

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

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 29th day of March 2016 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 Selectboard member, one Assessor and one Overseer-of-the-Poor for a term of three years.

Walter Reitz 63 votes, Carolyn Neagle 25 votes

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment to the Selectboard members and Assessors quarterly.

Passed as written

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote:

(i) to authorize the Town to continue as a member of the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. ("MRC"), organized as a Maine nonprofit corporation and acting as a regional association pursuant to Title 13-B and Title 38 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended (and specifically Section 1304-B (5-A) of Title 38) for the purposes of managing and facilitating solid waste disposal;

(ii) to adopt, ratify and confirm the Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Restated Bylaws of the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office;

(iii) to authorize the Town to execute and deliver a Municipal Joinder Agreement with the MRC in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office (the "Municipal Joinder Agreement") pursuant to which the Town will become a Joining Member of the MRC (as defined therein) and deliver its municipal solid waste for disposal to a waste management facility being developed by Fiberright, LLC and/or its affiliates (collectively, "Fiberright") in Hampden, Maine, or other waste disposal facility;

(iv) to authorize the MRC to take certain actions on behalf of the Town as set forth in the Municipal Joinder Agreement; and

(v) to authorize a majority of the Selectmen or their duly authorized designee or designees as a representative of the Town to execute and deliver the Municipal Joinder Agreement on behalf of the Town and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town in conjunction therewith such other documents and to take such further actions as they may deem

necessary or appropriate in order to effect the transactions contemplated by the Municipal Joinder Agreement.

Passed as written

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled Floodplain Management Ordinance be enacted on March 29, 2016, and become effective on July 6, 2016? An attested copy of the ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk at the Town Office.

Passed as written

Article 6. 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 2016 budget)

Capital Expense (360-369)

Selectboard Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>18,396</u>
Total:	\$18,396

Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>28,896</u>
Total:	\$28,896

Selectboard Recommendation defeated

Amended to Budget Committee recommendation of \$28,896. Passed as amended

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 2016 budget)

Administration (58-76)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	131,549
Anticipated Revenue	46,100
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$197,649

Assessors (78-94)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	22,411
From Excise	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	\$37,411

Planning Board-Board of Appeals (96-106)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Buildings & Grounds (108-124)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>29,005</u>
Total:	\$29,005

Town Landing (126-136)
Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>7,235</u>
Total:	\$7,235

Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector (138-151)
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	4,450
Anticipated Revenue	5,100
From Excise	<u>10,000</u>
Total:	\$19,550

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Fire Department (153-171)
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends

By Appropriation	67,923
Anticipated Revenue	2,505
From Excise	<u>20,000</u>
Total:	\$90,428

Ambulance Service (173-191)
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	49,140
From Excise	10,000
Anticipated Revenue	<u>55,000</u>
Total:	\$114,140

Unclassified Public Safety (193-210)
Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	11,280
Anticipated Revenue	6,747
From Excise	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	\$23,027

Street Lights (212-218)
Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Excise	<u>8,200</u>
Total:	\$8,200

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Public Works (220-239)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

Anticipated Revenue	12,492
From Excise	<u>195,436</u>
Total:	\$207,928

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Health & Sanitation (241-260)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	171,032
Anticipated Revenue	19,630
From Excise	<u>7,359</u>
Total:	\$198,021

Amended to increase to \$207,341, \$9,320 increase to come from Surplus. Passed as Amended.

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 2016 budget)

General Assistance (262-270)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Library (272-287)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

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

Recreation (289-300)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation	<u>360</u>
Total:	\$360

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Debt Services (302 -315)

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

75,873

Total:

\$75,873

Passed as written

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the following Reserve Funds and how the same shall be raised. (see lines 317-336 of proposed 2016 budget)

Fire Truck Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

34,500

Total:

\$34,500

Fire Equipment Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

2,000

Total:

\$2,000

Town Landing Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

From Boat Excise

765

Total:

\$765

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

1,000

Total:

\$1,000

Ambulance Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

10,000

Total:

\$10,000

Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund:

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

5,000

Total:

\$5,000

Building Reserve

Selectboard /Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

17,000

Total:

\$17,000

Fire Truck Repair Reserve

Selectboard/Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

1,150

Total:

\$1,150

Amended to remove Fire Truck Reserve. Amendment defeated.

Passed as written

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 2016 budget)

Unclassified (338-358)

Selectboard/ Budget Committee Recommends:

By Appropriation

6,138

Anticipated Revenue

0

From Excise

15,000

Reserve

1,019

Total:

\$22,157

Passed as written

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$558,466, 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 17. 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.

Passed as written

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard 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 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.

Passed as written

Article 20. 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 2016.

Passed as written

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept or dispose of all equipment.

Passed as written

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to transfer funds from unexpended balances and surplus as it deems necessary.

Passed as written

Article 23. 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.

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 3rd, 2016. An interest rate of 7.00 % per annum will be charged starting October 4th of the current year. Requests for abatements are to be made within 185 days of commitment.

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.

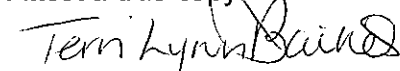
Passed as written

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 29, 2016 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.

Attest a true copy:



Terri-Lynn Baines
Town Clerk

March 30, 2016