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WARRANT FOR MARCH 1, 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 1st day of March AD 2014 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 1, 2014. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: 1:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE

SPIRIT OF AMERICA award given to Michael Golden (Sr.)

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination(s): Phil Roy

1st: Rance Pooler

2nd: Jim Quimby

Results: 3/0 for Phil Roy

Article 2: To open polls for election of Town Officials.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Sarah Davis	96	
	Lois Miller	3	(write-in)
Road Commissioner:	Michael Foster	94	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Leslie Giroux	98	
	Dianna Rollins	1	(write-in)
	Sharon Begin	1	(write-in)
	Rob Peabody	1	(write-in)
Treasurer:	Judith Robertson	43	
	Sharon Begin	57	(write-in)
	Arthur Myers	1	(write-in)
MSAD # 74 School Board Director: (3 year term)	Laura Layman	101	
	Richard Roberts	1	(write-in)
	Sandy Long	1	(write-in)
	Laurie Dana	1	(write-in)

<i>TOTAL ELECTION BALLOTS CAST:</i>	<i>Absentee:</i>	8
	<i>Regular:</i>	100

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amounts from the 2013 Surplus for overage in the Transfer Station, \$1,298.91; Fire Department \$4,190.55; Schools, Books and Dues \$457.16; Computer \$40.91; Worker's Compensation \$432; and Cemeteries \$563.43
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion to move Article 3 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett
2nd: Michael Golden
Results: PASS*

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$508,386, established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Motion as to move Article 4 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Michael Sackett
Results: PASSES*

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,400

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,750

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$29,500 as follows:

Selectmen	\$9,333.00 each
Chair additional	\$1,001.00
Vice-Chair additional	\$ 500.00

*Motion to AMEND Article 5.6 to \$28,000: Eleanor Pooler
2nd: Lief Bull
Results: Amendment PASSES in 20-18 Vote*

Motion to RECONSIDER Article 5.6 to \$29,500: Andy Davis
2nd: Evan Roderick
Result: Reconsideration PASSES in 20-12 Vote

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,000

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,200

Motion to AMEND Article 5.8 to \$6,000: Eleanor Pooler
2nd: Leif Bull
Results: Amendment FAILS

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,000 (*budget, not salary*)

Motion to AMEND Article 5.9 to \$5,000: Andy Davis
2nd: Michael Sacket
Clarification: This is a budget, not stipend; Deputy paid hourly
Results: Amendment PASSES

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,700 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

Motion to AMEND Article 5.11 to remove “plus fees”: Dan Ames
2nd: Carol Sidell
Clarification: This is a budget, not stipend; ACO paid hourly & mileage
Results: Amendment FAILS

12. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

13. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

14. COMPUTER FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,800

15. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

Motion as move Article 5 as AMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Michael Sacket

Results: Amendment PASSES

Motion to RECONSIDER Article 5.6 to \$29,500: Andy Davis

2nd: Evan Roderick

Result: Reconsideration PASSES in 20-12 Vote

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PROTECTION.

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,200

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,886

3. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,400

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT (requested \$30,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$24,000 plus reimbursements

5. FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,000

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,600

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$19,000

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$15,500

Motion to move Article 6 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$65,000 plus fees & income

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

Motion to move Article 7 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$84,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$94,000 plus reimbursements

3. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

4. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

5. STREET NAME SIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

Motion to move Article 8 as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Sacket

Result: PASSES

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$400)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

3. HEADSTART (requested \$1,500) (*Correction: Actual request: \$1,000*)

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$1,000

Motion to AMEND Article 9.3 to \$0: Harold Sidell

2nd: no second

Result: Amendment FAILS

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. HOSPICE (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

6. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760

7. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Motion to allow Non-resident speak on behalf of Article 9.7.: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: Majority vote YES

Motion to AMEND Article 9.7 to \$1,000: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: Amendment PASSES

8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$368)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 with the money given to the Solon Corner Market to be used at the discretion of the Solon Food Cupboard.

10. CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTERS (requested \$2,428)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

11. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$100 - \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

12. EMBDEN/SOLON CUB SCOUTS (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

13. GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #716 (requested \$400)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

14. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$25)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$25

Motion to move Article 19 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. FIRST PARK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,500 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.

Motion to move Article 10 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett

2nd: Michael Golden

Result: PASSES

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM (\$2,200 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,200 plus fees.

2. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM (\$1,200 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.

3. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$10,500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE (\$3,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

5. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

6. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Motion to move Article 11 as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER (\$1,895.40 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,895.40

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,500

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,586)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,586

5. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

7. TOWN FLAGS RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

8. UPPER KENNEBEC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (requested \$1,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Walter Hagan for non-payment of 2010 property taxes. The property taxes for 2010 (\$1,233.63), 2011 (\$1,286.88) and 2012 (\$1,349.00) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 344 North Main Street, Map R1 Lot 4D.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving Walter Hagan and/or his heirs until March 21, 2014 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2010, 2011 and 2012 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs and also the town's tax loss of \$1,420.00 for 2013. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen shall form a committee to make recommendations for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting on what the Town should do with this property. It is the old Pierce Homestead property on the Kennebec River.

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED: Leif Bull

2nd: Frank Ridley

Result: PASSES

Article 14: To see if the town will raise funds for an extra pile of sand to be made available for the towns' people.

Selectmen recommend \$1,000 by taxation (this would be about 222 cu yds.)

The Budget Committee recommends \$0

Motion to move as RECOMMENDED by Selectmen: Andy Davis

2nd: Leif Bull

Result: PASSES

Article 15: To see if the Town will raise funds for a paving project.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$217,000 by taxation, \$115,000 from LRAP Funds, \$148,004.17 from Road Paving Reserve and to borrow \$380,000 for 2 years to repave the following roads: Brighton Road, French Hill Road, Drury Road, Grant Road and the already paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road and to replace a deep culvert on the River Road west of Michael Stream. They also recommend that any remaining balance be used to pay on the loan.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Town of Solon

Total Indebtedness:

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$	0.00
b. Bonds Authorized and unissued	\$	0.00
c. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved with the Selectmen's recommendation		<u>\$380,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$380,000.00

Costs:

At an estimate maximum interest rate of 4% ~~1.7%~~, the estimated cost of this bond issue over 2 years will be:

Principal	\$380,000.00	
Interest	\$18,130.00	\$7,521.00
TOTAL NEW DEBT SERVICE	\$398,130.00	\$387,521.00

Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' certification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by the reason of the variance.
/s/ Judith Robertson, Treasurer, Town of Solon

Motion to move Article 15 as UPDATED & READ: Michael Golden
2nd: Michael Golden II
Result: PASSES with Secret Ballot Vote of 33-17

Article 16: If Article 15 fails, to see if the Town will raise funds for the Road Paving Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$217,000 by taxation for the Road Paving Reserve Account by taxation.

Motion to PASS OVER Article 16: Andy Davis
2nd: Issac Davis
Result: PASSES

Article 17. To see if the Town wishes to take over ownership and maintenance for the Village Cemetery on North Main Street from the Solon Village Cemetery, Inc.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise an additional \$1,800 by taxation for Cemeteries

Motion to move Article 17 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett
2nd: Issac Davis
Result: PASSES

Article 18: To see if the Town will create a Transfer Station Tub Replacement Reserve Account with the Selectmen having the authority to expend funds from this reserve account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$2,000 by taxation.

Motion to move Article 18 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett
2nd: Andy Davis
Result: PASSES

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds in the Transfer Station Truck Reserve Account to purchase a truck to haul our trash tubs and, if needed, to also use the funds to adapt the truck into a roll off truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 19 as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis

2nd: Michael Golden

Result: PASSES

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 20 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett

2nd: Michael Golden

Result: PASSES

Article 21: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 19 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 22: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 19 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden

2nd: Michael Sackett

Result: PASSES

Article 23: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$50 to that person's next year's property taxes.

Motion to AMEND Article 23.1 to "Any dollar amount": John Dunay

2nd: Jane Ouderkirk

Result: Amendment FAILS

Motion to AMEND Article 23.1 to \$20.00: John Dunay

2nd: Frank Zimbardy

Result: Amendment WITHDRAWN

2. To see 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 Section 506.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2014.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$80,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 9 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Michael Sackett
Result: PASSES

Article 24: To see if the town shall set **September 14, 2014** as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 7%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Motion to move Article 24 as RECOMMENDED: Andy Davis
2nd: Michael Sackett
Result: PASSES

Article 25: If the Town accepts Article 23-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **0%**.

Motion to move Article 25 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Golden
2nd: Michael Sackett
Result: PASSES

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Motion to move Article 26 as RECOMMENDED: Michael Sackett
2nd: Andy Davis
Result: PASSES

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Golden 2nd: Michael Sackett

Given under my hand this 5th day of February A.D., 2014,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

Sarah Davis, Selectman

Attest true copy: Leslie Giroux, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the first day of March AD 2014 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 20th day of February AD 2014, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.