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TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2019/2020

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 21st of May 2019, 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 pm.
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 eight (8) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2019 and one-half due on March 31, 2020.

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 four (4) 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 allow the Town Council to utilize funds from the TIF Account for the purposes denoted in the Final TIF agreement approved in 2013.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

Police Department	\$ 1,037,282
Animal Control	9,500
Dispatch	<u>227,222</u>
Total	\$1,274,004

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$1,274,004
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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

Fire Department	\$ 221,835
Emergency Management Services	6,065
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Emergency/Rescue Services	<u>87,000</u>
Total	\$ 614,635

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 614,635

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

Town Hall	\$ 79,828
Community Center	71,958
Community Center Annex	200
Highway	945,901
Public Facilities	51,700
Town Garage	20,550
Transfer Station	<u>369,250</u>
Total	\$ 1,539,387

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,539,387

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP) funds and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Roads and Road Bond Debt:

CIP Roads	\$ 240,000
Road Bond Debt	<u>460,000</u>
Total	\$ 700,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP) \$ 64,804
and
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance \$ 500,000
and
Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 135,196

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 6,549
Town Manager	156,299
Town Clerk	115,048
Control/Collection	165,511
Computer	40,400
Administration	166,550
Tax Assessment	110,235
Employee Benefits	1,139,100
Street Lights	48,000
Compensated Absence Reserve	<u>40,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,987,692

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 1,987,692

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Debt Service:

Young Street Debt	\$ 46,065
2010 CIP Debt	52,955
Library Construction Debt	130,250
Police Bond	<u>279,365</u>
Total	\$ 508,635

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 508,635

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

Code Enforcement	\$ 37,405
Planning	31,080
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>125</u>
Total	\$ 68,860

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 68,860

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

Social Services	\$ 64,500
Social/Civic Contributions	11,250
Recreation	96,249
Conservation Commission	4,850
Library	<u>171,752</u>
Total	\$ 348,601

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 348,601

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$ 125,000
Office Equipment	15,000
Fire Equipment	75,000
Police Equipment	45,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Transfer Station Prof. Services	2,000
Town Buildings Reserve	40,000
Town Clerk Record Preservation	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$ 313,200

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 313,200

ARTICLE 19. 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 2019/2020 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$ 1,304,500
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	464,275
State Revenue Sharing	500,000
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	388,413
BETE Reimbursement	<u>17,000</u>
Total	\$ 2,674,188

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 4,115,932 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 23rd day of April 2019 A.D.

John C Kareckas

John J James

Mallory Cook

Abigail Kemble

Russell H. Abell