month.

Art. 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above-named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 10 o'clock.

Given under our hands this 20th day of March, 1944.

LLEWELLYN HARMON,
HARRY WHITNEY,
ANDREW FLEMING,

Selectmen of Chester.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Cash on hand	\$ 523.48		WARRANTS
Leo Harmon, Coll.	1,148.71	No. 1	\$113.00
State Treas., Snow Removal	431.18	2	18.32
Leo Harmon, Coll.	180.06	3	7.21
Town Clerk, Dog tax	18.90	4	76.40
Leo Harmon, Coll.	460.00	5	90.85
State School Fund	984.66	6	49.34
Leo Harmon, Coll.	323.30	7	13.40
Dog refund	13.20	8	143.54
Leo Harmon	208.41	9	104.40
Leo Harmon, excise tax	52.00	10	263.65
Leo Harmon, excise tax	40.00	11	65.40
Leo Harmon, Coll.	833.06	12	218.21
Leo Harmon, Coll.	331.00	13	411.64
Leo Harmon, Coll.	375.09	14	778.40
Leo Harmon, Coll.	1,521.57	15	60.27
School Census Sup.	13.35	16	81.30
Leo Harmon, Coll.	78.70	17	690.97
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	18	15.19
	\$7,536.67	19	76.70
		20	26.00
		21	38.95
		22	50.00
		23	61.01
		24	218.90

	25	101.04
	26	203.70
	27	74.61
	28	997.86
	29	100.00
	30	271.52
	31	114.25
	32	275.61
	33	87.79
	34	200.70
	35	709.35
	36	78.70
	37	258.58
	38	301.36
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		\$6,826.82
Cash on hand March 12, 1944		709.85
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		\$7,536.67

MONEY RAISED BY TOWN AT ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 1943

Snow Removal	\$ 350.00	
Town Officers' Salary	325.00	
Nurse	10.00	
Third Class Road Repair	156.00	
School Repairs	50.00	
Schools	1,500.00	
Patrol	300.00	
Highways and Bridges	1,000.00	
Mother's Aid	200.00	
Incidental	300.00	
Auditing	175.00	
Int. on School Fund	83.00	
State Tax	846.07	
County Tax	199.41	
Overlay	112.35	
	<hr/>	\$5,656.83

BILLS PAYABLE

County tax, 1943	\$1,448.05
Interest on tax	320.05
State tax	781.13
Vou. No.	
145 Virginia Pickering	3.70
36 The Advertiser-Democrat	129.30
189 Virginia Pickering	3.25
147 State Bureau of Health	10.00
82 Ethel Bagley	24.00
30 State Tax	552.87
276 A. C. Ireland	3.00
65 Sylvester Smith	111.25
87 H. A. Whitney	18.25
73 John Smith	26.40
79 John Smith	52.80
86 A. C. Fleming	23.88

83	Leo Harmon	6.00
78	State Highway Patrol	300.00
84	Department of Audit	144.09
68	Frank Crocker	4.40
77	Georgia Fleming	50.00
117	Georgia Fleming	5.20
145	Georgia Fleming	5.20
114	Georgia Fleming	49.20
95	Georgia Fleming	1.17
101	Georgia Fleming	.78
111	Georgia Fleming	.78
115	Georgia Fleming	.78
147	Georgia Fleming	.39
152	Georgia Fleming	50.00
103	Harlen Whitney	28.00
118	Harlen Whitney	5.00
113	Arthur Ireland	17.60
134	Melvin Ireland	10.57
137	W. C. Ireland	17.85
90	Eben Ireland	39.60
91	John Ireland	28.60
104	Irene Jordan	10.00
135	Dannie Pond	3.30
140	Atlas Plywood Co.	57.00
141	Lew. Harmon	22.00
112	Charles Swan	65.37

1943-44 TAXES

Leo Harmon, Collector

Receipts

Tax Commitment		\$5,656.83
Leo Harmon	\$1,148.71	
Leo Harmon	180.06	
Leo Harmon	460.00	
Leo Harmon	323.30	

Leo Harmon	208.41	
Leo Harmon	833.06	
Leo Harmon	331.00	
Leo Harmon	375.09	
Leo Harmon	1,521.57	
Leo Harmon	78.70	
	<hr/>	\$5,459.90
Uncollected Taxes:		
Lewis Wyman, tax	64.33	
Leo Harmon, tax	132.60	
	<hr/>	196.93
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		\$5,656.83

EXCISE TAX, 1943-44

Kenneth Libby	\$65.00	
Leo Harmon	52.00	
Leo Harmon	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$157.00

1942 TAX LIENS

1942-43		\$643.87
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due from:

Treasurer prior to P. A. Scott	\$30.23
P. A. Scott, 1940 Acct.	22.24
P. A. Scott, 1941 Acct.	.95
P. A. Scott, 1942 Acct.	32.65
A. C. Ireland, 1941 overpaid	21.56
Leo Harmon, 1941 excise tax	17.62
Doris Waite, 1941 tax	5.96
Doris Waite, 1941 excise tax	.60
Doris Waite, 1942 excise tax	32.68

