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2017 WARRANT

State of Maine, County of Hancock

Town of Blue Hill

To: David N. Gulya, Jr., Constable of said Blue Hill, in said County.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the voters of Blue Hill, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the auditorium at the Town Hall, Blue Hill, on Friday, April 7 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1 - To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 is to be acted on by written referendum ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. The meeting will reconvene Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the gymnasium at the Consolidated School, 60 High Street, Blue Hill at 9:00 am and run until 11:30 am. or a time determined by the moderator. The meeting will reconvene at 12:30 pm and run until adjourned.

ARTICLE 2 - Election of officers

ARTICLE 3 - To authorize the moderator, at his/her discretion, to dispense with the complete reading or re-reading of an Article and allow the Town to vote by written ballot upon written request by 10 or more voters.

ARTICLE 4 - To authorize the moderator to continue his/her responsibilities until all articles have been reviewed and verified as to the outcome.

ARTICLE 5 - To fix the Compensation of labor, trucks, and equipment for Highway and Road Commissioner.

2016 Left to discretion of Selectmen

Budget Committee recommends leaving to the discretion of the Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$555,000 from **Auto Excise**; to raise and appropriate \$45,000 from **URIP/Local Road Assistance** for the Maintenance and Improvements of Highways and maintenance and construction of sidewalks.

	2016	2016	2017	
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
			<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
Maintenance	90,000	85,845.55	90,800	90,800
Paving	100,000	98,115.90	100,000	100,000
Snow removal	313,000	314,908.03	320,000	320,000
Sidewalks	20,000	19,296.45	50,000	50,000
Insurance	6,000	5,852.00	6,200	6,200
Ditching and Culverts	<u>15,000</u>	<u>14,821.65</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>
Total	544,000	538,839.58	600,000	600,000

ARTICLE 7 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800 from **Property Tax** for the placement and maintenance of **911 Program and Traffic Signs**.

	2016	2016	2017	
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
			<u>Recommends</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
800		1,092.85	800	800

ARTICLE 8 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from **Highway Reserve** to support maintenance and paving projects. These activities are outside the scope of the 'regular' Highway Department Budget.

Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
100,000	100,000

ARTICLE 9 - To see if the Town will vote to set **the hourly rate of \$12 for the compensation** for the Selectmen.

2017		
2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Rate</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
12.00 per hr.	12.00 per hr.	12.00 per hr.

ARTICLE 10 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Selectmen salaries and wage benefits**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
40,000	40,094.75	45,000	45,000

ARTICLE 11 -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,435 from **Property Tax** for **Health Insurance** (Selectmen, Road Commissioner, and Salaried Office Staff).

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
48,500	37,440.24	61,435	61,435

ARTICLE 12 -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Code Enforcement/ Plumbing Inspector Account**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
32,000	33,136.88	34,000	34,000

ARTICLE 13 -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,300 from **Property Tax** for the **Planning Board**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
2,500	2,071.83	3,300	3,300

ARTICLE 14 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,424 from **Property Tax** for the **General Government account**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
204,154	189,606.77	200,424	200,424

ARTICLE 15 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 from **Property Tax** for **Workers Compensation**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

ARTICLE 16 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Town Hall Account**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
40,000	39,753.61	40,000	40,000

ARTICLE 17 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to a total of \$20,000 from **Undesignated Funds** for the **Town Hall Improvement Reserve account**.

2017			
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000

ARTICLE 18 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,650 **Undesignated Funds** to cover the following **overdrafts/shortfalls** from the 2015 Budget accounts.

Town Hall Account	\$5,289
Health Insurance	\$979
Code Enforcement	\$35
Audit	\$3,767
Fire Department	\$70
Hancock County Dispatch	\$172
Septic Tank Disposal	\$2,792
Maine Municipal Bond Bank Refinancing Loan	\$7,546

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend: \$20,560

ARTICLE 19 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Municipal Audit**.

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
8,500	21,660.25	12,000	12,000

ARTICLE 20 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Tax Assessing, Mapping, and Quarterly Review**.

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
35,000	34,999.92	36,000	36,000

ARTICLE 21 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$70,000 for the **Fire Department**, to be funded by raising and appropriating \$56,494 from **Property Tax** and by raising and appropriating \$13,506 from **funds received from the Peninsula Ambulance Corp.**

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
67,000	67,000	70,000	70,000

ARTICLE 22 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$216 (to include payroll taxes) from **Property Tax** for **Emergency Management Agency**.

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
216	216	216	216

ARTICLE 23 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 (to include payroll taxes) from **Property Tax** for **Forest Fire Suppression**.

