

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2013**

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 Gilford B. Butler School in said Town on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 2013 A.D., 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.

**Mike Mayo 3 votes**

Article 2. To elect by ballot one Selectman, one Assessor and one Overseer-of-the-Poor for a term of three years.

**Dorothy Meriwether 91 votes, Robert Grierson 14 write-in votes**

Article 3. To elect by ballot one Selectman, one Assessor and one Overseer-of-the-Poor for a term of two years to fill a vacancy.

**Dianne Darling 72 votes, Wayne Brown 42 votes, David Eaton 26 votes, Sonja Sleeper 16 votes**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment to the Selectmen and Assessors quarterly.

**Passed as written**

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to adopt the "Town of South Thomaston, Maine Public Landing Ordinance", as posted with this warrant?

**Passed as written**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$450,000.00 for the purchase of a new Rescue Pumper (Fire Truck), and to fund this purchase by (1) crediting the trade-in allowance for Engine 1 (estimated in the amount of \$100,000.00), (2) expending \$156,617.89 from the fire truck reserve fund, and (3) authorizing the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to borrow \$193,382.11 for a term not to exceed five years and on such other terms and conditions as they may deem advisable.

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends Approval

**Defeated by written ballot 85 no, 62 yes**

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to amend the "Georges River Shellfish Management Ordinance" adopted in 1996, and amended March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as posted with this warrant?

Section 2. L. currently reads: Resident: A person who has proof of being domiciled at a fixed, permanent and principal home in at least one or more of the participating towns continuously for at least two (2) years prior to application for a clam license. Proof of residency may include excise tax receipts, rent receipts and other verifiable documentation deemed appropriate by the Joint Board of Selectmen.

It is proposed that Section 2. L. Resident is amended to read: A person who has proof of being physically domiciled at a fixed, permanent and principal home in at least one or more of the participating towns continuously for at least two (2) years prior to application for a clam license. Proof of residency may include any of the following requested by the Joint Board:

- Copy of deed/record of most recent mortgage payment;
- Copy of lease, legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy, and record of most recent rental payment;

- Utility bill within the past 60 days (gas, oil, electric, telephone, cable/satellite TV);
- W-2 Wage and Tax Form Statement and/or W-9 Independent Contractor SSN/Business Tax ID number;
- Excise tax receipts dated within the past 60 days;
- Valid driver's license, Maine photo ID, vehicle registration, passport, or state shellfish displaying physical address; and/or
- Other verifiable documentation deemed appropriate by the Joint Board of Selectmen.

Once a Resident Commercial/Resident Student license is obtained, the license holder may keep the license as long as he fulfills all other license requirements and maintains his permanent residence in one of the five towns participating in this Regional Shellfish Ordinance. Should the license holder become a resident of a town other than the five listed in the ordinance and moves there, he is required to surrender his resident license to the Administrative Town as soon as the move is made.

**Passed as written**

Article 8. 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 42-62) of proposed 2013 budget)

Administration (69-87)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	121,261
Anticipated Revenue	39,530
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$180,791</b>

Assessors (89-105)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	24,999
Anticipated Revenue	1,000
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$40,999</b>

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (107-119)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$1,000</b>

Buildings & Grounds (121-141)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	16,699
Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$31,699</b>

Town Landing (143-153)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	<u>600</u>
Total:	<b>\$600</b>

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (155-170)  
Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	1,330
Anticipated Revenue	7,700
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$19,030</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 9. 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 172-190 of proposed 2013 budget)

Fire Department (192-214)  
Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	83,844
Reserve	5,000
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$103,844</b>

Ambulance Service (216-234)  
Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	71,186
From Excise	15,000
Anticipated Revenue	<u>24,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$110,186</b>

Unclassified Public Safety (236-253)  
Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	16,044
Anticipated Revenue	<u>3,565</u>
Total:	<b>\$19,609</b>

Street Lights (255-262)  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>7,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$7,000</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Public Works and how same shall be raised. (see lines 270-289 of proposed 2013 budget)

Public Works (270-289)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	16,150
From Excise	<u>141,832</u>

**\$157,982**

**Passed as written**

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health & Sanitation and how same shall be raised. (see lines 291-311 of proposed 2013 budget)

Health & Sanitation (291-311)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	163,233
From Excise	4,431
Anticipated Revenue	<u>23,500</u>
	<b>\$191,164</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 12. 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 lines 314-322 of proposed 2013 budget)

General Assistance (313-321)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	<b>\$1,500</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 13. 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 323-340 of proposed 2013 budget)

Library (342-353)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	<b>\$1,500</b>

Recreation (355-360)

Selectmen Recommends:

Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	<u>100</u>
Total:	<b>\$100</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 14. 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 lines 368-377 of proposed 2013 budget)

Debt Services (368-377)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>12,780</u>
Total:	<b>\$12,780</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 15. To see what sum of monies the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the following Reserve Funds and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 379-397 of proposed 2013 budget)

Fire Truck Reserve

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>40,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$40,000</b>

Town Landing Reserve Fund:

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Boat Excise	<u>8,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$8,000</b>

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>1,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$1,000</b>

Ambulance Reserve Fund:

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$5,000</b>

Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund:

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>3,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$3,000</b>

Paving Reserve

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>32,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$32,000</b>

Building Reserve

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>2,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$2,000</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Unclassified and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 401-420 of proposed 2013 budget)

Unclassified (401-420)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	573
Anticipated Revenue	4,100
From Excise	<u>14,957</u>
Total:	<b>\$19,630</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 17. 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 lines 424-433 of proposed 2013 budget)

Capital Expense (424-433)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$5,000</b>

**Passed as written**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$496,482.00, 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 property tax levy limit?

**Defeated**

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to utilize surplus funds to reduce the amount of funds raised at the Annual Town Meeting.

**Passed as written**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all town officials as necessary or required by law.

**Passed as written**

Article 21. To see if the Town 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, under such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

**Passed as written**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept gifts and certain funds that may be left to the Town during the coming year.

**Passed as written**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or dispose of all equipment, bought or donated.

**Passed as written**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from unexpended balances and surplus as necessary.

**Passed as written**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen 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.

**Passed as written**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following method for collecting taxes: Taxes to become due October 1st, 2013. An interest rate of 7.00 % per annum to be charged after October 2<sup>nd</sup>, of the current year. Requests for abatements to be made within 185 days of commitment.

**Passed as written**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to give a 1% discount on any portion of property taxes paid on or before June 3rd of the current year.

**Passed as written**

The Registrar will be in session at 6:30 o'clock in the evening of March 26, 2013 at the Gilford B. Butler School 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.

Given under our hands at South Thomaston on this 12th, day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

Board of Selectmen:

Jeffrey Northgraves, Chairman

Robert Branco