1942 TAXES

K. Libby, Collector

1942-43	\$344.71
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TOWN ORDERS PAYABLE

Balance brought forward	\$720.09
Paid	13.40
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Unexpended	\$706.69

STATE TAX PAYABLE

Brought forward from 1942	\$1,652.24
	Expended
Paid	\$680.90
Paid	280.00
Paid	13.20
Paid	13.35
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	\$986.45
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Due	\$665.79

COUNTY TAX PAYABLE

Brought forward from 1942	\$1,258.58
Interest	320.05
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	\$1,578.63
	Expended
Paid	\$189.47
Paid	199.41
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	388.88
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Due	\$1,189.75

Victory Tax payable	\$76.60
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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Raised	\$325.00
Overdraft	43.03
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	\$281.97

Expended

Llewellyn Harmon	\$35.00	
Llewellyn Harmon	65.00	
A. C. Fleming	45.00	
H. A. Whitney	45.00	
P. A. Scott	30.00	
P. A. Scott	30.00	
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		\$250.00
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Unexpended		\$31.97

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Amount raised	\$300.00	
1942 Overdraft	297.04	
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		2.96
Dog tax refund	13.20	
Overlay	112.35	
K. Libby, excise tax	65.00	
Leo Harmon, 1943-44	52.00	
Leo Harmon, 1943-44	40.00	
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		\$287.51

Expended

Burr Printing Co.	\$39.32	
Dillingham's	14.95	
Marks Printing House	2.00	
Hutchins Bros.	3.00	
H. A. Libby	8.00	
Charles Swan	65.37	
A. Ireland	17.60	
Rodney Savage	10.00	
Reuben Savage	10.00	
Bank charges	3.74	
Bear bounty	2.75	
Telephone and postage	5.00	
Abatements	6.00	
Leo Harmon, collector	503.46	
Mack Jordan, lien	23.99	
Leo Harmon, collector	8.19	
	<hr/>	721.37
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$433.86

AUDIT

Amount raised	\$175.00
State Auditor	144.09
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Unexpended	\$ 30.91

HEALTH NURSE

Amount raised	\$10.00
Health nurse	\$10.00

TOWN ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Overdraft, 1942	447.17
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	\$552.83

Expended

Lew Harmon	\$27.60	
Lew Harmon	20.18	
T. S. Fleming	2.24	
Leo Harmon	14.00	
Sylvester Smith	5.00	
John Smith	52.80	
Eben Ireland	39.60	
John Ireland	28.60	
Leo Harmon	15.00	
Reuben Savage	3.30	
Ray Robinson	3.30	
W. C. Ireland	39.60	
E. F. Harmon	54.60	
Melvin Ireland	17.60	
Dannie Pond	3.30	
Atlas Plywood	57.00	
Lew Harmon	22.00	
Otis Leavitt	18.80	
	<hr/>	424.52
Unexpended		<hr/> \$128.31

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Amount raised	\$156.00	
Unexpended, 1942	284.52	
Available	<hr/>	\$440.56
	Expended	
W. C. Ireland	\$13.20	
E. F. Harmon	44.00	
John Smith	26.40	
Eben Ireland	17.60	
	<hr/>	101.20
Unexpended		<hr/> \$339.32

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Amount raised	\$300.00
Paid State	\$300.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Amount raised	\$350.00
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Expended

Kenneth Libby	\$46.30	
Leo Harmon	27.50	
Leo Harmon	45.00	
Otis Leavitt	2.75	
Otis Leavitt	5.50	
Leo Harmon	17.50	
Frank Davis	4.95	
Otis Leavitt	4.40	
Leo Harmon	12.50	
Frank Davis	2.75	
Leo Harmon	37.50	
Frank Davis	8.25	
Leo Harmon	130.00	
E. F. Harmon	6.05	
Frank Davis	4.95	
Ray Robinson	17.60	
Leo Harmon	35.00	
		448.77
State	\$224.78	
Town	224.78	

Unexpended	\$ 12.71
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STATE AID 1941-42

Amount raised	\$600.00
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MOTHER'S AID

Amount raised	\$200.00
Paid State	102.00
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Unexpended	\$ 98.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount raised	\$1,500.00
Unexpended, 1942	342.98
Income on School Fund	83.00
State School Fund	984.66
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	\$2,910.64

Expended

Warrants:	\$113.00
	76.40
	57.80
	104.40
	83.94
	15.19
	3.50
	78.40
	60.27
	81.30
Victory tax	9.20
Retirement Fund	.87
Supplies	15.19
Warrant	76.70
Warrant	50.00
Georgie Fleming	75.00

