

Town of Jefferson Town Warrant

To Jaimie Renaud, Clerk 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 26th day of March, AD, 2019 at eight o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 by written ballot and then upon Article 2 through 32 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, one member of the Budget Committee for a one-year term and two members 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 1st following commitment?

Art. 4. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$334,643 for Administration of local government?

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

Recommended by Budget Committee: (7-1-0)

<u>Administration</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Officers' Salaries	15,500	15,500
General Salaries	182,220	185,453
Officers' Expenses	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses	34,000	38,500
Legal	7,000	7,000
Audit	11,000	11,000
Insurance/Bonding	12,000	13,500
Planning Board	0	0
Appeals Board	400	400
Code Enforcement	11,500	12,000
MMA Dues	3,750	3,790
Liens/Discharges	8,500	8,500
Assessors' Agent Salary	26,000	26,000
Elections/Town Meeting	9,000	10,000
Contingency Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTALS	323,870	334,643

Art. 5. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$158,212 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: (8-0-0)

<u>Protection/Health</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Transfer Station	87,212	87,212
Street Lights/911 Signs	6,000	6,000
Jefferson Fire Department	52,000	53,000
Forest Fire Suppression	500	500
Animal Control	8,000	8,000
General Assistance	3,000	3,000
Emergency Management	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTALS	157,212	158,212

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: (8-0-0)

<u>Roads/Highways</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Wages	9,500	9,500
General Road Repair	44,400	44,400
Winter Maintenance	63,000	63,000
Snow Plowing Contracts	<u>248,280</u>	<u>248,280</u>
TOTALS	365,180	365,180

Art. 7. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,023 for unclassified expenses?

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

Recommended by Budget Committee: (8-0-0)

<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Unorganized Cemeteries	1,000	1,000
Memorial Day	500	500
Public Library	6,308	6,522
Jefferson Scholarship	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTALS	10,808	11,023

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 2019 budget during the period from January 1, 2020 to the 2020 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

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, winter road repair and winter maintenance that may occur during the fiscal year 2020?
Submitted by the Select Board

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. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

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 \$45,670 for reconstruction of the Mountain 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 work to be done on the Mountain 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 Mountain 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 of \$400,000 for repaving and reconstruction of Town roads with any unspent funds to be added to the Road Expense Account? 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 \$3,000 to help offset the cost of ambulance service for the Town? Submitted by the Select Board
- Art. 19. Shall the Town of Jefferson allow the Select Board to receive funds from the Estate of Donald Stetson to be applied to surplus. As of December 31, 2018, there was \$38,511.95 in the account.
- 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.
- Art. 22. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 for the benefit of Spectrum Generations?
Submitted by Stephanie Hanner, Community Engagement Officer
- 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
- 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 Sarah Kalagher, Director of Philanthropy
- 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
- Art. 26. Shall the Town of Jefferson raise and appropriate the sum of \$871 for the benefit of New Hope for Women?
Submitted by Brittany Cicchetti and Brandy Dupper-Macy, Development Directors
- 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 elect the Select Board to serve as members of the Fish Committee for jurisdiction of alewife rights?

Art. 30. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert Clark Sr. trustee for the Clary Memorial Highway Fund for a three-year term?


Art. 31. Shall the Town of Jefferson elect Robert Clark Sr. for Davis Worthy and Deserving Poor and Shepard Charitable Trust Fund for a three-year term?

Art. 32. 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 gives 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 26, 2019.



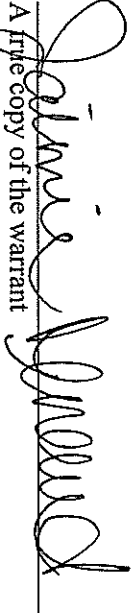
Gregory A. Johnston



Robert E. Clark Jr. (Jigger)



Pamela J. Grotton



A true copy of the warrant
Attested: Jaimie Renaud