

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

*The June 30, 2020 meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Town Clerk, Chelsea Summers.*

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

*Michael Mayo was elected moderator with 4 written votes.*

*Prior to the vote on Article 2, a motion was made from the floor to allow non-residents Owen Casas and Chelsea Summers to speak during the meeting. Moved and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

**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.

*John Spear was elected Selectboard member, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of 3 years with a total of 40 votes.  
(Cliff Retzlaff received 35 votes and Brooke Payne received 1 vote)*

**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.

*Lane Sturtevant was elected member of the Board of Directors for RSU#13 for a term of 3 years with a total of 53 votes.  
(Adrian Hooydonk received 17 votes, and Lisa Millett and Moira Paddock each received 1 vote)*

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

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**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.*”

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**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.

***Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously with 5 no votes.***

**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

***Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 7 passed unanimously.***

**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:	<b>\$226,469</b>

Assessors (line 15)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (line 16)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Buildings & Grounds (line 17)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Town Landing (line 18)	
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
From Excise	<u>8,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$8,000</b>

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (line19)	
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	993
Anticipated Revenue	6,000
From Excise	18,000
From Surplus	<u>500</u>
Total:	<b>\$25,493</b>

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 8 passed nearly unanimously with 3 no votes.*

**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:	<b>\$116,652</b>

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

General Public Safety (line 23)	
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	48,811
Anticipated Revenue	700
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>

Total: **\$59,511**

Streetlights (line 24)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

From Appropriation 9,300

Total: **\$9,300**

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 9 passed nearly unanimously with 3 no votes.*

**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**

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 10 passed unanimously.*

**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**

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 11 passed nearly unanimously with 1 no vote.*

**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:	<b>\$1,500</b>

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 12 passed unanimously.*

**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:	<b>\$2,099</b>

Recreation (line 31)	
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends	
By Appropriation	2,397
Anticipated Revenue	1,000
From Excise	<u>9,273</u>
Total:	<b>\$12,670</b>

*Prior to the vote on Article 13, a motion to amend was made from the floor to strike \$10,000 from Culture & Recreation (Recreation line 31). Moved and seconded, the motion to amend was defeated nearly unanimously with 3 votes yes.*

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 13 (as written) passed nearly unanimously with 3 no votes.*

**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 5,205

Total: **\$62,085**

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place  
Article 14 passed nearly unanimously with 1 no vote.*

**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 5,000

Total: **\$46,000**

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise 5,000

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	<u>153,479</u>
Total:	<b>\$153,479</b>

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, an immediate vote took place and Article 15 passed unanimously.*

**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	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$20,621</b>

*Post approval by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee, the motion was also moved and seconded. Article 16 passed unanimously.*

**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
<b>Total Debt Service:</b>	<b>\$40,817.00</b>

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

***Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously with 4 no votes.***

**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?

***Moved and seconded. Article 18 was defeated nearly unanimously with 1 yes vote.***

**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.

***Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously with 1 no vote.***

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

***Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.***

**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.

***Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.***

**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.

***Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.***



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

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously with 1 no vote.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously 3 no votes.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed nearly unanimously with 1 no vote.*

**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.

*Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.*

*The Town Registrar recorded 76 registered voters in attendance.*