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TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2017/2018

State of Maine

County of York, ss.

TO: Joseph Rousselle, a Resident of South Berwick in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of South Berwick, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the R. P. Gagnon Assembly Hall at the Town Hall on Main Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 23rd of May 2017, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. Election to take place at 6:30 p.m.
Business session will be held immediately following.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner in which the Town Council deems to be in the best interests of the Town.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of seven (7) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2017 and one-half due on March 31, 2018.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid at zero (0) percent interest.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the "Tax Club", with interest waived for all members of the Club making regular payments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Club.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes due to abatement at three (3) percent per annum as per MRSA36/506A.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund the payment of property tax abatements (and applicable interest) granted during this fiscal year.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the deposit of all proceeds from the Parking Lease Agreement between the Town and Avesta Young Street LP dated December 12, 2014 and December 22, 2015 into a non-lapsing designated reserve account and to appropriate and expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the repair and maintenance of said parking lot.
TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

Police Department	\$ 843,457
Animal Control	8,833
Dispatch Center	346,966
Total	\$1,199,256

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$1,199,256
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ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

Fire Department	\$ 207,011
Emergency Management Services	5,796
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Total	\$ 512,542

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 512,542
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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

Town Hall	\$ 74,218
Community Center	69,454
Highway	841,563
Public Facilities	44,775
Town Garage	18,995
Transfer Station	362,869
Total	\$ 1,411,874

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,411,874
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ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant funds and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Roads:

Roads	\$ 700,000
Total	\$ 700,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant and	\$ 64,804
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and	\$ 450,000
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 185,196

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 6,750
Town Manager	158,480
Control/Collection	192,961
Computer	44,400
Administration	162,500
Tax Assessment	116,482
Employee Benefits	1,084,900
Street Lights	48,000
Compensated Absence Reserve	30,000
Total	\$ 1,844,473

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,844,473
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ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset) and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Debt Service:

Young Street Debt	\$ 48,002
2010 CIP Debt	54,137
Library Construction Debt	137,250
2016 Road Bond	476,000
Total	\$ 715,389

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset)	\$ 32,870
Appropriate from 2016 BOND proceeds (Bond Offset)	24,602
Appropriate from Road CIP	451,398
and	
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 206,519

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Records Department:

Town Clerk	\$ 74,562
Total	\$ 74,562

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 74,562
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ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

Code Enforcement	\$ 55,037
Planning	40,548
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	125
Total	\$ 95,960

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 95,960
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ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

Social Services	\$ 61,000
Social/Civic Contributions	10,450
Emergency/Rescue Services	85,000
Total	\$ 156,450

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 156,450
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ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Recreation/Parks and Conservation:

Recreation	\$ 88,138
Conservation Commission	4,845
Total	\$ 92,983

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 92,983
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ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount for the Library:

Library	\$ 148,342
Total	\$ 148,342

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 148,342
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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$ 125,000
Office Equipment	45,000
Fire Equipment	75,000
Police Equipment	45,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Town Buildings Reserve	25,000
Police Station Reserve	70,000
Total	\$ 395,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 395,000
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ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following amounts from Excise Taxes, Non-Tax General Fund Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2017/2018 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$ 1,129,500
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	659,617
State Revenue Sharing	386,510
State Revenue Sharing Residual	23,306
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	377,000
BETE Reimbursement	16,000
Total	\$ 2,591,933

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 3,780,532 established for the Town of South Berwick 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.


TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 25th day of April 2017 A.D.



Russell H Abell

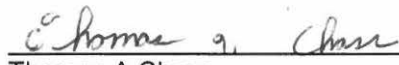


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