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>
2,500	2,262.20	2,500	2,500

ARTICLE 24 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Fire Truck Reserve Account**.

2016	2016	2017	
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Selectmen <u>Recommend</u>	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>

17,000	17,000	20,000	20,000
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ARTICLE 25 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000 from **Dog Licensing Revenue** for the **Animal Control Officer**.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
3,000	2,997	3,000	3,000

ARTICLE 26 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 from **Property Tax** for **Streetlights**.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
10,000	8,687.19	10,000	10,000

ARTICLE 27 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from the **Law Enforcement Reserve Account** to fund **law enforcement activities** (including the Constable) for the Town with unexpended or deficit balances to be put in the Law Enforcement Reserve Account.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
10,000	319.90	10,000	10,000

ARTICLE 28 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,617 from **Property Tax** for the **Hancock County RCC-911 Dispatch**.

	2017	2017	
2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
5,452.58	5,617	5,617	5,617

ARTICLE 29 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,131 from **Property Tax** for the **Peninsula Ambulance Corp**.

	2017	2017	
2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
33,387	44,131	44,131	44,131

ARTICLE 30 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,000 from **Sewer Fees** for the **Disposal of Septic Tank Sludge**.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
12,000	15,963.60	12,000	12,000

ARTICLE 31 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,019 from **Property Tax** for Blue Hill's share of operating the **Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Program**.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
189,019	189,019	189,019	189,019

ARTICLE 32 - To see if the Town will appropriate up to \$10,000 from **Undesignated Funds** to replace the stairway connecting the Town Park to the shore.

Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
10,000	5,000

ARTICLE 33 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$22,000 for the **Harbor Master Wages and Benefits Accounts** (including all wages and taxes), **routine maintenance, repairs and operational expenses** of the South

Blue Hill and Blue Hill Wharves from the **Boat Excise Tax, Mooring Fees, and/or Dinghy Tie-up fees** received in 2017 with unexpended or deficit balances to be put in the Marine Resource Reserve Account.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
22,000	17,145.80	22,000	22,000

ARTICLE 34 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 from **Property Tax** for **General Assistance** and/or for the discretionary use by the Overseers of the Poor.

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
4,000	2,729.48	4,000	4,000

ARTICLE 35 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Administration and Operation of the Town's Recreation Activities and the care, maintenance and support of the Town's Parks, Playground & Athletic Fields.**

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
30,000	26,506.91	35,000	35,000

ARTICLE 36 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,110 from **Property Tax** to maintain the **Ruth Hayes Field.**

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,110	1,090	1,110	1,100

ARTICLE 37 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,000 from **Property Tax** and \$6,000 from **donations** for the **Upkeep and Capital Improvement of Cemeteries.**

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
38,000	41,997.34	40,000	40,000

ARTICLE 38 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000 from **Elm Tree/Street Tree Reserve** for the **Tree Program and the planting and maintenance of street trees** with unexpended or deficit balances to be put back in the Elm Tree/Street Tree Reserve

		2017	
2016	2016	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
3,000	1,995	3,000	3,000

ARTICLE 39 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 from **Property Tax** for **Memorial Day.**

		2017	
2016	2017	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

ARTICLE 40 - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from **Property Tax** for the **East Blue Hill Village Public Library.**

		2017		
2016	2016	2017	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,500	1,500	2,000	1,500	1,500

ARTICLE 41 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,275 from **Property Tax** for **Hancock County Home Care & Hospice.**

2017	2017
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2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
11,275	4,500	11,275	4,500	4,500

ARTICLE 42 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$550 from **Auto Excise** for **Downeast Transportation**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
550	550	550	550	550

ARTICLE 43 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Down East Family YMCA**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

ARTICLE 44 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,495 from **Property Tax** for the **Eastern Agency on Aging**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,495	1,495	1,495	1,495	1,495

ARTICLE 45 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Society for Aid to Children**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500

ARTICLE 46 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,458 from **Property Tax** for the **Washington-Hancock Community Agency**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
6,052	6,052	9,458	6,052	6,052

ARTICLE 47 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Historical Society**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

ARTICLE 48 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,240 from **Property Tax** for the **W.I.C. Program**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,520	1,520	1,240	1,240	1,240

ARTICLE 49 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Hospice of Hancock County**.

		2017	2017	
2016	2016	Agency	Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

ARTICLE 50 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$82,250 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Public Library**.

2016	2016	2017	2017	Budget Committee
<u>Request</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Agency Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Recommend</u>
80,000	80,000	82,250	76,000	76,000

ARTICLE 51 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$292,578 from **Property Tax** for **Hancock County Tax**.

