

**TOWN OF RICHMOND
2010 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Sagadahoc, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Scott MacMaster, Constable of the Town of Richmond

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Richmond, in said county and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Richmond High School in said Town, on the 2nd day of June, 2010 at **6:00** o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To **elect a Moderator**, by secret ballot, who will preside at said meeting using the "Town Meeting, Rules and Procedure" handout. The "Maine Moderator's Guide" shall be utilized by the moderator if he/she cannot resolve any procedural conflict with the handout.

SELECTMEN'S NOTE: All budget appropriation articles expressed in this warrant represent the amount recommended within a given account, or group of accounts which may be expended by the municipality. Under the provisions of those appropriation articles in this warrant, the Board of Selectmen has the sole authority to distribute applicable article appropriations to any line within the account, or accounts, specified within the article.

By vote of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen is authorized "upon receipt of their respective audited year-end financial statements, to transfer such funds as necessary from favorable variances of one or more individual accounts. No more than 5% of the original appropriated amount of any individual account may be transferred from any individual account. Should additional unfavorable variances exist after the Selectmen's actions, a warrant article seeking further approval to balance that year's accounts shall appear on the following years annual Town Budget Meeting Warrant. This policy shall be in effect from this time until revoked or amended."

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Administrative Account**.

Board of Selectmen Requests:	\$233,940.
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$232,940.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Professional Services/Dues** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$30,615.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,615.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Boards & Committees** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$15,500.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$15,400.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Operations** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$75,710.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$71,385.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Vehicles **Fuel** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$40,500.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$40,500.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Department Operations** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$301,665.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$306,665.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Police Department** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$258,981.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$258,981.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Animal Control** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$7,425.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$7,425.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Safety** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$106,150.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$106,150.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Combined Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$39,590.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$39,450.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Parks and Cemeteries** (Fort Richmond Park, Cemeteries, etc.) Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$10,900.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 9,710.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Summer Recreation Activity** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$21,245.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$21,245.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Summer Youth League** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$5,000.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$8,000.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Senior Services** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$12,365.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$12,365.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Solid Waste/Recycling** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$33,664.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$33,664.

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to take over all operations of the “Isaac F. Umberhine Library” effective July 1, 2010, to serve thereafter as the Town’s sole public library; to accept a Bill of Sale from the Library to the Town of its books, all other parts of its collection and its financial endowment, if any, which endowment monies may only be used for public library purposes in Richmond; and to accept delivery of a deed from the Library to the land and building located at or about 86 Main Street; provided, however, these grants are all made by the Isaac F. Umberhine Library, or its Board of Directors, as gifts to the Town without monetary consideration or use restriction (other than any endowment monies, as aforesaid); provided, further, nothing herein shall be construed as acceptance or assumption by the Town of any financial or other liabilities of the Isaac F. Umberhine Library.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Discussion

ARTICLE 18.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Service Organizations** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$34,125.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 5,125 and Discussion-Shepherd of Faith
Discussion-Isaac F. Umberhine Library

ARTICLE 19.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Intergovernmental** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$445,366.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$445,366.

ARTICLE 20.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Employee Benefits** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$181,308.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$181,308.

ARTICLE 21.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Insurance** Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$56,000.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$56,000.

ARTICLE 22.

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Assistance** Account and the R.E.A.P. Account.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$17,000.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,000.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the **Debt Expense Account**.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$398,454.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$398,454.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the **Capital Outlay Account**.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$56,680.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$33,930.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Legal Services Account**.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$25,000.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$25,000.

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Reserve Account**.

Board of Selectmen Requests: \$24,500.
Budget Committee Recommends: \$24,000.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to set November 10, 2010 as the date when the first half of the **Property Taxes are due** and payable and to set May 10, 2011 as the date when the second half of the Property Taxes are due and payable.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval

ARTICLE 28. To see what **interest rate** the Town will vote to charge annually on all **Property Taxes remaining unpaid** after the due dates 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

Board of Selectmen Requests: 7%

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rates** to be paid by the Town on **abated taxes** pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance.

Board of Selectmen Requests: 3%

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to **accept prepayments** of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, with no interest to accrue on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will vote to **accept the following categories of funds** as provided by the Maine State Legislature or the United States Government for the 2010/11 Fiscal year:

Municipal Revenue Sharing, State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief, Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Funds—est. unknown at this time), Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement, Peacock Beach Revenue Sharing, Tree Growth Exemption Reimbursement, General Assistance Reimbursement, Veterans Exemption Reimbursement, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement, Community Development Block Grants: Housing Assistance Grant; Public Service Grant; Public Facilities-Infrastructure Grant; Urgent Needs Grant; Reserved Grant and General Purpose Planning Grant (est. unknown at this time), State, Federal, or other Grant or direct assistance programs not specifically designated above (est. unknown at this time), State, Federal, or other revenues not specifically designated above (est. unknown at this time).

