

**Town of Shirley**  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

County of Piscataquis, s.s.

To: Geneva Beckwith; a resident in the Town of Shirley, in said country.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Shirley, qualified to vote in the town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, 20th of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, at six o'clock pm to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect a **Town Clerk.** **Kathy Dorr**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town of Shirley will vote to make the Town Clerk an appointed position from an elected position, beginning next year's Annual 2021 Town Meeting. **Yes**

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect the necessary officers:

- A. One Selectman ( three year term] **David Thorpe**
- B. Town Treasurer: **Linda Hamilton**
- C. Tax Collector: **Geneva Beckwith**
- D. One School Board member (3 year term ) **Mindy Hanson**
- E. One School board Member (3 year term ) **Reiland Hamilton**
- F. Sexton: **Greg Young**
- G. Assessors and Overseers of the Poor: **Selectmen**
- H. Road Commissioner: **Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 5** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$288,621.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$288,621.00</b>

**ARTICLE 6** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$7,700.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$7,700.00</b>

**ARTICLE 7** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 8** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Education. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 9** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 10** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$27,821.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$27,821.00</b>

**ARTICLE 11** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARTICLE 12** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation. **Accepted**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$22,858.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$22,858.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** \$0.00  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** \$0.00

**ARTICLE 14** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** \$0.00  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** \$0.00

**ARTICLE 15** To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures - School Lunch. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** \$0.00  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** \$0.00

**ARTICLE 16** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described for the total cost of in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommended ~~\$138,673.02~~) and to see what the sum the municipality will raise as the municipality'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 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688. **Accepted**

**STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION** \$154,445.50  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** \$154,445.50  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** \$154,445.50

*Explanation: 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 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.*

**ARTICLE 17** To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (Recommend **\$126,272.03**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$126,272.03 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Shirley School Committee. **Accepted**

The Shirley School Committee recommends **\$126,272.03** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$126,272.03**.

The EPS funding model is based on teacher/student ratios, this impacts small rural schools because they are required to provide The same level of educational services to a smaller population of students.

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$126,272.03</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$126,272.03</b>

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds 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's budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 18**      *Summary Article:*

To see what sum the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 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.

**Accepted as Amended**

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$347,000.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS</b>	<b>\$347,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 19**      To see if the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 any unanticipated state school general federal, local or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS**

**Approval  
Approval**

**ARTICLE 20.** The voters of Shirley School Department have authorized the School committee to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to decrease the local cost of share expectations, as defined in Title 20-A Section 15671-A (1)(B) for local taxpayers for funding public education by the school committee. **Accepted**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS**

**Approval  
Approval**

**A TRUE ATTEST Copy**

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**Town Clerk**

**Date**

**ARTICLE 21.**

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **General Government.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Selectman	\$2,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman	\$ 1,800.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectman	\$ 1,800.00
Road Commissioner	\$ 300.00
Town Clerk	\$ 2,060.00
Registrar of Voters	\$ 515.00
Secretary Wage Expense	\$ 12,000.00
Treasurer	\$ 7,000.00
Tax Collector	\$7,000.00
Sexton	\$ 300.00
Librarian	\$ 300.00
Training Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Planning Board Wage Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Other wage Expense	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$38,575.00</b>
General Assistance Expense	\$3,000.00
Shirley Library Expense	\$ 500.00
Planning Board Expense	\$ 300.00
Assessing Agent Expense	\$ 3,500.00

Administrative Expense	\$ 13,400.00
Insurance Expense	\$10,000.00
Appeals Board Expense	\$150.00
Computer Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Legal Expense	\$1,500.00
Honor Roll Expense	\$ 100.00
Audit Expense	\$ 7,000.00
Flags, Flowers & Memorial Expense	\$1,200.00
Shirley Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Travel & Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 550.00
Electricity Expense Town Buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Heating Fuel Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$1,250.00
Training & Workshop Dues & Fees	\$ 700.00
<b>Subtotal General Government</b>	<b>\$90,225.00</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>\$90,225.00</b>

Accepted

**ARTICLE 22.**

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

Fire Warden	\$300.00
Street Lighting Expense	\$3,000.00
Fire Protection Services (Greenville)	\$12,500.00

<b>Subtotal Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>

Accepted

**ARTICLE 23.**

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works.**

Winter Roads Expense	70,000.00
Trash Pick-up	\$ 26,000.00
Recycling Expense	\$5,000.00
Shirley Cemetery Expense	3,500.00
Old Dump Site Maintenance Expense	0 .00
Future Roads Rebuild Expense	\$ 60,000.00
General Town Maintenance Expense	\$5,000.00
Closing Landfill Expense	\$2,375.00
Summer Roads Expense	45,000.00
Building Permit Expense	\$ 300.00
Town Mowing	\$ 1,800.00
Maintenance Expense	\$ 7,500.00

Animal control \$700.00  
**Subtotal Public Works \$ 226,475.00**  
**Recommended: \$226,475.00**

Accepted as Amended

**ARTICLE 24.**

To see if the Town will vote to take \$35,000.00 From Excise Taxes to help fund the Summer Roads Expense account and reduce taxes. Accepted

**Recommended: \$35,000.00**

**ARTICLE 25.**

To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 and interest starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. Accepted

**Recommended: Interest Rate of 8.00%**

**ARTICLE 26.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept money in anticipation of taxes. Accepted

**ARTICLE 27.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Agent fees collected by the Tax Collector and disburse those fees back to the Tax Collector in salary. Accepted

**ARTICLE 28.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Agent fees collected from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (hunting, fishing) licenses sold and the Town Clerk fees from Vital Records and Dog Licenses sold and put those fees back into salaries to offset the secretary's salary. Accepted

**ARTICLE 29.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept any State, Federal or other government grants, or donations were made. Accepted

**ARTICLE 30.**

Shall the Town of Shirley authorize the Select Board to transfer and appropriate \$1000.00 for the establishment of a Technology contingency fund to purchase business software updates.

Accepted

**ARTICLE 31.**

To see if the Town will vote to take money from surplus to reduce taxes and, if so how much.

**Recommended: 100,000.00**

Accepted

**ARTICLE 32.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below that are provided by the State Legislature: **Accepted**

Estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing: **\$12,570.31**

Estimated Homestead Exemption Reimbursement: **\$9,511.69**

General Assistance funds: **Recommended accept**

State Grants or other funds: **Recommended accept**

**ARTICLE 33.**

To see if the Town of Shirley will vote to carry forward any unexpended funds raised for the library to put in a fund for a library reserve account. **Accepted**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize **\$2,500.00** in donations for the following Non-profit Organizations: **Accepted**

The Life Flight Foundation	<b>\$233.00</b>
The American Red Cross	<b>\$150.00</b>
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	<b>\$100.00</b>
Penquis	<b>\$172.00</b>
CHCS	<b>\$168.00</b>
Pine Tree Hospice	<b>\$50.00</b>
Local Food Pantry	<b>\$127.00</b>
Shaw Public Library	<b>\$500.00</b>
C. A. Dean Ambulance	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**Selectmen of the Town of Shirley**

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**Norman Beckwith**

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**Craig Brennan**

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**Kirk Hamilton**

**Return of the Warrant**

County of Piscataquis s. s.

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Shirley of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy at the within Warrant at the house of the Tax Collector Geneva Beckwith and the Shirley Town Office, a conspicuous public place within the Town of Shirley on \_\_\_\_\_ which is seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at the Town of Shirley \_\_\_\_\_

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