2016	2016	2017	2017	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	
283,022	283,022.08	292,578	292,578	

ARTICLE 52 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$164,074 from **Undesignated Funds** and \$50,000 from **Waste Water Treatment Plant Surplus**, to pay for the Principal and Interest due on Notes and Bonds.

	2016	2016	2017	2017	Budget Committee
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	
USDA - Sewer ext.	102,394	102,394.00	102,394	102,394	
BHBT - High Street Bridge	13,334	17,864.00	18,000	18,000	
MMBB 2015 Refi.	<u>93,820</u>	<u>93,819.61</u>	<u>93,680</u>	<u>93,680</u>	
	209,548	214,077.75	214,074	214,074	

ARTICLE 53 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a total of \$221,650 for the **Waste Water Treatment Operations** from **Pollution Control Fees** assessed in 2017.

2016	2016	2017	2017	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	
223,500	199,049.63	221,650	221,650	

ARTICLE 54 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2018 to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 55 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000 from **Undesignated Funds**, as they deem advisable to meet **unanticipated expenses and emergencies** that occur during fiscal year 2017.

2016	2016	2017	2017	Budget Committee
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	
15,000	12,673.07	15,000	15,000	

ARTICLE 56 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the purchase and financing of a new fire truck not to exceed \$425,000. The Selectmen intend to use **Unappropriated Surplus** in the form of a loan to finance the truck. All Unappropriated Surplus Funds used for the purchase, plus interest will be paid back to the Town from the **Fire Truck Reserve Account** and an annual commitment of funds from the **Fire Company**.

Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
In Favor	In Favor

ARTICLE 57 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,500 from the **Marine Resources Reserve Account** to purchase two new finger piers at the South Blue Hill Wharf.

Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
7,500	7,500

ARTICLE 58 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate up to \$100,000 from **Undesignated Funds** to provide 'Matching Funds' for future sidewalk expansion grant applications if they deem that the proposed match has merit. This match will never exceed more than 20% of the amount of a grant request.

Selectmen	Budget Committee
<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Recommends</u>
100,000	100,000

ARTICLE 59 - Shall the ordinance entitled '**Amendment to the Ordinance for the Retention or Disposition of Tax-Acquired Property in Blue Hill, Maine**' be enacted?

ARTICLE 60 - Shall the ordinance entitled '**Municipality of Blue Hill Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Stores and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs**' be enacted?

ARTICLE 61 - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506

ARTICLE 62 - To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of **7.00%** annually on all tax liens and tax acquired property.

ARTICLE 63 - To see if the Town will vote to fix the date when taxes shall become due, and to establish the rate of interest to be charged on remaining unpaid taxes after a certain date. (Selectmen recommend that taxes become due October 15, after which an annual interest rate of **7.00%** will be charged on unpaid taxes.)

ARTICLE 64 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept or reject any State or Federal Grants and any property or donations that may become available to the Town, or the Blue Hill/Surry Solid Waste Committee.

ARTICLE 65 - To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$747,277.00 established for the Town by State law; in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 66 - To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts of money, and the interest to be used for **Perpetual Care** of cemetery lots:

Terri Titcomb	Seaside	500.00
Anna & James Riley	Mountain View	300.00
Mitchell-Nevin	Seaside	500.00
Lee Marville	Seaside	500.00
Messex/Henderson	Seaside	500.00
Bruce Chamberlain	Seaside	500.00
David Long	Seaside	1,000.00
Estate of Hamabe	Seaside	<u>500.00</u>
		\$4,300.00

ARTICLE 67 - To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen not to sell property identified as Map 10, Lot 2 on the Town of Blue Hill Tax Maps, unless the sale is specifically approved by a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting for Blue Hill.

ARTICLE 68 - To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to apply proceeds from the sale of a property identified as Map 10, Lot 1 on Blue Hill Tax Maps, for the development of Map 10, Lot 2 on the Blue Hill Tax Maps, as a community resource and access point to the Salt Pond.

ARTICLE 69 - To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to establish a landing launching area for small boats on the property identified as Map 10, Lot 2 on the Blue Hill Tax Maps.