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 32.

To see what action the Town will vote to take regarding the **use of all money received from** State Municipal Revenue Sharing; General Assistance Reimbursement; State Aid to Education; Civil Emergency/E.M.A. Funds; 50% of all snowmobile registration reimbursement; Tree Growth reimbursement; Veterans Exemption reimbursement; State Park fee sharing; Homestead Property Exemption reimbursement; fees from the State through Public Library State Aid per Capita; and all other fees and funding not legally and specifically designated as reimbursements or credits to accounts or legally designated for other purposes.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Reduce Tax Commitment, except as otherwise provided by law
Budget Committee Recommends: Same

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifty percent (50%) of the money received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Merrymeeting Snowrovers Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Reduce Tax Commitment, except as otherwise provided by law

ARTICLE 34. To see what action the Town will vote to take regarding the use of all money received from the state Local Roads Assistance Program (or any similar program intended to subsidize local roads) for the maintenance of town ways.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Dedicate to eligible road improvements as defined by current MDOT standards
Budget Committee Recommends: Same

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$150,000 from undesignated fund balance to reduce the amount of taxes required by the tax commitment.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Cable Franchise TV Funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
Cable TV Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as of the date of the June 2013 annual Town meeting, or when all three positions on the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds become vacant, whichever occurs first, to accept, hold and manage, in trust for the Town, such money and property as has been given to the Town over the years and held by said Board of Trustees.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of a DASH unit by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Committee for the purpose of removal of milfoil from Pleasant Pond and surrounding water bodies, provided that the municipalities of Gardiner, West Gardiner and Litchfield make a similar contribution toward the purchase of said unit.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Discussion

ARTICLE 39.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a “tax club” payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

1. The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
2. The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
3. The Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
4. The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club;
5. Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
6. Taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
 Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 40.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the purchase (including title search, legal fees, closing costs, etc.) of property on Lincoln Street, approximately 2.95 acres in size and further described as Tax Map R06, Lot 060, Sub Lot 04, on such terms as conditions as deemed to be in the best interests of the Town by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval

ARTICLE 41.

To see if the Town will vote to discuss the establishment of a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in Town, which moratorium ordinance, if any, would require subsequent Town meeting approval.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Discussion

ARTICLE 42.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of up to \$300,000 in general obligation bonds or notes for road paving and related improvements, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates and other details of such bonds or notes to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
 Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

ARTICLE 44.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the State of Maine, acting through the Bureau of Parks and Lands of the Department of Conservation, for the Town's lease of Peacock Beach Park at 1046 Brunswick Road Street (Tax Map U16, Lot 006); provided that the term of said lease shall not extend for more than twenty-five years; and, provided further that the terms and conditions of said lease are deemed to be in the best interests of the Town by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Requests: Discussion

ARTICLE 45.

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Richmond 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 that property tax levy limit.

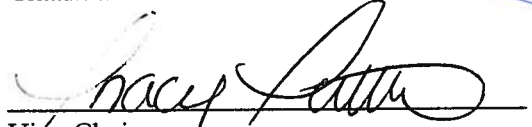
Board of Selectmen Requests: Approval
Budget Committee Recommends: Approval


NOTE: If this article is needed, a written ballot is required.


GIVEN UNTO OUR HANDS THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY 2010

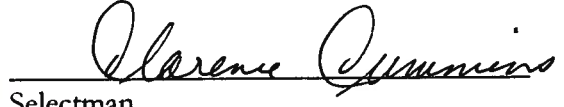
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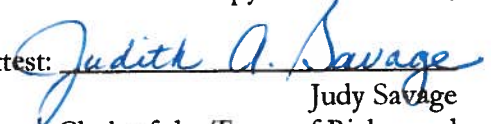

Selectman

For purposes of **voter registration**, the Town Clerk serving as Registrar of Voters has office hours at the Town Office as follows: Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Please leave a message at the Town Office if other arrangements are required for registration.

If any registered voter of Richmond is **hearing-impaired** and requires the services of someone to sign the meeting in order to allow the voter full participation, please contact the Town Manager as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

A True copy of the Warrant,

Attest:


Judy Savage
Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond