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# Town of Pittston Maine Annual Town Meeting Warrant 2018

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# Town of Pittston

State of Maine  
Town of Pittston  
County of Kennebec, ss.

To: Debra MacInnes, Resident of the Town of Pittston, County of Kennebec

Greetings,

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Pittston qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the Pittston Consolidated School in Pittston on Saturday March 17, 2018, at 9:45 a.m. and there act on the following Articles:

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting and then to act on Articles 2 through 36.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for a contingency fund to cover unforeseen expenses. Funds to be used at the Select Board's discretion, with unspent monies to go into Surplus.

	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	1	0

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and release \$358,352.00 for General Administrative Services. (\$85,000 from surplus, \$12,000.00 from excise and \$261,352.00 to be raised and appropriated.)

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
<b>Administrative Work Force (Breakdown Below)</b>		
<b>Administrative Contracted Services</b> (Assessors' Agent)	17,500.00	17,500.00
<b>Support Staff</b> this includes the following: Code Enforcement Officers, Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, Moderators, Recycling Attendant, Ballot Clerks/Election Expenses, Harbor Master	29,000.00	29,000.00
<b>Fire Chief</b>	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Administration</b> (Selectpersons)	15,500.00	15,500.00
<b>Town Office Administrative Services</b> this includes the following: Administrative Secretary, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Town Clerk	107,500.00	107,500.00
<b>SUB -TOTAL</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>
Administrative Expenses	32,000.00	32,000.00
Insurance	21,000.00	21,000.00
Town Office Operations (formerly Town Office Maintenance)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Health Insurance	22,000.00	22,000.00
Employees' Retirement Match	4,160.00	4,160.00
Ambulance	15,300.00	39,702.00
Personnel Committee	100.00	100.00
Memorial Day/Flags	350.00	350.00
Tax Map Update	1,200.00	1,200.00
Trio Maintenance Agreement	6,500.00	8,340.00
Payroll Taxes	12,500.00	14,000.00
Appeals Board Operations	100.00	100.00
Spirit of America/Boston Post Cane	300.00	400.00
Employee Training	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$137,010.00</b>	<b>\$164,852.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$330,510.00</b>	<b>\$358,352.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to release from surplus \$10,300.00 to make the final payment for the entry of the Town's tax card information into Trio.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,650.00 for information technology with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Town's General Assistance account with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to accept monies donated to the Town for General Assistance purposes.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for Planning Board expenses, with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,660 to join Hatch Hill Solid Waste and Recycling Facility run by the city of Augusta.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	5	2	0

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for disposing of Town recyclables with unspent monies to go to Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	5	2	0

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to handle the Town's Septic waste, in order to comply with the State of Maine's Solid Disposal Regulation 38 M.R.S.A § 1305.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	0	2	0
Budget Committee			

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of monies toward municipal affiliations.

Name of Municipal Affiliation	Approved 2017	Requested 2018	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Chrysalis Place (Food Bank)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
Pittston Fair Association	3,000.00	4,000.00	2-0-0	6-1-0
Gardiner Public Library	23,292.00	23,878.00	2-0-0	3-4-0
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	4,239.00	4,239.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
Boys & Girls Club	14,440.00	14,440.00	2-0-0	6-0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,971.00</b>	<b>\$48,557.00</b>		

**Article 13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for charitable affiliations.

Name of Charitable Affiliation	Approved 2017	Requested 2018	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Spectrum Generations	1,772.00	1,700.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
Family Violence Project	2,375.00	2,375.00	2-0-0	6-0-1
KV Behavioral Health	3,400.00	3,400.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
Sexual Assault & Crisis	0	932.75	2-0-0	6-1-0
Faith Christian Food Pantry	1500.00	1500.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
The Lifelight Foundation		667.00	2-0-0	7-0-0
Children's Center		1,302.00	2-0-0	6-1-0
American Red Cross		250.00	2-0-0	5-0-2
MaineGeneral Hospice		500.00	2-0-0	3-0-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,047.00</b>	<b>\$12,626.75</b>		

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% of the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to be released to the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of snowmobiles at all times and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem advisable for that purpose. Amount received is \$1,237.94.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain	
Select Board	2	0	0	
Budget Committee	6	1	0	

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,525.00 toward the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries within the Town’s boundaries.

