

TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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 25th day of March 2014 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 3-0

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

CHERYL WATERMAN 78, MOIRA PADDOCK 48  
SONJA SLEEPER 9, OTHER 1

Article 3. To elect by ballot one Regional School Unit School Board Director for a term of three years.

CHRISTINE CURTIS 74, MOIRA PADDOCK 4

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 amend the "Georges River Shellfish Management Ordinance" adopted in 1996, and amended March 11, 2002, February 10, 2005, January 11, 2007, September 13, 2007, January 15, 2009, February 10, 2011 and February 12, 2013, as described below?

PASSED AS WRITTEN

Section 11. A. i. c and d of the ordinance currently read:

*c. Resident Student Commercial Shellfish License: This license is available to resident students enrolled in an accredited school Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The student must remain enrolled, or had graduated, for the period of the license.*

*d. Nonresident Student Commercial Shellfish License: This license is available to nonresident students enrolled in an accredited school Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The student must remain enrolled, or had graduated, for the period of the license.*

It is proposed that Section 11. A. i. c and d read:

*c. Resident Student Commercial Shellfish License: This license is available to resident students enrolled in an accredited school Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade as outlined in the management plan. The student must remain enrolled, or had graduated, for the period of the license. A resident student license will be half the cost of a regular commercial resident license.*

*d. Nonresident Student Commercial Shellfish License: This license is available to nonresident students enrolled in an accredited school Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade as outlined in the management plan. The student must remain enrolled, or had graduated, for the period of the license. A nonresident student license will be half the cost of a regular commercial nonresident license.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to expend up to \$350,000 to purchase a new class A pumper fire truck and to fund the expenditure substantially in accordance with the method indicated below and under other such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems advisable.

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*

Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$244,200
Anticipated Donation	\$10,000
Trade In Allowance/Sale Proceeds	\$5,000
Bond or Lease Purchase	\$90,800

Article 7. 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 13-19 of proposed 2014 budget)

*AMENDED TO INCREASE TOWN LANDING TO 3,960. AMENDMENT TO DECREASE BY 5% FAILED. PASSED AS AMENDED, BASED ON SELECTBOARD'S RECOMMENDATION*

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	104,948
Anticipated Revenue	46,650
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$171,598</b>

Assessors (75-91)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	22,636
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$37,636</b>

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (93-103)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Buildings & Grounds (105-121)

Selectboard Recommends:

By Appropriation	24,120
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$39,120</b>

Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	23,520
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<b>\$38,520</b>

Town Landing (123-133)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

Reserve	<u>3,760</u>
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Total: \$3,760

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (135-148)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	1,133
Anticipated Revenue	8,000
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$19,133

Article 8. 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 20-24 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
Fire Department (151-169)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	80,259
From Excise	20,000
Surplus	<u>3,705</u>
Total:	\$103,964

Ambulance Service (171-189)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	64,820
From Excise	10,000
Anticipated Revenue	<u>35,000</u>
Total:	\$109,820

Unclassified Public Safety (191-208)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	15,672
Anticipated Revenue	1,313
From Excise	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$21,985

Street Lights (210-217)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Public Works and how same shall be raised. (see line 26 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
Public Works (220-239)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	21,490
From Excise	166,538
Reserve	<u>70,000</u>

Total: \$258,028

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Health & Sanitation and how same shall be raised. (see line 27 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
Health & Sanitation (241-260)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	172,395
Anticipated Revenue	23,130
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>
	205,525

Article 11. 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 line 28 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
General Assistance (262-270 )

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Article 12. 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 29-31 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
Library (272-287)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Recreation (289-300)

Selectmen Recommends:

Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>100</u>
Total:	\$100

Article 13. 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 line 33 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*  
Debt Services (302-313)

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>7,880</u>
Total:	\$7,880

Article 14. 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 315-334 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN BASED ON SELECTBOARD'S RECOMMENDATION*  
Fire Truck Reserve

Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 46,200  
Total: **\$46,200**

Fire Equipment Reserve  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 3,300  
Total: **\$3,300**

Town Landing Reserve Fund:  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
From Boat Excise 8,000  
Total: **\$8,000**

Cemetery Reserve Fund:  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 1,000  
Total: **\$1,000**

Ambulance Reserve Fund:  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 5,000  
Total: **\$5,000**

Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund:  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 3,000  
Total: **\$3,000**

Building Reserve  
Selectmen Recommends:  
By Appropriation 17,000  
Total: **\$17,000**

Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 2,000  
Total: **\$2,000**

Fire Truck Repair Reserve  
Selectmen/Budget Committee Recommends:  
By Appropriation 1,000  
Total: **\$1,000**

Article 15. 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 35 of proposed 2014 budget)

*PASSED AS WRITTEN*

Unclassified (336-356)

Selectmen/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	1,557
Anticipated Revenue	3,363
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$19,919</u>

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$509,887, 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?

NOT PASSED

Article 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. 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 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following method for collecting taxes: Taxes to become due October 1st, 2014. An interest rate of 7.00 % per annum to be charged starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, of the current year. Requests for abatements to be made within 185 days of commitment.

AMENDMENT TO DECREASE TO 5% FAILED. PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 25. 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 1st of the current year.

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE TO 3% FAILED. PASSED AS WRITTEN

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend funds from the Fire Truck Repair Reserve under such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems advisable.

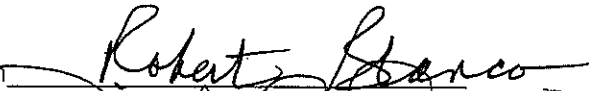
PASSED AS WRITTEN

The Registrar will be in session at 6:30 o'clock in the evening of March 25, 2014 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 INCLUDING TOWN MEETING.

Given under our hands at South Thomaston on this 11th, day of February two thousand, fourteen.

Board of Selectmen:

Robert Branco, Chairman



Dorothy Meriwether

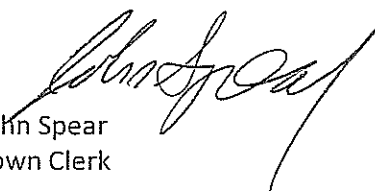


Dianne Darling



Attest a true copy:

John Spear  
Town Clerk



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