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WARRANT FOR MARCH 2, 2019 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 2nd day of March AD 2019 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 officials, 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 2, 2019. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

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

Article 2: To elect all municipal officials and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Elaine Aloes
Road Commissioner, 1 year term:	Gary Bishop
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 1 year term:	Christine Jablon
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3 year term:	Deron Whittemore

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2018 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Town Charges \$937.95, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer \$1,272.77, Elections \$124.78, McQuilken Road Issues \$696.23, Social Security/Medicare \$561.44, Street Lights \$251.19, and Transfer Station \$3,087.42.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$572,934, 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

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 \$18,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,800

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$32,384 as follows:

Selectmen	\$10,128.00 each
Chair additional	\$1,250.00
Vice-Chair additional	\$ 750.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$28,080

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,192

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

12. 911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$150

13. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

14. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

15. TRIO PROGRAM FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,142

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

17. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

18. TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

19. MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

20. MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUE COSTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

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

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,600

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,864

3. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,000

4. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,300

5. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,300

6. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$21,000

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,800

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$30,000 plus reimbursements

Article 8: 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 \$72,000 plus fees & income

Article 9: 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 \$105,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$105,000 plus reimbursements

3. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

4. ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$215,000

5. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

Article 10: 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 \$15,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$500)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
3. HEADSTART (requested \$1,200)
Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,200
4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$2,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400
5. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$600
6. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760
7. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$369.25)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$300
9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000
10. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$527)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200
11. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$190)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$150
12. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$302)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

Article 11: 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 \$4,000 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.
2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,420
3. FIRE TRUCK LOAN
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,610

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

1. RECREATION PROGRAM (\$2,500 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500 plus fees.

2. RECREATION FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

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

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

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$12,500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,500 plus fees and investment income

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

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

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

7. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$750 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$750

8. 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS (\$1,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,212

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,000

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,638)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,638

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

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise funds for GIS mapping of the town.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$5,700 by taxation and \$5,000 from the Planning Board Reserve Account.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise funds for the purchase and installation of an outside LED electronic sign to be located on the Municipal Building and Fire Station property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$5,500 by taxation

Article 16. To see if the Town will approve expending funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a new dump body for the 1995 Ford dump truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$11,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account

Article 17. To see if the Town will approve expending funds from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve Account for the purchase and installation of a new furnace at the Fire Station and for associated costs.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$11,000 from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve Account

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise funds for a land survey for the Coolidge Library property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$2,600 from the Library Capital Reserve Account.

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to use the \$113,444 from the 2018 Business Equipment Tax Exemption reimbursement received from the State in 2019 to reduce property taxes in 2019.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to change the Tax Collector/Clerk position from an elected position to a position that is appointed by the Selectmen with the effective date of this change being March 7, 2020.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to form a Library Building Committee, with a minimum of 5 members, for the purpose of developing plans to build a Coolidge Library addition and exploring funding options.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 22. To see if the Town will approve creating a Swim/Camp Program Reserve Account with the funds to be used for the Swim/Camp Program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to put this year's appropriated funds in this reserve account.

Article 23. To see if the Town will adopt the:

Ordinance Limiting Home Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Adult Use

WHEREAS, the Town of Solon deems it in the best interest of its citizens to limit the cultivation of marijuana for personal adult use within the Town, without affecting cultivation, use, or distribution of Medical Marijuana as allowed by 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 558-C;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Solon does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Legislative authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B M.R.S.A. § 1502, Municipal Home Rule Authority, Maine Constitution, Article VIII, Part 2, and 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001.

Section 2. Limitation of Home Cultivation.

Home cultivation of marijuana for personal adult use by a person 21 years of age or older is limited to cultivation of three (3) mature marijuana plants, twelve (12) immature marijuana plants, and an unlimited number of seedlings by each person 21 years of age or older who is domiciled on a parcel or tract of land, pursuant to 28-B M.R.S.A. § 1502. No person shall be permitted to cultivate marijuana plants or seedlings on a parcel or tract of land on which he or she is not domiciled. Nothing in this ordinance is intended to prohibit the lawful cultivation, use, possession, or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 2421-2430-B.