ARTICLE 70 - To see if the Town will approve applying 206,582.06 from the Property Tax Reserve Account to the renovation project currently underway at Blue Hill Consolidated School.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

School Board Recommends: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 71 - To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to engage with a local bank, or with the Maine Bond Bank to negotiate a 15-year loan of 1.5 million dollars for an array of major renovations at Blue Hill Consolidated School such as, but not limited to: paving, a sprinkler system, new classroom space, re-configured locker room space, gym moisture issues and new bleachers, security lighting, and interior doors to code.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

School Board Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

EDUCATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 72 - To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to expend state and federal funds and other receipts to operate the schools for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

ARTICLE 73 - To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to carry forward any surplus verified by the audit from the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget to be used to reduce the tax commitment for the 2018-2019 budget, and to see if the Town will apply \$154,000 from carry forward to the 2017-2018 budget.

ARTICLE 74 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

-2310 School Committee Services

-2320 Office of the Supt. Services

-0000 Contingency

Authorized 2016-2017	\$161,118.38
School Committee Recommends	\$165,817.51
Budget Committee Recommends	\$165,817.51

ARTICLE 75 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2700 Transportation Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

Authorized 2016-2017	\$262,281.55
School Committee Recommends	\$267,207.58
Budget Committee Recommends	\$267,207.58

ARTICLE 76 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instructional Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- 1000 Elementary Instructional Services
- 1200 Regular Secondary Program
- 4900 Gifted and Talented Program

Authorized 2016-2017	\$3,481,166.56
School Committee Recommends	\$3,454,555.74
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,454,555.74

ARTICLE 77 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

-2120 Guidance Services

-2220 Library Services

-2130 Student Health Services

-2210 Curriculum Development

-2213 Instructional Staff Training

Authorized 2016-2017	\$181,904.47
School Committee Recommends	\$184,726.05
Budget Committee Recommends	\$184,726.05

ARTICLE 78 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2400 Office of the Principal Services for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

Authorized 2016-2017	\$202,281.70
School Committee Recommends	\$204,213.70
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$204,213.70

ARTICLE 79 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for 2600 Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

Authorized 2016-2017	\$327,230.88
School Committee Recommends	\$378,058.70
Budget Committee Recommends	\$378,058.70

ARTICLE 80 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education Program for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- 2000 Special Education Instructional Program
- 2500 Office of the Director of Special Education Services

Authorized 2016-2017	\$703,763.39
School Committee Recommends	\$867,283.12
Budget Committee Recommends	\$867,283.12

ARTICLE 81 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- 4300 Summer School
- 9100 Co-Curricular Activities
- 9200 Extra Curricular Activities

Authorized 2016-2017	\$46,855.87
School Committee Recommends	\$49,355.87
Budget Committee Recommends	\$49,355.87

ARTICLE 82 - To see what sum the town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

- 3100 Food Service Operations

Authorized 2016-2017	\$152,041.23
School Committee Recommends	\$163,674.40
Budget Committee Recommends	\$163,674.40

ARTICLE 83 - To see what sum the town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend: \$3,662,861.33) for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year and to see what sum the town will raise as the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Appropriated 2016-2017	\$3,389,823.59
School Committee Recommends	\$3,537,861.33
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,537,861.33

"Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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."

ARTICLE 84 - To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

Appropriated 2016-2017	\$1,606,706.98
School Committee Recommends	\$1,700,926.85
Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,700,926.85

(In order to maintain current educational programs and offerings, the school committee recommends raising the \$1,700,926.85 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,452,280.16.

"Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects or the non-state-funded portion of a school construction project that will help achieve the town's budget for educational programs."

ARTICLE 85 -To see what sum the town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-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.

Authorized 2016-2017	\$5,518,644.35
School Committee Recommends	\$5,734,892.67
Budget Committee Recommends	\$5,734,892.67

ARTICLE 86 - To see if the town will spend \$20,000 out of the current Secondary Tuition Reserve account, to apply to the 2016-2017 Secondary Tuition.

School Committee Recommends	\$20,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$20,000.00

ARTICLE 87 - To see if the town will vote to add \$50,000 to the current Secondary Tuition Reserve Account, making the total \$65,000.

School Committee Recommends	\$50,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$50,000.00

ARTICLE 88 - To see if the town will vote to add \$ 70,000 to the Special Education Reserve Account, making the total \$70,000.

School Committee Recommends	\$70,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$70,000.00

ARTICLE 89 - Shall the town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature for educational purposes for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

State Educational Subsidy	\$ 125,000.00
School Lunch/Breakfast Subsidy	\$ 48,000.00
Title I	tbd

Local Entitlement Grant	tbd
Title IIA	tbd
Any Other Grants Which Become Available	unknown

END OF EDUCATION ARTICLES

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session at her office April 7, 2017 for the purposes of revising and correcting the list of voters.

John R. Bannister

Attest: _____
David N. Gulya, Jr., Constable

James M. Schatz

Vaughn W. Leach

Selectmen of Blue Hill