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# Annual Town Meeting Warrant

THE WARRANT

Town Meeting of Frenchboro

June 25, 2015

State Of Maine

Hancock County, ss

To: Arthur Fernald, Resident 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 25, 2015 at three o’clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

## Articles to Elect Town Officials

1. To choose one moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Written ballot required*

*Duncan Bond nominated, 2nd. Two written ballots cast: Duncan Bond elected moderator.*

1. To choose one Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for two year term. The term of Kim Smith was vacated. To choose Selectboard Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three year term. The term of Myron Lenfestey Jr expires 2015.

*Written ballot required*

*Moderator chooses to take motions for 3 year term first. Kim Smith nominated, 2nd. Two written ballots cast: Kim Smith elected to 3 year term.*

*1 year term- Sarah Brake nominated, 2nd. Two written ballots cast. Sarah Brake elected to 1 year term.*

1. To choose one Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters for a one year term. Current clerk is Ann Fernald.

Nominations: Ann Fernald, 2nd. Hand vote- Ann Fernald elected to 1 year term.

1. To choose one Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector for a one year term. Current Tax Collector is Rachel Bishop.

Nominations: Rachel Bishop, 2nd. Hand vote- Rachel Bishop elected to 1 year term.

1. To choose one School Committee member for a two-year term. The term of Laurette Lunt expires 2015.

*Written ballot required*

*Nominations: Laurette Lunt, 2nd. Two written ballots cast. Laurette Lunt elected to 2 year term.*

1. To choose one Fire Warden Committee member for a three year term. The term of Myron C. Lenfestey Jr. expires 2015.

Nominations: Myron Lenfestey Jr, 2nd. Hand vote- Myron Lenfestey Jr elected to 3 year term.

1. To choose one Fire Chief.

No Nominations.

1. To choose two Harbor Committee members for one year term. The terms of Travis Lunt and Brian Coffey expire. One member must be a Commercial Fisherman as set forth is the Frenchboro Town Dock, Float and Harbor Ordinance.

Nominations: Andy Smith, 2nd. Zachery Ransom, 2nd. Hand votes- Andy Smith and Zachery Ransom elected to 1 year terms.

1. To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals. There is one vacancy on each board.

No Nominations.

***Articles to transfer funds***

***-ALL VOTES UNAPPOSED UNLESS NOTED DIFFERENTLY-***

1. To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to transfer all unspent Fire Department Operational Budget funds to the general fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 excluding the amount htat is subject to grant restrictions, which will go to the Fire Department Operational Account.

Explanation: Typically this article moves the funds to the reserve fore the Fire Deparmtn but this money this year will be moved to the general fund to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Fire Deparmtne Operationsl Account includes $44,853.69 that is subject to a grant restriction and not able to be used for general purposes. Estimated amount to be turned back to the general fund is estimated at $7,380.00

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the voter of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to Transfer from the Town Roads Operational Account from the FY 2014-2015 to the Town Roads Operational Account for the FY 2015-2016

Explanation: The road paving project didn’t get completed because of the weather in the fall 2014 therefore moving the project forward to theis year. If the voters accept the Municipal Biond and include the roads in that project this money will pay the first loan payment. If the municipal bond is denied, then this well still pay the loan payment on just the road projects for the FY 2015-2015.

Selectboard recommends $24,000.00 the amount moved from reserve to operationsl at a Special Town Meeting in 2014.

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

***Articles to Approve Municipal Budget- note please see Appendix A-1 for line item budget***

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1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administrative Salary Accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $28,500.00

Motion to amend Article 12. Moderator asks for motion to not approve Article 12 as written. Motioned, 2nd, hand vote. Article 12 defeated as written. Moderator asks for amendment. Motion to Amend as follows: reduce article total amount for salaries by $5800.00 for a new total of $22,700.00, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries. Article 12 amended to $22,700.00

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administrative Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $33,600.00

Motioned to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $6,500.00

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $56,100.00

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Teacher’s House Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $0.00

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote-motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department Operational Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Selectboard recommends $3,500.00

Explanation: Where there has been little to no involvement with the Fire Department, the board requested the presence of people at the budget meeting to establish the direction sof the Department. With no additional attendance, the board has reduced the amout to $3500.00 to be able to cover the cost of dispatch fes for 9-1-1, and enough fund sfor an emergency boat trip in the event of a fire.

Motion to approve as written, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate and expend in Unclassified Accounts.

Selectboard recommends $1,315.00

Motion to approve $1315.00, 2nd. Hand vote- motion carries.

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**Special Reserve Accounts**

1. To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to appropriate for the following Special Reserve Accounts:
2. ***Road Maintenance***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $52,875.16***

1. ***Municipal Building***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $8,738.72***

1. ***Teacher’s House***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $13,477.80***

1. ***Town Floats and Ramps***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $17,378.24***

1. ***Ferry Pier Hoist***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $3,050.80***

1. ***Fire Department***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $10,379.43***

1. ***EMT Training***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $1,500.00***

1. ***Attorney***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $10,900.00***

1. ***Gravel Pit***

***Selectboard recommends: 0.00***

***Balance in account : $12,182.54***

***Motion to approve all as written, 2nd. Hand Vote- motion carries.***

***Articles to transfer funds from Reserve Accounts to Operational Accounts***

1. 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 monies and debit left over from FY 2008 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate for the amount of money that will go back into the General Fund $14,900.00.*

1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any non-dedicated funds received to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

## School Related Articles

**Note: Articles 32 through 42 authorize expenditures in cost center categories**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$108,539**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$21,108**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$-0-**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$-0-**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$6,850**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$9,205**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$50**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$-0-**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilites Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$17,915**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$-0-**

1. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$-0-**

***Note: Articles 32 – 42 authorize a total budget of $ 163,667***

**Note: Articles 43-45 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget**

1. 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 $114,821**) 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

School Committee recommends **$67,416**

*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.*

**Written Ballot Vote Required**

1. 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, 2009- June, 30, 2010.

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**

1. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes **(Recommend: $22,100** ) for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: $20,903**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **$22,100** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by **$20,903**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2009-2010 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 43-45 raise a total town appropriation of **$89,516**

**Note: Article 46 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures**

1. 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, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 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 **$163,667**

1. In addition to the amount in Articles 32-46, shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2009-2010 for school purposes.

School Committee recommends passage.

Note: Current year totals: $ 21,761

1. 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 2009-2010 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately fourteen students.

School Committee recommends passage.

1. To see what sum, if any, the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the potential operation of the Frenchboro Preschool.

Selectboard recommends $750.00

## Municipal Operational Articles

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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

*Written Ballot Required*

1. To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to enact the ordinance titled *“ Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Officials”*.

*Written Ballot Required*

The Select Board and Registrar of Voters give notice that they will be in session at 3:30 pm on said day for the purpose of receiving and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this, the 11th day of May, 2009

Attest:

Selectboard

Town of Frenchboro, Maine

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David W. Lunt

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Robert Roxby

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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.

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Lewis Bishop

Constable of Frenchboro, Maine