

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

To Gerald E. Grierson Sr., a resident of the Town of South Thomaston, in the County of Knox, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of South Thomaston in the County of Knox and State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the Knox County Regional Airport in Owls Head, on Tuesday, the 30th day of June 2020 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there, to act upon the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by written ballot one Selectboard member, one Assessor and one Overseer-of-the-Poor for a term until Town Meeting 2023.

Article 3. To elect by written ballot one member for the Board of Directors of the Regional School Unit #13 for a term until Town Meeting 2023.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment to the Selectboard members and Assessors quarterly.

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending the "Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance" for the Towns of Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston and Warren" be enacted? The amendment is to section 17 of the ordinance which would now include, "*L. Misconduct: Anyone who is rude or threatening to the town administration shall have their GRRSM Shellfish license suspended for one (1) month for the first offense and one (1) year for the second offense.*"

Article 6. Shall an ordinance entitled "March 2020 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Land Use Ordinance" be enacted. Copies of the amendments will be available at the Town Office and at Town Meeting.

Article 7. To see if the Town will approve the creation of a reserve account entitled "Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston (OHSTT) Transfer Station Renovation Reserve", intended for Transfer Station improvements and initially funded through a transfer of \$153,479 which the Town received due to its withdrawal from the Municipal Review Committee.

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends Approval

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Government and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 13-19 of proposed 2020 budget)

Administration (line 14)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	143,269
Anticipated Revenue	47,200
From Excise	30,000
From Surplus	<u>6,000</u>
Total:	\$226,469

Assessors (line 15)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	19,457
Anticipated Revenue	2,700
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$42,157

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (line 16)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	220
From Surplus	<u>700</u>
Total:	\$920

Buildings & Grounds (line 17)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	2,711
From Excise	42,000
From Surplus	<u>14,000</u>
Total:	\$58,711

Town Landing (line 18)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>8,000</u>
Total:	\$8,000

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (line 19)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	993
Anticipated Revenue	6,000
From Excise	18,000
From Surplus	<u>500</u>
Total:	\$25,493

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Public Safety and how same shall be raised. (see lines 20-24 of proposed 2020 budget)

Fire Department (line 21)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends

By Appropriation	72,352
From Excise	20,000
From Reserve	<u>24,300</u>
Total:	\$116,652

Ambulance Service (line 22)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 104,169
 Anticipated Revenue 77,500
 From Excise 34,500
 From Surplus 800
 Total: **\$216,969**

General Public Safety (line 23)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 48,811
 Anticipated Revenue 700
 From Excise 10,000
 Total: **\$59,511**

Streetlights (line 24)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 From Appropriation 9,300
 Total: **\$9,300**

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Public Works and how same shall be raised. (see line 26 of proposed 2020 budget)

Public Works
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 47,988
 Anticipated Revenue 29,025
 From Excise 138,265
 From Reserve 61,000
 From Surplus 11,000
 Total: **\$287,278**

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health & Sanitation and how same shall be raised. (see line 27 of proposed 2020 budget)

Health & Sanitation
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 200,987
 Anticipated Revenue 5,280
 From Excise 14,962
 Total: **\$221,229**

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for General Assistance and how the same shall be raised. (see line 28 of proposed 2020 budget)

General Assistance
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	750
Anticipated Revenue	<u>750</u>
Total:	\$1,500

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Culture & Recreation and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 29-31 of proposed 2020 budget)

Library (line 30)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	1,699
From Surplus	<u>400</u>
Total:	\$2,099

Recreation (line 31)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends

By Appropriation	2,397
Anticipated Revenue	1,000
From Excise	<u>9,273</u>
Total:	\$12,670

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Debt Services and how the same shall be raised. (see line 33 of proposed 2020 budget)

Debt Services
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	46,880
From Excise	10,000
From Reserve	<u>5,205</u>
Total:	\$62,085

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Reserve Funds and how the same shall be raised. (see line 34 of proposed 2020 budget)

Reserve Funds-

Fire Truck Reserve
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	41,000
From Excise	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$46,000

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve Fund:
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$5,000

Fire SCBA Reserve
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 From Excise 7,000
 From Surplus 700
 Total: **\$7,700**

Cemetery Reserve Fund:
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 From Excise 1,000
 Total: **\$1,000**

Transfer Station Reserve
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 From Surplus 153,479
 Total: **\$153,479**

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans and how the same shall be raised. (see line 35 of proposed 2020 budget)

Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 3,591
 Anticipated Revenue 2,030
 From Excise 15,000
 Total: **\$20,621**

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to negotiate and sign a loan agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 and under terms of which they deem advisable, to purchase and transition the streetlight infrastructure, for which the Town is responsible, to energy efficient LED lighting.

Financial Statement
TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON

1. Total Town Indebtedness
 - A. Loans outstanding and unpaid: \$367,460.00
 - C. Loans to be issued if this question is approved: \$38,000.00

TOTAL: \$405,460.00

2. Costs

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.85% and estimated to be paid back over six years.

Principal:	\$38,000.00
Interest:	\$2,817.00
Total Debt Service:	\$40,817.00

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Treasurer, Town of South Thomaston, Maine

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$637,630, established for the Town of South Thomaston 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 the current property tax levy limit?

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to utilize surplus funds to reduce the amount of funds raised at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all town officials as necessary or required by law.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, under such terms as it may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard on behalf of the Town to accept gifts and certain funds that may be left to the Town.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept or dispose of all equipment.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to transfer funds from unexpended balances and surplus as it deems necessary.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend an amount not to exceed (1/4) of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the prior year's annual budget during the period of January to the annual Town Meeting in March.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to make application for and execute any documents on behalf of the Town related to federal, state, grant and or other funds and to accept said funds if awarded and to authorize their expenditure.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following method for collecting taxes: taxes to become due October 1st, 2020. An interest rate of 8.00 % per annum will be charged starting October 2nd of the current year. Requests for abatements are to be made within 185 days of commitment.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to give a 1.5% discount on any portion of property taxes, not yet committed, paid on or before June 1st of the current year.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at a rate of 4% and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from the overlay funds, or if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

The Registrar will be in session at 7:00 o'clock in the evening of June 30, 2020 at the Knox County Regional Airport for the registration of voters and correcting the voting list. A PERSON WHO IS NOT REGISTERED AS A VOTER MAY NOT VOTE IN ANY ELECTION INCLUDING TOWN MEETING.

Given under our hands at South Thomaston on this 9th day of June two thousand, twenty.

South Thomaston Selectboard:

Walter Reitz, Chair	<u>Walter L Reitz</u>
Jan Gaudio	<u>Jan Gaudio</u>
Cheryl Waterman	<u>Cheryl Waterman</u>

