

Annual Town Meeting 2011 Warrant

THE WARRANT
Town Meeting of Frenchboro
June 2011

State Of Maine
Hancock County, ss

To: Nate Lunt, Constable in the Town of Frenchboro, in the county of Hancock, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Frenchboro, in the said County, qualified by the law to vote in town affairs, to meet in said town at the Municipal Building, on the day of June 20, 2011, at Three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Articles to Elect Town Officials

- Article 1** To choose one moderator to preside at said meeting.
Written ballot required
- Article 2** To choose three Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for two year terms. David W. Lunt's, Robert Roxby's and Arthur Fernald's terms expire.
Written ballot required
- Article 3** To choose one Town Clerk.
- Article 4** To choose one Treasurer.
- Article 5** To choose one Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector.
- Article 6** To choose one Truant Officer.
- Article 7** To choose one School Committee member for a three-year term. Tammy DesJardin's term expires.
Written ballot required
- Article 8** To choose one Fire Warden Committee member for a three year term. David McEachron's term expires.
- Article 9** To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Articles to transfer funds from Operational Accounts to Special Reserve Accounts

Article 10 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Administrative Expense Attorney Account to the Attorney Special Reserve Account.

Selectboard recommends: \$2,400.00

Article 11 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Public Works Town Roads Account to the Town Roads Special Reserve Account.

Selectboard recommends: \$5,000.00

Article 12 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Public Works URIP Town Roads Account to the Town Roads Special Reserve Account.

Selectboard recommends: \$3,025.00

Explanation: the Town receives annual funds from the Urban Rural Initiative Program. These funds are restricted to specific uses, one of which is to “bank” funds for use in a future project.

Article 13 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to transfer all unspent Fire Department Operational Budget funds to the Fire Department Special Reserve Account at the close of each fiscal year.

Explanation: The current amount in the Fire Department Operational Account is \$281.83.

Fire Department Recommends Passage

Articles to transfer funds from Special Reserve Accounts to Operational Accounts

Article 14 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Fire Department Reserve Account to be used toward the Fire Department Budget Appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes

Fire Department recommends: \$ 3,250.00

Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget

Note: Please see Appendix A-1 for the line item budget.

Article 15 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for **Administrative Salaries** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation: \$29,200.00

Article 16 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for **Administrative Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation: \$32,775.00

Article 17 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for **Municipal Building Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Hand Count

Select Board Recommendation: \$11,000.00

Article 18 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for **Public Works Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation: \$62,900.00

Article 19 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for **Teacher's House Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation: \$2,500.00

Article 20 To see what sum the Fire Department is authorized to expend for the **Fire Department Operational Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Written Ballot

Fire Department Recommendation: \$23,250.00

Explanation: This amount is the minimum sum required to equip a department capable of responding to a non interior structural fire (house fire). Should the voters choose to appropriate a lower sum, the department will be unable to equip and train qualified members of the department to safely respond to a structural fire. ***Please see Appendix A-2 for a line item budget.***

Note: Article 21 – 24 raise funds for the proposed Municipal Budget

Article 21 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to raise and appropriate for municipal government purposes the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 as required to fund the municipal budget recommended by the Selectboard.

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation: \$161,625.00

Article 22 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Special Reserve Accounts:

Hand Count

Selectboard Recommendation:

Special Reserve Accounts	Balance	New Appropriations	Previous Articles	Ending Balance
Road Maintenance	\$32,486.65	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$42,486.65
Municipal Building	\$19,522.80	\$0.00		\$19,522.80
Teacher House	\$13,161.38	\$0.00		\$13,161.38
Town Floats & Ramps	\$19,861.04	\$0.00		\$19,861.04
Ferry Pier Hoist	\$550.80	\$1,500.00		\$2050.80
Fire Department	\$7,578.89	\$0.00	- \$3,250.00	\$4,328.89
Medical Training	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$1,500.00
Attorney Reserve	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00
Gravel Pit	\$2,666.50	\$0.00		2,666.50
Total	\$99,728.06	\$6,500.00	\$4,150.00	\$108,878.06

Article 23 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a Generator Trailer.

Selectboard Recommendation: \$2,700.00

Explanation: The current generator trailer is in immediate need of replacement and poses a hazard to the generator itself.

Article 24 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Unclassified Accounts:

Hand Count

Requested Amounts:

Unclassified	Requested Amount
Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross	\$50.00
Community Health and Counseling Services	\$50.00
Washington Hancock Community Agency	\$48.00
The Island Institute	\$500.00
Hospice of Hancock County	\$300.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00
Down East Health Service (WIC)	\$300.00
Down East AIDS Network	\$25.00
Emmaus Shelter	\$250.00

Article 25 To see what sum, if any, the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate as a match for any SHIP Grant funds received for the purpose of replacing the Town Dock.

Harbor Committee Recommends: **\$30,000.00**

Note: Articles 15 – 25 authorize a total budget of \$ 202,648

Article 26 To see if the town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds from the General Fund to cover the overdrawn accounts from the FY 2010 -2011 Budget.

