

2010 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**Friday, March 5, 2010
And
Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**TO: Gary L. Hill, a constable for the Town of Waterford
in the County of Oxford, State of Maine, Greetings:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Waterford, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Waterford Municipal Building in said Town on Friday, March 5, 2010 A.D. at nine o'clock in the morning, (9:00 a.m.) until eight o'clock (8:00 p.m.) in the evening to act on articles 1 and 2.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Waterford Municipal Building in said Town on Saturday, March 6, 2010 A.D. at nine (9:00 a.m.) o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 63 as set out below, to wit.

ARTICLE 1: To choose a MODERATOR to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town Officers:

- A. SELECTMAN, ASSESSOR & OVERSEER OF THE POOR for a 3-year term.
- B. SAD 17 DIRECTOR for a 3-year term.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to charge the rate of SEVEN PERCENT (7%) INTEREST on taxes paid after December 1, 2010 or take action thereon.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to TRANSFER SURPLUS IN SOME BUDGET ACCOUNTS TO LIQUIDATE OVERDRAFTS IN OTHER BUDGET ACCOUNTS.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to SELL AND DISPOSE OF BY SEALED BID ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES THEREON, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to buy the TAX COLLECTOR'S and TREASURER'S BOND.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount of the 2010 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2011 to the March, 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make final determination regarding the opening and closing of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA section 2953.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned property with a value of \$5,000 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town to ACCEPT UNCOMMITTED MONIES.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for TOWN OFFICIALS' SALARIES and to authorize the Selectmen to fix the salaries within this amount.

RECOMMEND: \$72,894.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a 457B retirement account.

RECOMMEND: \$2,600.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide HEALTH INSURANCE for the full-time employees of the Town.

RECOMMEND: \$61,800.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FICA and Medicare.

RECOMMEND: \$19,310.

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for INSURANCES.

RECOMMEND: \$32,982.

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

RECOMMEND: \$3,000

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for OFFICE EXPENSE.

RECOMMEND: \$37,800

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's informational website.

RECOMMEND: \$2,500.

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LEGAL EXPENSES incurred by the Town.

RECOMMEND: \$6,000.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FUEL, UTILITIES and MAINTENANCE for the Fire Station and Municipal Building.

RECOMMEND: \$23,050

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

RECOMMEND: \$3,000.

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the APPEALS BOARD.

RECOMMEND: \$1,000.

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the PLANNING BOARD.

RECOMMEND: \$5,720.

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.

RECOMMEND: \$7,870.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the enforcement of STATE AND LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES.
The amount recommended includes the fee paid to Harvest Hill Animal Shelter.

RECOMMEND: \$5,605.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

RECOMMEND: \$130,000.

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to CONTINUE TARRING, SURFACING AND/OR RESURFACING WATERFORD'S ROADS.

RECOMMEND:	\$150,000.
Raised from Taxes (Estimate):	\$85,306.
U.R.I.P. (Estimate):	\$64,694.

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of WINTER ROADS.

RECOMMEND: \$203,000.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE FUTURE PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT.

RECOMMEND: \$10,000
Account Balance: \$10,916.95

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to repay the FORESTRY account for the purchase of the new Sterling dump truck that was voted on at the 2003 Town Meeting.

RECOMMEND \$5,500 (Final Payment)

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Town GARAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

RECOMMEND: \$0
Account Balance: \$8,232.42

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FUEL, UTILITIES and MAINTENANCE for the Town Garage.

RECOMMEND: \$6,875

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a yearly payment as part of the contaminated well as a result of run-off from the Town's salt storage area.

RECOMMEND: \$1,591.

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for STREET LIGHTS.

RECOMMEND: \$5,600.

ARTICLE 35: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES.

RECOMMEND: \$4,500.

ARTICLE 36: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSFER STATION.

RECOMMEND: \$176,225
(Raised from Waterford Taxes: \$114,546)

ARTICLE 36-A: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a Skid Steer to be used at the TRANSFER STATION.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS - \$25,000 • SELECTMEN RECOMMEND - \$0
(Amount to be raised from Waterford taxes - \$16,250)

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION.

RECOMMEND: \$45,000.

ARTICLE 38: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide compensation on an annual basis to the WATERFORD FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS: \$2,500 for chief and \$1,000 for each assistant chief.

RECOMMEND: \$5,500.

ARTICLE 39: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for "E911" supplies and maintaining road signs, etc.

RECOMMEND: \$1,000.

