

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To: **Heather Wyman**, a Resident of the Town of Appleton, 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 Appleton, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Appleton Fire Station, 2899 Sennebec Road**, in said town, on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**, to vote upon the following articles:

**(Articles 2-30 will be voted on by SECRET BALLOT.)**

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officials.

**ARTICLE 3.** Do you favor approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

*A yes vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-8 public education; a no vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-8 education.*

**ARTICLE 3 REPLACED WITH A SEPARATE BALLOT**

**ARTICLE 4.** Shall the Town accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature? (Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received in FY21/22.)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$150,000.00
b. Local Road Assistance	42,000.00
c. State Aid to Education	Unknown
d. Emergency Management Agency Funds	Unknown
e. Snowmobile Registration money	350.00
f. Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,300.00
g. General Assistance Reimbursement	Unknown
h. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,900.00
i. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	175,000.00
j. All other Funds	Unknown

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town carry forward from FY 20/21 into FY 21/22 all unexpended balances in Planning Board, Wentworth Savings, Comprehensive Plan, Fire Department Building and Utilities, Fire Department Donations, Fire Department King Grant, Emergency Management Agency, Road Maintenance, Town Road Improvement, Paving, Town Land Conservation, Cemeteries and Municipal Building Renovations?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall the Town appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligations for FY 21/22 for General Assistance, Unemployment and Maintain Old Landfill?

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the Town have anticipated revenues from Excise Tax and other Revenues placed into Surplus?

Est. for FY 21/22

Excise Tax	\$250,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

**\*Building permits, clerk fees and other fees. (Other fees not to include Insurance & Bonds, Workers' Compensation refunds, animal control fines and FEMA reimbursement. These are to be credited to and expended from the appropriate accounts.)**

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**Article 8.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend such other sums as may be received from federal and state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for town purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 9.** Shall the Town pay all Select Board Members \$3,000.00 each and the Chairman an additional \$2,500.00 for FY 21/22?

*Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.*

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 10.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 11.** Shall the Town pay Maine DOT 2021 labor reimbursement and private equipment rental rates and bid, contract or rental prices on its Roads and Bridges during FY 21/22?

**Select Board recommends approval**

**ARTICLE 12.** Shall the Town appropriate all State Highway funds received from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$42,000) for the purpose of maintenance paving of Town roads?

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$258,593.00 for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 20/21?

Town Officials	\$118,596.00
Contracted Assessing Services	13,875.00
Computer Expense	18,200.00
Building and Utilities	13,660.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity	5,000.00
Office Expense	10,960.00
Town Meeting and Voting	7,380.00
Professional Services	15,000.00
Tax Maps	1,000.00
Insurance and Bonds	12,780.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	9,100.00

Medicare	2,150.00
Unemployment	from surplus
Workers Compensation	4,200.00
Health Insurance	23,692.00
Planning Board	carry forward & 500.00
Town Website	1000.00
Comprehensive Plan	carry forward & 1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$258,593.00</b>

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$191,976.00** for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 21/22?

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$25,450.00
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	16,240.00
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	carry forward & 6,600.00
Fire Dept. Donation Account	carry forward
Fire Dept. King Grant	carry forward
Fire Truck Reserve	42,640.00
Ambulance	55,800.00
Animal Control	6,942.00
Street Lights	3,400.00
Emergency Management Agency	carry forward & 2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)	43,173.00
Health Officer	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,945.00</b>

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$514,500.00** for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 21/22?

Road Commissioner Salary	3,000.00
Road Maintenance	carry forward & 125,000.00
Town Road Improvement	carry forward & .00
Winter Road Maintenance	264,500.00
Paving	carry forward, LRAP & 122,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$514,500.00</b>

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$42,200.00** for **SANITATION** for FY 21/22?

T.C.S.W.M.O.	39,900.00
Maintain Old Landfill	from surplus
Septage Disposal	2,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,200.00</b>

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$32,470.00** for **COMMUNITY** for FY 21/22?

Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library	13,000.00
Cemeteries	carry forward & 19,370.00
Town Park	100.00
Town Land Conservation	carry forward
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,470.00</b>

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$7,075.00** for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 21/22?

a. American Red Cross	1,750.00
b. Come Spring Food Pantry	1,000.00
c. Area Interfaith Outreach	500.00
d. The LifeFlight Foundation	658.00
e. Maine Public Broadcasting	250.00
f. Health Equity Alliance	500.00
g. New Hope for Women	817.00
h. Penquis	744.00
i. Spectrum Generations	856.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,075.00</b>

**Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town appropriate \$300,000.00 from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment?

**Select Board & Budget Committee recommend approval.**

**ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid in full prior to or within one month after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, except Excise Taxes, and authorize the Select Board to take the necessary sum from Surplus for this purpose?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town establish that taxes shall be due and payable when billed; and that interest at the rate of 5% per annum be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November, 2021?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loans(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 23.** Shall the Town allow the Select Board to take from Surplus the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 24.** Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 440,394.00 established for Appleton 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?

**Select Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into up to three (3) year agreements for the following:

Contract with P.A.W.S. of Camden as Town animal care facility  
Audit services  
Assessing services  
Town property mowing  
Old cemeteries mowing

**Select Board recommends approval**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with Central Maine Power Co. for LED streetlights.

*\* Agreement is posted with this warrant*

**Select Board Recommends Approval**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town, pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3025, will vote to accept the dedication made by Jason A. Gushee of a public easement for recreational purposes in a strip of land having a width of thirty (30) feet along the Newbert Pond Trail maintained by the Appleton Trail Makers Snowmobile Club across the property located at Map 8, Lot 001-010A on the West Appleton Road, and to accept and establish a public easement on said strip of land. Note: The easement described above was voluntarily reserved by Jason A. Gushee for the purpose of the proposed dedication when he sold the property described above in November of 2020 by Deed recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds at Volume 5635, Page 150. The Town must vote to accept the dedication of a public easement. The Town is not required to repair or maintain public easements and is not liable for defects in or lack of repair to public easements. The purpose of this proposed dedication is to preserve the public's right to access and use this section of the Newbert Pond Trail into the future. The proposed Warranty Deed from Jason A. Gushee to the Town of Appleton is set forth at pages \_\_\_\_ of the Annual Report in which this Warrant Article appears. The Deed will be signed and recorded if the Town votes to accept the dedication.

**Select Board Recommends Approval**

**ARTICLE 28.** Shall the ordinance entitled Town of Appleton Animal Control Ordinance be adopted as proposed by the Select Board?

*\*Ordinance posted with this Warrant*

**Select Board Recommends Approval**

**ARTICLE 29.** Shall the town authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to (1) transfer all funds the Town holds for the Norman and Mary Clark Scholarship Fund to Camden Hills Regional High School solely for purposes of administering and investing the scholarship funds, and (2) appoint the School Committee of the Appleton Village School to decide each spring whether to award a scholarship, who will receive any scholarship awarded, and the amount of the scholarship in accordance with the will of Mary Clark that established the scholarship?

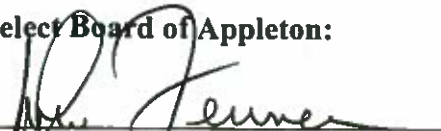
**Select Board Recommends Approval**


**ARTICLE 30.** Shall the Resolution on carbon emissions be approved by the Town of Appleton?


*\*Resolution to take action on carbon emissions posted with this warrant*

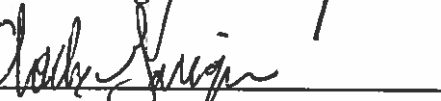
Given under our hands at Appleton, Maine this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, AD 2021.

**Select Board of Appleton:**

  
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**John Fenner**

  
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**Peter Beckett**

  
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**Lorie Costigan**

  
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**Charles Garrigan**

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**Danielle Gould**

*Attest*  
*Elizabeth E. Drach*  
*Tam Clark*  
*April 8, 2021*