Georgie Fleming	50.00
Georgie Fleming	50.00
Georgie Fleming	50.00
Ethel Bagley	50.00
Roger Ireland	3.00
Ethel Bagley	50.00
Ethel Bagley	50.00
Georgie Fleming	49.93
Georgie Fleming, Victory tax	5.07
Ethel Bagley	24.00
Georgie Fleming	24.61
Georgie Fleming	49.22
Georgie Fleming, Victory tax	1.17
Florence Garnett	50.00
Georgie Fleming	49.22
Georgie Fleming, Victory tax	.78
Florence Garnett	50.00
H. Whitney	28.00
Irene Jordan	10.00
Town of Winn	300.00
Town of Lincoln	291.00
Town of Mattawamkeag	81.00
Ins. on Tuition	10.08
M. T. R. A.	22.58
Florence Garnett	34.40
Florence Garnett, Victory tax	15.60
Georgie Fleming	49.22
Georgie Fleming, Victory tax	.78
Florence Garnett	44.80
Florence Garnett, Victory tax	5.20
H. Whiting	5.00
Roger Ireland	3.00

Sylvester Smith	4.00	
Florence Garnett	44.80	
Florence Garnett, Victory tax	5.20	
Georgie Fleming	24.61	
Georgie Fleming, Victory tax	.39	
Ursula Libby	6.00	
Georgie Fleming	50.00	
Leo Harmon	154.00	
Doren Jordan	10.00	
		2,752.87
Unexpended		\$ 157.77

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS

1942	\$90.03	
Amount raised	50.00	
		\$140.03

Expended

S. B. Smith	\$ 10.66	
Kenneth Butterfield	2.40	
S. B. Smith	38.95	
S. B. Smith	111.25	
John Jordan	4.40	
Frank Crocker	4.40	
		171.84
Overdrawn		\$ 31.63

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' SALARY

Charles Swan	\$65.37
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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Brought forward	\$294.00	
Town of Winn	300.00	
Town of Lincoln	291.00	
Town of Mattawamkeag	81.00	
Ins. on Tuition	10.08	
	<hr/>	\$977.08

682.08
~~293.00~~

CEMETERIES

Amount raised	\$50.00	
Unexpended, 1942	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$58.50

Expended

S. B. Smith	\$10.50	
Leo Harmon	6.00	
	<hr/>	16.50

Unexpended		\$42.00
Ins. on School Fund		\$83.00

ABATEMENTS

Earl Tash, poll tax	\$3.00	
Sidney Brawn, poll tax	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$6.00

STATE TAX

Due State	\$846.07
Paid	293.20
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Balance due	\$552.87
Overlay, 1943	\$112.35

DOG TAXES

P. A. Scott	\$18.90
Town Clerk	\$18.90

LLEWELLYN HARMON,

H. A. WHITNEY,

A. C. FLEMING,

Selectmen of Chester.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from 1942		\$523.48
1943 taxes	\$5,459.90	
1943 excise tax	92.00	
Dog licenses	18.90	
Dog refund	13.20	
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Total taxes		5,584.00
State snow removal	431.18	
State education	998.01	
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		1,429.19
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Total receipts		\$7,536.67
Warrants drawn		6,748.12
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Balance in treasury March 11, 1944		\$ 788.55

PEARLE A. SCOTT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens:

I herewith submit my annual report on the progress and condition of your schools.

In spite of the teacher shortage, which is becoming more acute all over the land, we have been able to have the schools in Chester open. There are many schools throughout the state closed on account of this shortage. We are fortunate indeed to offer our boys and girls the opportunity to attend school. The schools are facing a serious situation. The only solution, as I see it, is that we must compete with salaries offered by industrial plants. Teachers' salaries have been very low when we consider the training and responsibility which a teacher must assume. They are the ones who are responsible for the men and women of tomorrow. To provide the best type of teachers is the paramount duty of each generation to the next, the debt eternal of maturity to youth, and yet we are neglecting that duty. I wish to speak of payment of salaries to teachers when they are due. If the taxpayers would consult with the town treasurer or tax collector to find out when funds are needed, I feel they would make an effort to pay their taxes so that teachers and boarding mistresses would not have to wait for their salaries due. The fact that teachers are compelled to wait so long

tends to discourage teachers from applying for positions in your town.

The South Chester school has been repaired and painted this past year. The same should be done to North Chester this coming year, for I am sure you will agree that it needs it badly. The more attractive you make the building and surroundings the more interest and pride he or she will take in school.

In submitting the following budget I have taken the amounts as sent out by this office. There may be a difference when compared to the town accounts, due to the fact that some of last year's bills were paid this year but were charged to schools on last year's account. In some cases bills have been paid directly by the town without any orders from this office.

In closing, I wish to thank the school committee and citizens for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. SWAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

The following budget is submitted:

Assets	
Interest	\$ 83.00
Unexpended	275.52
State Fund Est.	984.66
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Total	\$1,343.18

Liabilities

Teachers' salaries	\$2,000.00
Fuel	150.00
Janitor	100.00
Tuition	350.00
Books and Supplies	100.00
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Total	\$2,700.00
Necessary appropriation	\$1,357.82
Appropriation for repairs	200.00