Section 3. Effective date; duration.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the Town of Solon unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed.

Section 4. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee. Violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A § 4452.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 24. To see if the Town will adopt the revised “Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” and Shoreland Zoning Maps.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 25. To see if the Town will adopt this revised

Foreclosed Property Ordinance

Unless otherwise required by State Law:

The disposition of foreclosed property in the Town of Solon shall be determined at the Annual Town Meeting by the vote of the people.

The disposition options are:

1. For the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to give the owner of foreclosed property from the date of the town meeting until the third Friday of March to redeem the property by paying all of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town. Should the owner fail to redeem the property, the Selectmen are authorized to sell and dispose of the property by public bid and execute a quit-claim deed for such property. If the property is sold by public bid a minimum bid of the total of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town or at least 33% of the assessed value is required, whichever is higher. All excess proceeds will be credited to the Rainy Day Reserve Fund.
2. Or the Town shall retain the property acquired through non-payment of taxes.

This repeals all prior Foreclosed Property Ordinances.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of William & Constance Verrill for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$698.29), 2017 (\$717.91) and 2018 (\$733.60) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 1208 South Solon Road, Map R9 Lot 13-1-2.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of the Verrill’s until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Jason Osborne for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$1,170.53), 2017 (\$1,203.41) and 2018 (\$1,229.71) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located on the Rowell Mountain Road, Map R6 Lot 5-2.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving Jason Osborne until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of Ray Erb for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$382.17), 2017 (\$392.90) and 2018 (\$401.49) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 65 Ferry Street, Map R4 Lot 1-1.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of Ray Erb until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of Robert Weese for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$1,150.41), 2017 (\$1,091.23) and 2018 (\$1,489.08) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 1184 South Solon Road, Map R9 Lot 14.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of Robert Weese until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to purchase from James Farley, who claims to own property over which a portion of the McQuilken Road currently is located, a triangle of that property with a 10' leg west of the pin set on the southeast corner of James Farley's land (Map R2 Lot 14 on the 2018 Solon Town Maps) by Boynton & Pickett Surveyors and extending to the sideline of said Road at the location of the stop sign and back to said pin for a sum of money, to pay for the associated survey costs, to prepare and execute deeds and related documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes and paying Mr. Farley \$500 for this portion of his land

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to purchase from James Farley, who claims to own property over which a portion of the McQuilken Road currently is located, all of said portion of the property for a sum of money, to pay for the associated survey costs, to prepare and execute deeds and related documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes and paying Mr. Farley \$1,000 for this portion of his land

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to relocate and rebuild the section of the McQuilken Road where it meets the Drury Road with the right of way to extend three (3) rods to the east of the pin set on the southeast corner of James Farley's land (Map R2 Lot 14 on the 2018 Solon Town Maps) by Boynton & Pickett Surveyors to pay to purchase property on the east side of the McQuilken Road, if needed, for the right of way, to pay for the associated survey costs to prepare and execute deeds and related documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes

Article 33: 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.

Article 34: 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 and/or reserve funds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 35: 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.

Article 36: 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.
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 2019.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$85,000.00 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.

Article 37: If the Town accepts Article 36-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 8%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

Article 38: To see if the town shall set September 21, 2019 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 8%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 39: 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%.

Given under my hand this 7th day of February A.D., 2019,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman

Keith Gallagher, Selectman

Attest true copy: Christine Jablon, 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 third day of March AD 2019 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 7th day of February AD 2019, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

Copies of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are available to be seen at the Town Office. The map is on display in the Town Office Conference Room. The Public Hearing on the 3 Ordinances will be on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7 pm at the Town Office Conference Room.