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Annual Town Meeting 2012 Warrant

THE WARRANT
Town Meeting of Frenchboro
June 2012

State Of Maine
Hancock County, ss

To: Rebecca Lenfestey, 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, 2012, 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 two Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for two year terms. Terms of Robert Stuart and Duncan Bond expire.

Written ballot required

Article 3 To choose one Town Clerk.

Article 4 To choose one Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector.

Article 5 To choose one Truant Officer.

Article 6 To choose one School Committee member for a three-year term. Term of Katie Wiggins expires.

Written ballot required

Article 7 To choose one Fire Warden Committee member for a three-year term. Term of Travis Lunt expires.

Article 8 To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Article 19 To see what sum, if any, the town will raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Operational Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Select Board recommends: \$ 7,500.00

Article 20 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Special Reserve Accounts:

Select Board recommends:

Special Reserve Accounts	Balance	New Appropriations	Previous Articles	Ending Balance
Road Maintenance	\$44,539.23	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$64,539.23
Municipal Building	\$15,261.28	\$0.00		\$15,261.28
Teacher House	\$28,438.43	\$0.00		\$28,438.43
Town Floats & Ramps	\$16,604.94	\$0.00		\$16,604.94
SHIP Grant Match	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	-\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Ferry Pier Hoist	\$550.80	\$500.00		\$1,050.80
Fire Department	\$46.09	\$2,500.00	\$14,720.90	\$17,266.99
Fire Dept. Vehicle	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	-\$50,000.00	\$0.00
EMT Training	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$1,500.00
Attorney Reserve	\$7,200.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$12,200.00
Gravel Pit	\$8,696.54	\$0.00		\$8,696.54
Total	\$202,837.31	\$10,600.00	-\$47,879.10	\$165,558.21

Article 21 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend in the following Unclassified Accounts:

Select Board recommends:

Unclassified	Amount
Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross	\$50.00
Community Health and Counseling Services	\$50.00
Washington Hancock Community Agency	\$44.00
The Island Institute	\$500.00
Hospice of Hancock County	\$300.00
Yesterday's Children	\$300.00
Down East Health Service (WIC)	\$140.00
Down East AIDS Network	\$25.00
Emmaus Shelter	\$100.00

Article 22 To see what sum, if any, the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate as matching funds for any SHIP Grant funds received for the purpose of replacing the Town Dock.

Select Board recommends: \$30,000.00

Article 23 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will raise and appropriate and authorize the Select Board to expend for a professional tax reassessment of the Town and an update to the Town tax maps.

Article 24 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 2011-12 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate for the amount of money that will go back into the General Fund is \$43,492.85. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in warrant. Additionally, \$37,775.06 in non-tax revenue is expected to be in the General Fund at the end of the FY 2011-12, for an estimated General Fund total of \$81,267.91.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 25 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.

Select Board recommends passage.

Note: Articles 14 – 25 authorize a total budget of \$177,284.00

School Related Articles

Note: Articles 26 through 36 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

Article 26 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: \$141,235

Article 27 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: **\$12,909**

Article 28 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

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

Article 29 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

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

Article 30 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student and Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: **\$8,421**

Article 31 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: **\$8,902**

Article 32 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: **\$1,096**

Article 33 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation and Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

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

Article 34 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: **\$10,215**

Article 35 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: \$-0-

Article 36 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: \$-0-

Note: Articles 26 – 36 authorize a total budget of \$ 188,028

Note: Articles 37-39 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Article 37 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 \$87,245**) 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, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

School Committee recommends: \$84,669

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 38 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, 2012- June, 30, 2013.

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.

Article 39 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$85,055**) for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$82,565**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$85,055** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$82,565**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2012-2013 budget.

Written ballot required

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 **\$169,724**

Note: Article 40 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Article 40 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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 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: \$188,028

Article 41 In addition to the amount in Articles 27-40 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 2012-2013 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: \$22,457

Article 42 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 2012-2013 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately twelve students.

School Committee recommends passage.

Article 43 Shall the voters of the Town of Frenchboro ratify and approve that certain "Agreement to Establish and Operate a Special Education Reserve Fund" between Frenchboro School Department, the Mount Desert Regional School System and the other AOS members, and shall the use and expenditure of school funds and reserves in the amount of \$ 10,000 be subject to that Agreement?

School Committee recommends passage.

Note: Total reserve balance equals \$9,546; however, the 2012-13 budget includes funds to complete the required amount for participation in the combined AOS Special Ed. Reserve per formula as dictated in Agreement.

Municipal Operational Articles

Article 44 To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, and expend grant funds for the purpose stated in the grant provided that acceptance of any funds requiring a match from Town funds would require town meeting approval.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 45 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 46 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property with value of \$5,000 or less under such terms as the Board deems advisable.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 47 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board to accept gifts on behalf of the Town under such terms as the Board deems advisable.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 48 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

Explanation: Current calculations indicate that Frenchboro will not exceed its 2012 property tax levy limit; however, this article is a precaution in the event that it becomes necessary to exceed this amount for the next fiscal year.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 49 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after that date:

Select Board recommends November 1, 2012 and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Article 50 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes:

Select Board recommends 3% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Article 51 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 52 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to reduce the number of Select Board members from five to three.

Note: If passed, this change will not take effect until the June 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 53 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro desire that the Select Board draft Town Meeting warrant articles for municipal appropriations so that the voters must approve each line item rather than each budget category.

Note: Because the Select Board must draft warrant articles and publish the warrant prior to the Town Meeting, this article will not affect the method used this year.

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 17th day of June, 2012

Attest: Select Board Town of Frenchboro, Maine

Duncan Bond

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Pat McEachron

Pat McEachron

Robert Stuart

David W. Lunt

Robert Roxby

Robert Roxby

Tammy DesJardin

A true attested copy
Tammy DesJardin
Town Clerk

RETURN ON WARRANT

Town of Frenchboro, Hancock County, State of Maine

On this date, June 17th, 2012, 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.

Robert J. Foster
Resident of Frenchboro, Maine