

Annual Town Meeting 2013 Warrant

THE WARRANT
Town Meeting of Frenchboro
June 17, 2013

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 17, 2013, 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 one Selectmen/Assessors/Overseer of the Poor for two year terms. Terms of Davey Lunt, Pat McEachron and Bob Roxby 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 expires.

Written ballot required

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

Article 8 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 9 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to transfer all unspent Fire Department Operational Budget funds at the close of the fiscal year to the Fire Department Operational Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

Explanation: The Fire Department Operational Account includes \$50,000 that is subject to a grant restriction that it cannot be used for general purposes.

Select Board recommends passage

Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget

Note: Please see the line item budget in the Town Report.

Article 10 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for **Administrative Salaries** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$26,850.00

Article 11 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for **Administrative Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$37,865.00

Article 12 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for **Municipal Building Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$11,000.00

Article 13 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for **Public Works Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$54,750.00

Article 14 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for **Teacher's House Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$4,500.00

Article 15 To see what sum the Select Board is authorized to expend for the **Fire Department Operational Expenses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select Board recommends: \$9,925.00

Note: Please see Town Report for current Special Reserve Account Balances.

Article 16 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Special Reserve Accounts:

- a. Road Maintenance

Select Board recommends: \$5,000.00

- b. Ferry Pier Hoist

Select Board recommends: \$ 750.00

Article 17 To see what sums of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend in Unclassified Accounts:

Select Board recommends: \$2,009.00

Article 18 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 2013-2014 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Select Board recommends:

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 2,959.30
Exemption Reimbursements	\$13,001.29
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$ 4,406.61
Auto Fees	\$ 66.00
Boat Fees	\$ 14.00
Real Estate Interest	\$ 226.18
Other Interest	\$ 832.24
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 365.00
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 824.75
Lien Fees	\$ 137.76
Recycling Income	\$ 399.27
Total	\$33,232.40

Treasurer's Note: At the end of the Fiscal Year, the following revenue related entries are made: Boat Excise Income goes to the Town Wharf Reserve Income Account; Transportation and Urban Renewal Income goes to the Road Reserve Income Account; Teacher's House Income goes to the Teacher's House Reserve Income Account; Fire Department Income goes to the Fire Department Reserve Income Account; and Gravel Pit Income goes to the Gravel Pit Reserve Income Account. These adjustments are all authorized by Town Meeting votes from previous years.

Article 19 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 2012-13 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate for the amount of money that will go back into the General Fund \$24,000. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in warrant.

Select Board recommends passage.

Article 20 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 13 – 20 authorize a total municipal budget of \$152,649.00

School Related Articles

Note: Articles 21 through 31 authorize expenditures in cost center categories

Article 21 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$101,986.00

Article 22 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 14,988.00

Article 23 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Article 24 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Article 25 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 10,574.00

Article 26 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 8,232.00

Article 27 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 16,531.00

Article 28 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 5,250.00

Article 29 To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ 12,515.00

Article 30 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Article 31 To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

Note: Articles 21 – 31 authorize a total budget of \$ 170,076.00

Note: Articles 32, 33 & 34 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Article 32 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 \$89,112**) 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, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

School Committee recommends \$87,441.00

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 33 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on 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, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

School Board 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 construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy.

Article 34 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 49,150.00**) for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$46,811.00**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Written Ballot Required

The School Committee recommends **\$ 49,150.00** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 46,811.00**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2013-2014 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 32, 33 & 34 raise a total town appropriation of **\$ 136,591.00**

Note: Article 35 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Article 35 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, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 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 \$ 170,076.00

Article 36 In addition to the amount in Articles 21 – 35, 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 2013-2014 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$ 22,597.00 School Committee recommends passage.

Article 37 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 2013-2014 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately seven students.

School Committee recommends passage.

Municipal Operational Articles

Article 38 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 39 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 40 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 41 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 42 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 2013 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 43 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, 2013, and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Article 44 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 45 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 46 Shall an ordinance entitled "Floodplain Management Ordinance" be enacted?

Note: Copies of the text of the ordinance are available from the Town Clerk.

Planning Board recommends passage.

Article 47 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro want the Select Board to explore having the outer harbor excluded from the federally dredged area.

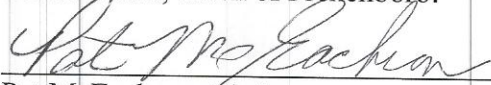
Article 48 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for tax abatement.


Select Board recommends \$2,000.00

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


Dated: May 20, 2013

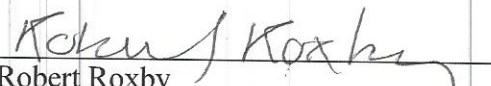
Select Board, Town of Frenchboro:


Pat McEachron, Chair



David W. Lunt

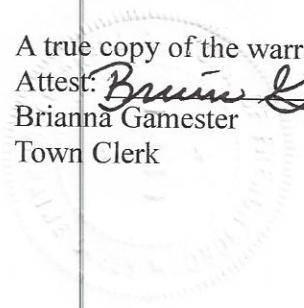

Rebecca Lenfestey


Zachary Lunt


Robert Roxby

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: 
Brianna Gamester
Town Clerk



RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Frenchboro, Maine, May 21, 2013

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Municipal Building and Library in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 21st day of May, 2013, being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Resident of Frenchboro