

**Town of Jefferson  
Town Warrant**

To Brenda Williams, resident of the Town of Jefferson, County of Lincoln, State of Maine:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the Jefferson Fire Station in said Town, on Tuesday, the 27th day of March, AD, 2018 at eight o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 by written ballot and then upon Article 2 through 33 as set out below by secret ballot. The polling hours will be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening.

Pursuant to Title 21-A, Section 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the polls at the following times: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Art. 1. To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect by secret ballot the municipal officers for the ensuing year. Namely, one Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term, four members of the Budget Committee for a three-year term, and one member of the School Committee for a three-year term.

Art. 3. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to charge 7 % interest on personal and real estate taxes after October 1<sup>st</sup> following commitment?

Art. 4. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$323,870 for Administration of local government?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)

Recommended by Budget Committee: (9-0-0)

<b><u>Administration</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Officers' Salaries	15,500	15,500
General Salaries	156,390	182,220
Officers' Expenses	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses	30,000	34,000
Legal	7,000	7,000
Audit	11,000	11,000
Insurance/Bonding	12,000	12,000
Planning Board	0	0
Appeals Board	400	400
Code Enforcement	12,500	11,500
MMA Dues	3,600	3,750
Liens/Discharges	8,500	8,500
Assessors' Agent Salary	26,000	26,000
Elections/Town Meeting	8,500	9,000
Contingency Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTALS	294,390	323,870

Art. 5. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,212 for protection and health and to allow the Select Board to expend Animal Control Revenue in order to offset Animal Control Expense?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)

Recommended by Budget Committee: (9-0-0)

<b><u>Protection/Health</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Transfer Station	89,711	87,212
Street Lights/911 Signs	6,000	6,000
Jefferson Fire Department	51,000	52,000
Forest Fire Suppression	500	500
Animal Control	7,511	8,000
General Assistance	6,000	3,000
Emergency Management	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTALS	161,222	157,212

Art.6. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,180 for roads and highways?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)

Recommended by Budget Committee: (9-0-0)

<b>Roads/Highways</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Wages	9,500	9,500
General Road Repair	44,400	44,400
Winter Maintenance	63,000	63,000
Snow Plowing Contracts	<u>245,280</u>	<u>248,280</u>
TOTALS	362,180	365,180

Art. 7. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,808 for unclassified expenses?

Recommended by Select Board: (3-0-0)

Recommended by Budget Committee: (9-0-0)

<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Unorganized Cemeteries	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	500	500
Public Library	6,308	6,308
Jefferson Scholarship	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTALS	10,808	10,808

Art. 8. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 5/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2018 budget during the period from January 1, 2019 to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting?

Art. 9. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, such sums not to exceed the current tax commitment?

Submitted by the Select Board

*Explanation: This will allow the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax income, should the town expenses exceed the balance on hand.*

Art. 10. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus, as they deem advisable, to meet unanticipated expenses for emergencies in general assistance and winter roads that may occur during the fiscal year 2018?

Submitted by the Select Board

*Explanation: This will allow the Select Board to continue maintaining the roads during the winter when there has been an extreme amount of storms as well as allowing the Select Board to continue issuing General Assistance to qualifying people in the event that there is a spike in applications. In both cases it will avoid the necessity of calling a special town meeting in order to plow the roads or to give assistance to a qualifying resident if appropriated funds run out.*

Art. 11. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for same? The Select Board is required to advertise the sale of such property for "sealed" competitive bid in the Kennebec Journal, Lincoln County News, and Portland Press Herald at least two weeks prior to such action and to sell such property to the highest bidder or sell it back to the previous owner. The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In the event that no bids are acceptable the Select Board may at their discretion choose another means available to sell the property, including listing with a real estate agent?

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay interest rate of 0% (zero) as a courtesy to tax payers who wish to prepay some or all of their uncommitted taxes.

Submitted by the Select Board

Art. 13. Shall the Town of Jefferson expend from the State Block Grant the sum of \$45,952 for reconstruction of the Somerville Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

Art. 14. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for reconstruction of the Somerville Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

Art. 15. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for work to be done on the Somerville Road?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

Art. 16. Shall the Town of Jefferson authorize the Select Board to appropriate from unreserved surplus an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for repaving and reconstruction of Town roads?

Submitted by the Select Board and Road Commissioner

Art. 17. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the Jefferson Fire and Rescue Fire Truck and Rescue Reserve Fund? These funds to be invested by the Town Treasurer until needed, with Select Board's approval of the Fund's use?

Submitted by Jefferson Fire and Rescue

Art. 18. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 to provide ambulance service for the Town?

Submitted by the Select Board

Art. 19. Shall the Town of Jefferson vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Jefferson Public Library, to approve expenditures from the Jefferson Public Library Reserve Fund for the purpose of obtaining educational programs, books, software, and equipment?

As of December 31, 2017, there was \$8,060.92 in the Library Reserve Fund

Submitted by the Select Board and the Library Committee

*Explanation: The money in the Jefferson Public Library Reserve Fund was obtained through fundraisers and donations. The monies in this account will be restricted to be used only for educational programs, books, software and or equipment.*

Art. 20. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Midcoast Conservancy to help with the control of Hydrilla and water quality testing in Damariscotta Lake?

Submitted by Midcoast Conservancy

Art. 21. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate the amount of snowmobile registration refund monies received from the State for the benefit of the Jefferson Snopackers Inc.?

Submitted by the Jefferson SnoPackers Inc.

*Explanation: The monies are used to maintain the trail system for use by the general public.*

Art. 22. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 for the benefit of Spectrum Generations?

Submitted by Diane Woodworth, Development Director

*Explanation: Provides home delivered meals, homemaker services, respite care, information referrals, etc.*

Art. 23. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the benefit of the American Red Cross?

Submitted by April Caron, Executive Director

*Explanation: Provides help in all major emergencies.*

Art. 24. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,194 for the benefit of Health Reach Hospice and Volunteers of Kennebec Valley?

Submitted by Donna Jacobs, Volunteer Supervisor

*Explanation: Provides emotional and practical support for residents who are living with a terminal illness.*

Art. 25. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the benefit of Healthy Kids?

Submitted by Leslie Livingston M.S., Executive Director

*Explanation: Home visits providing information on parenting, discipline issues, infant care, etc.*

Art. 26. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for the benefit of New Hope for Women?

Submitted by Kathleen Morgan, Executive Director

*Explanation: Provides a 24-hour hotline for abused/battered women, safe homes, and community education for domestic violence.*

Art. 27. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$845 for the benefit of Midcoast Maine Community Action?

Submitted by Jessica Tysen, Executive Director

Art. 28. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to help with the operation of Jefferson Community Food Pantry?  
Submitted by Aaron Green-Morse

Art. 29. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the benefit of Young at Heart Senior Citizens?  
Submitted by Arlene White  
*Explanation: Opportunity for Senior Citizens to socialize and discuss issues.*

Art. 30. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect the Select Board to serve as members of the Fish Committee for jurisdiction of alewife rights?

Art. 31. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Donald B. Johnston trustee for the Clary Memorial Highway Fund for a three-year term?

Art. 32. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Candace Hilton for Davis Worthy and Deserving Poor and Shepard Charitable Trust Fund for a three-year term?

Art. 33. Shall the Town of Jefferson appropriate from unexpended surplus an amount not to exceed available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate?  
Recommended by the Select Board

The Select Board give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on the day of said meetings, namely March 27, 2018.

Gregory A. Johnston  
Robert E. Clark Jr. (Jigger)  
Pamela J. Grotton

A true copy of the warrant  
Attested: Angela T. Hinds