

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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 Snow Removal Equipment Building, 5 Airport Road, Owls Head, Maine , on Tuesday, the 15th day of June 2021 AD., 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.

Dave Martucci was elected as moderator with three votes.

Article 2. To elect by written ballot one Selectboard member, one Assessor and one Overseer-of-the-Poor for a term until Town Meeting 2024.

Jeff Northgraves was elected with 83 votes.

The following people received votes

Sandy Weisman 3 votes

Moira Paddock 2 votes

Rich Norman 1 vote

Pennie Alley 1 vote

Dan Manley 1 vote

3 Blanks

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment to the Selectboard members and Assessors quarterly.

Article passed as written.

Article 4. Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2021 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Land Use Ordinance" be enacted? Copies of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2021 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted? Copies of the proposed amendments will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 6. Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2021 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Road Naming Ordinance" be enacted? A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant and will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 7: Shall an ordinance entitled "June 2021 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Planning Board Ordinance" be enacted? A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant and will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 8. Shall an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Re-establish The South Thomaston Conservation Commission " be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with this warrant and will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 9. Shall an ordinance entitled "2021 Solar Amendments to Land Use Ordinance" be enacted? A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached to this Warrant and incorporated herein. Copies will be available at the Town Office, on the Town Website and at the Town Meeting.

Article passed as written.

Article 10. To see if the Town will direct the Selectboard, at the recommendation of the Gifford Butler Futures Committee, to create a *Library and Community Center Facility Committee* to plan and fundraise for the construction of a new building, consisting of approximately 4,500 square feet, to house a Town owned library and community center.

There was a proposed amendment to the Article. At the end of the article add, "notwithstanding the Futures Committee's recommendation, this article shall not be construed as preventing the Facility Committee from reevaluating possible renovation of the existing building if the Committee finds renovation advisable due to changing circumstances."

The moderator ruled this was not a substantive change.

Article 10 passed as amended.

Article 13. 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 21-22 budget)

Administration (line 14)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	262,948
Anticipated Revenue	88,130
From Excise	<u>40,007</u>
Total:	\$391,085

Assessors (line 15)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	40,644
From Excise	30,000
From Surplus	<u>2,250</u>
Total:	\$72,894

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (line 16)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	1,660
From Surplus	<u>810</u>
Total:	\$2,470

Buildings & Grounds (line 17)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	64,762
From Excise	<u>25,000</u>
Total:	\$89,76

Town Landing (line 18)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
From Excise	<u>6,278</u>
Total:	\$6,278

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (line 19)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	11,008
Anticipated Revenue	14,256
From Excise	12,000
From Surplus	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	\$38,764

Article passed as written.

Article 14. 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 21-22 budget)

Fire Department (line 21)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends	
By Appropriation	152,650
From Excise	34,455
From Reserve	6,335
From Surplus	<u>9,500</u>
Total:	\$202,940

Ambulance Service (line 22)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	232,252
Anticipated Revenue	85,925
From Excise	<u>34,000</u>
Total:	\$352,177

General Public Safety (line 23)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	33,650
Anticipated Revenue	700
From Excise	<u>29,000</u>
Total:	\$64,650

Streetlights (line 24)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
From Appropriation	4,248
From Surplus	<u>1,000</u>
Total:	\$5,248

Article passed as written.

Article 15. 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 21-22 budget)

Public Works

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	0
Anticipated Revenue	46,024
From Excise	214,341
From Surplus	<u>26,000</u>
Total:	\$286,365

Article passed as written.

Article 16. 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 21-22 budget)

Health & Sanitation

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	306,665
Anticipated Revenue	5,900
From Excise	24,000
From Reserve	<u>126,296</u>
Total:	\$462,861

Article passed as written

Article 17. 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 21-22 budget)

General Assistance

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	1,125
Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,125</u>
Total:	\$2,250

Article passed as written.

Article 18. 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 21-22 budget)

Library (line 30)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	<u>3,503</u>
Total:	\$3,505

Recreation (line 31)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends	
From Excise	<u>5,505</u>
Total:	\$5,505

Article passed as written.

Article 19. 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 21-22 budget)

Debt Services

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	60,379
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$80,379

Article passed as written.

Article 20. 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 21-22 budget)

Reserve Funds

Revaluation Reserve Fund

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
By Appropriation 10,000
Total: **\$10,000**

Fire Truck Reserve Fund

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
By Appropriation 52,900
Total: **\$52,900**

Fire Equipment Reserve Fund

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
By Appropriation 15,000
Total: **\$15,000**

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
By Appropriation 5,000
Total: **\$5,000**

Town Landing Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
From Boat Excise 3,637
Total: **\$3,637**

Paving Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
From Excise 50,000
Total: **\$50,000**

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee
Recommends: 1,000
By Appropriation

Total: **\$1,000**

Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
From Surplus 10,000
Total: **\$10,000**

Article passed as written.

Article 21. 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 21-22 budget)

Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	13,794
Anticipated Revenue	2,304
From Excise	<u>11,972</u>
Total:	\$28,070

Article passed as written.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Capital Expense and how the same shall be raised. (see line 36 of proposed 21-22 budget)

Capital Expense

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
From Surplus	<u>8,232</u>
Total:	\$8,232

Article passed as written.

Article 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to execute and sign a loan agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 and under terms of which they deem advisable, to purchase an emergency vehicle exhaust system.

Financial Statement
TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON

1. Total Town Indebtedness
 - A. Loans outstanding and unpaid: \$313,219
 - C. Loans to be issued if this question is approved: \$38,000
 - TOTAL: \$351,219**

2. Costs
 - At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.85% and estimated to be paid back over two years.
 - Principal: \$38,000
 - Interest:** \$ 1,139
 - Total Debt Service:** **\$39,139**

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 passed as written.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$656,671, 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 passed as written. 49 yes votes 6 no votes

Article 25. 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 passed as written.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all town officials as necessary or required by law.

Article passed as written.

Article 27. 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 passed as written.

Article 28. 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 passed as written.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept or dispose of all equipment.

Article passed as written.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to transfer funds from unexpended balances and surplus as it deems necessary.

Article passed as written.

Article 31. 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 passed as written.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all delinquent taxes at the rate of 6 % per annum, computed on a daily basis and to establish two due dates for property taxes, with

one-half of the tax amount due October 1, 2021, and one-half of the tax amount due April 1, 2022.

Article passed as written.

Article 33. 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 July 1st of the current year.

Article passed as written.

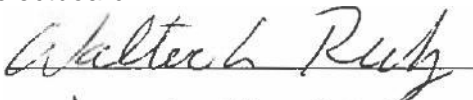


Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at a rate of 4% and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from the overlay funds, or if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.

Article passed as written.

The Registrar will be in session at 6:30 o'clock in the evening of June 15, 2021, at the Snow Removal Equipment Building, 5 Airport Road, Owls Head, Maine 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 1st day of June two thousand, twenty-one.

South Thomaston Selectboard:

Walter Reitz, Chair 
Jan Gaudio 
John Spear 

The Town Registrar recorded 136 registered voters in attendance.