Explanation: The Treasurer anticipates FY 2010-11 expenditures in the Social Security/Medicare Account will exceed Town Meeting 2010 appropriations. It is estimated this amount is approximately \$737.02

Article 27 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to appropriate from the following General Fund Revenue sources to be used towards the 2010-2011 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Hand Count

Select Board Recommendation:

Revenue Source	Amount
State Revenue Sharing	\$4,142.71
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$958.68
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$7,094.62
Auto Fees	\$88.00
Boat Fees	\$14.00
Clerk Fees	\$2.00
Real Estate Interest	\$795.61
Other Interest	\$ 706.71
MCHT In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 5,250.00
Exemption Reimbursements	\$1,014.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 848.24
Travel Reimbursement	\$194.00
Lien Fees	\$37.08
Recycling Income	\$496.86
Total	\$25,816.45

Article 28 To see what sum, if any, the voters will appropriate from the General Fund to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Explanation:

All the unexpended monies and debit from FY 2010-11 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate for the amount of money that will go back into the General Fund is \$53,598.61. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in the warrant.

School Related Articles

Note: Articles 29 through 39 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

Article 29 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$125,796**

Article 30 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$17,600**

Article 31 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$-0-**

Article 32 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$-0-**

Article 33 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$7,878**

Article 34 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$9,327**

Article 35 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$50**

Article 36 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$5,250**

Article 37 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$15,315**

Article 38 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$-0-**

Article 39 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$-0-**

Note: Articles 29 – 39 authorize a total budget of \$ 181,216

Note: Articles 40-42 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Article 40 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$88,262**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$86,514**

Explanation: The Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 41 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the annual payments of debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2011- June, 30, 2012.

School Committee recommends **\$-0-**

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Frenchboro's long-term debt for major capital school constructions projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy.

Written Ballot Vote Required

Article 42 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$44,376**) for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$42,111**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$44,376** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$42,111**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2011-2012 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Frenchboro's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Frenchboro's budget for educational programs.

Note: Articles 37-39 raise a total town appropriation of **\$130,890**

Note: Article 43 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Article 43 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends **\$181,216**

Article 44 In addition to the amount in Articles 26-39, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2011-2012 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee recommends passage.

Note: Current year totals: \$ 23,868

Article 45 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the school committee to have the Frenchboro Elementary School remain open for the 2011-2012 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

School Committee recommends passage.

Municipal Operational Articles

Article 46 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the establishment of subcategories within the Fire Department Reserve Account to include: Fire Department Vehicle Reserve, Dry Hydrant Reserve Account, Gear/Equipment Replacement Reserve Account, and Fire Bay Improvements Reserve Account.

Note: This article does not authorize any additional expenditures.

Fire Department Recommends Passage

Article 47 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will approve the Board of Selectmen to enter into a loan agreement for an amount no greater than \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a fire vehicle capable of responding to a structural fire.

Explanation: the current fire vehicle is non operational and has been deemed out of commission. Passage of this warrant article will allow the Fire department and Selectboard to act upon an opportunity to acquire a new vehicle if it is deemed in the Town's best interest.

Fire Department Recommends Passage

Article 48 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will amend the Articles to Elect Town Officials to remove the Treasurer as an elected official.

Explanation: The board recommends passage so that the position of the Treasurer may be combined with that of Administrative Assistant. Changes would take effect at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectboard Recommends Passage

Article 49 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will approve the creation of a Town Administrator as an appointed position.

Explanation: This position may or may not serve to combine the treasurer and administrative assistant positions.

Selectboard Recommends Passage

Article 50 To see into which account the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will appropriate revenues received from a restitution settlement case during the FY 2010-11.

Explanation: On behalf of the Town, the DA's office reached a settlement agreement in an embezzlement case against former treasurer, Dan Blazcheck. The Town has received \$5,000.00

Fire Department requests funds to be appropriated toward the Fire Department Operational Budget thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Article 51 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for grants, funds, and other available revenues from State, Federal, and other Agencies, and sources provided that acceptance of any funds requiring a match from Town funds would require town meeting approval.

Article 52 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for the property.

Article 53 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for Frenchboro by State law.

Explanation: Current calculations indicate that Frenchboro will not exceed its 2011 property tax levy limit of \$217,148.94; however, this article is a precaution in the event that at the 2010-11 fiscal year end it becomes necessary to exceed this amount for the next fiscal year.

Written Ballot Required

The Select Board and Registrar of Voters give notice that they will be in session at 2:30 pm on said day for the purpose of receiving and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this, the 20th day of June, 2011

Attest:
Selectboard
Town of Frenchboro, Maine

Duncan Bond

Arthur Fernald

Robert Stuart

David W. Lunt

Robert Roxby

A true attest copy
Tammy DesJardin
Town Clerk

CONSTABLE RETURN

State of Maine

Hancock County

State of Maine, County of Hancock, Frenchboro, pursuant to the within warrant; to be directed. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Frenchboro, qualified to vote as herein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose herein named by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Municipal Building and the Frenchboro Library, the same being public and conspicuous places in Frenchboro.

Constable of Frenchboro, Maine