

WARRANT

To Stanley Waltz, Constable, in the Town of Nobleboro, County of Lincoln, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Nobleboro, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting room of the Town Office at 7:45 am on the morning of Tuesday, the 5th day of March A.D. 2024 to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1 To choose, by written ballot, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To vote on, by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the Town the following officers: One Selectman (to be Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, and Fish Stream Committee member) for a three-year term; Two members of the School Board for three-year term; Trustee of Salt Bay Sanitary District for a two-year term.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH FROM 8:00 AM AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 PM.

THE REMAINDER OF THE WARRANT WILL BE CONSIDERED SATURDAY MARCH 16th AT THE NOBLEBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL. THE BALLOT CLERKS WILL BE THERE AT 9:15AM TO CHECK IN REGISTERED VOTERS AND HAND THEM A VOTER CARD TO VOTE DURING THE MEETING.

AT 10:00 AM CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BEGIN:

Article 3 Shall the Town use the mortgage Lien method and to charge interest on unpaid 2024 taxes at the rate of 8.5% per year beginning Oct. 1, 2024, and to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept and collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section §506 (Prepayment of Taxes)?

Submitted by the Select Board.

Article 4 To authorize the Select Board to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, such sums not to exceed the current tax commitment and to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 944 upon a finding by the Board of Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Submitted by the Select Board.

Article 5 Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 408,874. For the Administration of Local Government?

501	Town Administration	222,175
502	General Administration	74,275
504	Maintenance/Operation of Town Bldgs.	46,650
510	Street Lights	4,000
570	Animal Control	6,500
580	Code Enforcement Officer	29,252
600	Misc. Account	6,522
777	Boat Landing	1,500
850	Recreation Department	500
985	Interest on Tax Anticipation Loan	3,000
	Contingency Account	<u>15,000</u>
		\$ 409,374

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 409,374.

Article 6 Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of \$ 402,257 for Protection and Health?

Transfer Station	75,906
Fire Department Operations	159,737
Central Lincoln County Ambulance	99,496
Fire Truck Loan	57,118
Fire Truck Capital Account	<u>10,000</u>
	\$ 402,257

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 402,257.

Article 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for Adult Education \$19,009 as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Requested Local Share \$ 19,009

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 8,534.

Article 8 Shall the Town raise & appropriate the sum of \$673,821 for Roads and highways?

Maintenance of Roads	110,000
Paving of Roads	300,000
Plowing and applying sand	<u>263,821</u>
	\$ 673,821

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 673,821.

Article 9 Shall the Town raise and appropriate for the purpose of supporting the following outside agencies?

Requested & Recommended

New Hope for Woman	996	996
Spectrum Generations	2,399	2,399
Highland Cemetery	1,000	1,000
Healthy Kids Program	2,000	2,000
Waldoboro Food Pantry	2,000	2,000
Chip	1,000	1,000
Midcoast Conservancy	3,000	3,000
Coastal Kids	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ 13,395	\$ 13,395

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 13,395.

Article 10 Shall the Town raise and appropriate to the sum of \$ 20,000 for the purpose of supporting the Skidompha Library?

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 17,400.

Article 11 To allow the Select Board to allocate 90% of the franchise fees that the town received in 2023 to LCTV and to allocate the State Snowmobile Refund to the Damariscotta Lake Snowmobile Club.

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend

Article 12 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply for Federal, State and County Grants and to administer the monies received from said Grant.

Article 13 To see if the town will vote to accept from Minnehata Fire Co., gifts of money and certain items of equipment to be used for the benefit of the Town and Minnehata Fire Co.

Article 14 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to regulate Alewife Fishing in all Streams in which the Town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to help with the cost of rebuilding the culvert at Cotton Stream and to allow the select board to borrow up to \$100,000 to finish the project.

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$150,000

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the 2024 share of the contract with KRT Appraisal Inc.

Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend \$ 60,000

Article 17 Shall an ordinance entitled Accessory Dwelling Unit be enacted?
(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)

Article 18 Shall an ordinance entitled Life Safety Ordinance be enacted?
(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant)

Article 19 Shall an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to the Town of Nobleboro Land Use Ordinance" be enacted?
(An attested copy is at the town office for public review)

Article 20 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to Expend for Regular Instruction

School Committee Recommends \$ 2,416,742.52
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

Article 21 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends \$ 1,088,326.53
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

Article 22 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends \$200.00
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

Article 23 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends \$ 56,577.35
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

Article 24 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends \$ 366,296.64
Select Board & Budget Committees Do Not Recommend

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends \$ 131,045.23

Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

Article 26 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 247,466.99
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend	

Article 27 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 353,500.00
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend	

Article 28 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 388,899.81
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend	

Article 29 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Services and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 0.00
Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 0.00

Article 30 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 24,000.00
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend	

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION §15690

School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (1 A-B))

Article 31 (Recorded Vote) Shall the Town appropriate \$ 3,104,902.78 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$ 2,540,204.34 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$ 2,540,204.34
Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend	\$ 2,540,204.34

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of State dollars.

(To "appropriate" means to devote (money or assets) to a special purpose; 'to allow to be spent'. To "raise" means that this portion of the appropriation will be satisfied by local tax dollars. The difference between the "appropriate: amount and the "raise" amount is the amount of the state subsidy.)

Appropriate of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3-A-B))

Article 32 (Written ballot required.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,808,152.30 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model, to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

School Committee Recommends: \$ 1,808,152.30
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

The School Committee Recommends: \$ 1,808,152.30 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model:

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs. To “appropriate” means to “devote (money or assets) to the special purpose”; in simpler terms: “to allow to be spent”. To “raise” means that this portion of the appropriation will be satisfied by local tax dollars. For this article, the “appropriate” amount, and the “raise” amount, are the same.

<u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u>	
Article # 28 Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount:	\$ 2,540,204.34
Article # 29 Additional Local Raise Amount:	\$ 1,808,152.30
Total Local Funds Raised:	\$ 4,348,356.64
Fund Balance Forward:	\$ 160,000.00
State Subsidy:	\$ 564,698.44
Total School Budget Request (Appropriation):	\$ 5,073,055.08

Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A))

Article 33 (Recorded vote.) To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$ 5,073,055.08
Select Board & Budget Committee Do Not Recommend

ARTICLE 31 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

Article 34 In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 35 To select three members of the Budget Committee from the floor, one each from the Mills, Center & North for a 3-year term.

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budget amount in each category of the 2024 Annual budget during the period of January 1, 2024, to the 2024 annual town meeting.

Article 37 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following account with the combined sum of \$ 896,000 to be applied to reduce the 2024-year Tax Rate?

Excise Taxes	370,000
Undesignated Surplus	540,000
Local Road Assistance	<u>41,000</u>
	\$ 951,000

Select Board & Budget Committee Recommend \$ 951,000

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and proper, and cause execution of quit claim deeds for the same if the property is to be sold except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

DATED: March 7, 2024 SELECTMEN: Richard Spear, Selectmen Chair [Signature]
Richard Powell Jr. [Signature]
Jon Chadwick [Signature]

Lincoln County, ss.

State of Maine

To: The Municipal Officers of the Town of Nobleboro.

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Nobleboro of the time and place of the referendum town meeting by posting an attested copy of the within warrant as follows: Nobleboro Post Office, Nobleboro Town Office, Nobleboro Village Store, Mills Fire Station, and North Nobleboro Community Hall.

Being public and conspicuous places in said town and being at least seven days next prior to the date of the town meeting.

[Signature] /Stanley Waltz,
Constable, Town of Nobleboro

Dated: March 7, 2024

Attested: [Signature]
Emerald Friend (Town Clerk)

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