ARTICLE 40: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the STONEHAM RESCUE SERVICE.

RECOMMEND: \$24,324.

ARTICLE 41: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMA.

RECOMMEND: \$1,500.

ARTICLE 42: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the enforcement of STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH ORDINANCES.

RECOMMEND: \$1,000.

ARTICLE 43: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ABATEMENTS ON TAXES.

RECOMMEND \$6,000.

ARTICLE 44: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a 2% discount on taxes paid within thirty (30) days of commitment.

RECOMMEND: \$26,000

ARTICLE 45: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UPDATING THE TAX MAPS.

RECOMMEND: \$4,500.

ARTICLE 46: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a CERTIFIED ASSESSOR for new and improved properties.

RECOMMEND: \$3,500.

ARTICLE 47: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the updating of the tax cards.

RECOMMEND: \$2,000.

ARTICLE 48: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a professional evaluation at a later date.

RECOMMEND: \$0
Account Balance: \$27,372.91

ARTICLE 49: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

RECOMMEND: \$16,530.

ARTICLE 50: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for care and maintenance of Waterford Parks (Town Common, Gage Beach, Crooked River Rest Area and Werner Park).

RECOMMEND: \$4,000
Raised from Taxes: \$2,300
Appropriated from Werner Park Account: \$1,700
(Werner Park Account Balance: \$13,249.59)

ARTICLE 51: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LAKE CONSERVATION (Milfoil \$3,600 and Phosphorus Testing \$1,500).

RECOMMEND: \$5,100.

ARTICLE 52: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

RECOMMEND: \$2,000.

ARTICLE 53: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the WATERFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

REQUESTED & RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE - \$16,000
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$13,500.

ARTICLE 54: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for SOCIAL SERVICES.

RECOMMEND: \$9,597

	<u>Recommend</u>
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC.	\$2,910
TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$1,455
CHILD HEALTH CENTER	\$1,400
ANDROSCOGGIN HOME CARE	\$1,332
SENIORS PLUS	\$550
REACH (rape, education and crisis hotline)	\$500
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$500
BRIDGTON SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	\$450
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS	\$250
WESTERN MAINE TRANSPORTATION	\$250

ARTICLE 55: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the CEMETERY SEXTON.

RECOMMEND: \$1,000.

ARTICLE 56: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS, AND NON-VETERANS, GRAVESTONES in **PULPIT ROCK CEMETERY**.

RECOMMEND:	\$500.
Raised from Taxes:	\$0
Appropriation from Account Balance:	\$500.
(Account Balance:	\$24,820.38)

ARTICLE 57: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS, AND NON-VETERANS, GRAVESTONES in **ELM VALE CEMETERY**.

RECOMMEND \$7,000.	
Raised from Taxes:	\$0
Appropriation from Account Balance:	\$7,000.
(Account Balance:	\$29,221.88)

ARTICLE 58: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for GENERAL MAINTENANCE and the REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF VETERANS, AND NON-VETERANS, GRAVESTONES in **BISBEETOWN CEMETERY**.

RECOMMEND:	\$1,000
Raised from Taxes:	\$0
Appropriation from Account Balance:	\$1,000
(Account Balance:	\$7,966.54)

ARTICLE 59: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to TAKE FROM 2009 REVENUE TO HELP REDUCE THE TAX COMMITMENT.

RECOMMEND: \$0.

ARTICLE 60: SHALL AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF WATERFORD'S SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP," BE ENACTED?

ARTICLE 61: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to BORROW MONEY FROM THE DESIGNATED FUNDS (Forestry, Revaluation, Etc.) to offset any cash flow issues that might result during the 2010 budget cycle with the intent of repaying the account during the same budget cycle.

ARTICLE 62: To see if the Town will authorize CHANGING THE POSITION OF TOWN CLERK FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN, with the selection of the Town Clerk to be determined by a board of seven (three Selectmen plus four town residents).

ARTICLE 63: To see what action the voters will direct the Selectmen to take with regard to a recently acquired piece of property (Map 11, Lot 15) at the southerly end of Bear Pond, located near the intersections of Routes 35 and 37.

RECOMMEND: Keep As Public Access

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will have the Waterford Fire Station & Municipal Building open Friday, the fifth of March A. D., 2010 and Saturday, the sixth of March A.D., 2010, at eight-thirty in the morning for the purpose of the registrar correcting the voting list and registering new voters.

Given under our hands this February 12, 2010.

John Bell – Chairman
Randy S. Lessard
Richard T. Hunt