

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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 27th day of March 2018 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.

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

Article 3. To elect by ballot one member for the Board of Directors of the Regional School Unit #13 for a term until March 2020.

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

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "March 2018 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Land Use Ordinance" be enacted? An attested copy of the ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office.

Article 6. Shall an ordinance entitled "March 2018 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be enacted? An attested copy of the ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office.

Article 7. Shall the following amendment to the Town's Floodplain Management Ordinance be enacted? Article VI. Paragraph P.2.b. (3) now reads: constructed to enclose less than 300 square feet of area with non-supporting breakaway walls that have a design safe loading resistance of not less than 10 or more than 20 pounds per square foot.

It is proposed that this section is amended to read: "Constructed with non-supporting breakaway walls that have a design safe loading resistance of not less than 10 or more than 20 pounds per square foot. *(The National Flood Insurance Program assesses a higher premium for breakaway walls that enclose 300 square feet or greater. The larger the square footage of the enclosure, the higher the cost of insurance. Developers are advised to inquire into flood insurance premiums rates before commencing construction.)*"

Article 8. Shall an ordinance entitled "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of South Thomaston" be enacted? An

attested copy of the full text of this ordinance has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the Town Clerk and will be available at the Town Meeting.

Article 9. 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 2018 budget)

Administration (58-76)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	136,552
Anticipated Revenue	41,118
From Excise	30,000
From Surplus	<u>2,650</u>
Total:	\$210,320

Assessors (78-94)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	21,397
From Excise	<u>18,000</u>
Total:	\$39,397

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (96-106)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	<u>1,500</u>
Total:	\$1,500

Buildings & Grounds (108-124)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	6,194
From Excise	29,000
From Surplus	<u>8,000</u>
Total:	\$43,194

Town Landing (126-135)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:	
From Excise	8,000
From Town Landing Reserve	<u>8,500</u>
Total:	\$16,500

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (138-151)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:	
By Appropriation	4,060
Anticipated Revenue	6,000
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$20,060

Article 10. 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 2018 budget)

Fire Department (153-171)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends

By Appropriation	78,061
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$98,061

Ambulance Service (173-192)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	106,275
Anticipated Revenue	30,000
From Excise	10,000
From Surplus	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	\$161,275

General Public Safety (193-211)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	47,988
Anticipated Revenue	675
From Excise	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$53,663

Street Lights (212-218)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>9,628</u>
Total:	\$9,628

Article 11. 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 2018 budget)

Public Works (220-239)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	1,587
Anticipated Revenue	12,632
From Excise	196,372
Reserve	<u>22,600</u>
Total:	\$233,191

Article 12. 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 2018 budget)

Health & Sanitation (241-260)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	193,481
Anticipated Revenue	4,407
From Excise	<u>7,000</u>
Total:	\$204,888

Article 13. 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 2018 budget)

General Assistance (262-270)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	750
Anticipated Revenue	<u>750</u>
Total:	\$1,500

Article 14. 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 2018 budget)

Library (272-287)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

Appropriation	1,048
Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,000</u>
Total:	\$2,048

Recreation (289-300)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends

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

Article 15. 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 2018 budget)

Debt Services (302 -315)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>26,407</u>
Total:	\$26,407

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Reserve Funds and how the same shall be raised. (see line 34 of proposed 2018 budget)

Reserve Funds (317-338)

Fire Pond Maintenance Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

Surplus	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$5,000

Revaluation Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$10,000

Fire Truck Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	12,000
Surplus	<u>28,250</u>
Total:	\$40,250

Fire Equipment Reserve
 Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 5,000
 Total: **\$5,000**

Ambulance Reserve Fund:
 Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 10,000
 Total: **\$10,000**

Fire SCBA Reserve
 Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:
 Surplus 6,200
 Total: **\$6,200**

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

Building Reserve
 Selectboard /Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 5,000
 Total: **\$5,000**

Fire Truck Repair Reserve
 Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 8,000
 Total: **\$8,000**

Emergency Disaster Reserve
 Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:
 Surplus 15,000
 Total: **\$15,000**

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 35 of proposed 2018 budget)

Cemetery-GRSF-Veterans (339-358)
 Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:
 By Appropriation 2,805
 Anticipated Revenue 651
 From Excise 15,000
 Surplus 2,100
 Total: **\$20,556**

Article 18. 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 line 36 of proposed 2018 budget)

Capital Expense (361-370)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

Surplus	<u>36,805</u>
Total:	\$36,805

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$593,061, 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?

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to utilize surplus funds to reduce the amount of funds raised at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all town officials as necessary or required by law.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard 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 it may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard on behalf of the Town to accept gifts and certain funds that may be left to the Town during 2018.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept or dispose of all equipment.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to transfer funds from unexpended balances and surplus as it deems necessary.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard 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.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following method for collecting taxes: taxes to become due October 1st, 2018. An interest rate of 7.00 % per annum will be charged starting October 2nd of the current year. Requests for abatements are to be made within 185 days of commitment.

Article 28. 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.

The Registrar will be in session at 6:30 o'clock in the evening of March 27, 2018 at the Gifford 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 13th, day of February two thousand, eighteen.

South Thomaston Selectboard:

Jan Gaudio, Chair

Jan C Gaudio

Walter Reitz

Walter L Reitz

Cheryl Waterman

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