Cemeteries	Approved 2017	Requested 2018
Hunt		
Day	50.00	50.00
Gould Tomb	50.00	50.00
Knights Tomb	50.00	50.00
Fuller	75.00	75.00
Blodgett	75.00	75.00
Oakman	175.00	175.00
Moores	50.00	50.00
Veterans’ Memorial	100.00	100.00
Riverside	1900.00	1900.00
Riverside Annex	1200.00	1200.00
Coss Hill	2000.00	2000.00
North Pittston	750.00	750.00
Goodspeed	450.00	450.00
Maple Grove	1000.00	1000.00
Old East Pittston	500.00	500.00
Blair	50.00	50.00
Moody	400.00	400.00
Stevens	100.00	100.00
Palmer	175.00	175.00
King	75.00	75.00
Lapham	100.00	100.00
LaPlain	100.00	100.00
Cooper (Harris)	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,525.00</b>	<b>\$9,525.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to set the compensation it will pay for road related equipment and labor for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommends	State Wages or lower for equipment and \$15/hr. for laborers.	2-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends		6-0-1

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and release \$589,320.00 from Excise tax/Excise Tax Reserve for the Town’s highway accounts/budget.

Account	Budget 2017	Budget 2018
Summer Maintenance, this includes the following; Brush Cutting, Ditching, Grading and Special Roads.	93,000.00	\$93,000.00
Salt Shed Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00
Highway/Bridges	13,000.00	13,000.00
Hot Topping	190,000.00	190,000.00
Snow Removal, Sand and Salt	264,220.00	289,220.00
Tractor Maintenance	500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$564,320.00</b>	<b>\$589,320.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	5	0	2

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax/Excise Tax Reserve and/or Local Roads Savings Account any money not previously appropriated in the articles of this warrant for any emergency work on Town roads as deemed advisable by the Municipal Officers and the Road Commissioner.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will appropriate and release \$50,000.00 from the Excise Tax Reserve to the Culvert Replacement Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,200.00 for fire protection services with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Budget Item	Budget 2017	Budget 2018
Operations	32,000.00	32,000.00
Payroll	30,000.00	35,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,000.00</b>	<b>\$67,200.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,500 to purchase 13 new SCBA bottles to replace 13 current SCBA bottles that will expire in June of 2018 with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for Fire Department Communication Maintenance with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 for debt service payment for the Village Fire Station loan.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will release from the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account \$21,811.58 to reimburse the General Fund Account for the remaining construction cost of the Village Fire Station.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1



**Article 25:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 to go into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	0

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,500.00 for Emergency Dispatching Services with unspent monies going into Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for surveying the boundary lines of the tax-acquired property on the Old Cedar Grove Road formally known as William's Gravel Pit with unspent monies going into Surplus.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	1

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to release from the contingency the funds to cover the net result of abatements and supplemental taxes for tax previously assessed.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	6	1	0

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will fix dates when the taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date, and to allow the Tax Collector to collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 35 M.R.S.A. § Section 36 (prepayment of taxes).

Tax Collector recommends August 31, 2018 or 30 days after Commitment, whichever comes first, and December 5, 2018, and an annual interest rate of 7%.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest at 3% to be paid on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property with a value of \$1,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to release monies received through grants and reimbursements to the Town's operating accounts/expenses.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 34:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$1,200.00 for interest charges on temporary tax anticipated loan.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 35:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed one third of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2018 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2019 to the March 2019 Town Meeting.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 36:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$335,015.00 established for the Town of Pittston by State law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Polls will be open on March 19, 2018 at the Pittston Town Office from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Municipal Elections.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors in, or changes in name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

The Town Clerk will begin opening absentee ballots at 2 p.m. on the day of the Municipal Election March 19, 2018.

Given under our hands this Twenty First of February 2018:

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Roger Linton, Select Person

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Mary Jean Ambrose, Select Person

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Greg Lumbert, Select Person

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah J. Barry  
Clerk of Pittston

**RETURN ON THE WARRANT**

Pittston, Maine

February 22, 2018

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Pittston Town Office, at the Village Store, and at C & W Repair Garage in said Town, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the Twenty Second day of February, 2018, being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Debra MacInnes, Resident of Pittston